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Douglas X-3 Stiletto

Assembly Instructions

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The lance-like Douglas X-3 was built in the early 1950's as a vehicle to probe conditions found in supersonic flight. While the X-1 and X-2 were supersonic rocket-powered machines, their motors could only run for about four minutes, and the planes had to be launched from a larger aircraft. The X-3, however, was designed to use two turbojet engines which could permit a normal take-off and sustained high-speed flight.

The X-3 made its first flight on October 20, 1952, from the desert strip at Edward Air Force Base, in California. Unfortunately, the powerful engines originally intended for the sleek jet had been cancelled because of technical problems, and smaller engines of only half the expected power were installed. Though the X-3 was designed for

Mach 3 flight, its small engines could barely nudge it past the speed of sound. Nevertheless, the X-3 provided valuable information on the use of diamond-shaped airfoils and titanium structures, which proved useful in the development of today's triplesonic aircraft. The X-3 was retired from service and is now on display at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

X-3 Stiletto Specifications

Wingspan: 22 feet 8 inches

Length: 66 feet 9 inches

Powerplant: Two Westinghouse XJ34-WE17 turbojets of 4,200 lbs. thrust with afterburning.

Performance: Maximum recorded speed was 650 mph in level flight, though Mach 1 could be achieved in a shallow dive. Maximum recorded altitude was 35,000 feet.

ENGLISH: ASSEMBLY DRAWINGS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION. A NUMBER IDENTIFIES EACH PLASTIC PART FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. PAINT SMALL PARTS ON RUNNER BEFORE REMOVING. ALLOW PAINT TO DRY THOROUGHLY BEFORE CONTINUING ASSEMBLY OF KIT. SCRAPE CHROME OR PAINT AT AREA TO BE GLUED. WASH PLASTIC IN MILD DETERGENT SOLUTION. RINSE AND LET AIR DRY FOR BETTER PAINT AND DECAL ADHESION.

DEUTSCH: VOR DEM ZUSAMMENBAU DIE BAUANLEITUNG GUT DURCHLESEN. JEDES TEIL IST NUMERIERT. KLEINE TEILE ANSTREICHEN BEVOR SIE VOM RAHMEN ENTFERNT WERDEN. FARBEN GUT TROCKNEN. ERST DANN DEN ZUSAMMENBAU FORTSETZEN. CHROM UND FARBE AN DEN KLEBEFLÄCHEN ENTFERNEN. PLASTIKTEILE IN EINER MILDEN WASCHMITTELLÖSUNG REINIGEN UND AN DER LUFT TROCKNEN, DAMIT FARBE U. ABZIEHBILDER BESSER HAFTEN.

FRANCAIS: EXAMINER LES SCHEMAS D'ASSEMBLAGE AVANT DE COMMENCER LA CONSTRUCTION. UN NUMERO IDENTIFIE CHAQUE PIECE DE PLASTIQUE POUR PLUS DE FACILITE. PEINDRE LES PETITES PEICES SUR LE SUPPORT AVANT DE LES ENLEVER. LAISSER LA PEINTURE SECHER VOMPLETEMENT AVANT DE CONTINUER L'ASSEMBLAGE DU KIT. GRATTER LE CHROME OU LA PEINTURE SUR LES SURFACE A COLLER. LAYER LE PLASTIQUE DANS UNE SOLUTION DE DETERGENT LEGERE. RINCER ET LAISSER SECHER A L'AIR POUR UNE MEILLEURE ADHERENCE DE LA PEINTURE ET DES DECALS.

NEDERLANDS: BESTUDEER DE MONTAGE TEKENINGEN, VOORDAT U MET BOUWEN BEGINT. VOOR UW GEMAK, IDENTIFICEERT EEN NUMMER ELK PLASTIC DEEL. VERF KLEINE DEELTJES OP KIBOOM VOORDAT U ZE VERWYDERD. LAAT VERF GRONDIG DROGEN VOORDAT U DE MONTAGE VAN HET MODEL VOORTZET. SCHRAP CHROOM OF VERF VAN HET GEDEELTE DAT GELYMD WORDT. WAS PLASTIC MET EEN ZACHT ZEEP. SPOEL AF, EN LAAT IN LUCHT DROGEN, ZODAT VERF EN DECAL BETER PLAKKEN.

SVENSKA: HOPSÄTTNINGSSKISSEN BÖR GRANSKAS INNAN IGÅNGÅTTANDE AV BYGGANDET. ETT NUMMER IDENTIFIKERAS VARJE PLASTDEL FÖR DIN EGEN BEKVÄMLIGHET. MALA DE SMA BITARNA DIREKT PÅ FARAN INNAN DE TAS BORT. LÅT FARGEN TORKA GRUNDLIGT INNAN FORTSATT BYGGANDE. SKRAPA AV KROMEN ELLER MALA PÅ DELARNA SOM SKALL KLISTERAS. TVÄTTA PLASTEN I MILD TVÄTTMEDELÖSNING. SKOJ OCH LUFTTORKA FÖR BÄTTRE FASTANDE AV FARG OCH DEKALER.

ESPAÑOL: DIBUJOS DE ENSAMBLAJE DEBEN SER REPASADOS ANTES DE SEGUIR CON LA CONSTRUCCION. UN NUMERO IDENTIFICA CADA PARTE DEL PLASTICO PARA SU CONVENIENCIA. PINTE PARTES PEQUEÑAS DEL KIT ANTES DE QUITARLAS. DEJE SECAR BIEN LA PINTURA ANTES DE SEGUIR EL ENSAMBLAJE. RASPE EL CROMO O LA PINTURA DEL SITIO ANTES DE SER PEGADO. LAVE EL PLASTICO EN UNA SOLUCION SUAVE DETERGENTE, ENJUAGUE, Y DEJE SECAR EN EL AIRE PARA MEJOR ADHESION DE LA PINTURA Y CALCOMANIA.

ITALIANO: I DISEGNI DELL'ASSEMBLAGGIO DOVREBBERO ESSERE RICONTROLLATI PRIMA DI INIZIARE IL MONTAGGIO. OGNI PEZZO E IDENTIFICATO DA UN NUMERO PER VOSTRA MAGGIORE COMODITA'. VERNICIARE LE PARTI PICCOLE SULLA GUIDA DI SCORRIMENTO PRIMA DE TOGLIERLE. LASCIAR ASCIUGARE LA VERNICE PRIMA DI CONTINUARE IL MONTAGGIO. RASCHIAR LA PITTURA O IL CROMO DALLE PARTI CHE DEVONO ESSERE INCOLLATE. LAVARE I PEZZI DI PLASTICA CON UN DETERGENTE NON TROPPO FORTE, SCIACQUARE E LASCIAR ASCIUGARE AFFINCHÉ VERNICE E DECALCOMANIE ADERISCANO MEGLIO.



GLUE
KLEBEN
COLLE
LUM
KLISTER
PEGA
COLLA



NO GLUE REQUIRED
KEIN KLEBER NOTWENDIG
LA COLLE N'EST PAS NECESSAIRE
GEEN LIJM NODIG
INGET KLISTER BEHOVS
NO NECESITA PEGA
NON C'E BISOGNO DI COLLA



DO IT THIS MANY TIMES
ANZAHL DER ARBEITSGÄNGE
LE FAIRE CE NOMBRE DE FOIS
DOE HET ZOVEEL KEER
GJOR DET SA MANGA GANGER
FATELO TU'ITE QUESTA VOLTE
HAGALO ESTA CANTIDAD DE VECES



OPTIONAL
WAHLWEISE
FACULTATIF
NAAR KEUZE
VALFRI
FACOLTATIVO
OPCIONAL



APPLY DECALS
ABZIEHBILDER ANBRINGEN
COLLER LES DECALCOMANIES
BRENG PLAKPLAATJES AAN
SATT PA DEKALERNA
APPLICARE LE DECALOMANIE (ADESIVI)
APLICAR CALCAS



SHOWN ASSEMBLED
ABBILDUNG ZUSAMMENGEBAUTER TEILE
VU ASSEMBLE
GEMONTEERD GETOOND
VISAD IHOPSÄTTNING
MOSTRADO ARMADO
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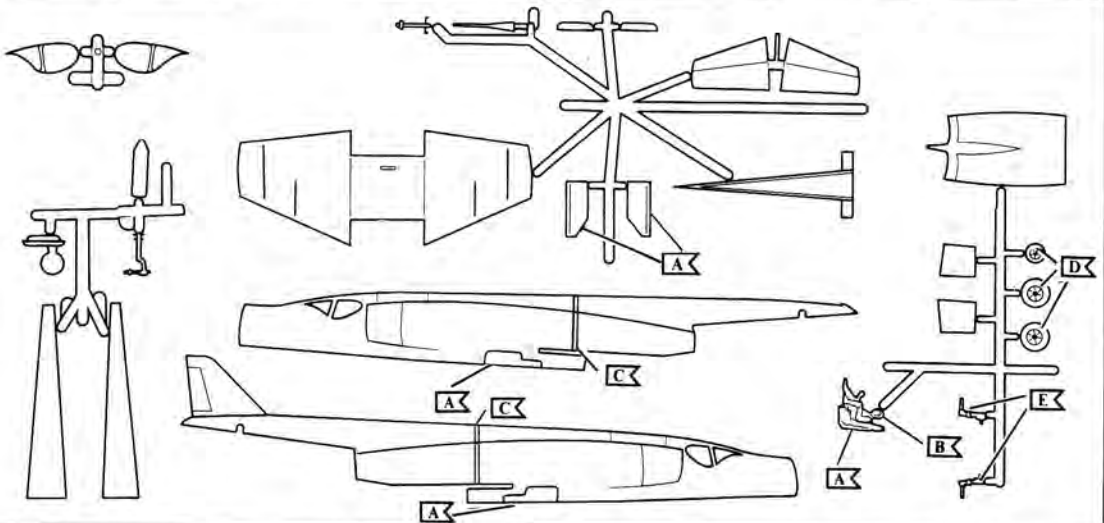


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KLART
VIA LEBERA
TRANSPARENTE



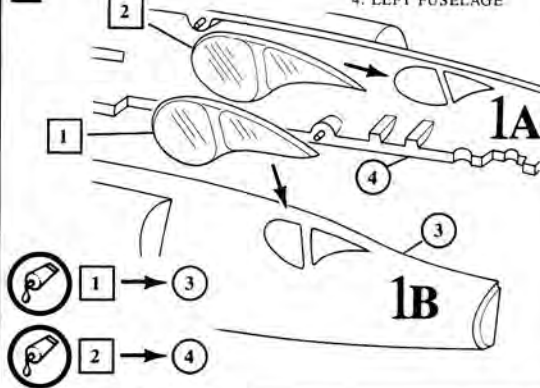
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C	RED 330	ROT	ROUGE	ROOD	ROD	ROJO	ROSSO
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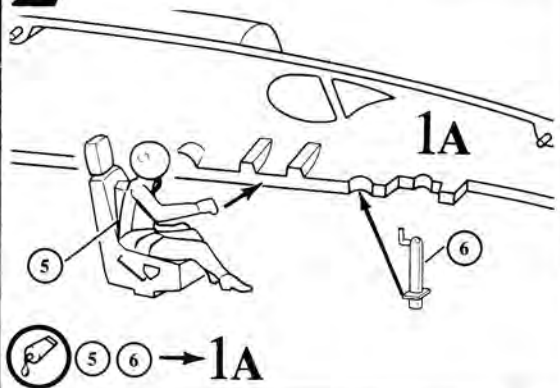
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1. RIGHT CLEAR CANOPY
2. LEFT CLEAR CANOPY
3. RIGHT FUSELAGE
4. LEFT FUSELAGE



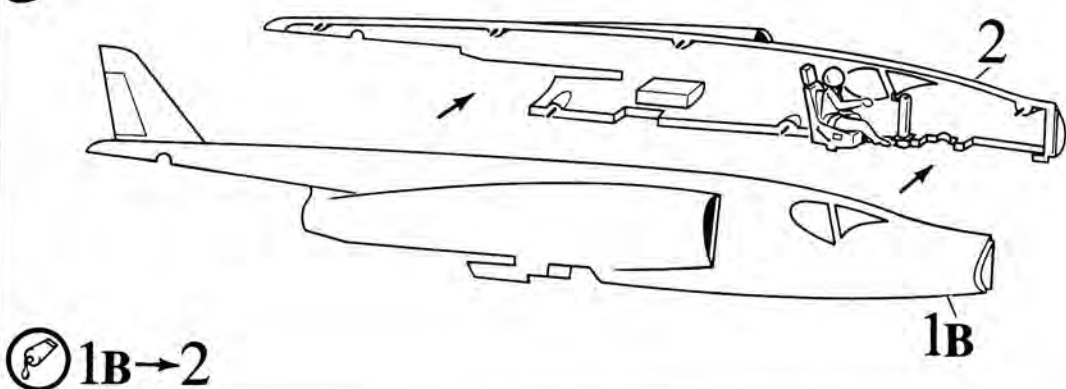
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5. PILOT
6. CONTROL STICK

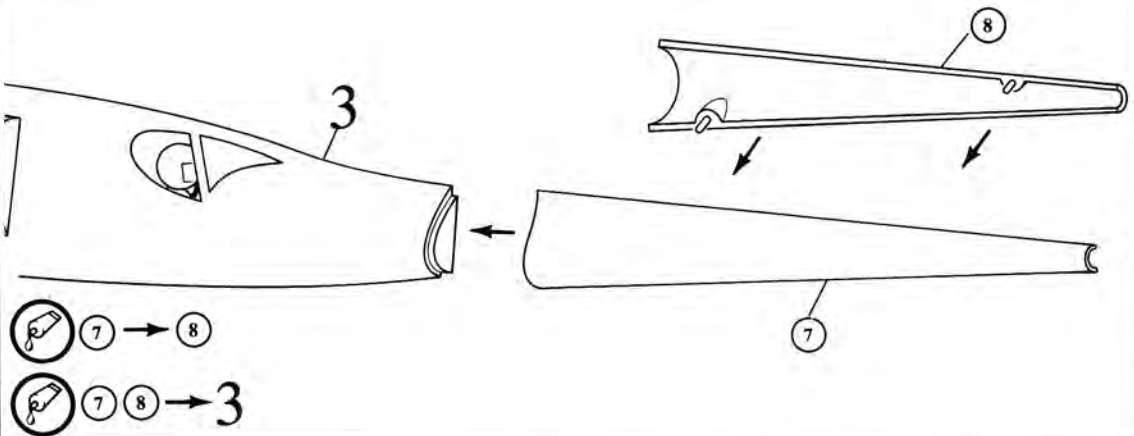


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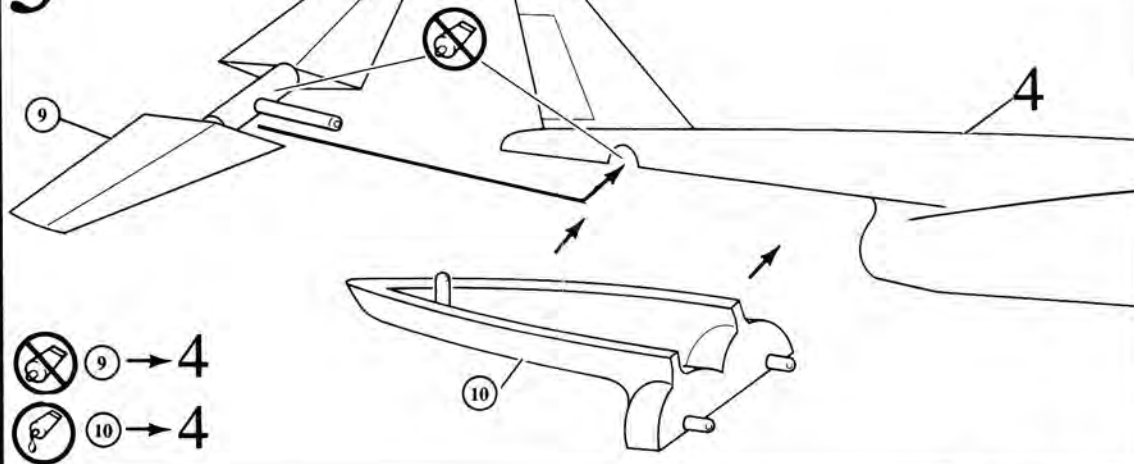
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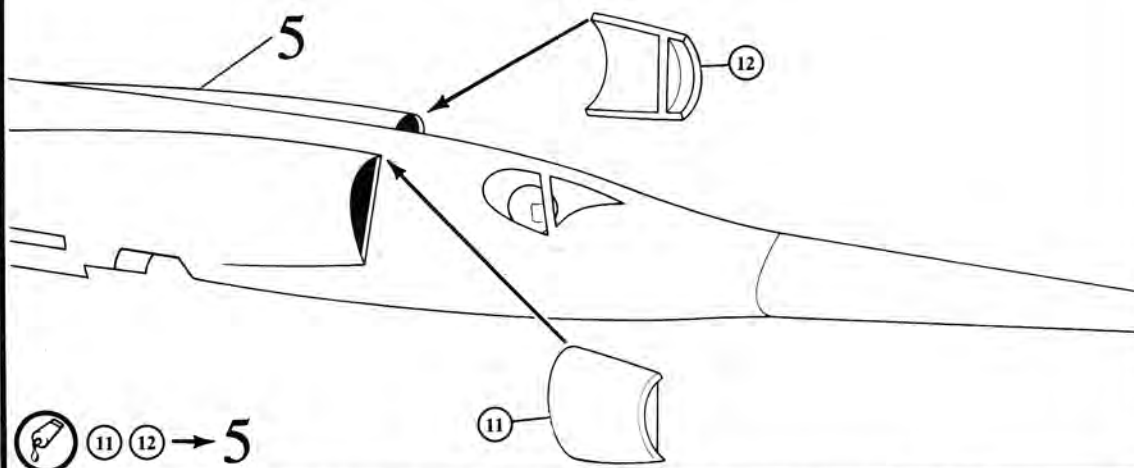
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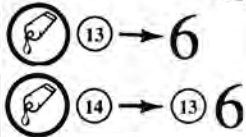
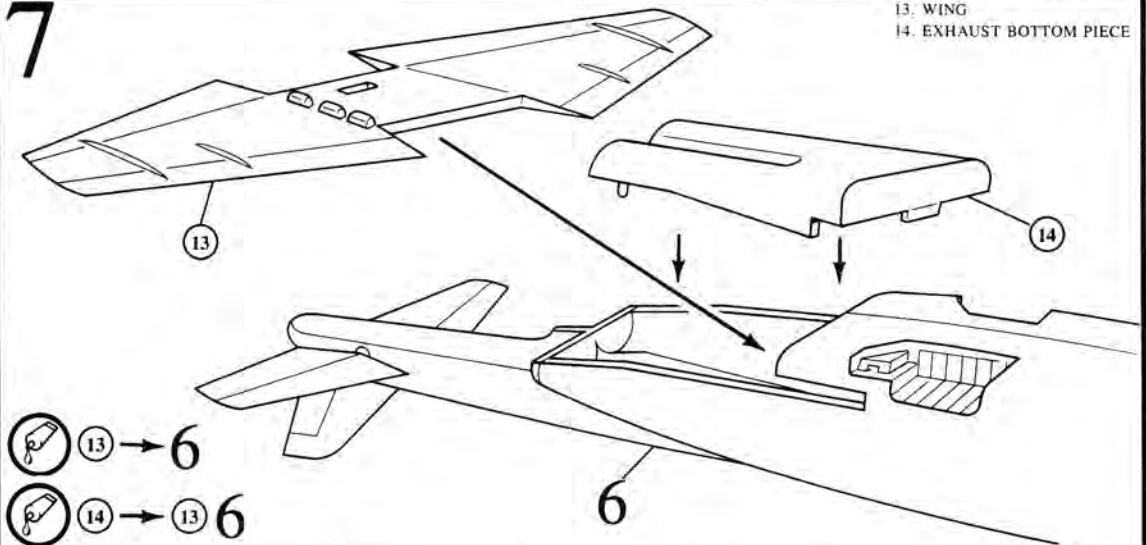
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9. HORIZONTAL STABILIZER
10. EXHAUST SHIELD

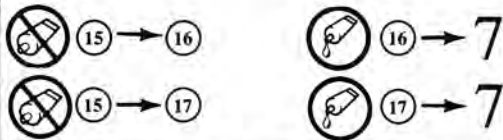
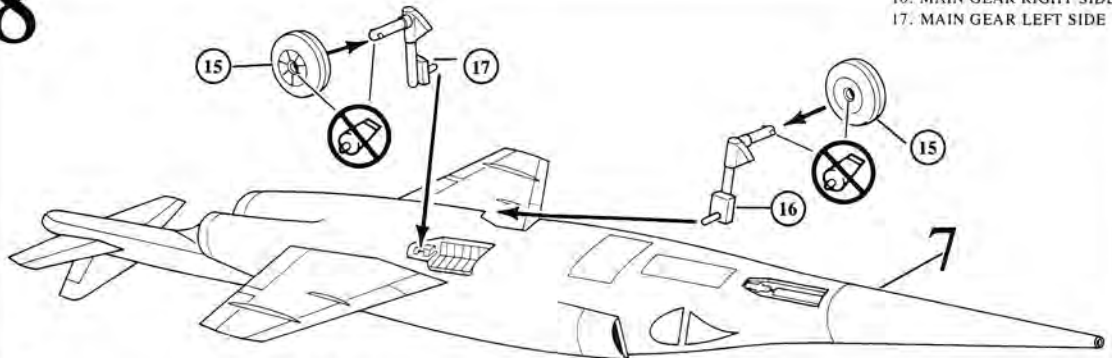
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12. LEFT INTAKE CAP

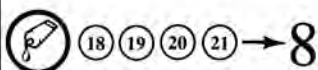
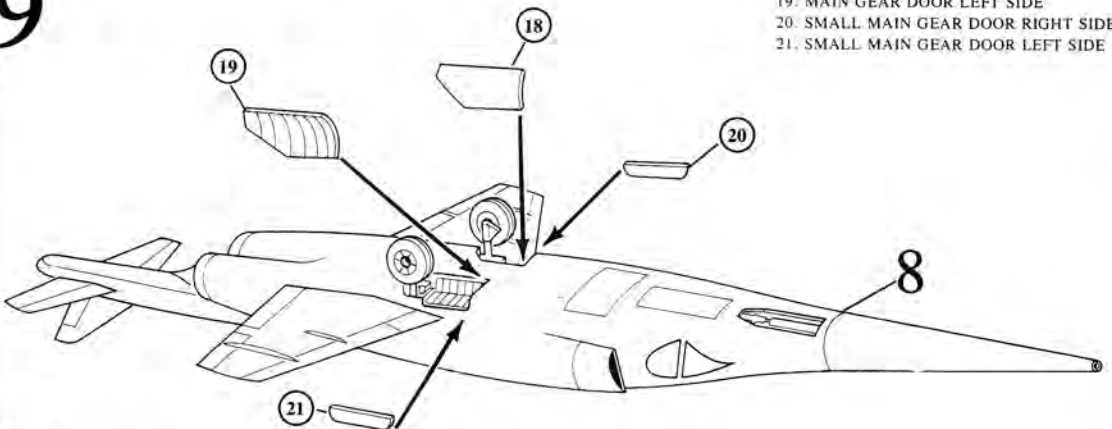
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13. WING
14. EXHAUST BOTTOM PIECE

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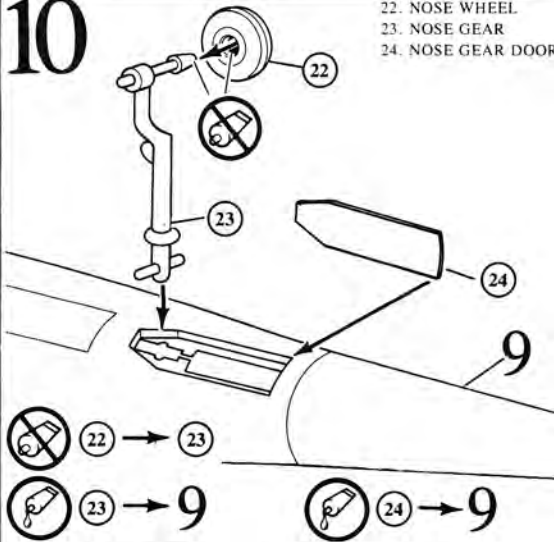
15. MAIN GEAR WHEEL
16. MAIN GEAR RIGHT SIDE
17. MAIN GEAR LEFT SIDE

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18. MAIN GEAR DOOR RIGHT SIDE
19. MAIN GEAR DOOR LEFT SIDE
20. SMALL MAIN GEAR DOOR RIGHT SIDE
21. SMALL MAIN GEAR DOOR LEFT SIDE

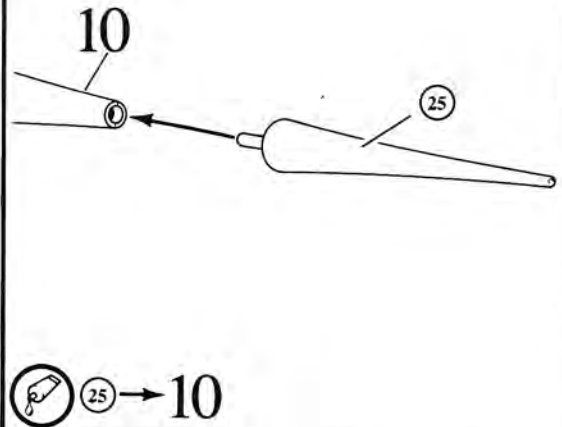
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22. NOSE WHEEL
23. NOSE GEAR
24. NOSE GEAR DOOR

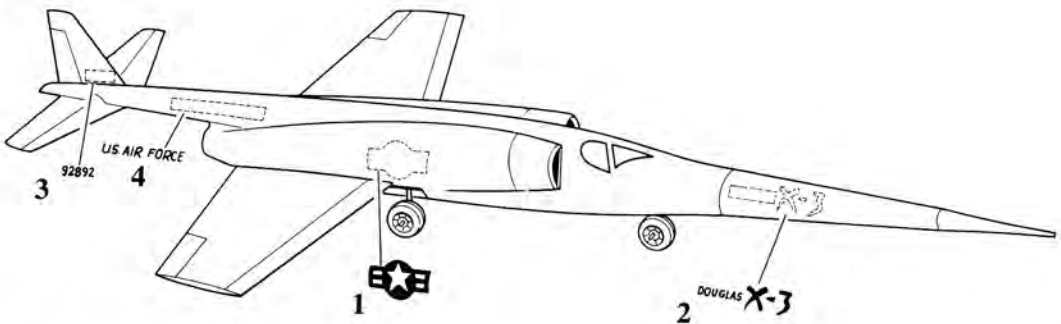


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25. NOSE CONE



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