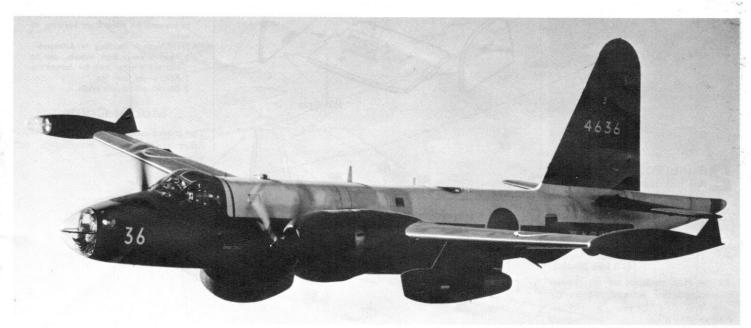
LOCKHEED NEPTUNE P-2H(P2V-7) NEPTUNE

1/72 Scale Series





History

The original model of this anti-submarine patrol plane for a long range was first designed in 1944, with its successful maden flight on May 17, 1945. Until now it has been the front line patrol plane, and through the numerous and major improvements it was very active in many countries.

The P-2H (P2V-7) was the last model, appearing in 1954. In 1946, the original XP2V-1 patrol plane set a world record on long distance rectilineal flight and was considered as one of the masterpieces of that time. Because of the advancement on the submarines and antisubmarine warfare, this plane was mainly used for submarine patrol. The long magnetic detector (MAD) is extended to the back of the fuselage, mammoth radar dome below the fuselage, ECM, wing tip with 70 thousand candle power searchlight, sonar buoy, the bomb bay loaded with torpedo, bombs, rockets for submarine attack. This plane is able to patrol for many hours, from 12 to 18 hours, without refueling. The 20% wing thickness manifests satisfactory aerodynamical efficiency, and by the device on the horizontal stabilizer, the half of which is movable, it maintains proper maneuvability during the speed and gravity change of a wide range.

After the Model 5, two J34 jet engines (fuel identical to the main engine) were installed, to improve the take-off and landing perform-



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ance and to elevate the speed during the fight action and furthermore to increase its stability. Because of its special type of duty, the demand for greater cruising range and all weather performance, these equipments and crew facilities were well established. But on the other hand the high altitude performance was not up to expectation. This plane was the main force for the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force for anti-submarine patrol. With the P2V-7 as the nuclear, it was remodeled to equip with the latest anti-submarine





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enlarged and the engine replaced with the turbo-prop. The 4 blades propeller was changed to 3 blades one, and the auxiliary engine was changed to the domestic J3-8. In the landing gear the single wheel was changed to dual wheels (smaller size). The shape of the vertical tail and the space area on the rudder became larger. The radar dome became very compact.

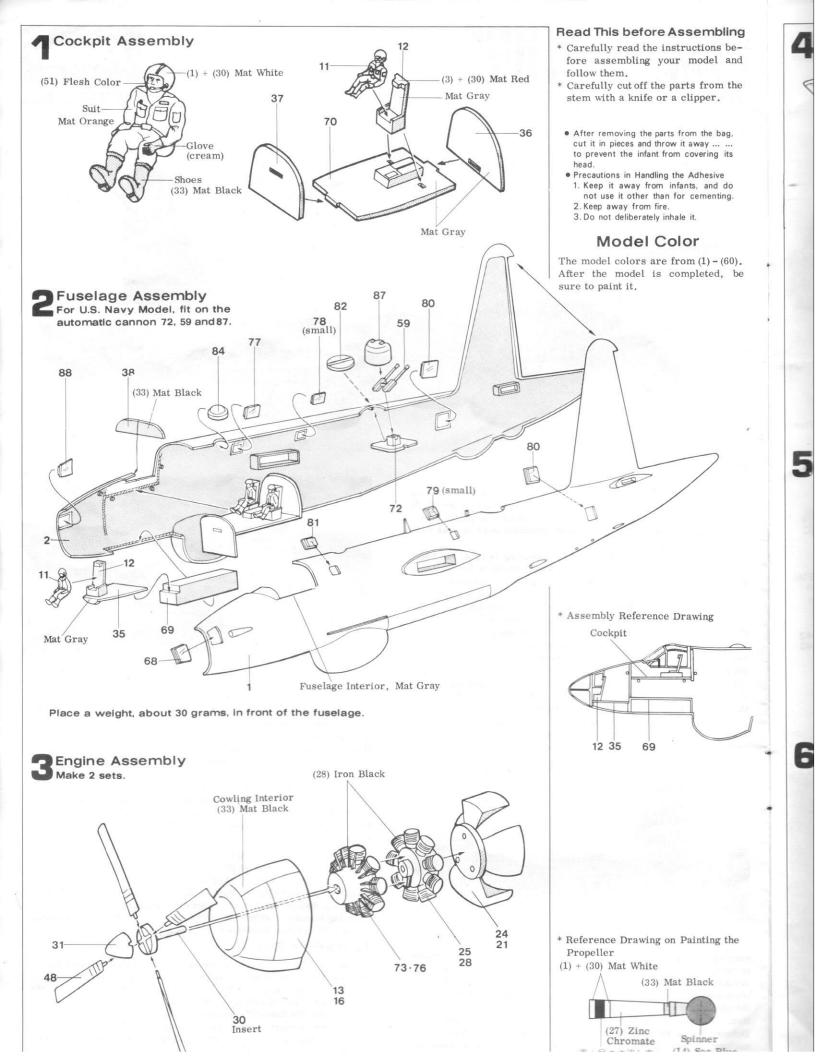
However, rather than the outer appearance the more important point was the change on the anti-submarine armaments, the P-2J was equipped with the modern ones. The engine output became smaller than the P2V, but with its remodeling the entire weight became 4.5 tons lighter and performance increased considerably. Until the next jet anti-submarine plane PX-L is completed, this P2V-7 will still be the major force for the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force.

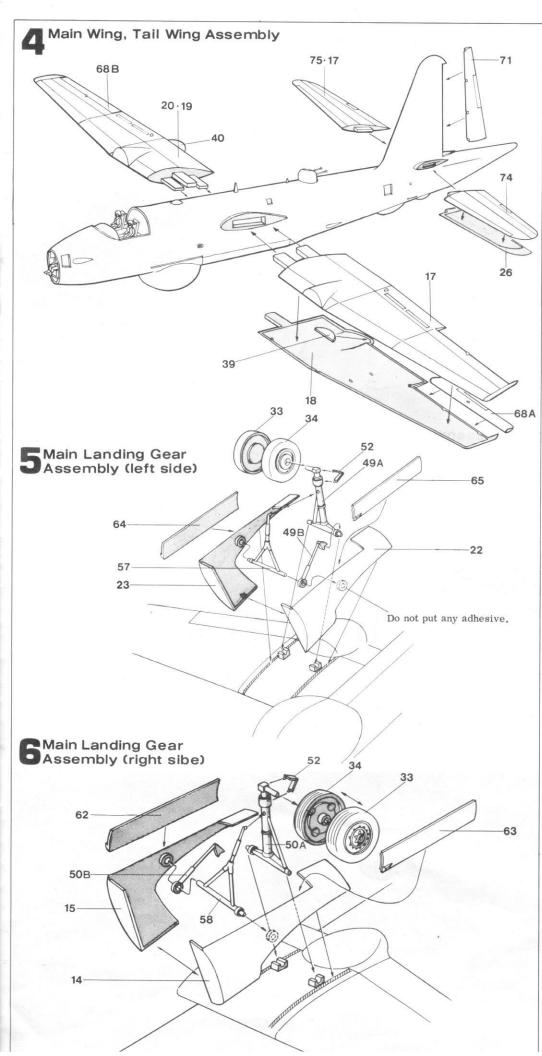
Data

Engine: Right R-3350-32WA, 3,750Hp x 2 + Westinghouse J34WE, 1,542kg. x 2 / Overall Width: 30.89m / Overall Length: 27.94m / Overall Height: 8.94m / Wing Area: 92.9m² / Dead Weight: 30,618kg. / Rate of Climb from Sea Level: 770m/min. Maximum Speed: Mach 0.47 / Service Ceiling: 7,620m / Cruising Range: 7,400km / Armament: Torpedo x 4, or 150kg. Bomb x 16, 127mm Rocket x 8

Turbo-Prop Engine

10% of the effective power remains in the injected gas and by the remaining 90% the propeller is powered, which is the principle of the gas turbine engine. The 10% of the effective power, in the injected gas, is utilized in the form of driving force. This engine satisfactory for take-off, because of its great driving force at low speed, but because of the propeller drive it can not deliver the maximum flight speed. Recently this engine has made inroad upon the engine for light planes, because of its low price and economy.







Actual Plane P-2V

Drawing-5

Insert 57 to retainer part on 22 23 (do not cement), and then cement 22, 23.

Cement 49 to the main wing bottom and at the same time cement the assembled engine nacelle 22,23 to the main wing bottom.

Painting Reference

Landing Gear Cover, Interior (1) + (30) Mat White

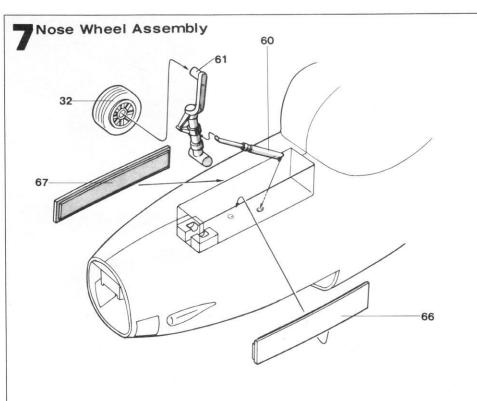
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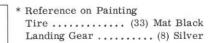
Insert 58 to retainer on 14, 15. (do not cement), and then cement 14, 15.

Cement 50 to the main wing bottom and at the same time cement the assembled engine nacelle 14,15 to the main wing bottom.

Reference Picture of Propeller

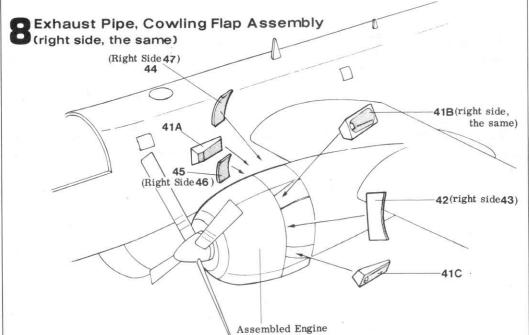




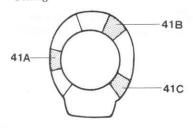




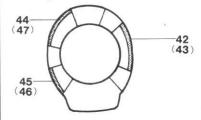
Reference Picture of Searchlight



* Reference Drawing on Exhaust Pipe Fitting



* Reference Drawing on Cowling Flap Fitting



Reference Picture



