



Westland Lysunder Mk. III (SD)

1/72 SCALE MODEL CONSTRUCTION KIT

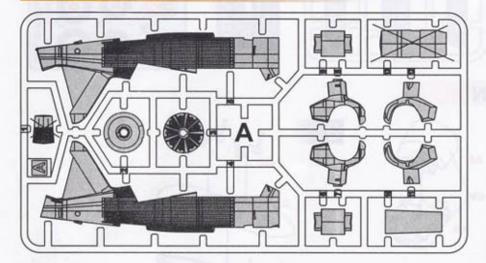
Ready to assemble scale models kit. Contains part for one model. Model length: 129 mm

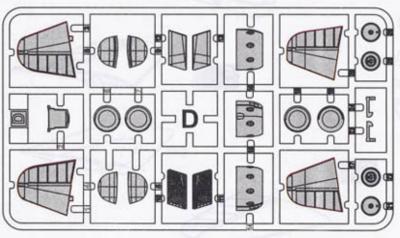
Wingspan: 230 mm Plastic parts: 120 Photoetched parts: 17

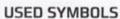
The Westland Lysander (nickname the "Lizzie") is a British army co-operation and liaison aircraft produced by Westland Aircraft used immediately before and during the Second World War. After becoming obsolete in the army co-operation role, the aircraft's exceptional short-field performance enabled clandestine missions using small, improvised airstrips behind enemy lines to place or recover agents, particularly in occupied France with the help of the French Resistance. Royal Air Force army co-operation aircraft were named after mythical or historical military leaders; in this case the Spartan admiral Lysander was chosen.

In August 1941 a new squadron, No. 138 (Special Duties), was formed to undertake missions for the Special Operations Executive to maintain clandestine contact with the French Resistance. Among its aircraft were Lysander Mk IIIs, which flew over and landed in occupied France. While general supply drops could be left to the rest of No. 138's aircraft, the Lysander could insert and remove agents from the continent or retrieve Allied aircrew who had been shot down over occupied territory and had evaded capture.[citation needed] For this role the Mk IIIs were fitted with a fixed ladder over the port side to hasten access to the rear cockpit and a large drop tank under the belly.[citation needed] In order to slip in unobtrusively Lysanders were painted matte black overall (some early examples had brown/green camouflaged upper surfaces and later examples had grey/green upper surfaces):[citation needed] operations almost always took place within a week of a full moon, as moonlight was essential for navigation.

PARTS OF THE MODEL



















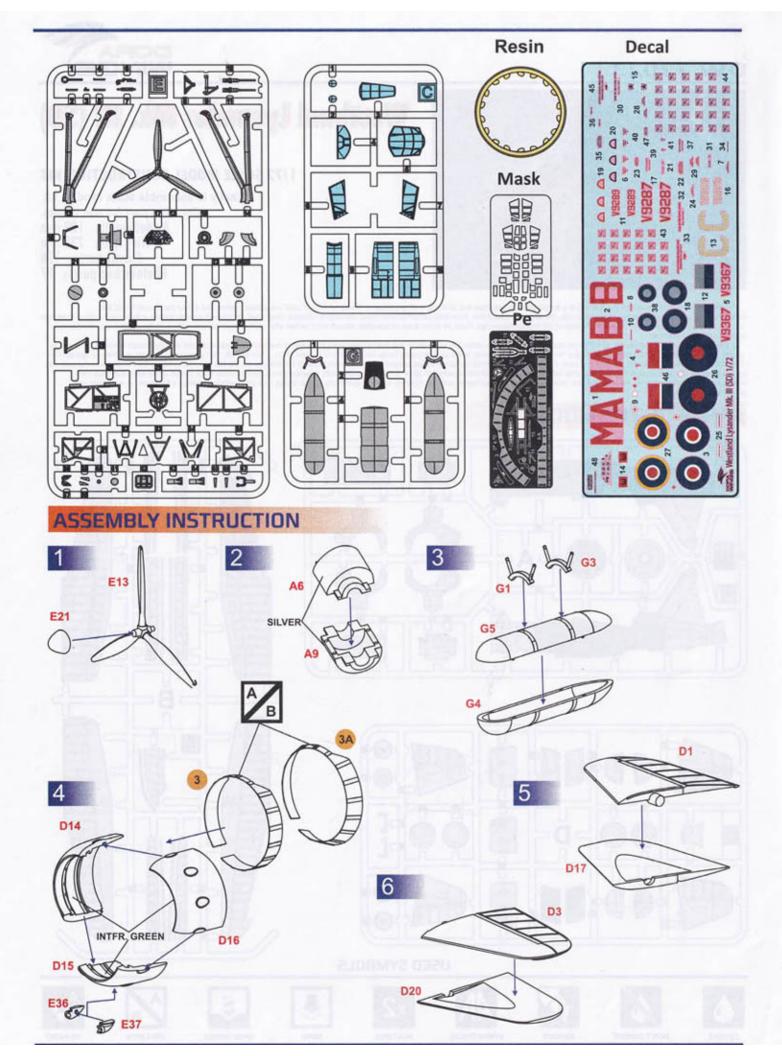


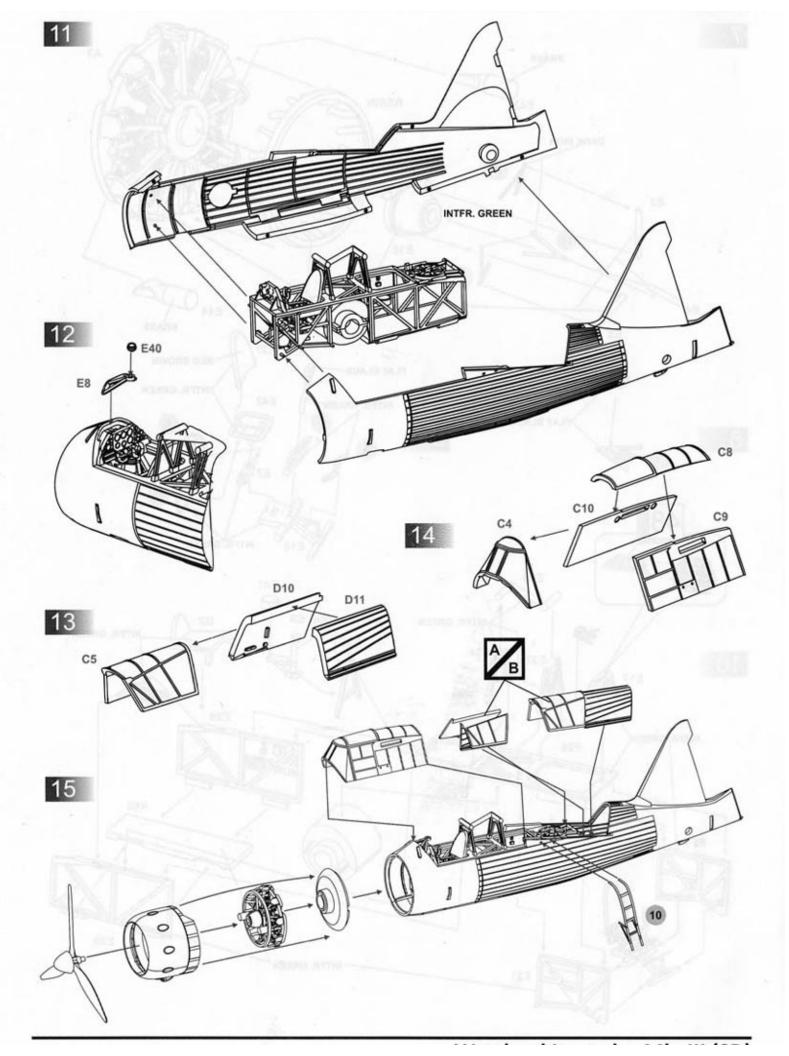


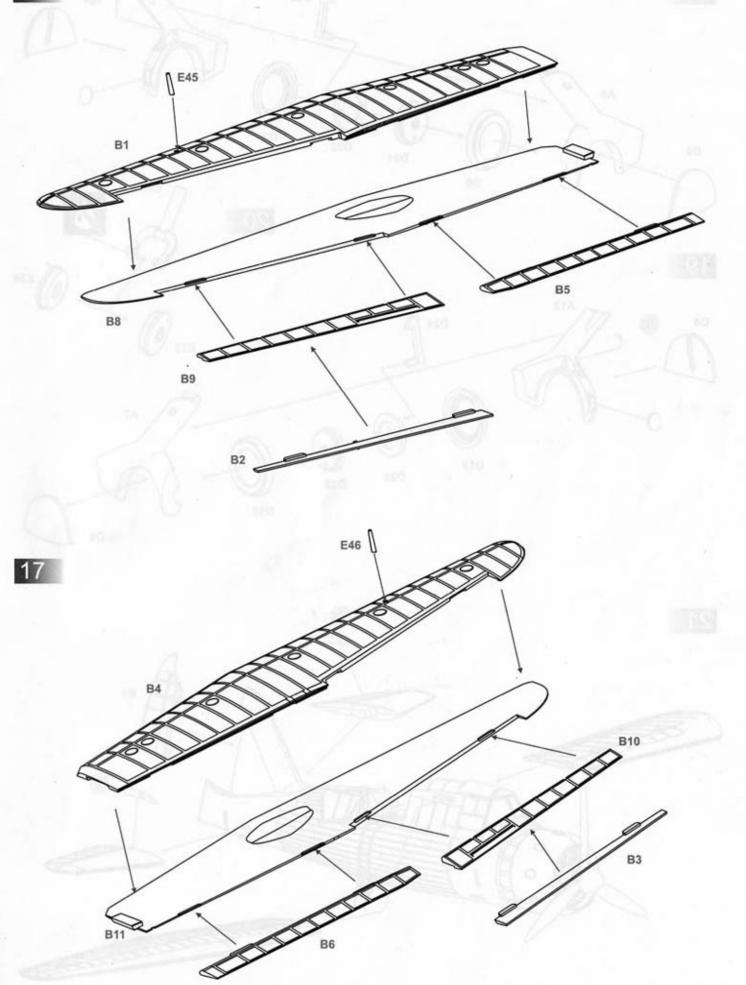


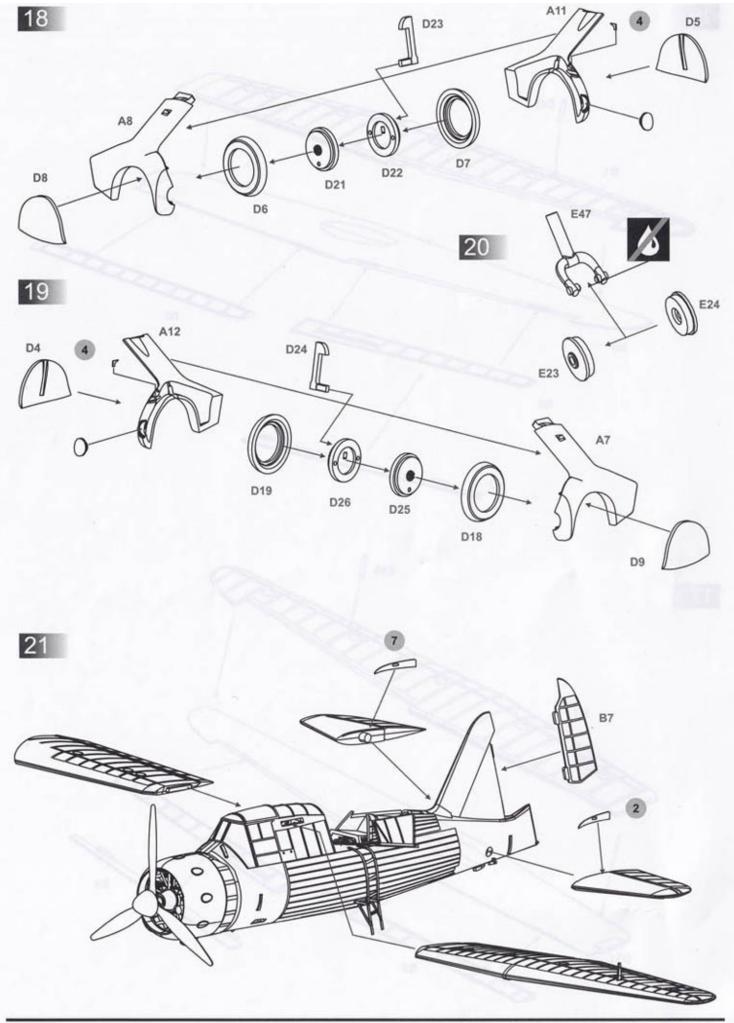


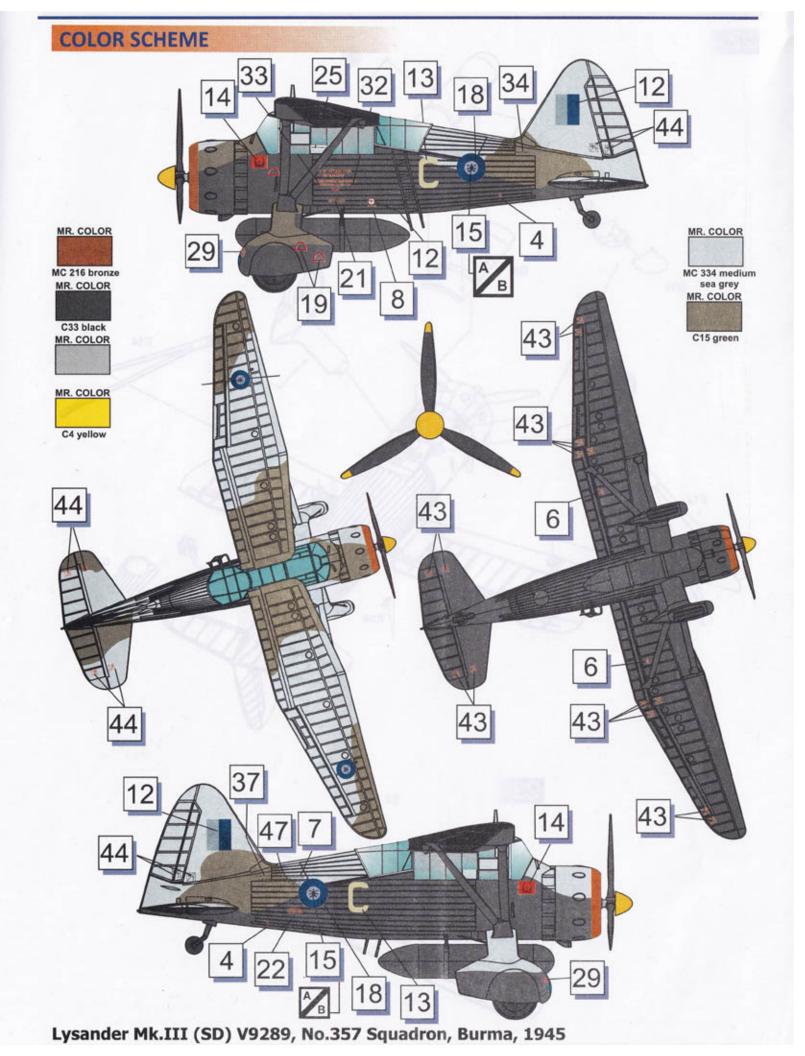
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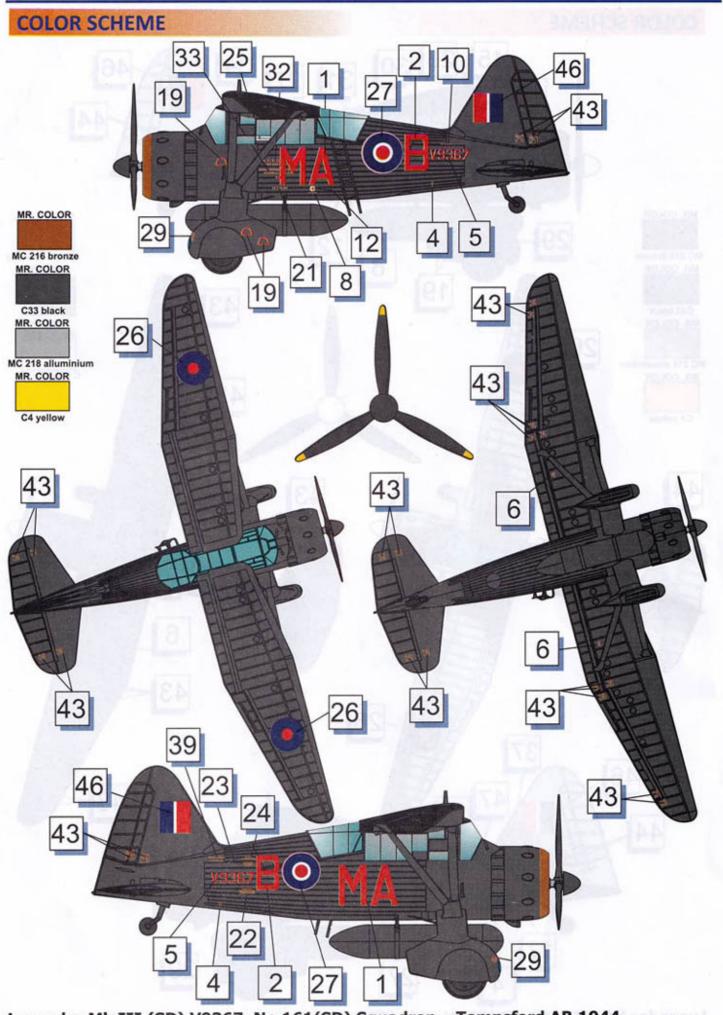




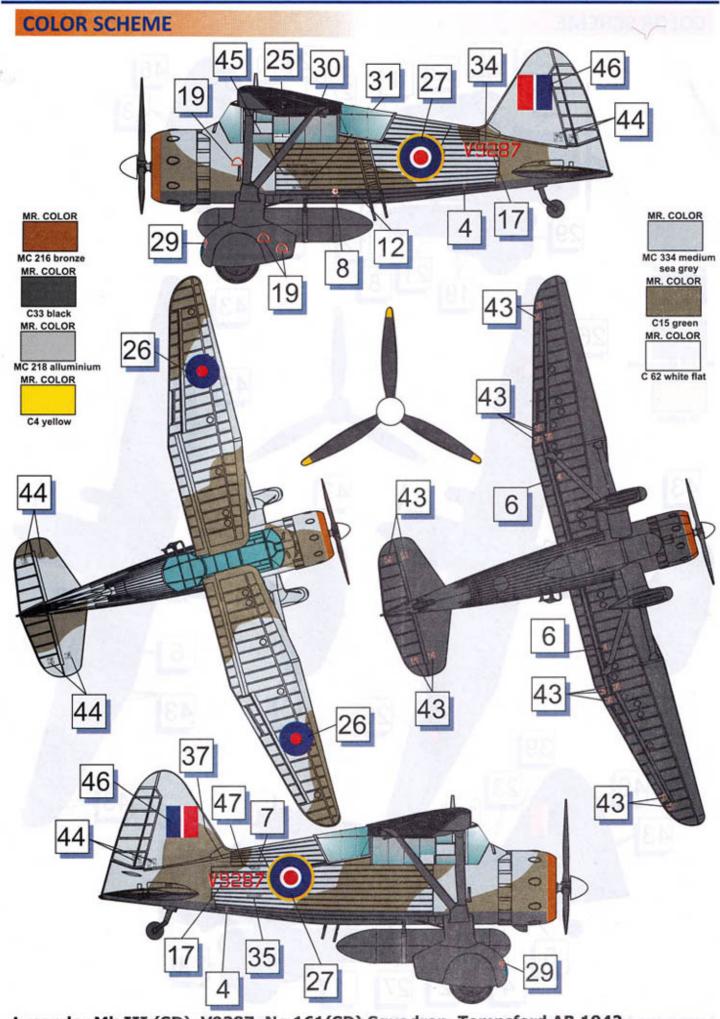








Lysander Mk.III (SD) V9367, No.161(SD) Squadron, Tempsford AB,1944



Lysander Mk.III (SD) V9287, No.161(SD) Squadron, Tempsford AB,1942