

PART I



F-4E PHANTOM II

**FROM THE 388TH TFW AT KORAT, RTAB
CIRCA 1968/69**

ZTZ32/063 - ZTZ48/045



General Note: The planes did not keep one air intake arts for most of their service time in Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base. Such drawings were in fact used during the 1969-1970 time period and removed later from all planes that simply kept the shark mouth and no more other individual markings except crew names. During this time slot, some of the planes were re-allocated within the 388th TFW and occasionally got a different air intake art.

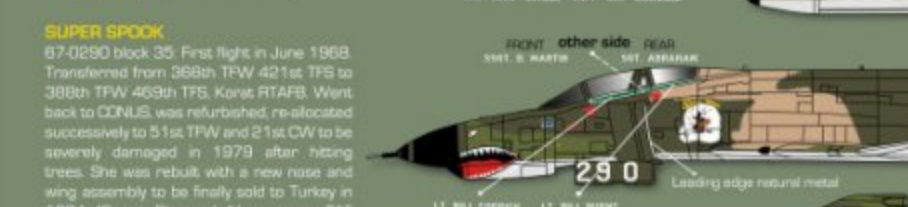


67-0275 block 34 - First flight in May 1968. Transferred to 388th TFW 34th TFS and then 469th TFS, Korat RTAFB, MG killer. On the 12th of September 1972, Lt. Col. Lyle L. Beckers and 1Lt. Thomas M. Griffin shot down a MIG-21 with a combination of AIM-9E Sidewinder and the M-61A1 Vulcan gun. The plane went back to CONUS, was refurbished to be re-allocated successively to 3rd, 50th, 3rd, 4th and 35th TFWs. She was finally transferred to AMARC storage center in September 1989 - up to a move in 2013 to her final location: the Dutch Military Aviation Museum of Soesterberg in the Netherlands.



67-0342 Hinc

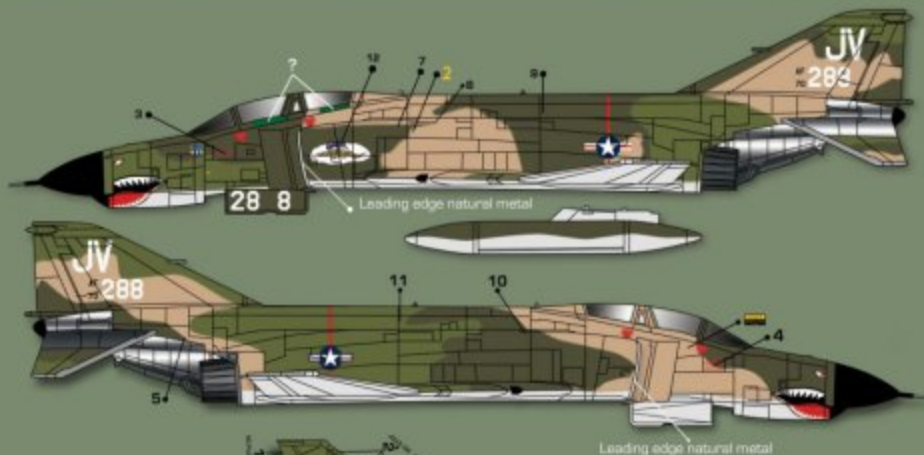
67-0342 block 36: First flight in September 1968. Transferred to 388th TFW 34th TFS, Korat RTAFB. Went back to CONUS, was refurbished, successively re-allocated to 3rd TFW, 28st CW 15th TFS and 4th TFW and finally sold to Turkey in 1984 (Peace Diamond IV program, TAF serial 1342).



67-0371 block 36 : First flight in October 1968. Transferred to 388th TFW 34th TFS and then to 469th TFS, Korat RTAFB. Went back to CONUS, was refurbished, reallocated to 31st TFW and finally sold to Egypt in September 1979 (Peace Pharaoh program serial 7807, used by EAF 22nd fighter Regiment).

67-0208 block 33: First flight in March 1968. Transferred to 388th TFW 34th TFS, Korea RTAFB. Went back to CONUS, was refurbished and re-allocated successively to 3rd TFW, 21st CW and 4th TFW 336th TFS to be finally sold to Turkey in 1984 (Peace Diamond IV program).





GATOR

67-0288 block 35. First flight in June 1968. Transferred to 388th TFW 469th and then to 34th TFS, Korat RTAFB. Used by Colonel Grady Morris [Wing Ops Director] in 1969, Korat RTAFB. The name "Gator" was in fact a 34th TFS flight coil sign already used when the 388th TFW used F-105s. The plane went back to CONUS, was refurbished and re-allocated successively to 21st CW and 35th TFW to be finally transferred to AMARC storage center in October 1989 (at least up to 2008).

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