

Shed Decals

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We are using a new way of supplying decals combining laser printed and waterslide decals. This allows new decals to be printed quickly and in small quantities. Laser printing is very accurate and avoids the registration problems that screen printing often has with small roundels and marking. The ink is waterproof so needs no top varnish and the decal is very thin. There are two problems. One is that white cannot be printed; the other is that the ink is not very opaque. They work well on white and silver surfaces but need a white backing for others.

In the shed system you buy the laser printed top decal but also buy waterslide white decals to use as a base. Again, these are very thin. On a light surface put down one layer of white then the top decal. On a dark surface or where the decal is over a colour boundary put down two layers. Even with three layers, two base and one top, the decals are so thin they can hardly be felt on the model surface. The total cost is less than that of a comparable full colour screen printed decal.

When I considered this system one problem raised was that the laser printed decals have to be cut out individually. The decal used here is so thin that it does not have to be cut closely to the markings as long as there is a final coat of varnish on the model. As an experiment I have put down two base layers and a top layer, varnished them and the decals can hardly be felt and the clear excess cannot be seen.

The round base white is sold in two sizes, 98% and 110%. The 98% is just slightly smaller than the coloured decal and avoids crescents of white peeping out. The 110% is oversize enough to give a narrow white outer ring suitable for WWI roundels and hinomarus and modern black training schemes (and the 111 Hunters!). The idea is that the round white sheet will be suitable for all round markings.

White Base Sheets

Each white base sheet is A5 sized and has hundreds of decals.

Five are available at **£2.50 per sheet**.

98% round discs

110% round discs

Stars

Stars and bars

Modern Chinese stars and bars

Laser Printed Top Sheets

Each top sheet is letter size (11" x 8") and contains hundreds of markings. There are 15 in the range and more on the way. These are **£12 per sheet** except Luftwaffe **at £15 per set**

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| 1. RAF WWI and interwar roundels (A, A1, B) | 9. French 4 colour (yellow outer) |
| 2. Japanese WWII in new and faded colours | 10. Belgian |
| 3. RAF WWII (B, C, C1) | 11. Italian |
| 4. RAF D type | 12. Spanish |
| 5. RAF 2 colour low viz | 13. Soviet stars |
| 6. RAF 2 and 3 colour very pale low viz | 14. US pre stars and bars |
| 7. SEAC | 15. US stars and bars |
| 8. French 3 colour | 16. Chinese WWII, RCAF, PLAAF |
| | 17. Luftwaffe (includes white base sheet) |

Other sets are in preparation
See over for more decals

Code letters and numbers

Set A. RAF WWII Set consists of well over a thousand characters on four sheets in five sizes and three font styles consisting of white base sheet and light grey, sky and dull red top sheets for **£15**

Set B. RAF Postwar Set consists of well over a thousand characters in five sizes on two sheets consisting of white base sheet and black top sheet for **£10**

US Markings

There are also three sheets of screen printed decals available as follows at **£5 per sheet**

Sheet 1 is US low viz marks

Sheet 2 is US Navy, Marines and Army titles and marks in black, blue, yellow and white. The white ones are hard to see and are identical to the row above.

Sheet 3 is USAF titles and marks in four colours. Again, the hard to see white are like the row above.

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Postage is £2 in UK or £3 rest of world for single sheet. Postage for larger numbers is at cost, please ask.