

Hawker Siddeley/ BAe Hawk mk.65 Saudi Arabia air force

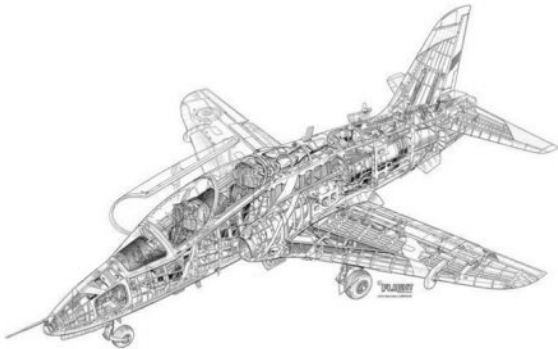
For Revell Hawk T1A kits #04284, #04849 (1/32)

HISTORY

The British Hawker Siddeley company developed in the late 1960s and early 1970s a small advanced jet trainer powered by a single Rolls Royce Turbomeca Adour turbofan engine. It was called the Hawk. The crew is an instructor and student pilot to be trained. First flight was in 1974 and it could fly MACH 0.88 in level flight. An 30mm ADEN gun pod could be carried below the fuselage as well as rocket pods. A few variants of the first generation Hawk were developed and the company became part of BAe (British Aerospace). The Hawk replaced the Folland Gnat and Hunter trainer in the Royal Air Force and also India purchased the type manufactured in license by Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL). From 1983 some RAF Hawk T1 were capable to fire 2 AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles designated as T1A. The RAF Red Arrows aerobatic display team also flies the Hawk. Hawks mk.50 series were also exported to e.g. Finland, Indonesia, Kenya, Saudi Arabia (see below).

Even a single seat attack Hawk mk.200 was in the 1980s developed and end 1980s the T-45 Goshawk was a drastically changed US NAVY trainer Hawk variant.

The Hawk mk.60 series were exported to UAE Abu Dhabi, UAE Dubai, Kuwait, South Korea, Switzerland, Zimbabwe and again Saudi Arabia. Later variant changes were more powerful engine with fatter rear fuselage, thicker windscreen and updated systems.



The BAe Hawk new generation was developed mid 1980s as the Hawk mk.100 series with longer nose with infra red camera and redesigned wing, HOTAS and warning and weapon systems. Hawk mk.102 was for UAE Abu Dhabi, mk.103 for the RAF, mk.108 for Malaysia, mk.109 for Indonesia and the mk.115 as CT-115 for Canada. Mk.127 for Australia and mk.129 for Bahrain. India also ordered several new generation Hawks. Fitted with modern cockpits, Adour 951 and systems the latest Hawk generation from 2012 are the mk.128 T2 for the RAF, mk.132 for India, mk.165 for Saudi Arabia, mk.166 for Oman and mk.167 for Qatar.

Saudi Arabia air force

Saudi Arabia ordered first generation Hawks and from 1988 obtained some 35 Hawk mk.65 and. They operated from mostly Dhahran and from 2000 from Tabuk. From 1997 some 21 improved mk.65A were acquired.

(Of the later generation from 2015 some 46 Hawk mk.165 were acquired)

DECAL APPLICATION

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 EXTREMELY THIN, so slide off from the wet backing sheet on a horizontally held GLOSSY model surface. Do not use tweezers! They will fold doubled!

Note that a decal that contains a white section is often split in two sections. 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.

MODEL KITS

In 1/32 scale Revell from Germany released a good first generation Hawk T1A kit Red Arrows #04284 and RAF kit #04849.

COLOUR SCHEME

The Saudi Hawk mk.65 usually had a desert camouflage paint scheme of BAE3150- BS381C:

450 Dark Earth (approx. FS10095)
641 Dark green (approx. FS14098)
361 Light stone

The lower camouflage pattern is unclear but seems to have the same colours. Underwing fuel tanks if fitted are often Dark Earth.

Several aircraft codes are provided.

REFERENCES:

Book: "On Target profile 3", BAe Hawks in World wide service" .

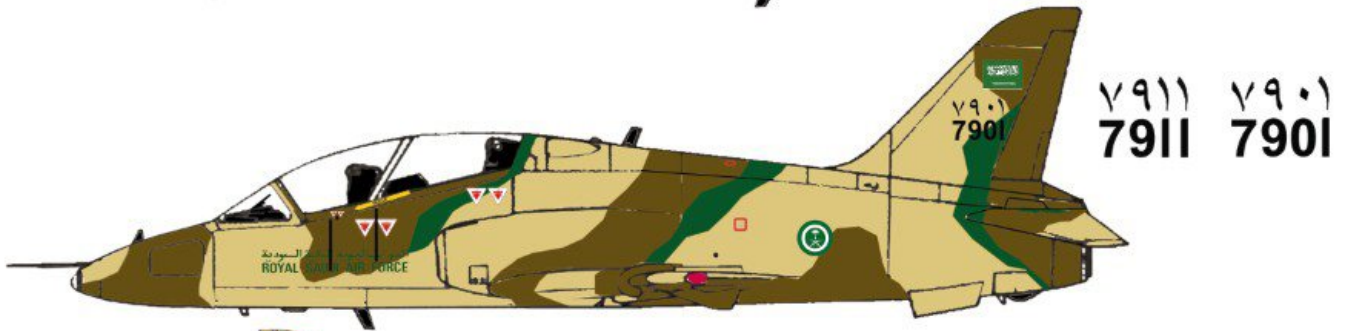
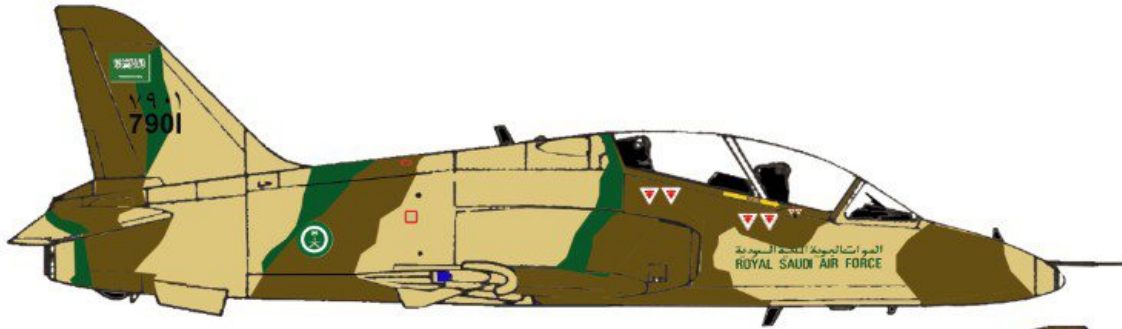
On internet it is very easy to find photos by searching...

Hawker Siddeley Hawk + Saudi Arabia air force + code
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Decals of the Saudi Hawks aerobatic team are also available in various scales as AIPD-8

For the new generation Hawk series 100 (like the Saudi mk.165) decals are available as AIPD-18

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Hawk mk.65

Hawk mk.65, coded "7901"

Hawk mk.65, coded "7911"

Add servicing maintenance stencils from the sheet and kit decals.

As noted... many decals have a white underlying decal.

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