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Gloster Sea Gladiator

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The **Gladiator** was to be the last British biplane fighter and the first fighter with an enclosed cockpit. The design was being eclipsed by new generation (monoplane) fighters, such as the RAF's new *Hawker Hurricane* and *Supermarine Spitfire*.

A modified Mk II, the **Sea Gladiator**, was developed for the Royal Navy's *Fleet Air Arm* (FAA), with an arrestor hook to be engaged when landing on an aircraft carrier, catapult points, a strengthened frame and an under-belly fairing for a dinghy lifeboat. Of the 98 aircraft built as, or converted to **Sea Gladiators**, 54 were still in service by the outbreak of the Second World War in September 1939.

One of the best-known campaigns where **Gladiators** were used was the Siege of Malta in 1940. The fighter force defending Malta was, for a period of ten days, a small force of British-operated **Gladiators**, the *Hal Far Fighter Flight*, giving rise to a myth the aircrafts' names '*Faith*', '*Hope*' and '*Charity*', formed the entire fighter cover of the island. The aircraft names came into being only after the battle was over.

A total of 747 aircraft were built, 483 of which for the Royal Air Force, 98 for the Royal Navy; and the rest was exported to 14 countries (Belgium, China, Egypt, Finland, Free France, Greece, Iraq, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden).

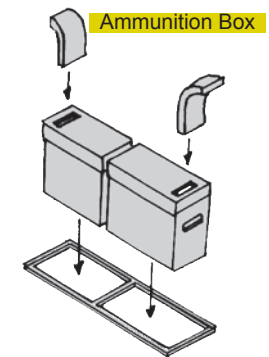
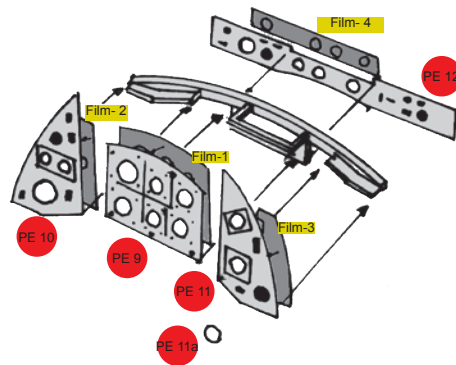
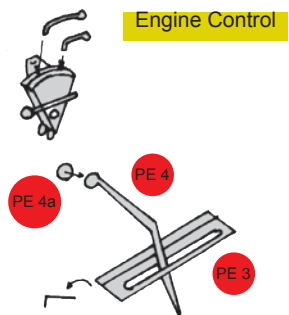
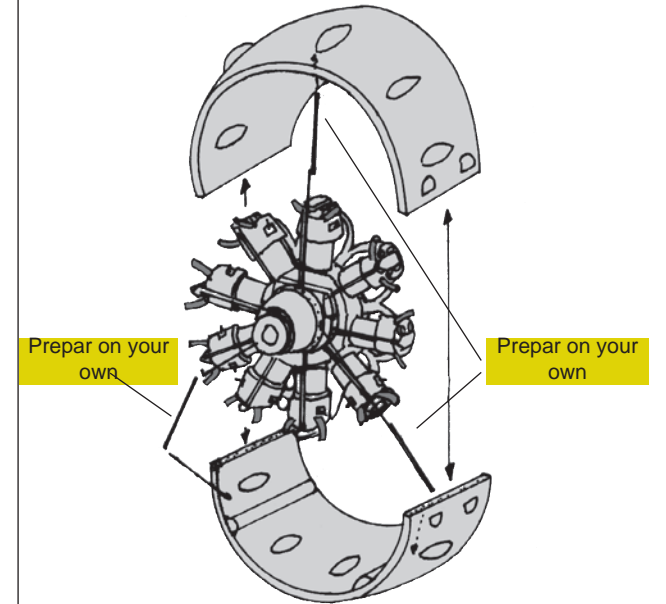
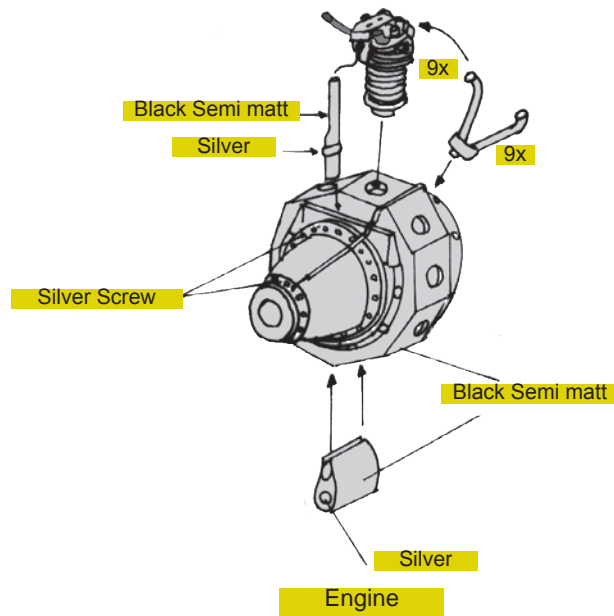
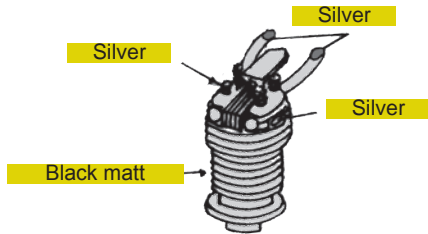
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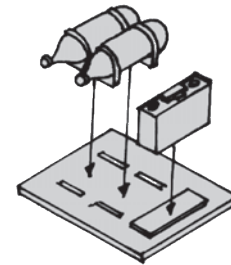
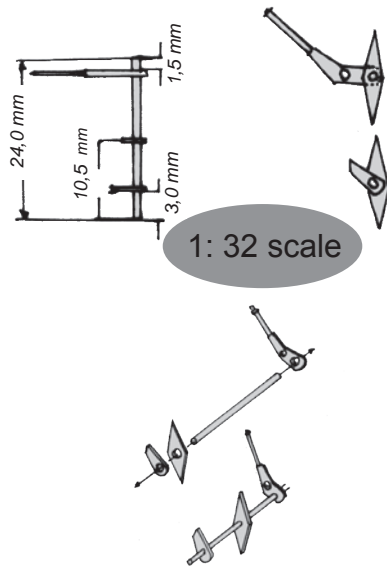
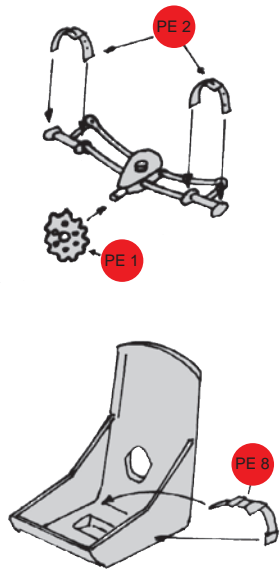
Length - 8,36 m , **Wingspan** - 9,83 m, **Height** - 3,58 m, **Wing area** - 30,00 m², **Empty weight** - 1462 kg, **Loaded weight** - 2088 kg

Power plant - Bristol Mercury IX, 619 kW (830 hp)

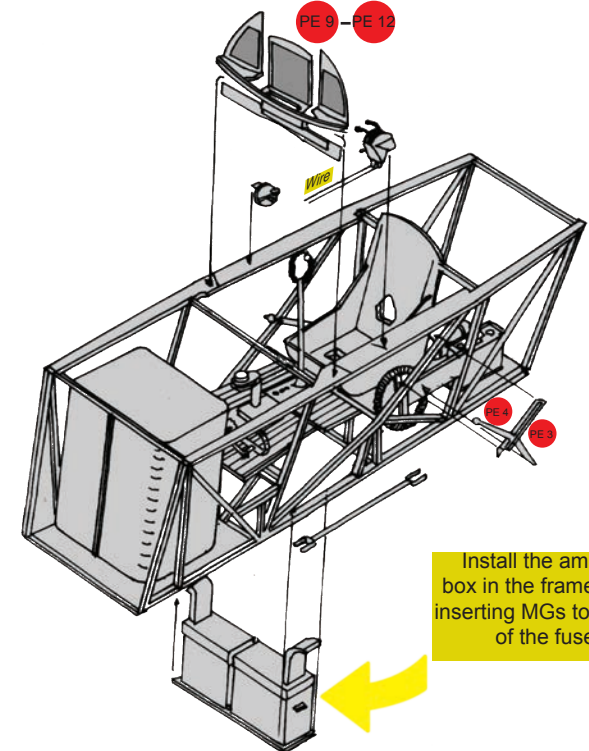
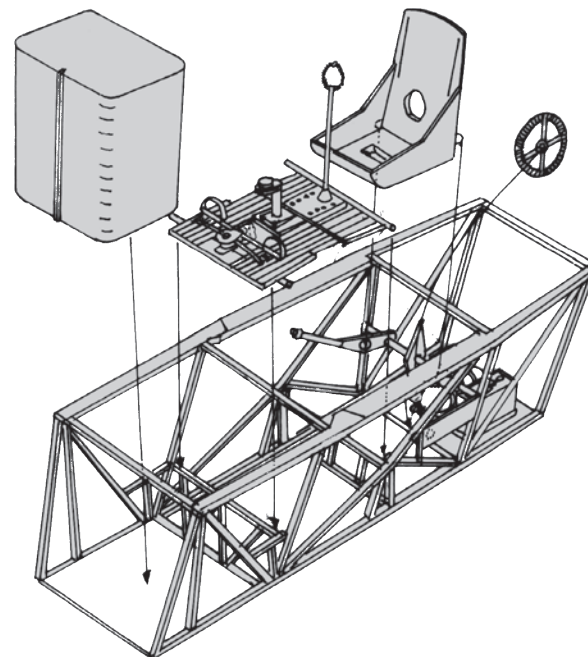
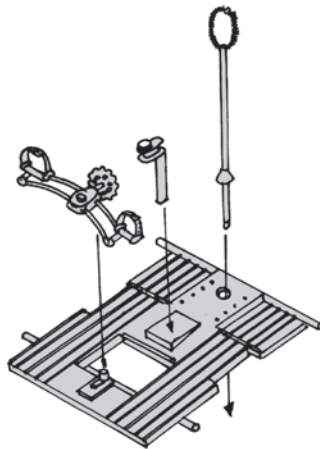
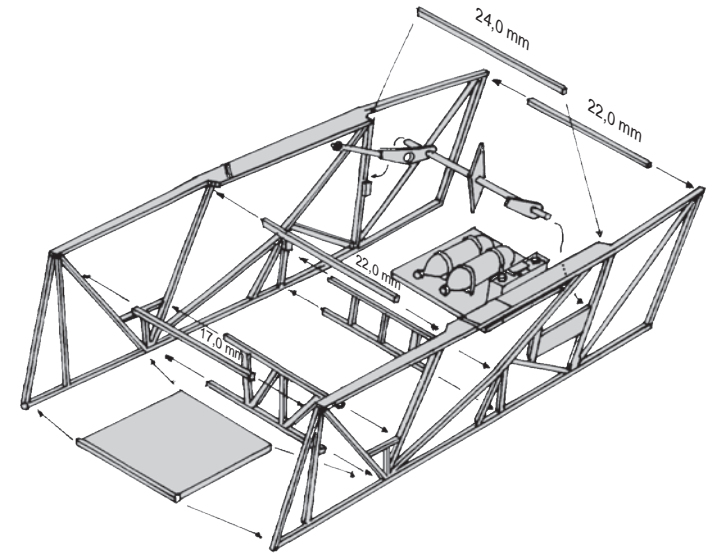
Max speed - 407 km/h , **Endurance** - 2 hours , **Service ceiling** - 10000 m

Armament - four machine guns: 2 synchronised guns in fuselage sides and one beneath each lower wing.



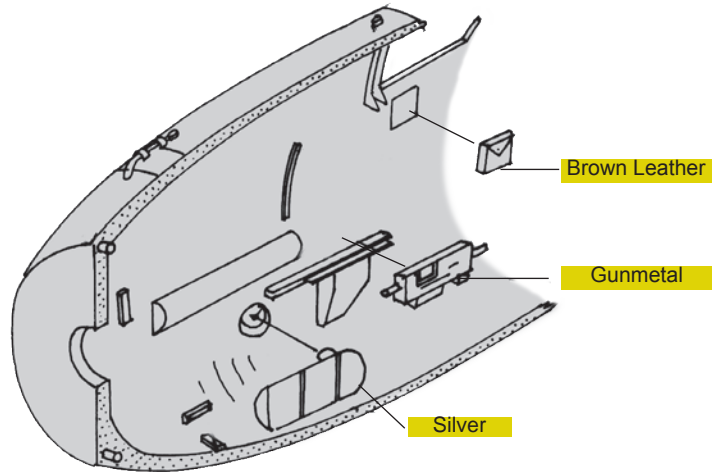


Back floor in the framework

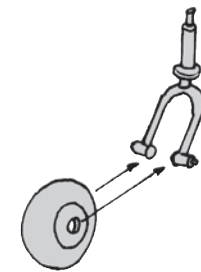
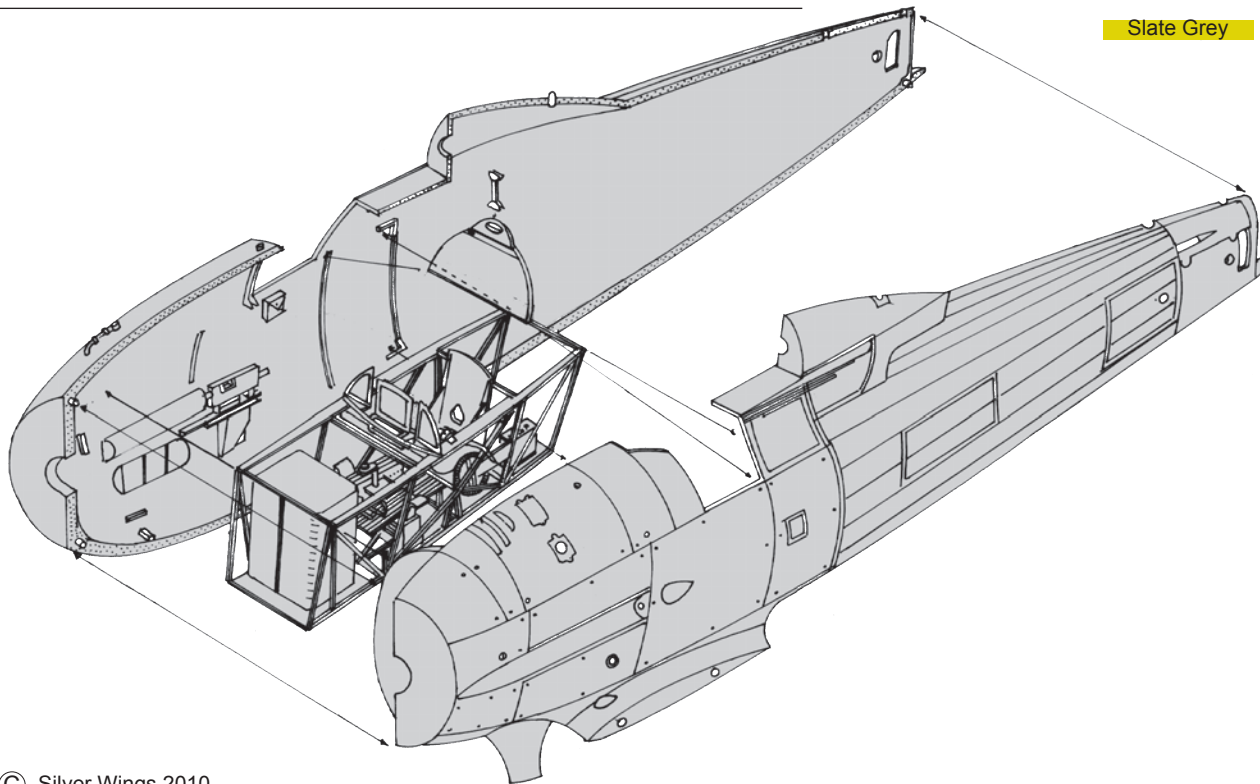
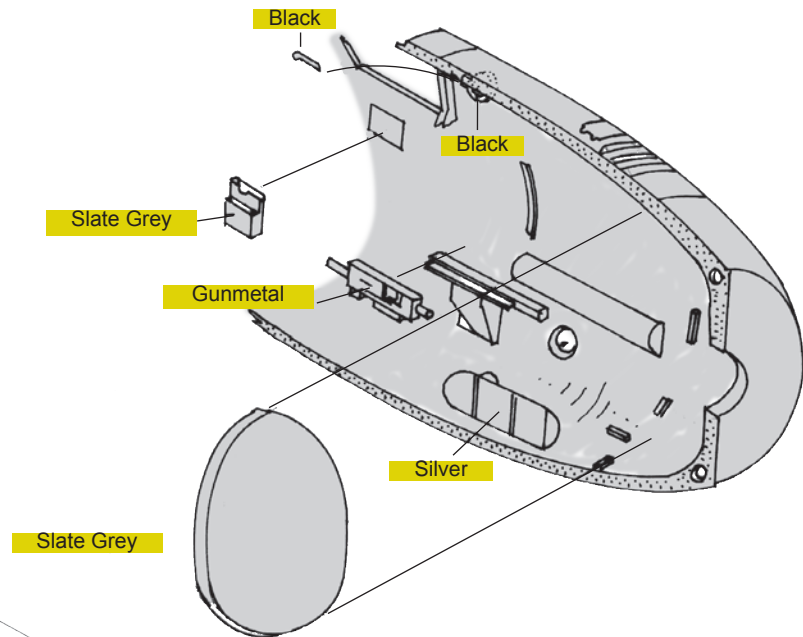


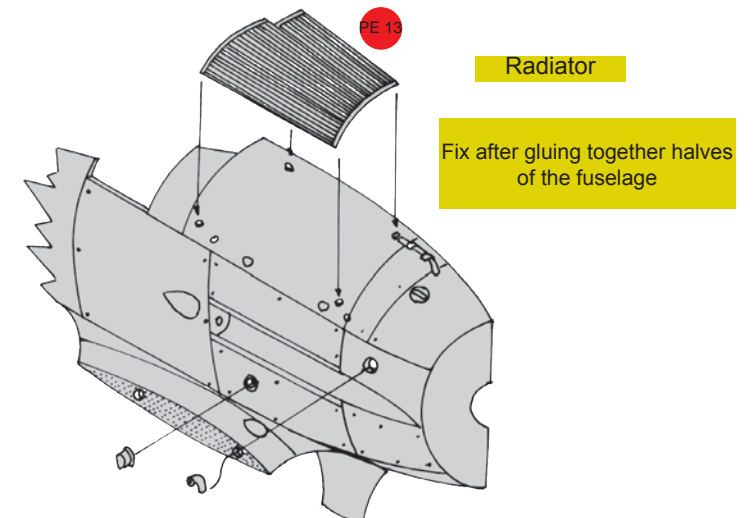
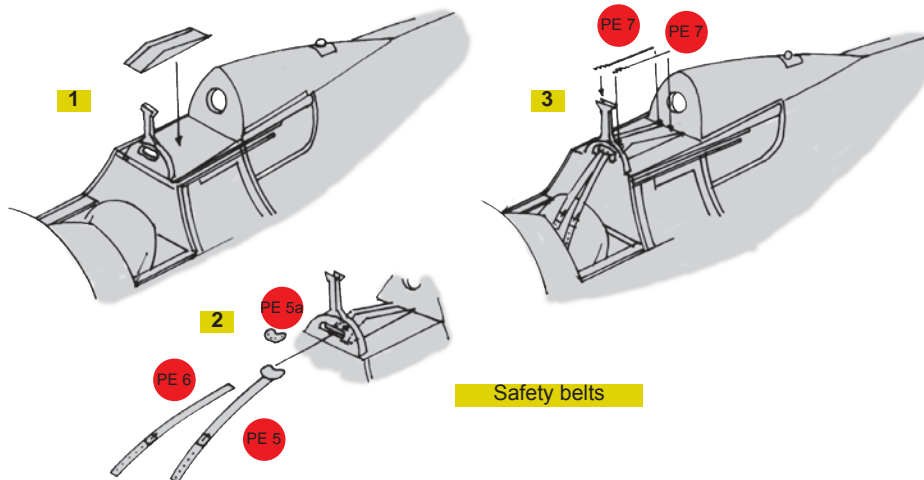
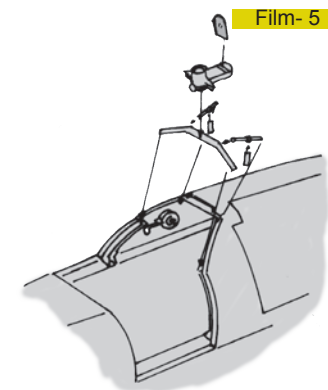
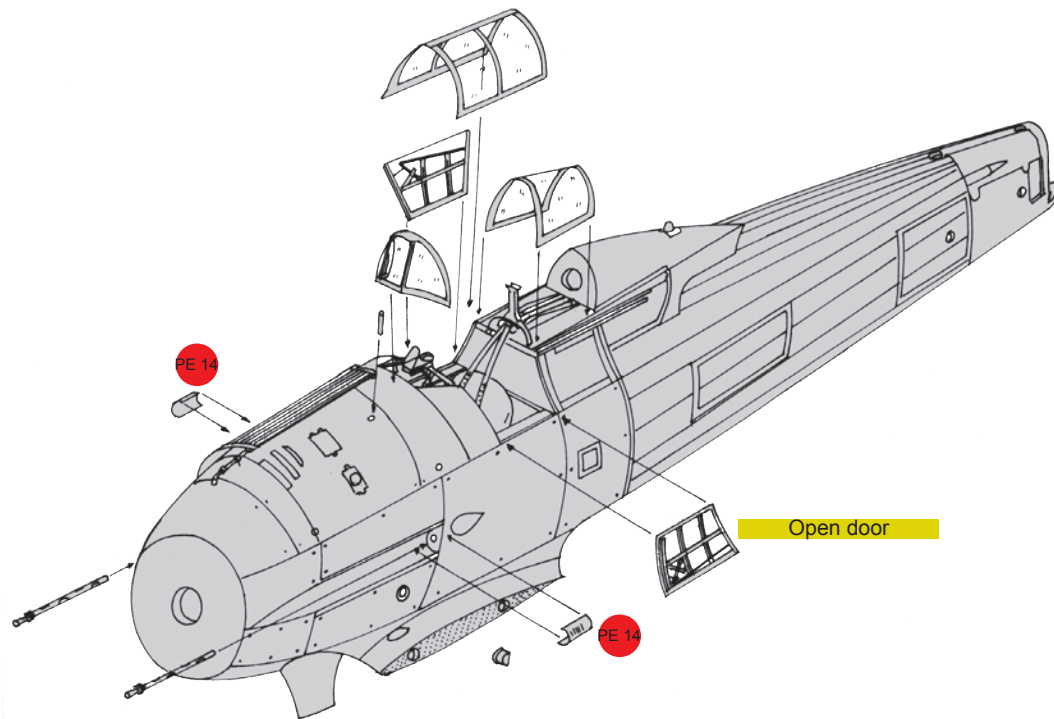
Install the ammunition box in the framework after inserting MGs to the interior of the fuselage

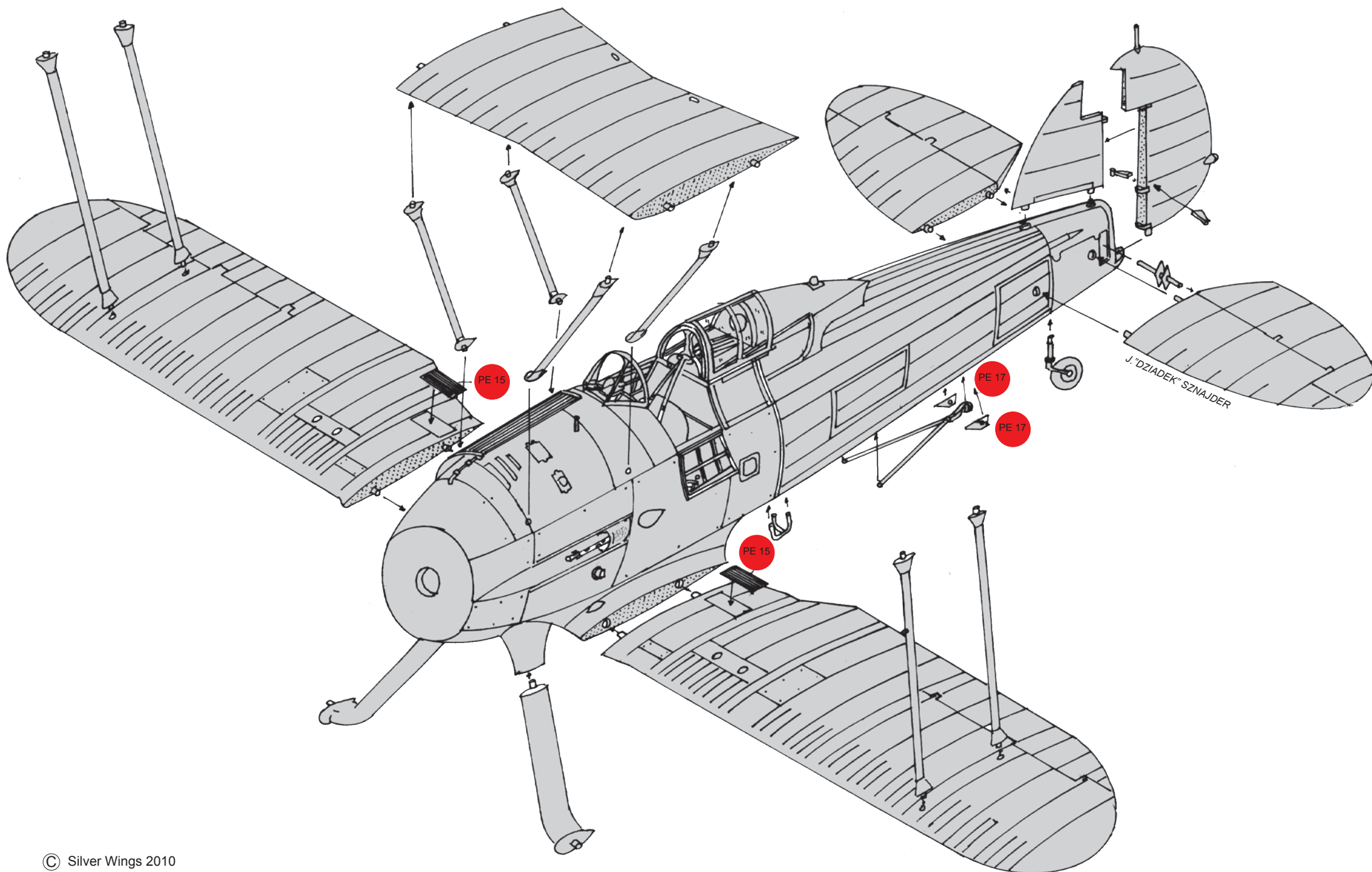
Starboard

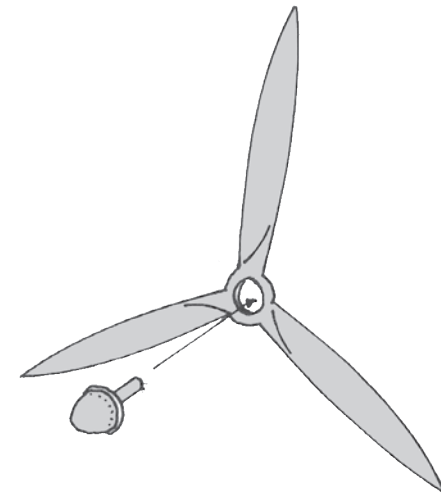
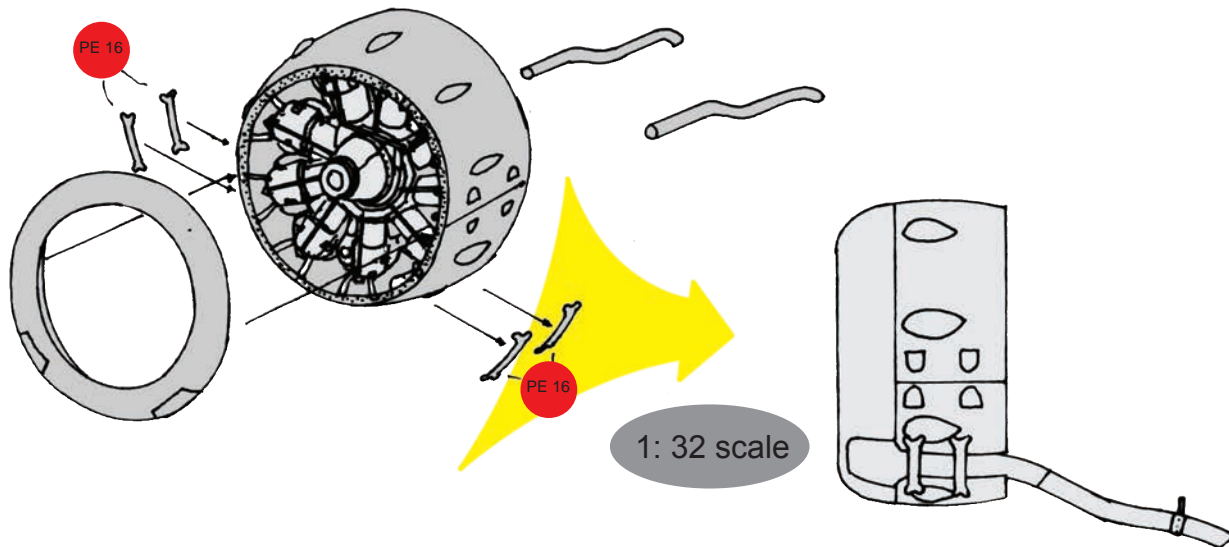
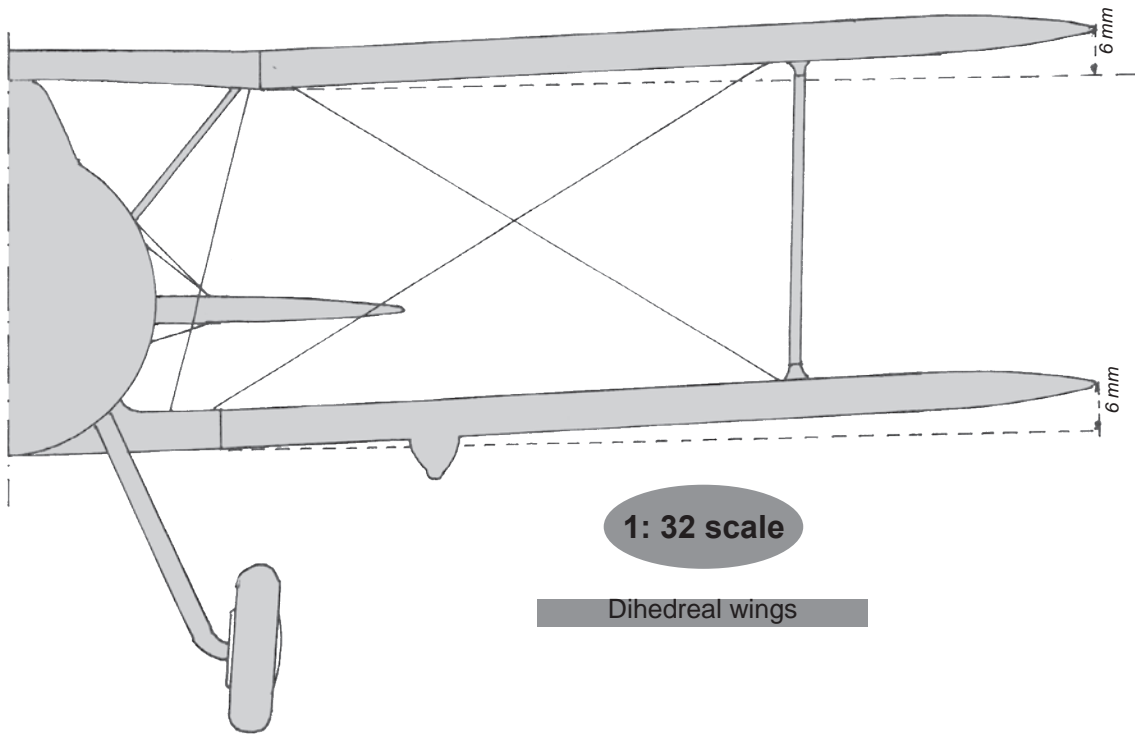


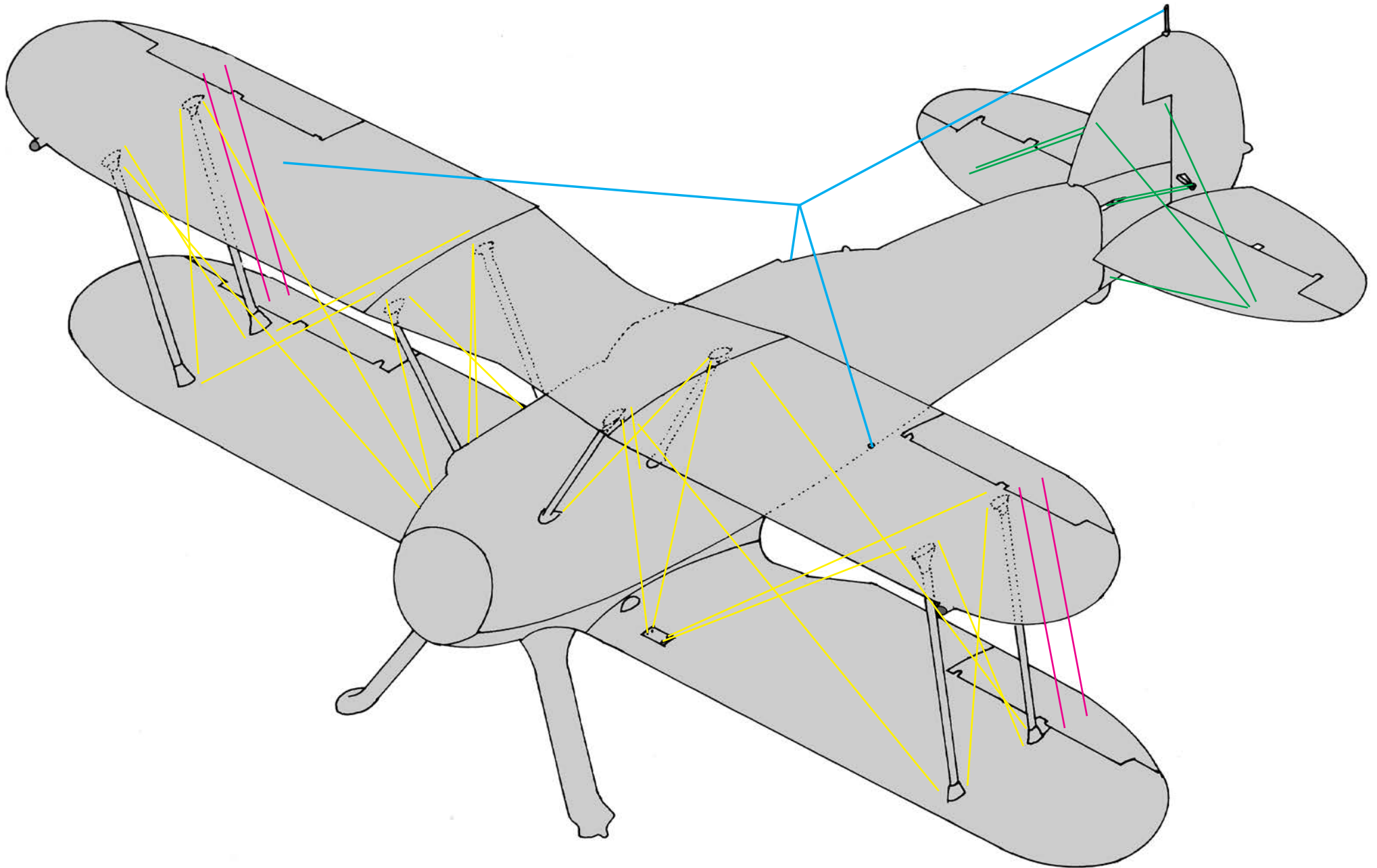
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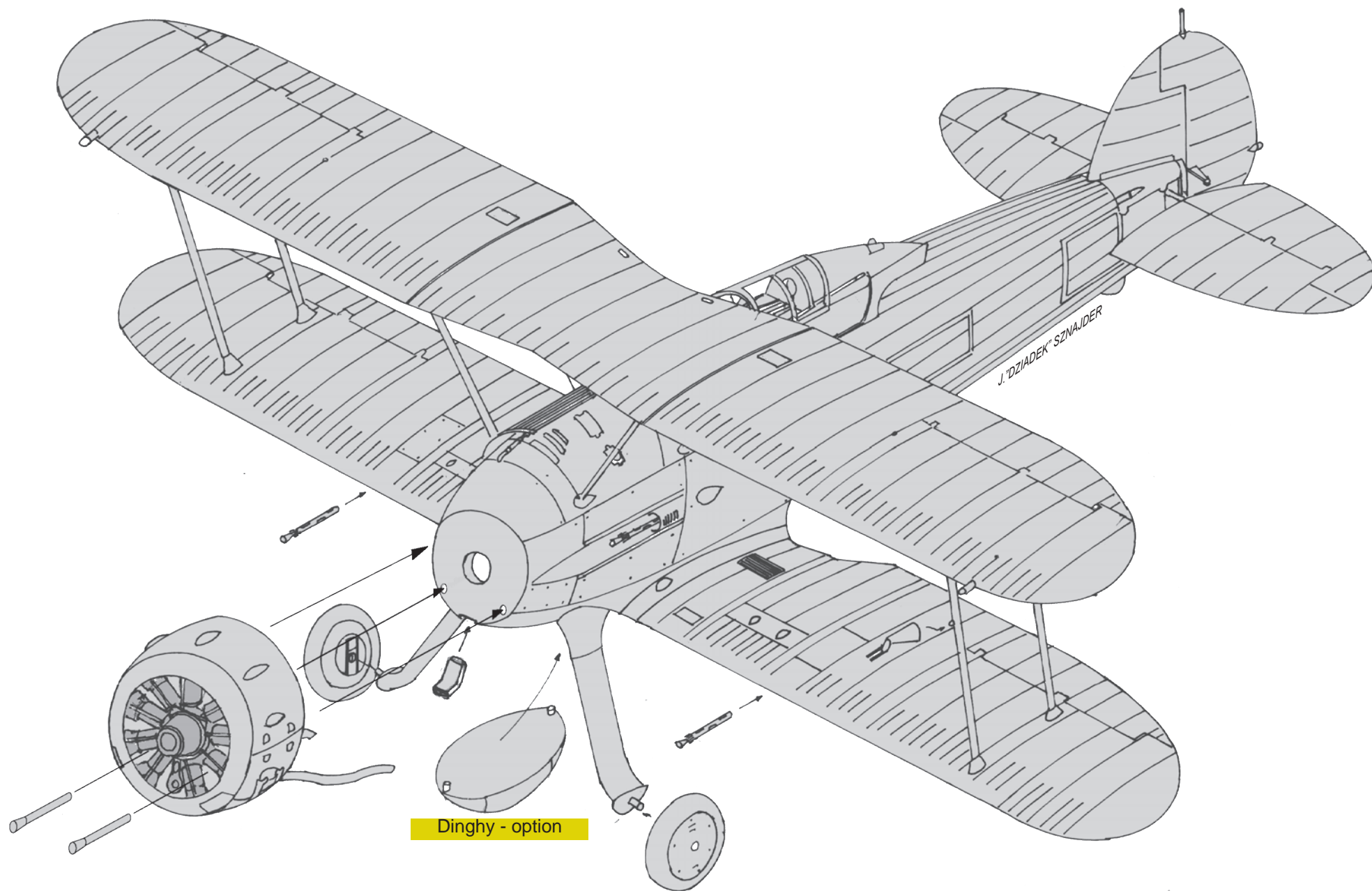






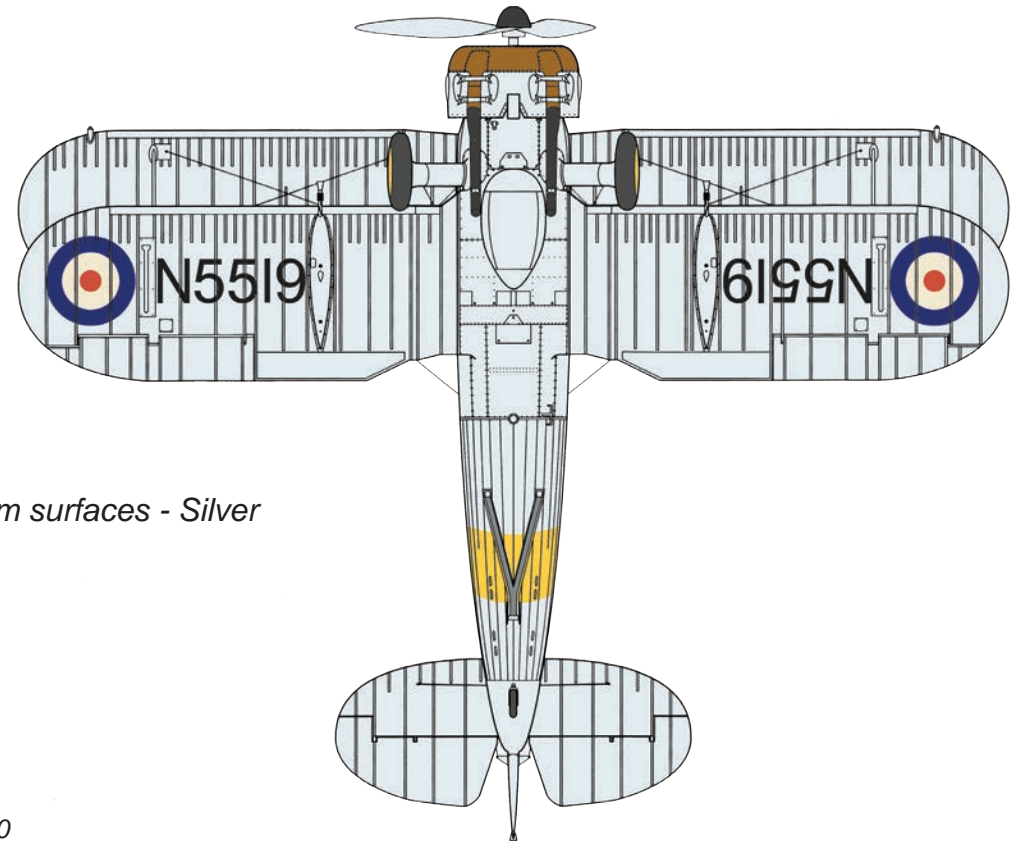
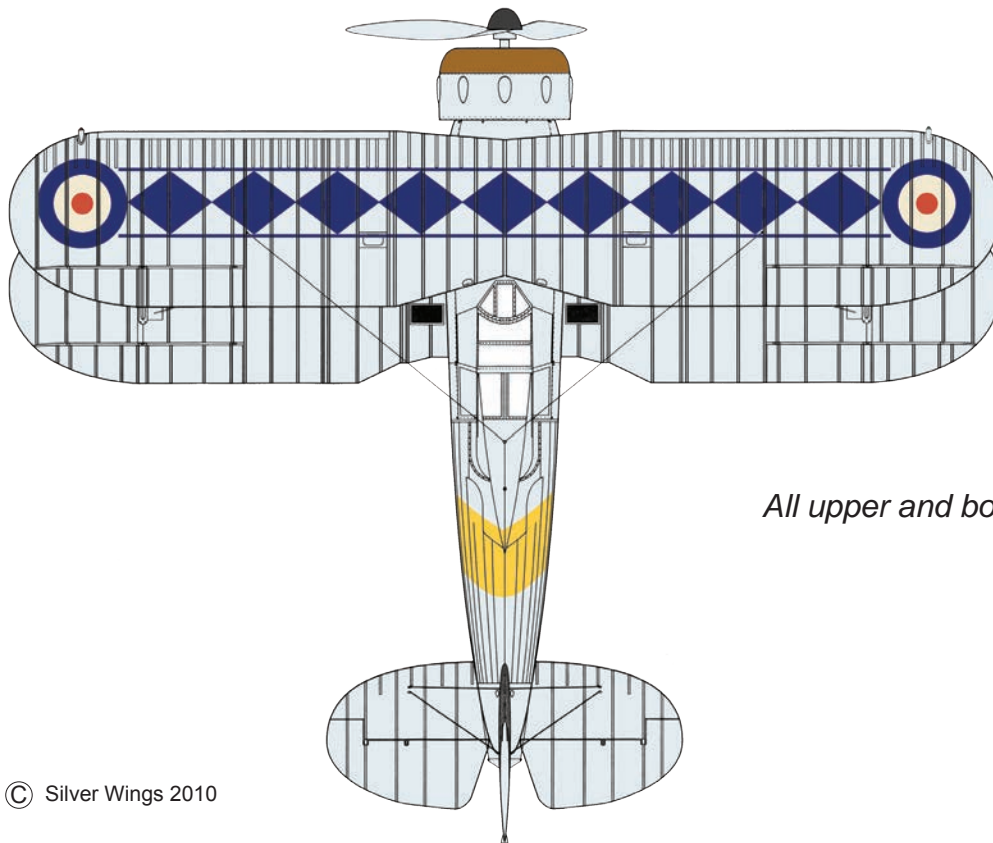








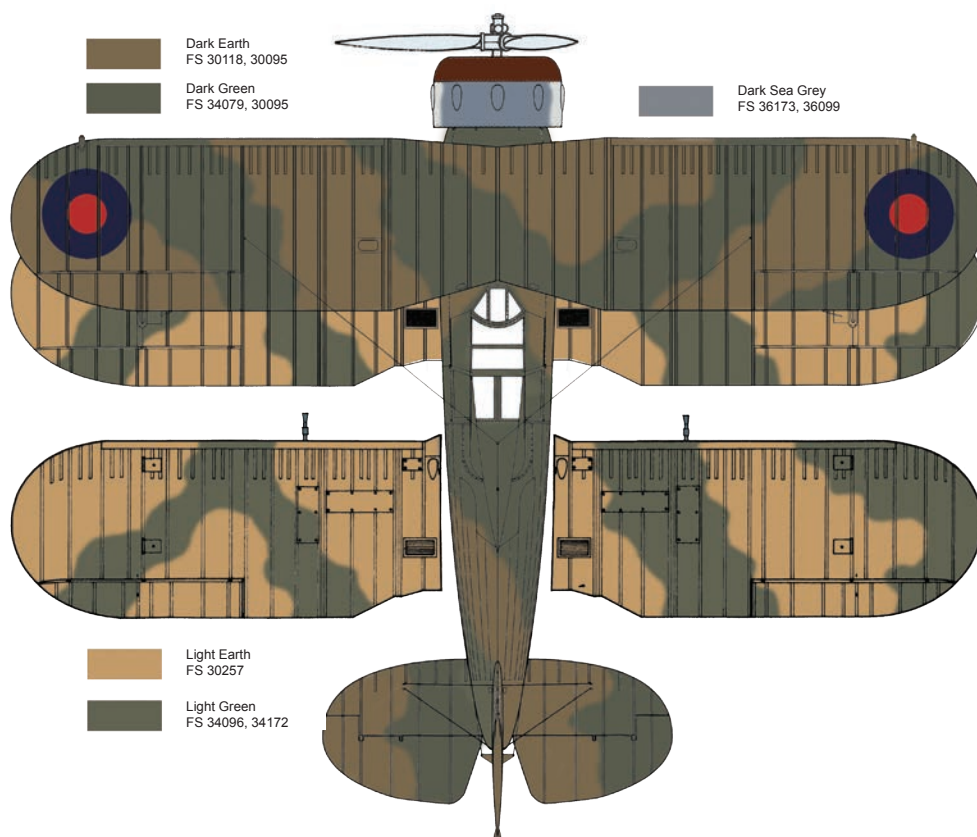
Gloster Sea Gladiator, N 5519 "G6A"
802 Squadron, HMS Glorius, 1939



All upper and bottom surfaces - Silver



Gloster Sea Gladiator , N 5524
No 261 Squadron, Luqa, Malta, January 1941



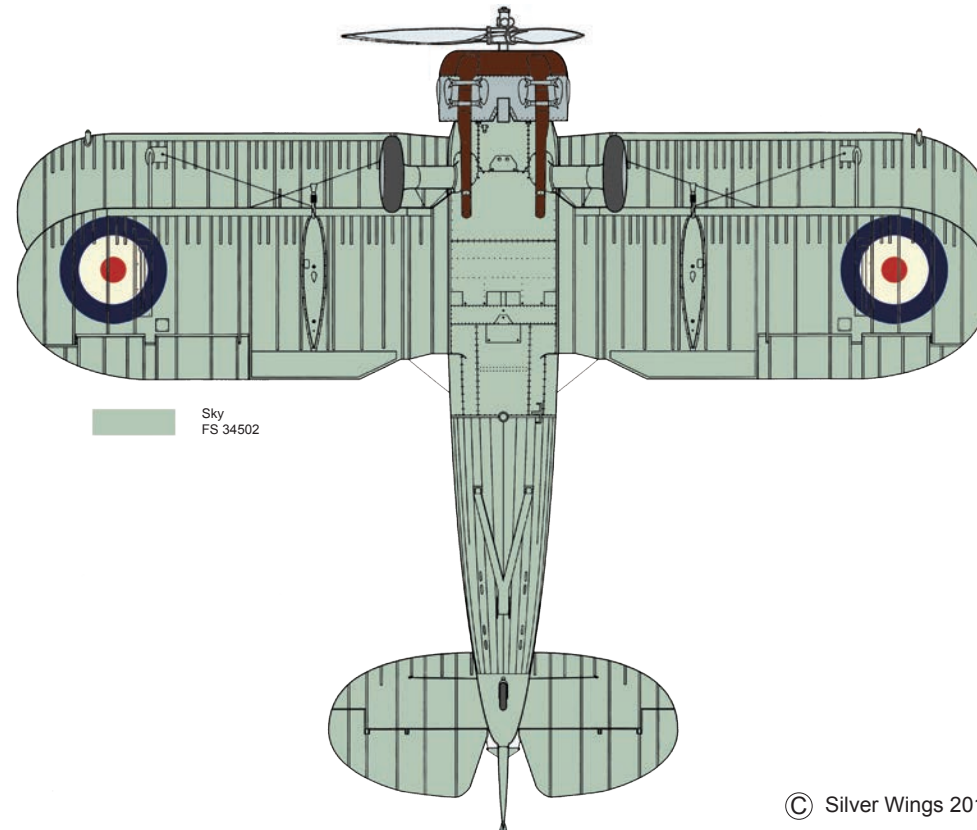
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Gloster Sea Gladiator, N 5519 "R"
Gladiator Flight Hal Far, Malta, June 1940

