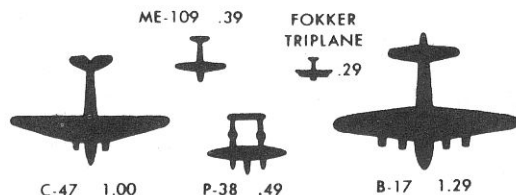


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FAIREY SWORDFISH 11

DESCRIPTION

Designed as a torpedo-spotter-reconnaissance biplane for operation from aircraft-carriers, the Swordfish first flew in 1934. Some 2,390 were built and earned the distinction of being the last biplane to see action, being used during the invasion of the Continent.

Swordfish torpedo-bombers took part in many famous actions, including the virtual destruction of the Italian fleet at Taranto in 1940; the attack on the Bismark; and the operation against the German cruisers Schamhorst, Gneisau and Prince Eugen in 1942, when all six aircraft were lost. Swordfish were also used for mine laying, and even, in N. Africa, as "Pathfinders" for the R.A.F.

The Swordfish 11 was powered by a 750 h.p. Bristol Pegasus 30, giving a maximum speed of 138 m.p.h. and a range of 750 miles. Armament consisted of two .303 in. machine guns, and either an 18 in. torpedo, bombs, rockets, mines or depth charges. Wing span: 45 ft. 6 in. Length: 33 ft. 4 in.

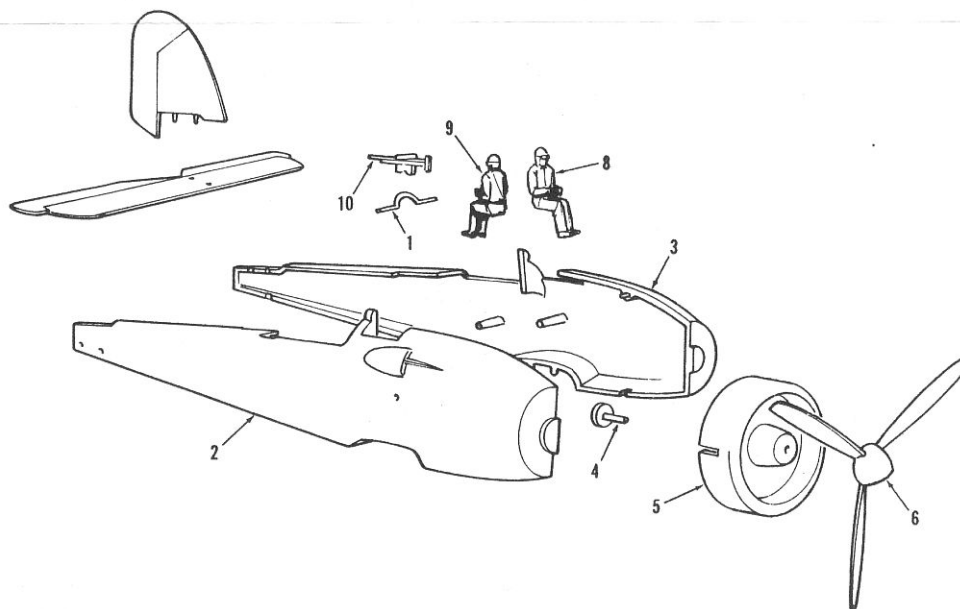
SUGGESTED COLOR SCHEME

White. All undersurfaces, struts, fuselage sides.

Dark Grey. All uppersurfaces, heads of rockets if employed.

Dark Green. Irregular stripes over gray to give camouflage effect.

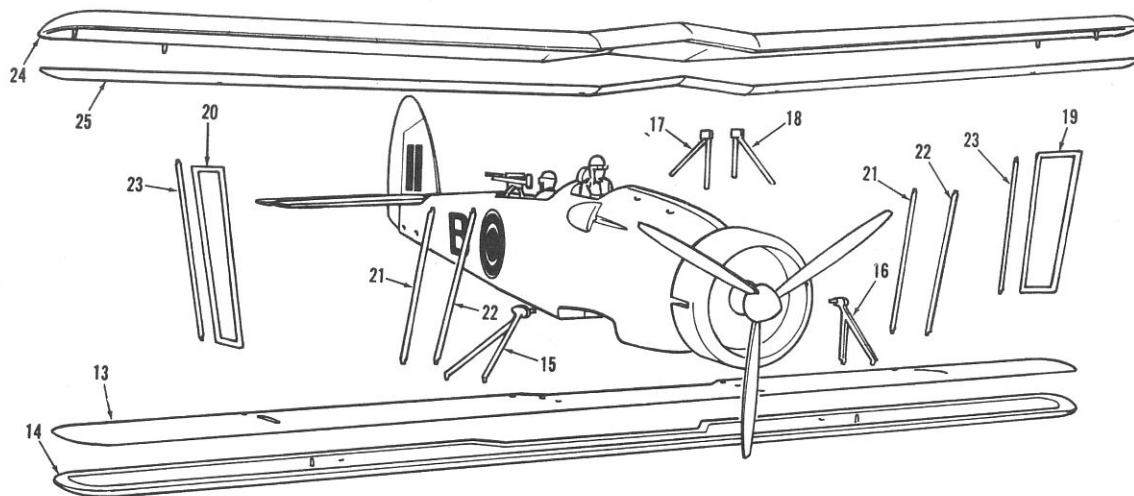
Black. Propeller, engine front, exhaust, tires, machine gun, torpedo or bodies of rockets as required.



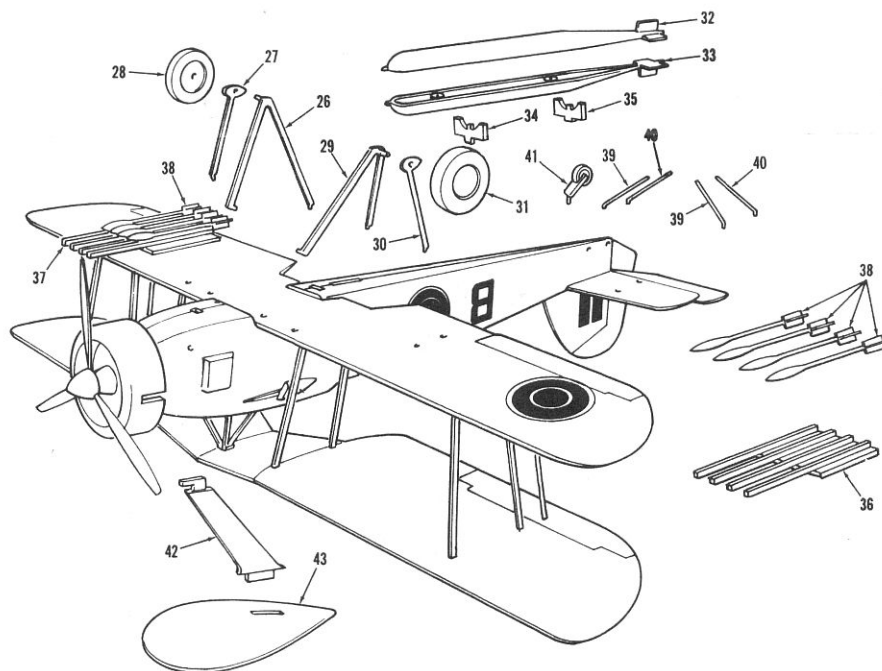
ASSEMBLY

1. Cement machine gun mounting (1) to right fuselage half (2) and cement left fuselage half (3) in place. Insert propeller shaft (4) through rear of engine (5) and cement to rear of propeller (6). Place exhaust pipe (7) in slot on right side of engine before cementing assembly to fuselage. Cement crew (8,9) to supports in cockpit, before cementing machine gun (10) to mounting. Cement horizontal and vertical stabilizers (11,12) together, then to fuselage.

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2. Cement lower wing halves together (13,14) then cement to fuselage. Cement struts (15,16) between wing and fuselage. Cement pylon struts (17,18) together and to top of fuselage and allow to dry. Cement left (19) and right (20) outboard wing struts into slots in bottom wing. Cement inboard struts (21,22) to bottom wing. NOTE: Forward inboard struts are slightly longer. Cement aileron control rods (23) in place. Cement top wing halves (24,25) together and cement to struts.



3. Pass the axle on right landing gear leg (26) through hole in right landing gear support (27) and cement to wheel (28) then cement to fuselage and lower wing. Repeat for left gear (29,30,31). Cement torpedo halves (32,33) together, and position torpedo carrier (34,35) on top half, before cementing torpedo in place. Cement rocket rails (36,37) to wings and rockets (38) to rails. Locate horizontal stabilizer supports (39,40) between fuselage and stabilizer. Cement tail wheel (41) in place. The location of the decals is shown on the box top and in the sketches above. Cut decals apart with scissors, dip into water for a few moments and slide off paper backing onto model. Blot with a soft cloth. Cement together both parts of stand (42,43). Cement arm of stand into slot in bottom of fuselage.

For replacement of parts, send name of kit, name and number of part together with a stamped self-addressed envelope to: M.P.C., 360 Hubbard St., Mt. Clemens, Michigan.



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