

Tornado IDS Saudi-Arabia Air Force : 89th anniversary scheme

For 1/32 designed: recommended kits Revell Tornado GR.1 kit, ECR kit or Italeri Tornado GR.4 / IDS kit #2513.

HISTORY

With a contract of end 1985 Saudi Arabia ordered 48 IDS and 24 ADV F3 Tornado's for the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF). The first IDS was flown March 1986, and the first Saudi ADV was delivered in February 1989. Saudi Tornados took part in the first Gulf War. In June 1993 some 48 additional IDS were acquired. The fleet was modernized during its operational career such as from 2010 with short range air-to-air IRIS-T missile, Brimstone and Storm Shadow missile capabilities.

The Saudi National Day is celebrated every September and commemorates the renaming of the Kingdom of Nejd and Hejaz to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by a royal decree from King Abdul Aziz Ibn Saud in 1932.

As part of the 89th year celebrations in 2019, the Royal Saudi Air Force painted some combat aircraft like F-15 Eagles, Eurofighter Typhoon and Tornado IDS in special liveries with on the tails silhouettes of the Saudi rulers.

DECAL SYSTEM

The decal sheet has one continuous print film, so each decal needs to be cut out with fine scissors.

No other prior decal preparation is needed. Each cut out decal can be applied as usual after soaking it a short while in water.

Decals are VERY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet apn a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface.

Note that a decal that contains a white section is often split in two parts. To get the full decal marking, apply both. On the decals sheet you will often see an "arrow" to indicate this way of application.

After all decals have been applied, finish the model with your preferred final gloss, matt or semi-matt varnish coats. This will also protect all the decals.



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Overall colour unclear: BSC381C: 637 Medium sea grey overall airframe ????

Large code 89 and large black roundels were applied as were silhouette outlines on tail, "hawk" patterns on fuselage and external fuel tanks. All are provided as decals. Trim the decals to fit the tail and in front of the intakes.

The Saudi flag is a bit smaller than usual as seen on other Saudi Tornado's.

Black details such as radar nose, anti-glare panel, leading edge panels and upper dark grey wing glove areas. Metal exhaust panels etc. Some low vis stencils may have been applied and are on the decal sheet.



On the upper wing are black "swirls" and these are provided as decals.

NOTE: the exact locations of the lower wing roundels is unclear. But these are provided (with 1 spare roundel).

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