

## General notes:

Vampire fuselages were built from plywood, and painted silver. The wings, tail booms and control surfaces were made of aluminum. They were kept very clean. The cockpit was black.

Swiss Vampires were not colorful and did not carry squadron badges. However, there were various camouflage trials (black birds) and quite a number served in latter years as target towing aircraft, featuring an eye-catching orange/black livery. There were some changes during the near 40 years of service life. The nose step areas markings changed to a dashed style. Ejection seats were fitted during 1960 and therefore the red warning triangles were applied – also their style changed. Very early, the dayglo orange high visibility markings were applied on the outside of the tail booms and the speed brakes.

In 1977, J- 1081 & J-1107 were used for trials with high visibility markings as target towing aircraft – at that time they still had the original nose. The dayglo yellow / black stripes did not serve the purpose and both aircraft were repainted with dayglo orange stripes. The Swiss nationality roundels on the wings received a white outline. Also, the Pinocchio noses installed on the Venoms were also fitted to the Vampire. The larger noses were necessary to house the new IFF transponders.

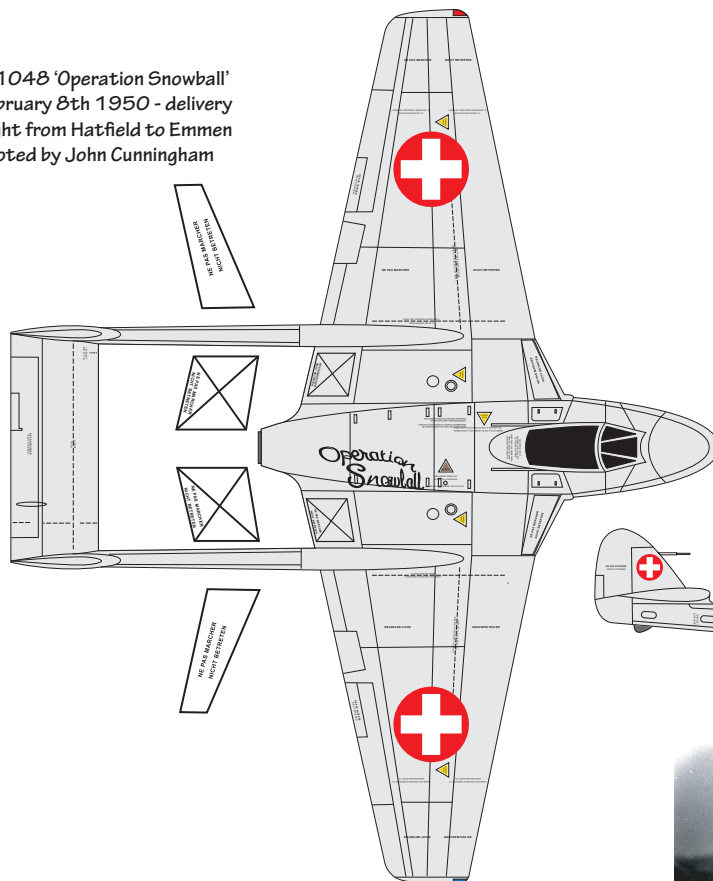
Towards the end of its service life, some big badges were painted on Vampires; several are depicted on this decal sheet. And then... there were the few days of the sharks...

This decal sheets features enough markings and data to build two complete aircraft. I suggest using the white roundels underneath the Swiss roundels for the target towing aircraft in case the opacity of the white is not strong enough.

These decals are printed on an Alps printer onto a continuous decal film. It is recommended that you cut out each decal before placing it into lukewarm water for a few seconds. As the paint is printed on top of the decal film, it is prone to scratches. For protection, the decal sheet is sealed with a thin coat of Johnsons Future acrylic lacquer. The decals react well to softening agents like Micro Sol or Micro Set, but any contact with thinners will be fatal!

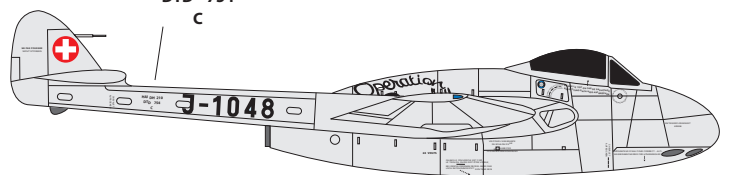
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flight from Hatfield to Emmen  
piloted by John Cunningham



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