

on the world speed record. On June 19, 1947, this plane achieved a a sport of 623.8 miles per hour. Some of these modifications were retained in the F-80C, later used in Korean war in ground attack role, being superceeded

F-84 and F-86 in later stages.

In 1947 P-80 changed its name to F-80, beacuse newly independent US/ redesignated F (as fighter) to P (as pursuit).

ockheed built 917 F-80A's and B's, one of which was modified for an atti-

The first unit equipped by P-80 was 412th Fighter Group located on Marc

in autumn 1945.

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P-80A was temporarily grounded. Because of the delay the Shooting Star saw no combat in World War II. Anyway production continued, but in sma

Frederic Borsodi was killed in a crash caused by an engine fire on 28 January 1945, in the cockpit of 44-83026 at RAF Burtonwood, the

performance was very good. The USAAF planned to build the Shooting S large numbers. Four were sent to Europe for operational testing (two to England and two to the 1st Fighter Group at Lesina Airfield, Italy)

but when test pilot Major

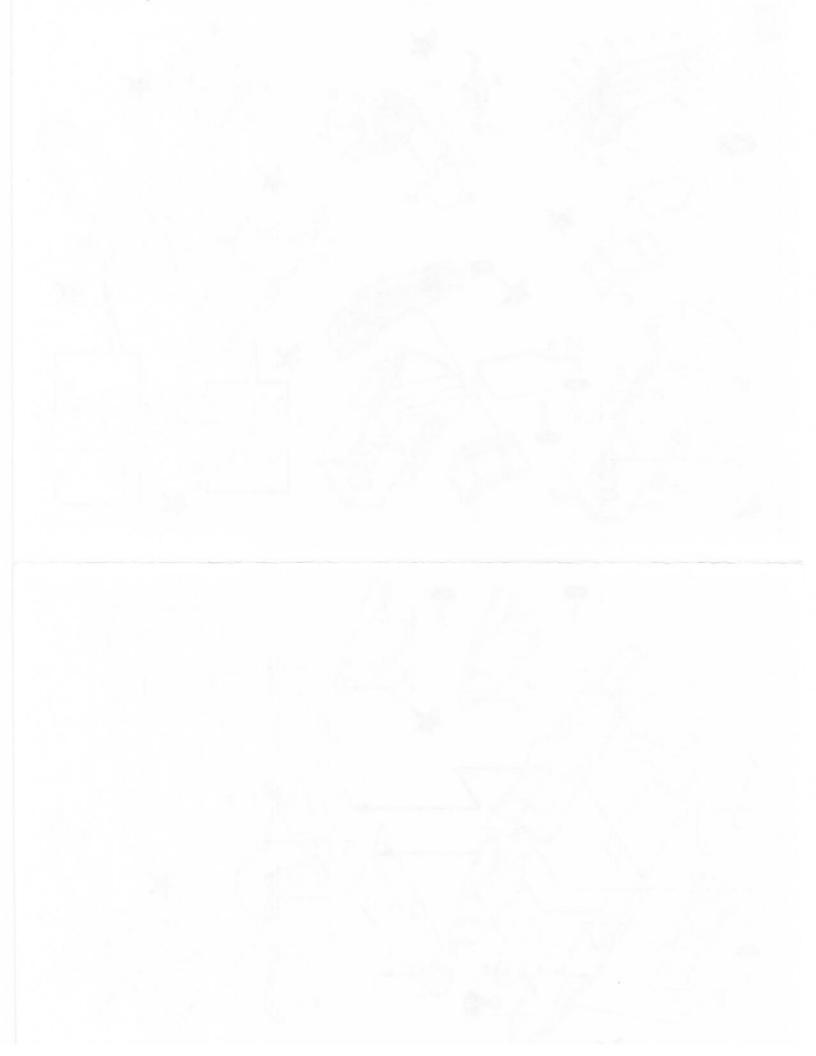
The airplane had its origin in June 1943, when Lockheed was requested t design a fighter around the De Havilland turbojet engine developed in England in response to Germany's twin-engine jet fighter, the Messerschr Me 262. It was flown for the first time on January 8, 1944, and its

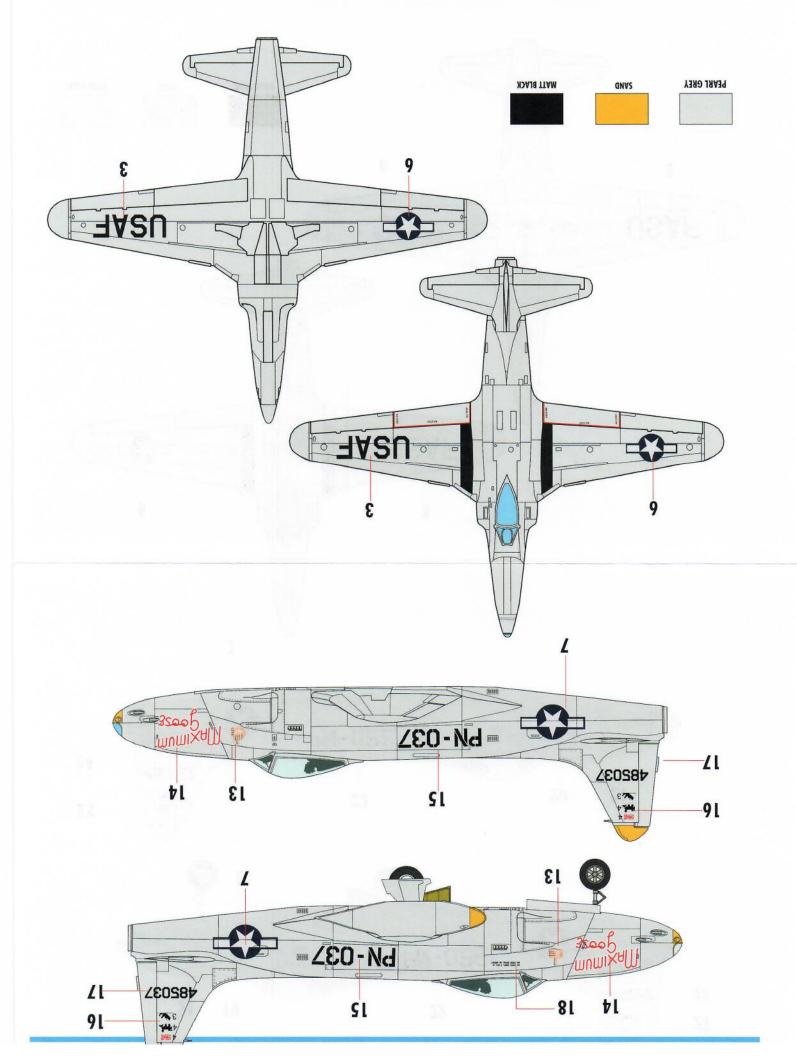


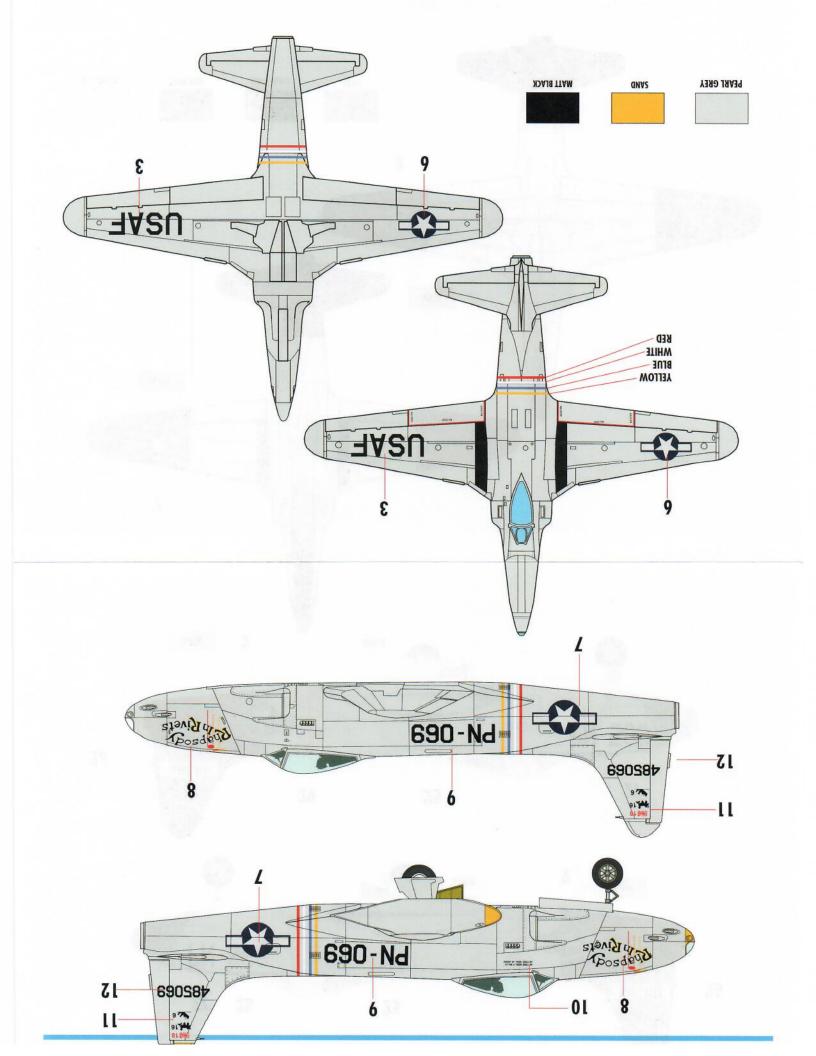


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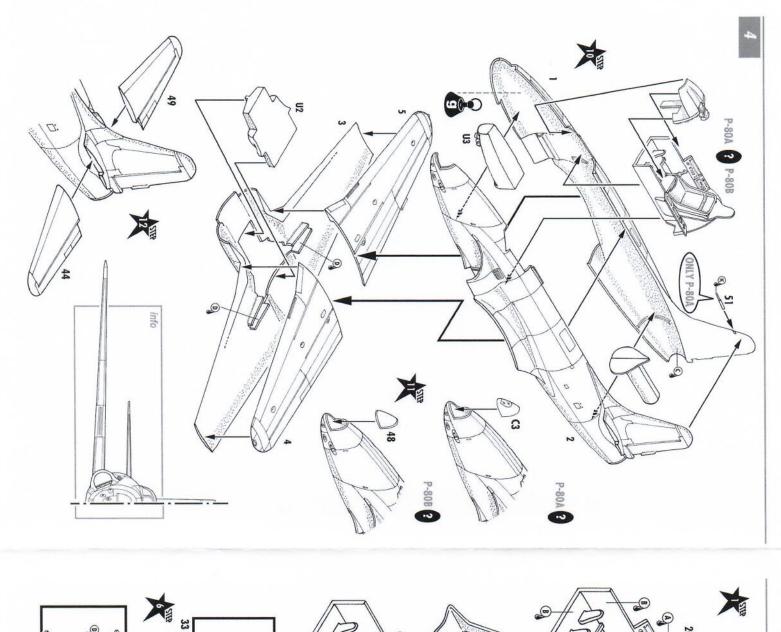


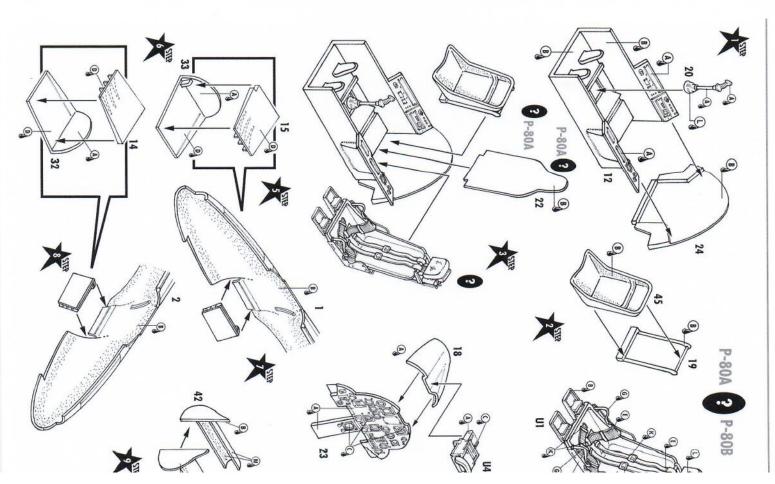






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