Tornado IDS GR4, 1 million flying hours RAF (1/72)

Other scales on request

SCHEME

Decals for the special RAF Tornado IDS as the fleet had flown 1,000,000 hours. Seen in 2011, this RAF GR 4 had code ZA547 [c/n 060 /BS016/3031].

It has the standard colours but black spine and vertical tail.

These standard later GR4 colours are overall Medium Sea Grey (BSC381C: 637) with radar radome in Dark Sea Grey (BSC381C: 629).

Most decals are provided TWICE so you can set 2 layers of white decal to get good coverage as this Tornado has black areas.

Get the standard RAF roundels and stencilling decals from the kit.

DECALS 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 on a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface.

Note that a decal that contains a white section is often split in two parts. To apply the full decal marking, first set the white decal section at correct position and on top of that the coloured section.

On the decals sheet you will often see an "arrow" to indicate this way of application (on white surfaces, the white section is optional).

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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The row with tiny RAF squadron badges is on the nose below the toned down roundel. (both port and starboard).

The high visibility old style RAF roundel with "ROYAL AIR FORCE" is on the spine (both port and starboard).

Use standard RAF roundels and stencilling decals from the kit. On the tail top rear corner is also a RAF flash.



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