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The most famous two-seat Harrier was the privately funded T.Mk52 which Hawker Siddeley used as their a demonstration aircraft. It was given the civil registration G-VTOL and was used all over the world to show the unique advantages of the Harrier; John Farley's displays in the aircraft being the highlight of many 1970s airshows.

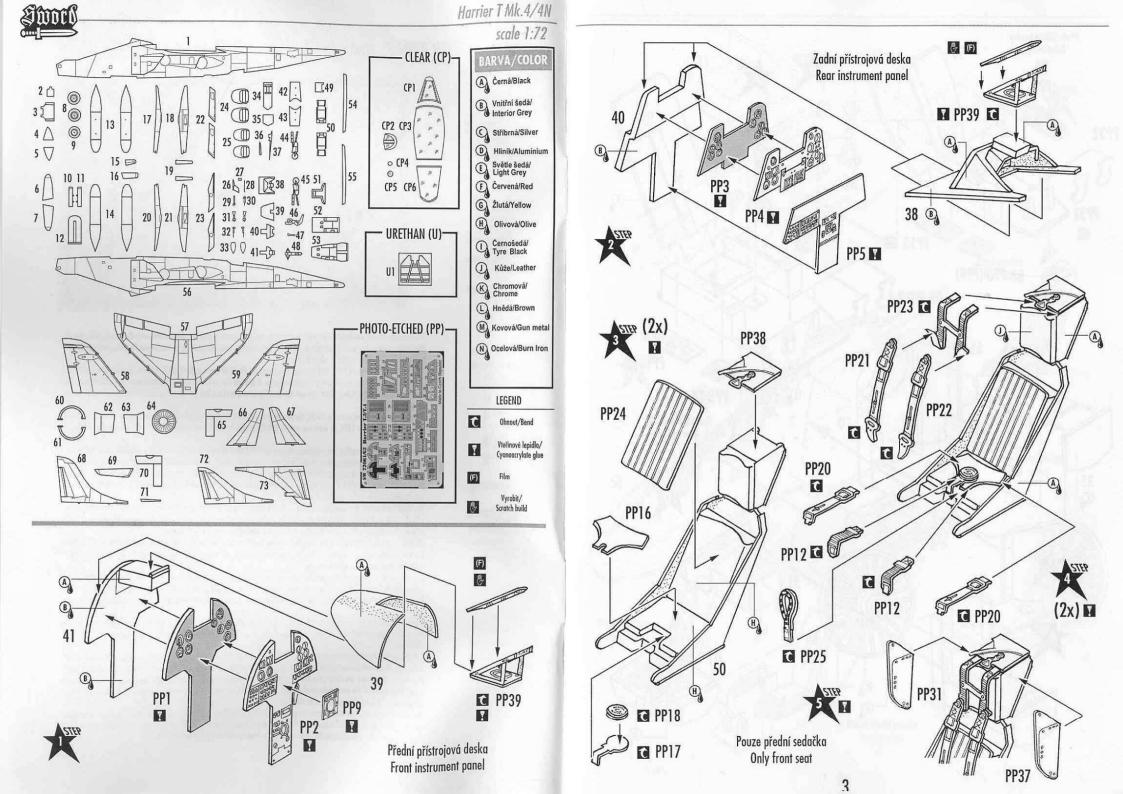
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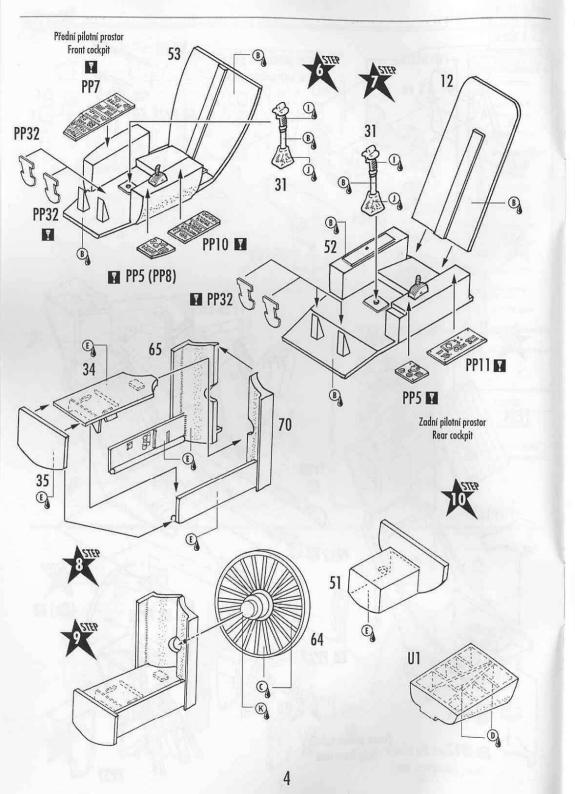
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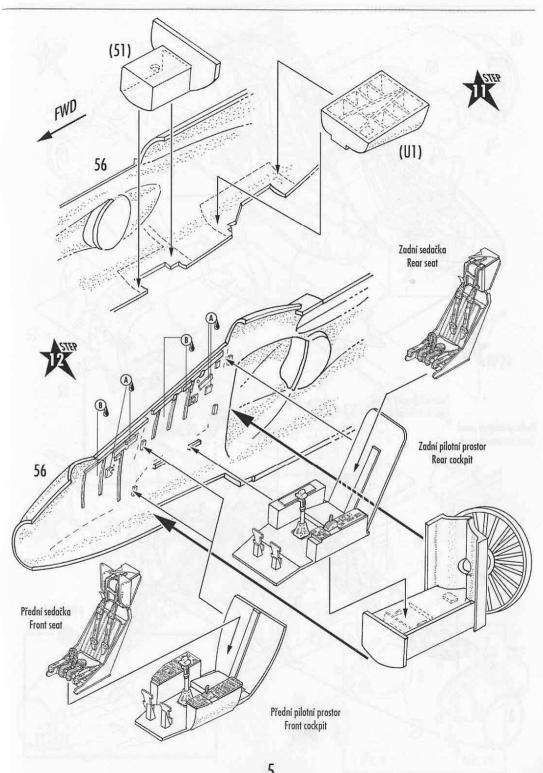
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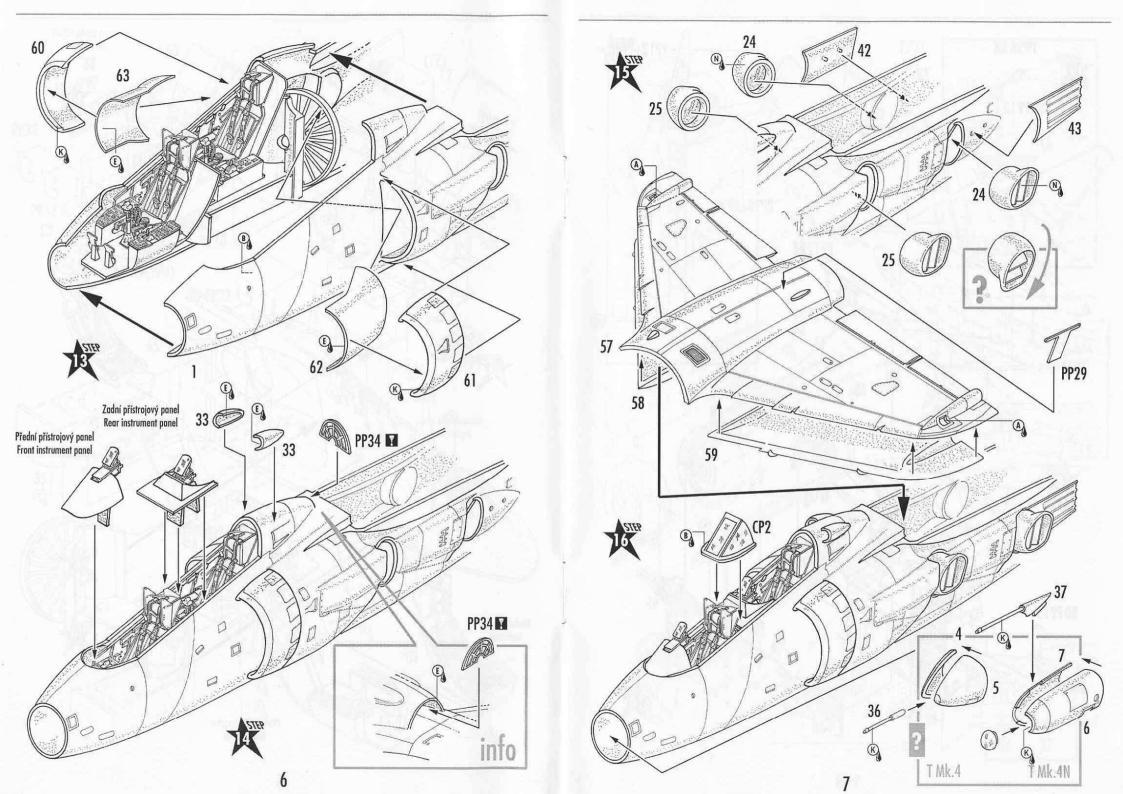
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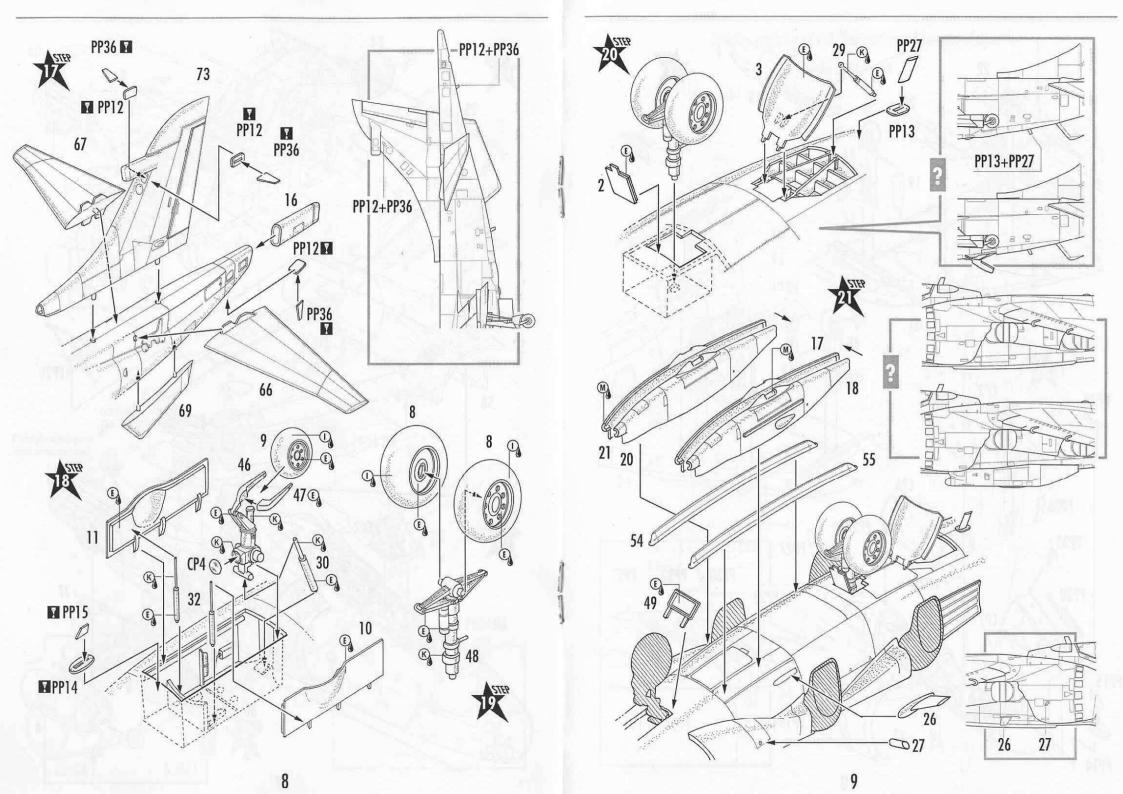
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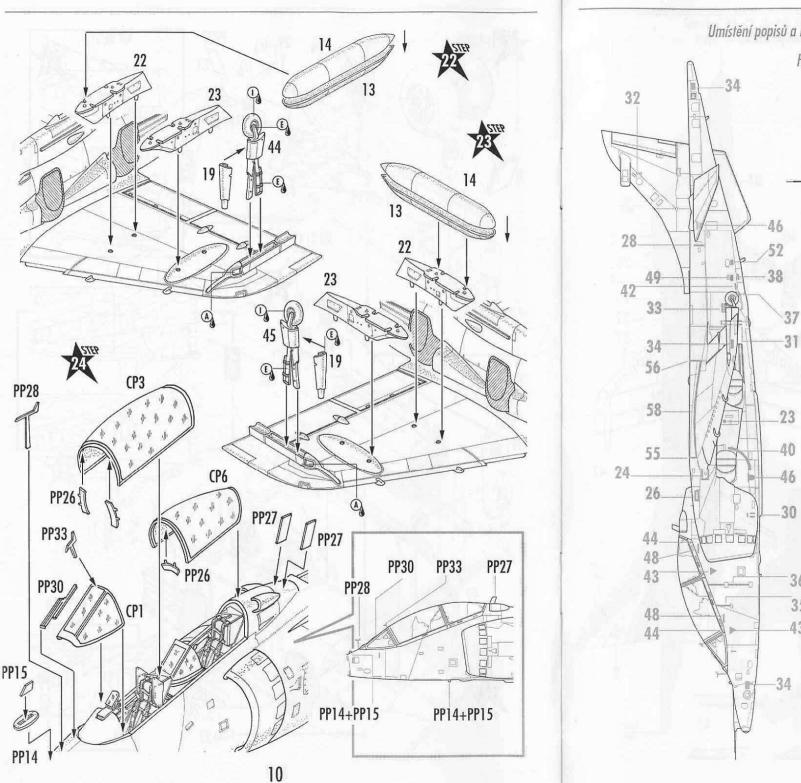


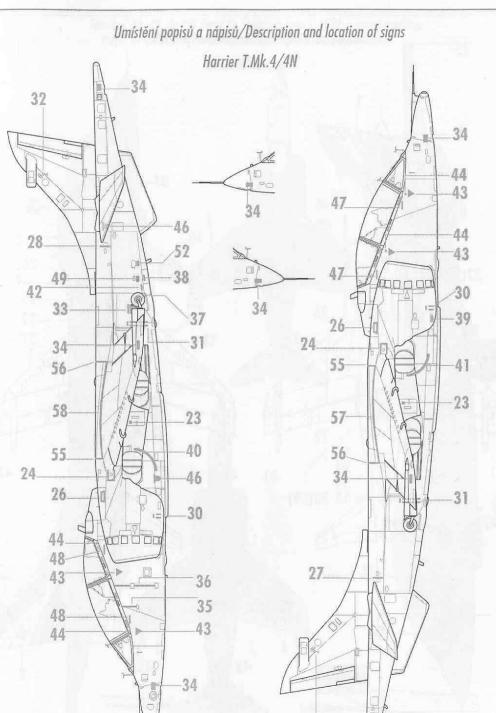


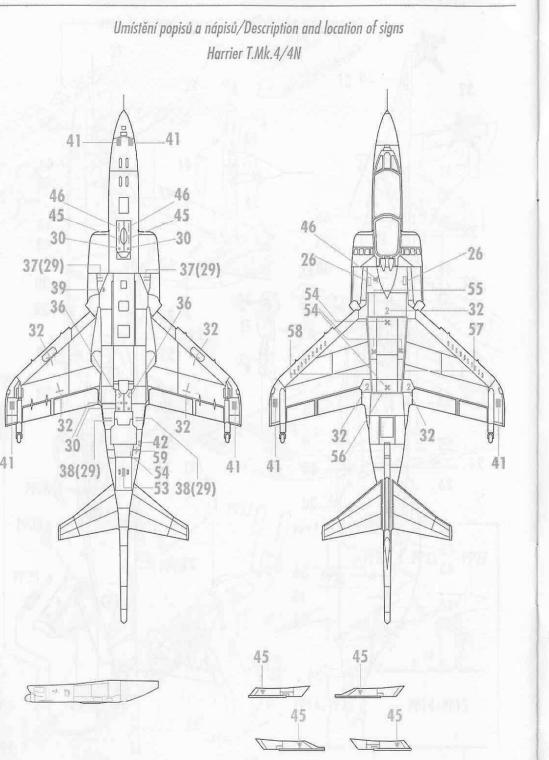


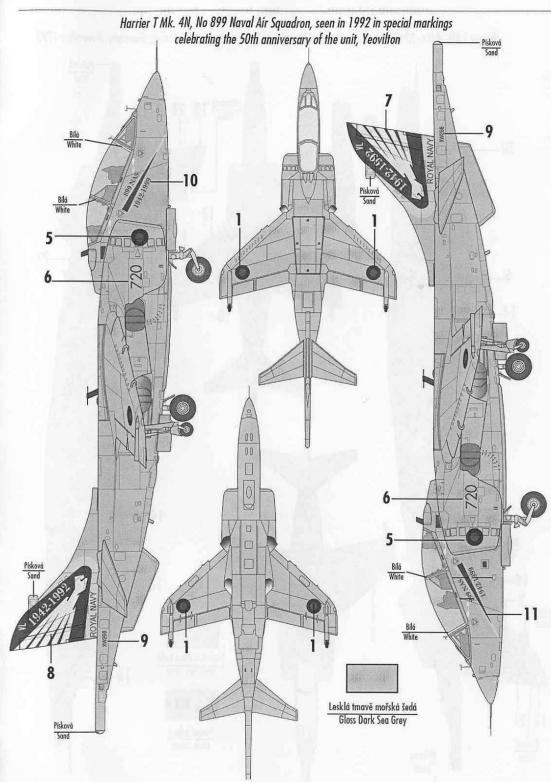




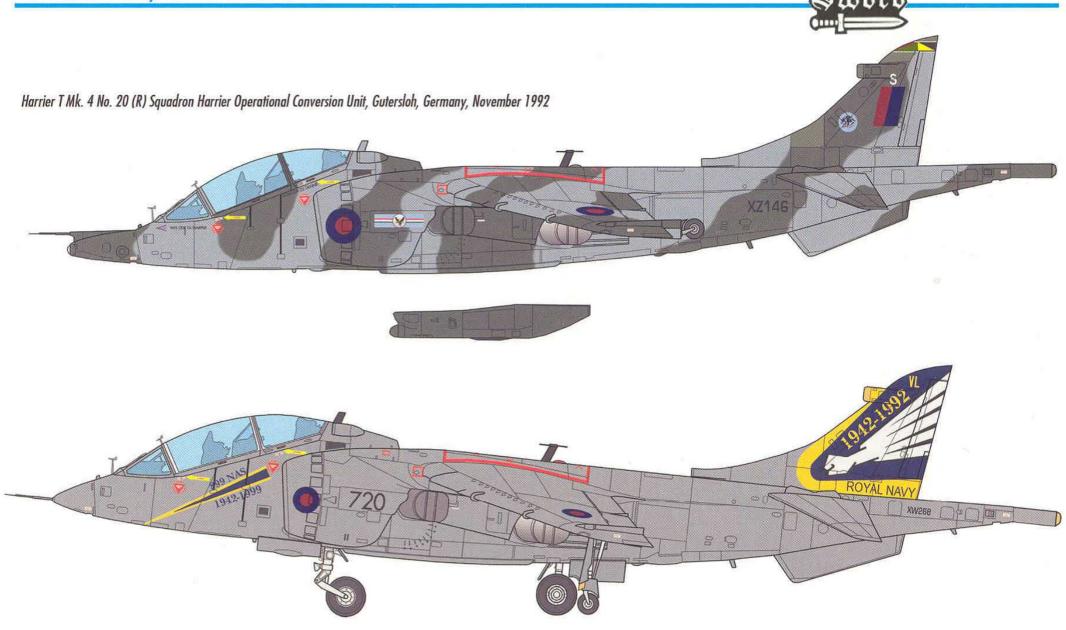








Harrier T Mk. 4 No. 20 (R) Squadron Harrier Operational Conversion Unit, Wittering, Germany, November 1992 Písková Sand 13 21 3 19 3 20 Olivová Olive Olivová Olive Písková Sand Tmavá mořská šedá Dark Sea Grey Tmavá zelená Dark Green



Harrier T Mk. 4N, No 899 Naval Air Squadron, seen in 1992 in special markings celebrating the 50th anniversary of the unit, Yeovilton

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