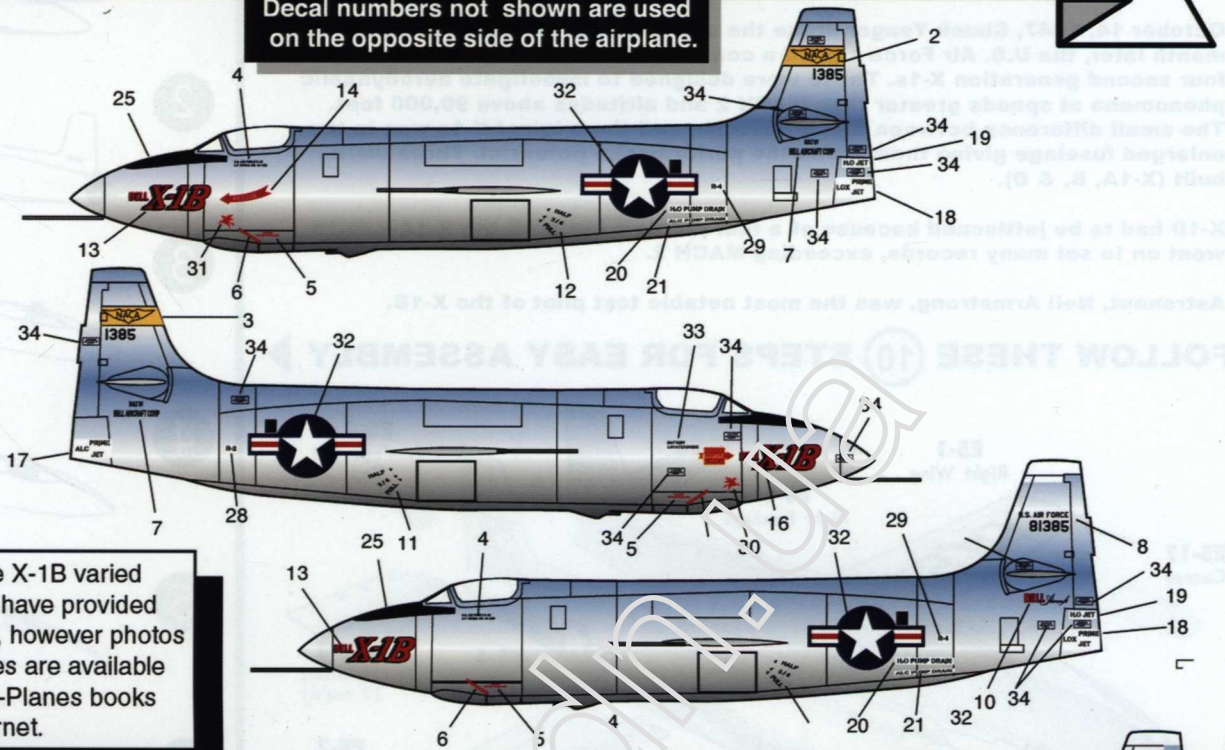
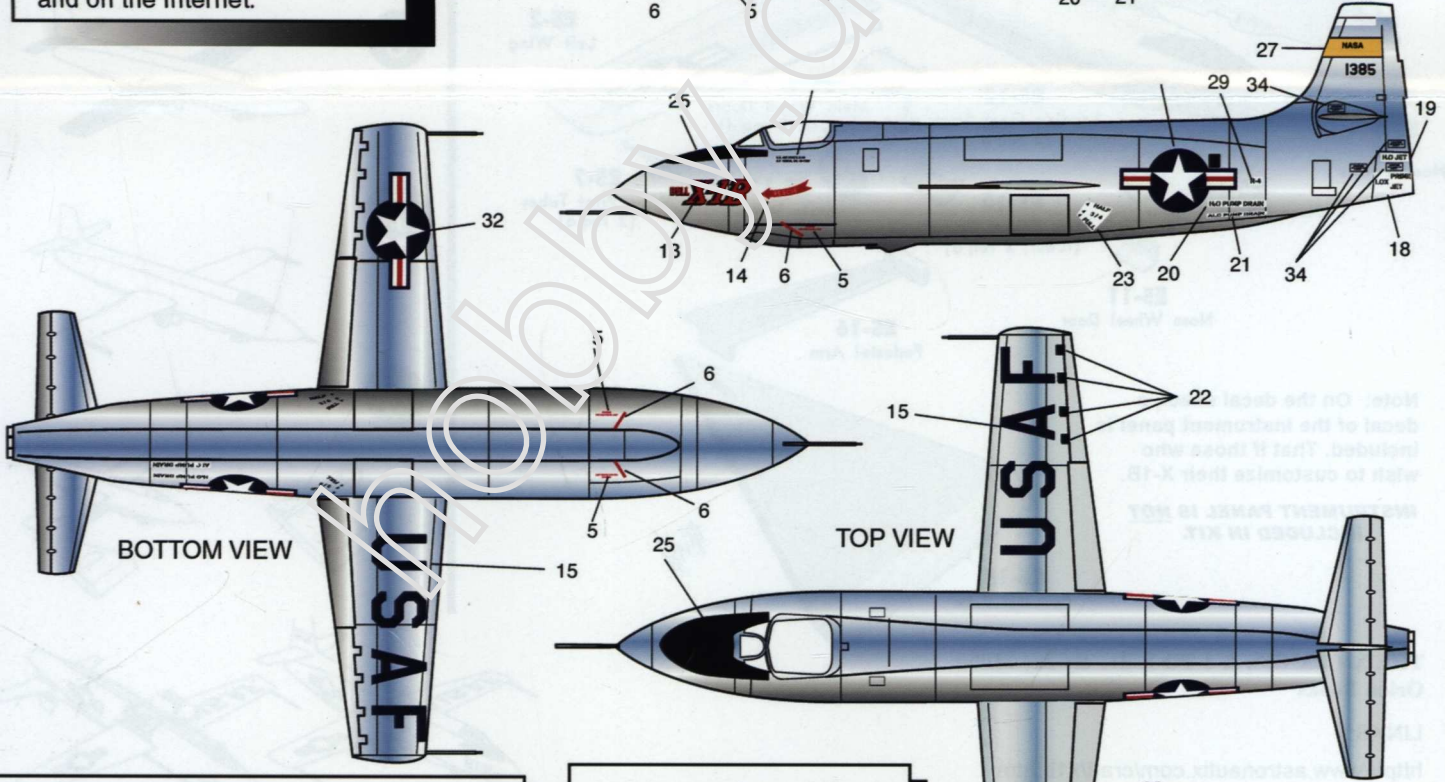




Decal numbers not shown are used on the opposite side of the airplane.




Markings on the X-1B varied extensively. We have provided three examples, however photos of other schemes are available in Jay Miller's X-Planes books and on the Internet.



PAINT COLORS

 **WHITE**
 **ALUMINUM**

An instrument panel decal has been included for those who wish to add more details to their model.

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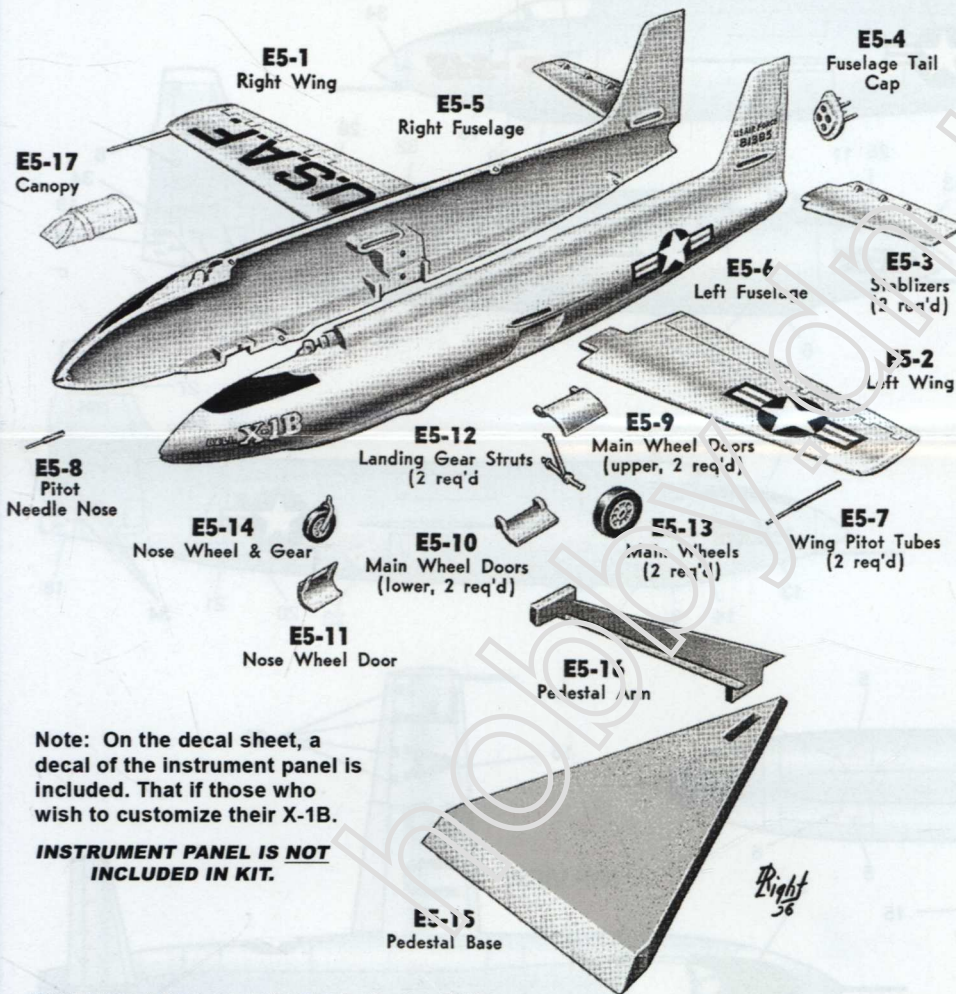
BELL X-1B

October 14, 1947, Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in the X-1. Exactly one month later, the U.S. Air Force signed a contract with Bell Aircraft Company for four second generation X-1s. These were designed to investigate aerodynamic phenomena at speeds greater than MACH 2 and altitudes above 90,000 feet. The small difference between this generation and the original X-1s was in the enlarged fuselage giving them twice the performance potential. Three were built (X-1A, B, & D).

X-1D had to be jettisoned because of a fuel problem but both the X-1A & X-1B went on to set many records, exceeding MACH 2.

Astronaut, Neil Armstrong, was the most notable test pilot of the X-1B.

FOLLOW THESE 10 STEPS FOR EASY ASSEMBLY ▶



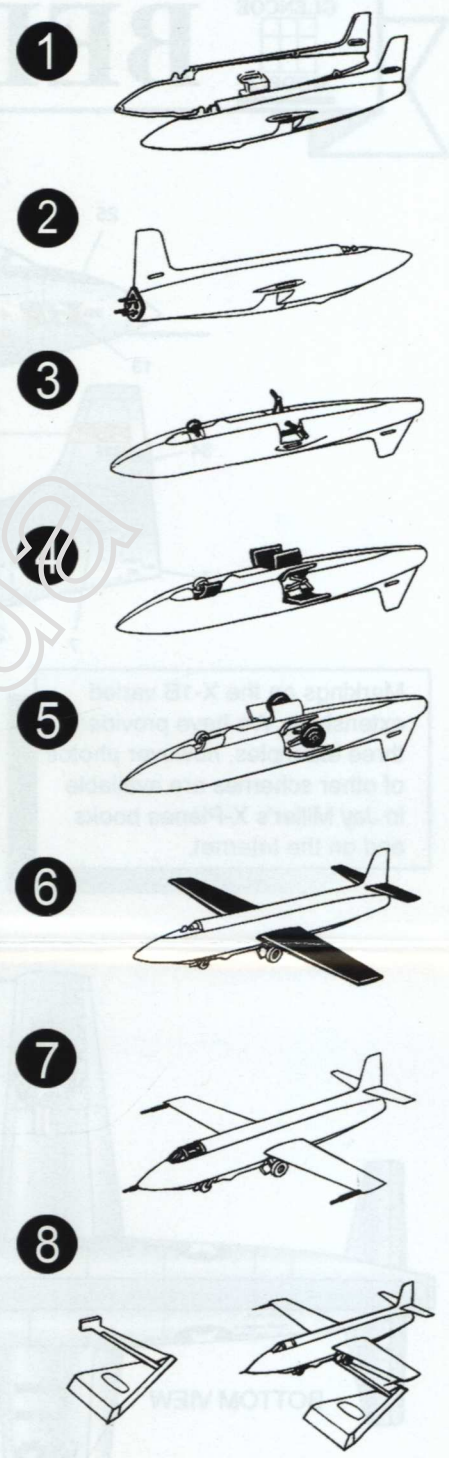
Note: On the decal sheet, a decal of the instrument panel is included. That if those who wish to customize their X-1B.

INSTRUMENT PANEL IS NOT INCLUDED IN KIT.

THE X-PLANES: X-1 TO X-31. By Jay Miller, Orion Books

LINKS:

- <http://www.astronautix.com/craft/x1b.htm>
- <http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=623>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_X-1B_flights
- <http://www.dfrc.nasa.gov/gallery/photo/X-1B/>
- http://www.primeportal.net/hangar/howard_mason3/x-1b/
- <http://svsm.org/gallery/x1b>



9. Apply decals in position shown.
10. To further decorate your model, paint tires black. Paint underside of fuselage (shaded area shown) in white. Before assembling canopy, paint inside area and pilot in color of your choice.