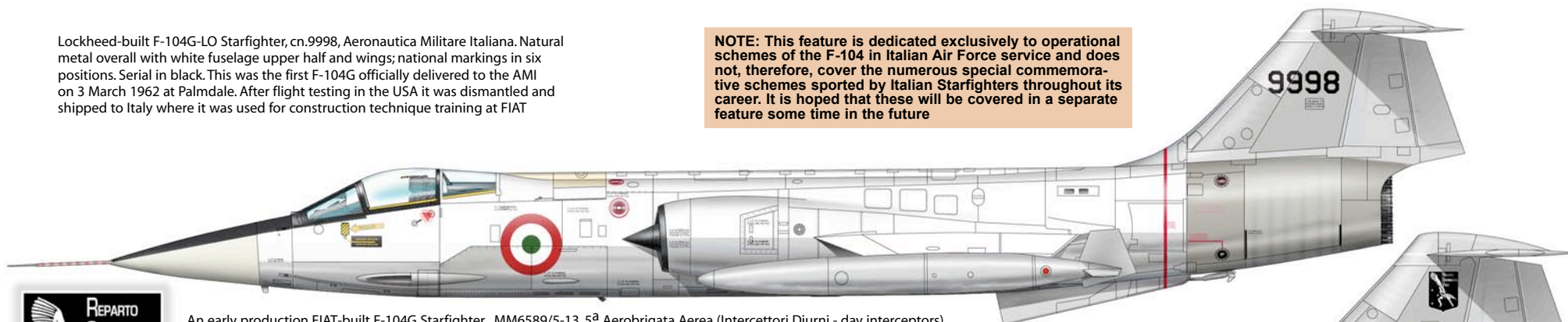
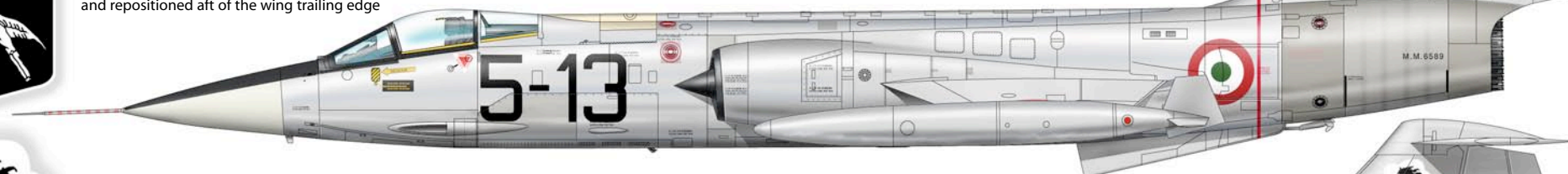


Lockheed-built F-104G-LO Starfighter, cn.9998, Aeronautica Militare Italiana. Natural metal overall with white fuselage upper half and wings; national markings in six positions. Serial in black. This was the first F-104G officially delivered to the AMI on 3 March 1962 at Palmdale. After flight testing in the USA it was dismantled and shipped to Italy where it was used for construction technique training at FIAT

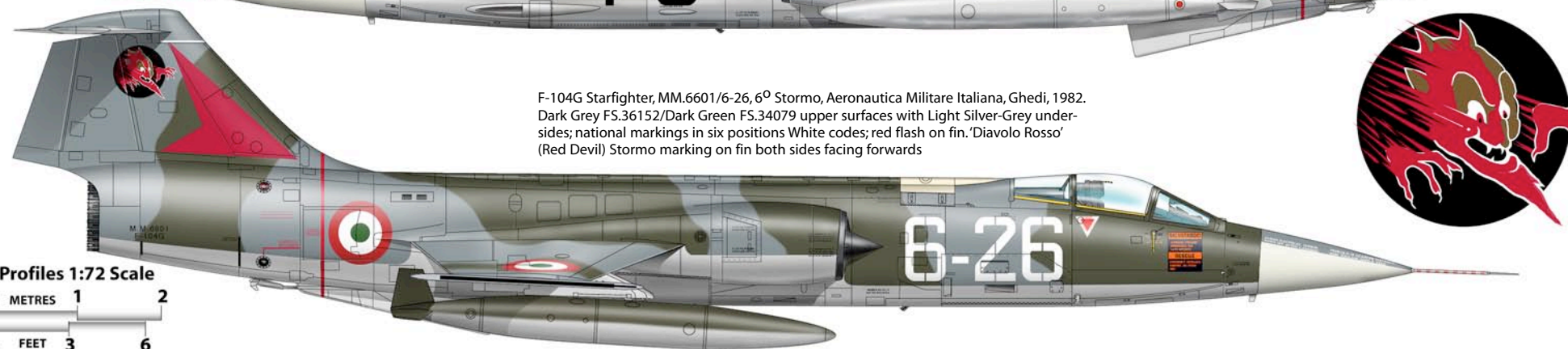
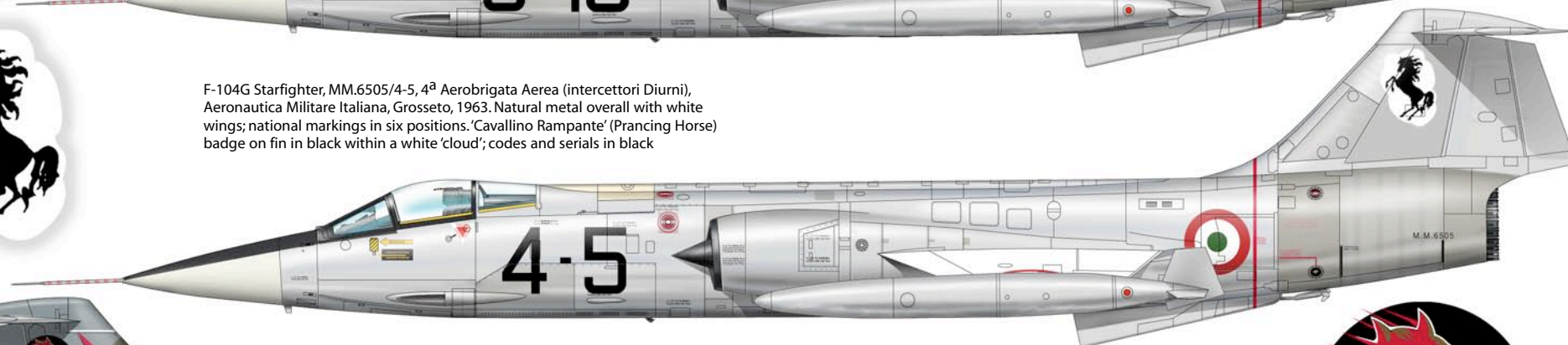
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An early production FIAT-built F-104G Starfighter, MM6589/5-13, 5<sup>a</sup> Aerobrigata Aerea (Intercettori Diurni - day interceptors), Aeronautica Militare Italiana. Natural metal overall with white wings; national markings in six positions. Although carrying unit codes the aircraft carries on its tail the badge of the Reparto Sperimentale Volo (Experimental Flight Unit) in black and white. Note that with the introduction of the F-104G into AMI service and the need to carry unit codes the fuselage roundel was removed from the nose and repositioned aft of the wing trailing edge



F-104G Starfighter, MM.6505/4-5, 4<sup>a</sup> Aerobrigata Aerea (intercettori Diurni), Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Grosseto, 1963. Natural metal overall with white wings; national markings in six positions. 'Cavallino Rampante' (Prancing Horse) badge on fin in black within a white 'cloud'; codes and serials in black



F-104G Starfighter, MM.6601/6-26, 6<sup>o</sup> Stormo, Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Ghedi, 1982. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions White codes; red flash on fin. 'Diavolo Rosso' (Red Devil) Stormo marking on fin both sides facing forwards



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DANGER ELECTRICAL SHOCK  
HANDS OFF AFTER LANDING

PERICOLO DI SCARICHE ELETTRICHE  
NON TOCCARE DOPO IL VOLO

Above: Stencilled warning painted on anti-dazzle panel; yellow lettering is white on all-grey finished Starfighters

F-104G Starfighter, MM.6567/3-02, 132° Gruppo, 3° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Verona-Villafranca, 1986. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. Codes and 'C.E. Buscaglia' on fin in white; Gruppo badge on air intakes. Red flashes on fin leading edges



#### SALVATAGGIO-RESCUE

1. PREMERE IL PULSANTE PER APRIRE LO SPORTELLINO  
2. PER L'ESPULSIONE DEL TETTICOCCO TIRARE LA MANIGLIA A "T" VERSO L'ESTERNO DI MT.18  
1. PUSH BUTTON TO OPEN DOOR  
2. PULL "T" HANDLE OUT 8 FT TO JETTISON CANOPY

Left: Canopy release instructions on nose panel; yellow on black on early machines, orange on black on later camouflaged machines, dark grey on all-grey finished Starfighters

#### AERONAUTICA MILITARE ITALIANA F-104 SERIALS

**F-104G:** 9998, MM.6501-6599; MM.6601, MM.6608-6611; MM.6631

**RF-104G:** MM.6632-6638; MM.6643-6651; MM.6658-6660

**TF-104G:** MM.54226-54237; MM.542550-54261

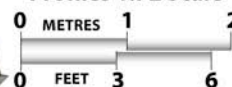
**F-104S:** MM.6658\*, MM.6660\*, MM.6701-6850; MM.6869-6881; MM.6886-6887; MM.6890, MM.6907-6946

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*C.E. Buscaglia*

Below: RF-104G Starfighter, MM.6634/3-31, 28° Gruppo 'Streghe' (Witches), 3° Stormo, Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Verona/Villafranca, 1990. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. Light Blue codes thinly outlined in black; Gruppo badge on engine intakes, Stormo badge on fin. Yellow fin leading edge; C.E. Buscaglia in white on fin (both sides)

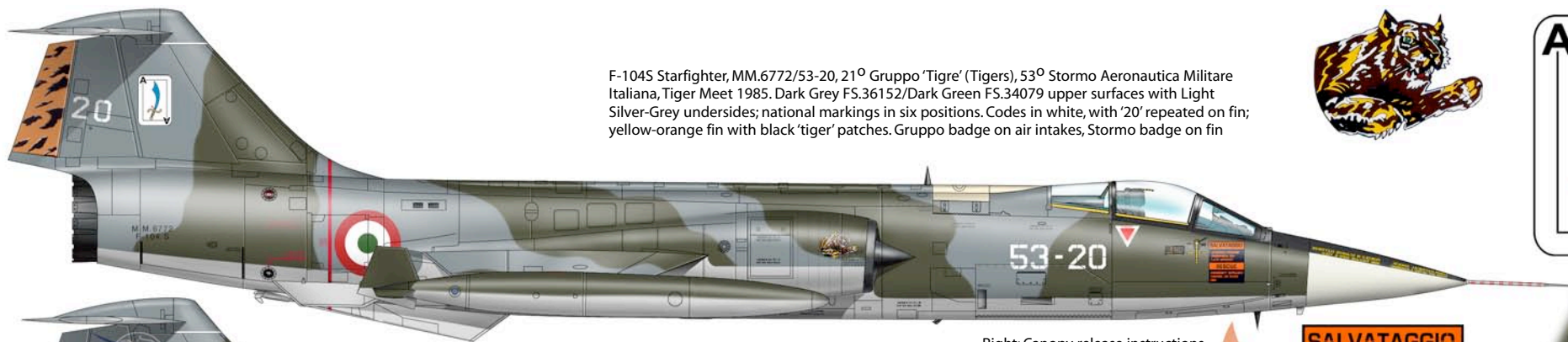
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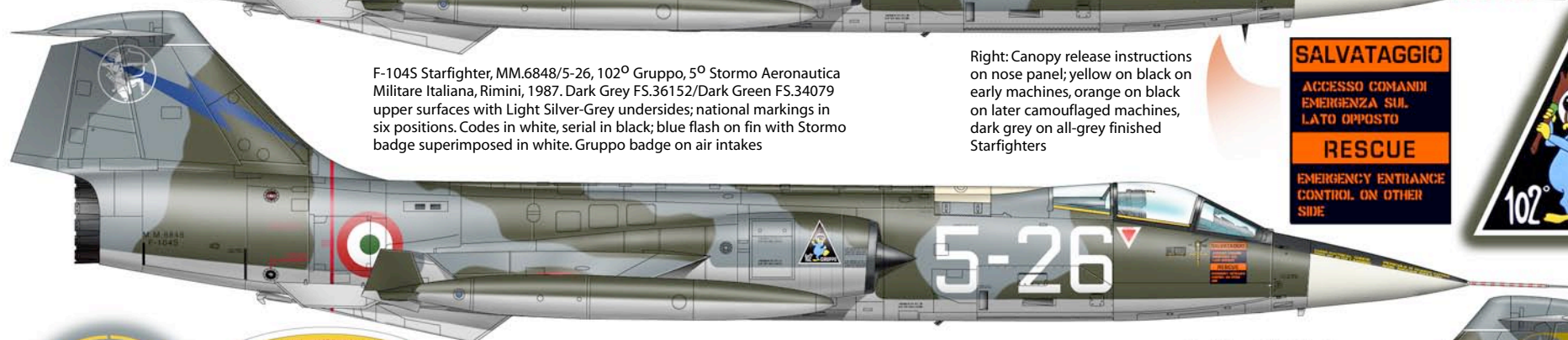
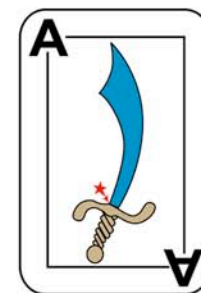
Above: Typical upper surfaces camouflage pattern and position of wing markings

TF-104G Starfighter, MM.54227/4-28, 20° Gruppo, 4° Stormo, Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Grosseto, 1987. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. Codes in light blue, thinly outlined in black; blue flash, outlined in yellow, on fin. Stormo 'Cavallino Rampante' (Prancing Horse) badge on fin with the Gruppo badge on air intakes





F-104S Starfighter, MM.6772/53-20, 21° Gruppo 'Tigre' (Tigers), 53° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Tiger Meet 1985. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. Codes in white, with '20' repeated on fin; yellow-orange fin with black 'tiger' patches. Gruppo badge on air intakes, Stormo badge on fin



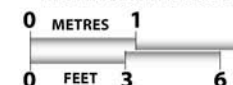
F-104S Starfighter, MM.6848/5-26, 102° Gruppo, 5° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Rimini, 1987. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. Codes in white, serial in black; blue flash on fin with Stormo badge superimposed in white. Gruppo badge on air intakes

Right: Canopy release instructions on nose panel; yellow on black on early machines, orange on black on later camouflaged machines, dark grey on all-grey finished Starfighters

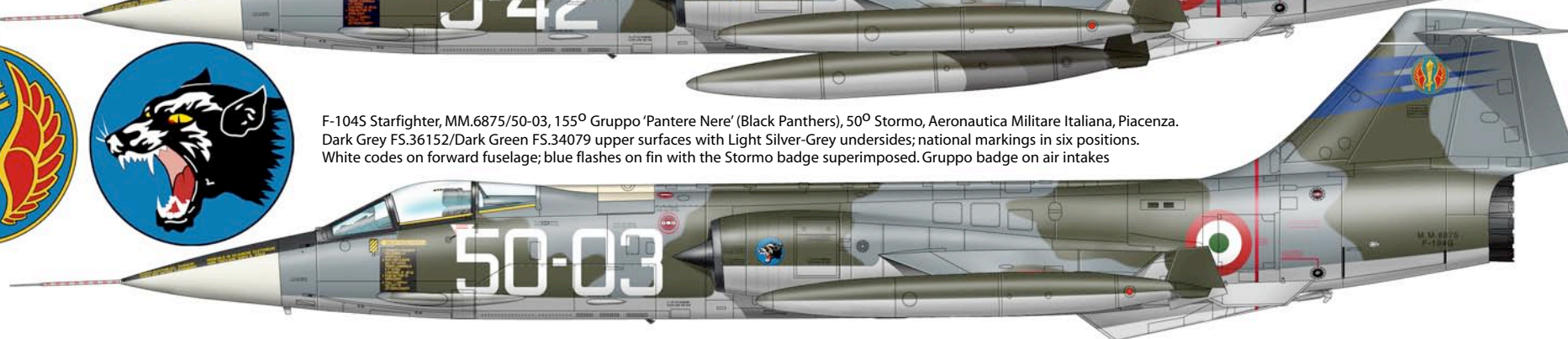


F-104S Starfighter, MM.6814/5-42, 23° Gruppo, 5° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, recorded at Sigonella in the summer of 1985. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. White codes, black serial; Stormo 'Diana' badge on fin together with two horizontal yellow stripes, Gruppo badge on air intakes

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F-104S Starfighter, MM.6875/50-03, 155° Gruppo 'Pantere Nere' (Black Panthers), 50° Stormo, Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Piacenza. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. White codes on forward fuselage; blue flashes on fin with the Stormo badge superimposed. Gruppo badge on air intakes





F-104S Starfighter, MM.6783/51-06, 22° Gruppo, 51° Stormo, August 1981. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. White codes; red flash on fin with Stormo badge superimposed. Gruppo badge on air intakes

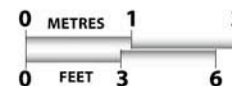


F-104S Starfighter, MM.6701/RS-06, Reparto Sperimentale Volo (Experimental Flying Unit), Trapani, April 1988. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. White codes and black serial; unit badge on fin



F-104S ASA Starfighter, MM.6826/36-01, 12° Gruppo, 36° Stormo, Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Gioia Del Colle, 1989. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. White codes in the style adopted for AMI's Tornados; green flash on fin with Stormo badge superimposed. Gruppo badge on air intakes

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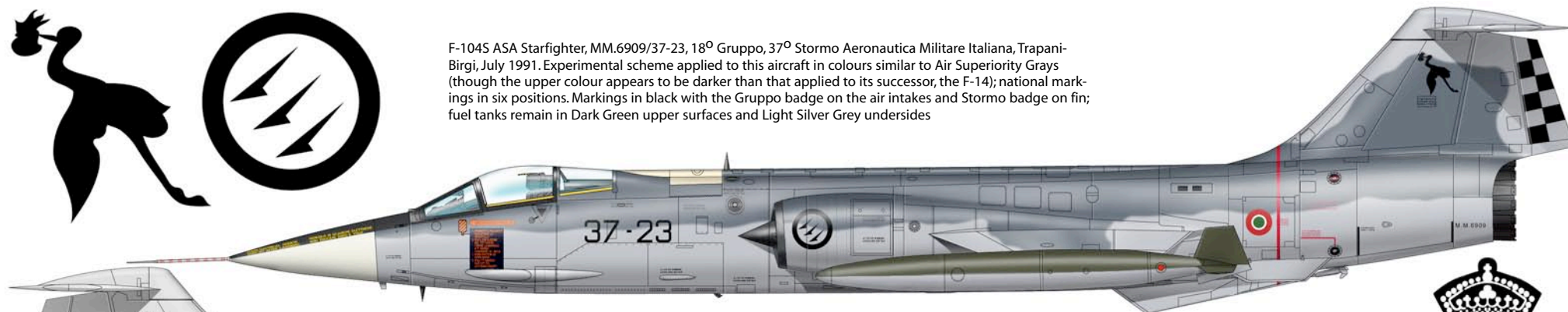


F-104S Starfighter, MM.6795/9-52, 9° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, 1990. Dark Grey FS.36152/Dark Green FS.34079 upper surfaces with Light Silver-Grey undersides; national markings in six positions. Codes in light blue, thinly outlined in black; red trident on air intakes. 'Cavallino Rampante' in black over a white 'cloud' on the fin with white lettering underneath

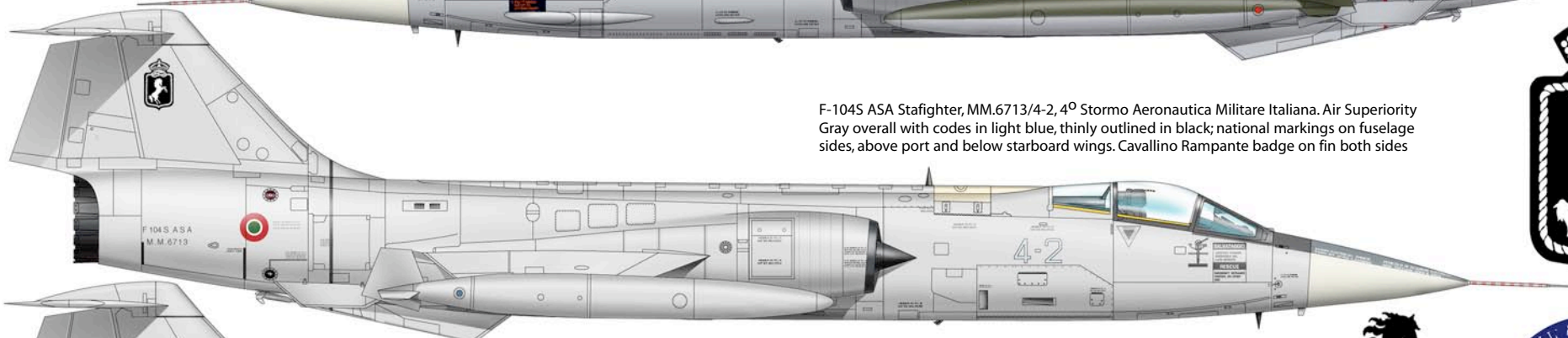




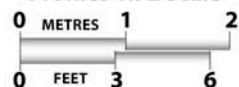
F-104S ASA Starfighter, MM.6909/37-23, 18° Gruppo, 37° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Trapani-Birgi, July 1991. Experimental scheme applied to this aircraft in colours similar to Air Superiority Grays (though the upper colour appears to be darker than that applied to its successor, the F-14); national markings in six positions. Markings in black with the Gruppo badge on the air intakes and Stormo badge on fin; fuel tanks remain in Dark Green upper surfaces and Light Silver Grey undersides



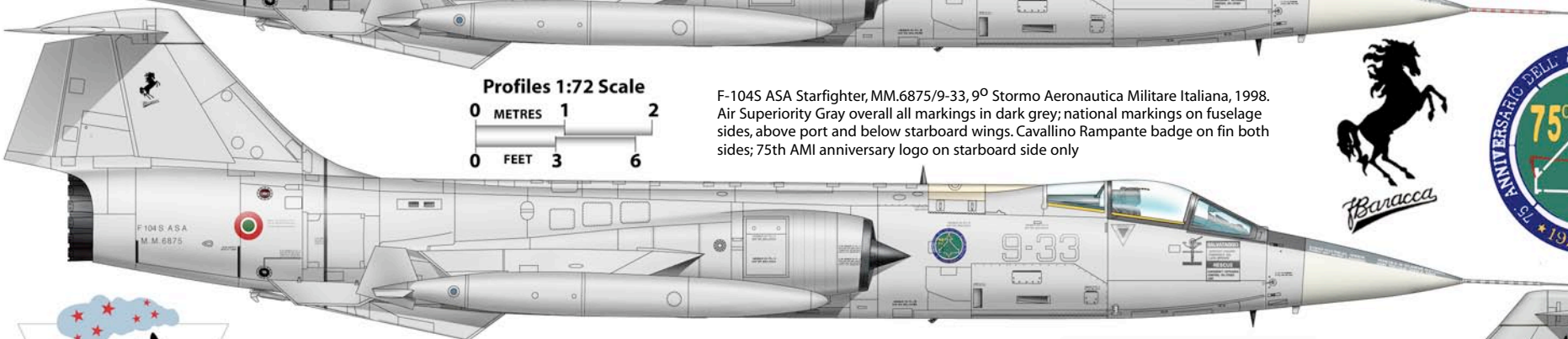
F-104S ASA Starfighter, MM.6713/4-2, 4° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana. Air Superiority Gray overall with codes in light blue, thinly outlined in black; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. Cavallino Rampante badge on fin both sides



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F-104S ASA Starfighter, MM.6875/9-33, 9° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, 1998. Air Superiority Gray overall all markings in dark grey; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. Cavallino Rampante badge on fin both sides; 75th AMI anniversary logo on starboard side only



F-104S ASA Starfighter, MM.6940/51-22, 22° Gruppo, 51° Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, Istrana, 1999. Air Superiority Gray overall with all markings and stencilling in Dark Grey; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. '51-' of code is in dark grey (outline), '22' in red, highlighted in white. Gruppo badge on air intakes, Stormo badge over a red flash on fin. The decorated '22' was applied for the final flight of the type with this unit, 30 January 1999

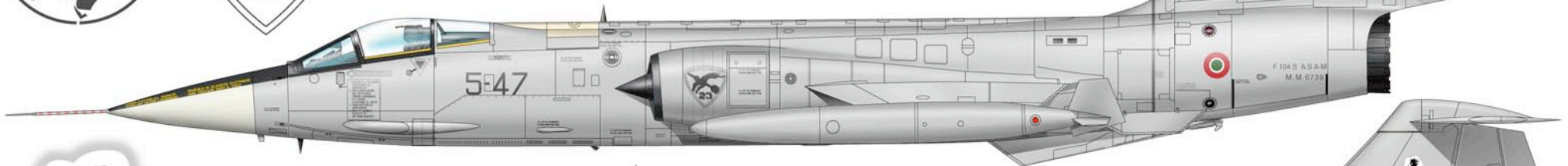


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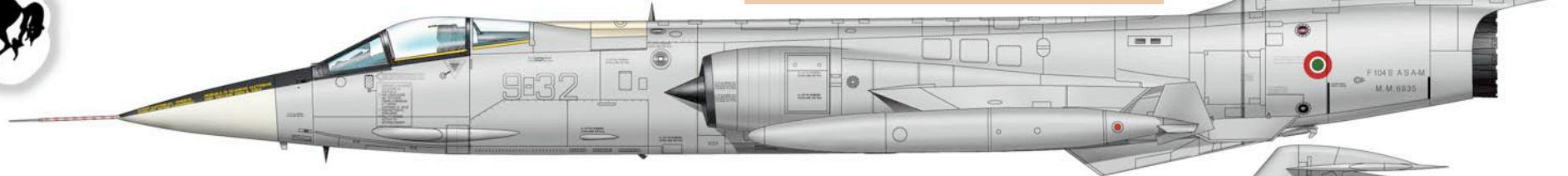


F-104S ASA-M Starfighter, MM.6793/5-47, 23<sup>o</sup> Gruppo, 5<sup>o</sup> Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, as seen during an open day at RAF Cottesmore in July 2000. Air Superiority Gray overall with all lettering and numbers in dark grey; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. Gruppo badge on air intakes, Stormo badge on fin, both in dark grey



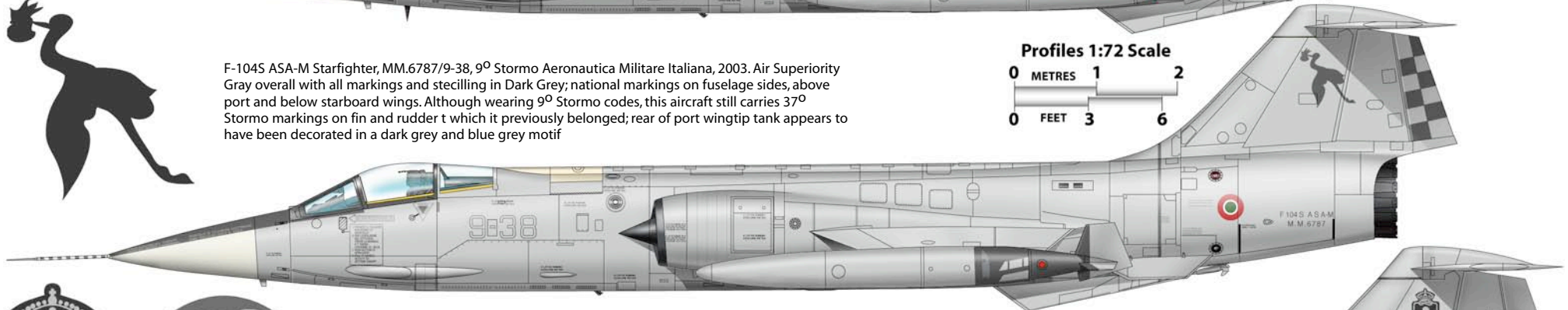
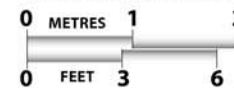
F-104S ASA-M Starfighter, MM.6935/9-32, 9<sup>o</sup> Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, 2003. Air Superiority Gray overall with all markings and stecilling in Dark Grey; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. Stormo badge of the 'Cavallino Rampante' on fin within a white 'cloud'

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F-104S ASA-M Starfighter, MM.6787/9-38, 9<sup>o</sup> Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, 2003. Air Superiority Gray overall with all markings and stecilling in Dark Grey; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. Although wearing 9<sup>o</sup> Stormo codes, this aircraft still carries 37<sup>o</sup> Stormo markings on fin and rudder t which it previously belonged; rear of port wingtip tank appears to have been decorated in a dark grey and blue grey motif

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TF-104G Starfighter, MM.54553/4-44, 20<sup>o</sup> Gruppo Addestrativo Operativo (Operational Training Unit), 4<sup>o</sup> Stormo Aeronautica Militare Italiana, November 2000. Air Superiority Gray overall with all markings in dark grey; national markings on fuselage sides, above port and below starboard wings. Gruppo badge on air intakes, Stormo badge on fin

