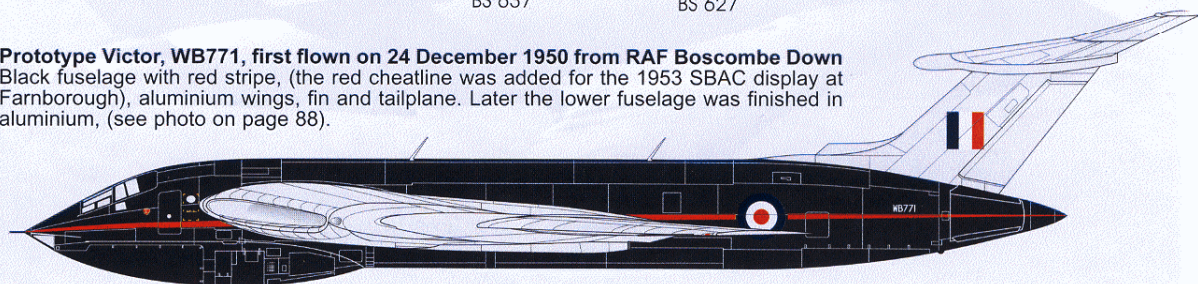


The Handley Page Victor

Drawings by David Howley

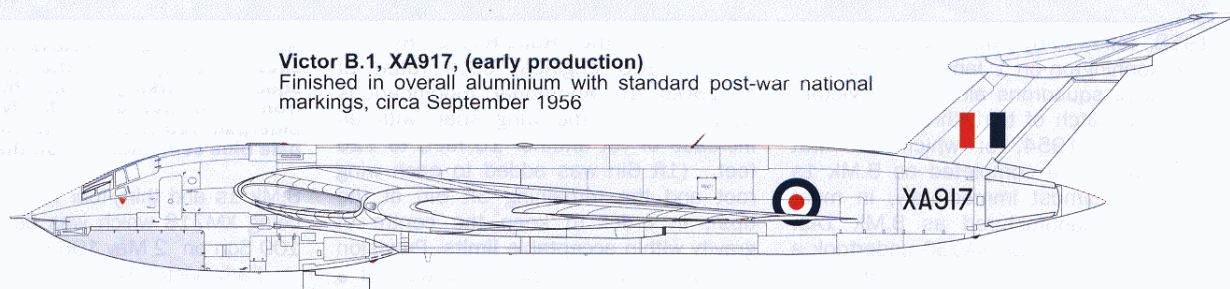


Prototype Victor, WB771, first flown on 24 December 1950 from RAF Boscombe Down
Black fuselage with red stripe, (the red cheatline was added for the 1953 SBAC display at Farnborough), aluminium wings, fin and tailplane. Later the lower fuselage was finished in aluminium, (see photo on page 88).



Victor B.1, XA917, (early production)

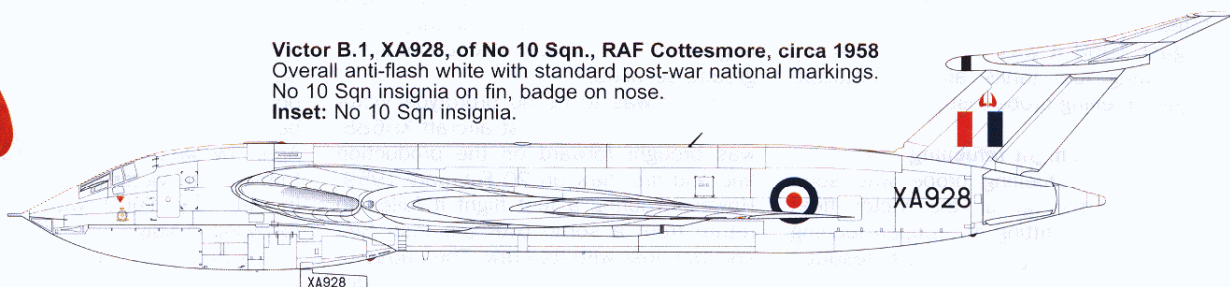
Finished in overall aluminium with standard post-war national markings, circa September 1956



Victor B.1, XA928, of No 10 Sqn., RAF Cottesmore, circa 1958

Overall anti-flash white with standard post-war national markings. No 10 Sqn insignia on fin, badge on nose.

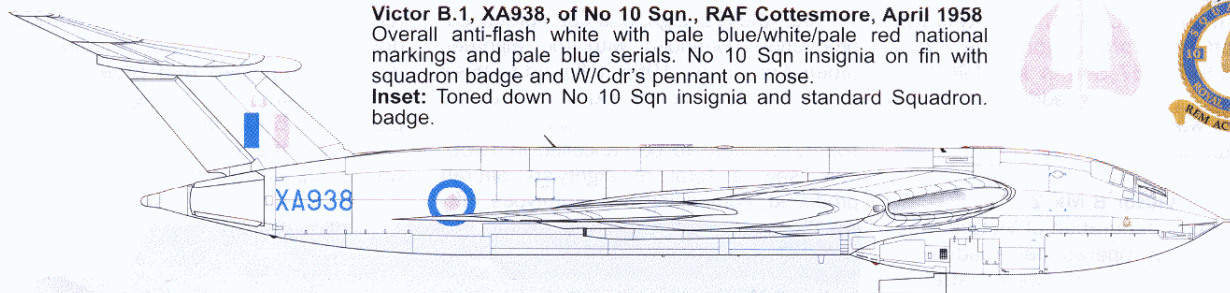
Inset: No 10 Sqn insignia.



Victor B.1, XA938, of No 10 Sqn., RAF Cottesmore, April 1958

Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/white/pale red national markings and pale blue serials. No 10 Sqn insignia on fin with squadron badge and W/Cdr's pennant on nose.

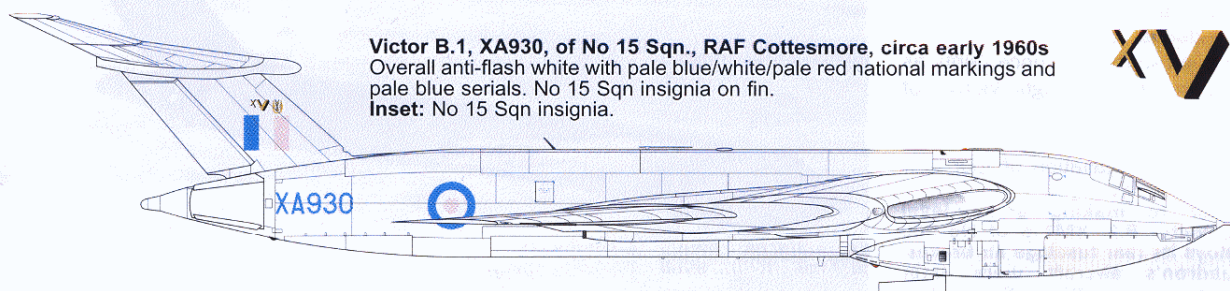
Inset: Toned down No 10 Sqn insignia and standard Squadron badge.



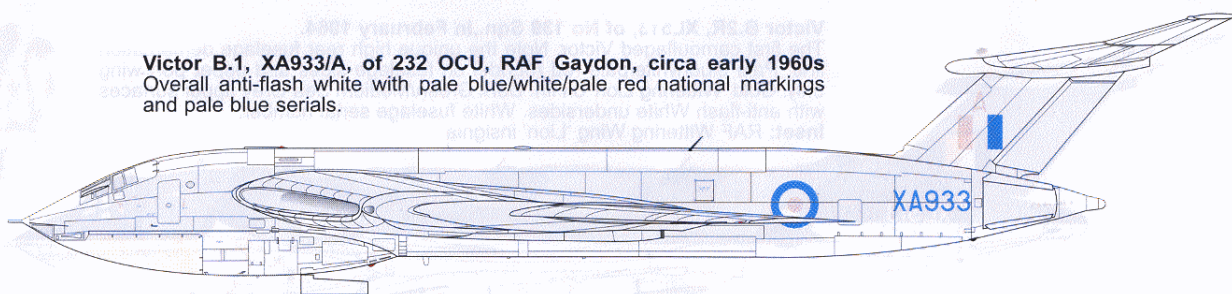
Victor B.1, XA930, of No 15 Sqn., RAF Cottesmore, circa early 1960s

Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/white/pale red national markings and pale blue serials. No 15 Sqn insignia on fin.

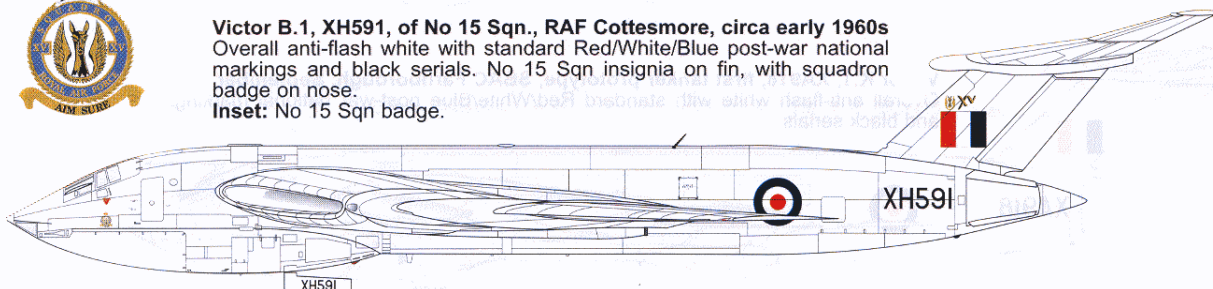
Inset: No 15 Sqn insignia.



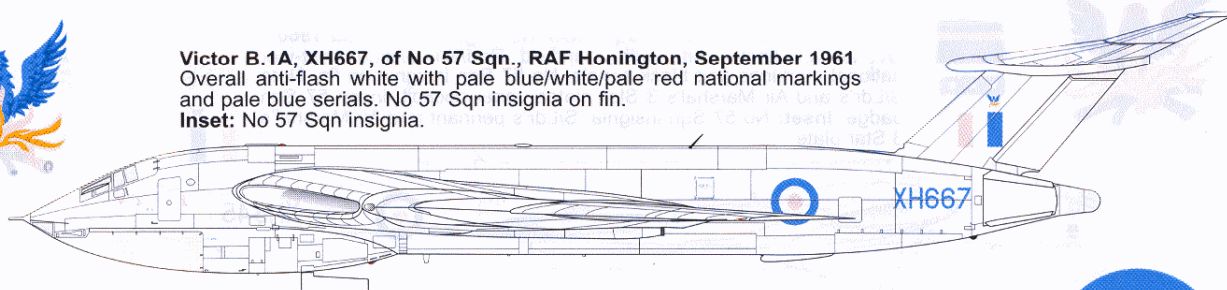
Victor B.1, XA933/A, of 232 OCU, RAF Gaydon, circa early 1960s
Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/white/pale red national markings and pale blue serials.



Victor B.1, XH591, of No 15 Sqn., RAF Cottesmore, circa early 1960s
Overall anti-flash white with standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. No 15 Sqn insignia on fin, with squadron badge on nose.
Inset: No 15 Sqn badge.

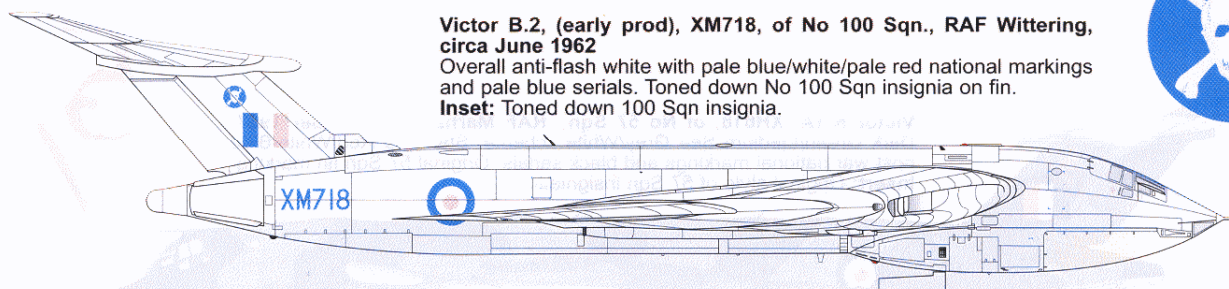


Victor B.1A, XH667, of No 57 Sqn., RAF Honington, September 1961
Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/white/pale red national markings and pale blue serials. No 57 Sqn insignia on fin.
Inset: No 57 Sqn insignia.

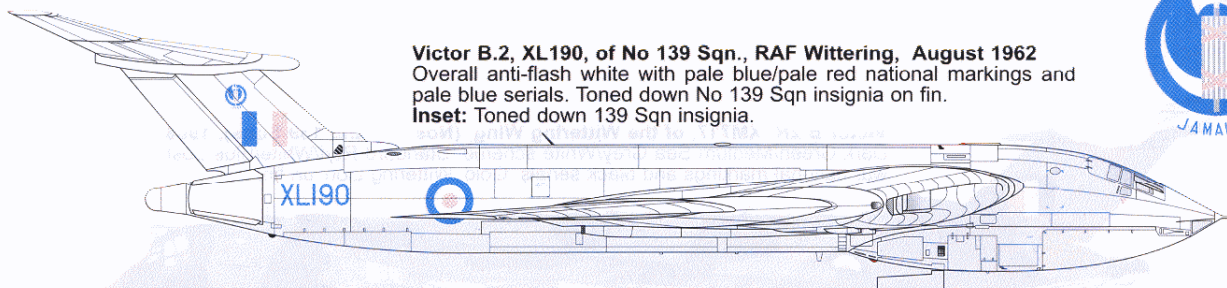


Victor B.2, (early prod), XM718, of No 100 Sqn., RAF Wittering, circa June 1962

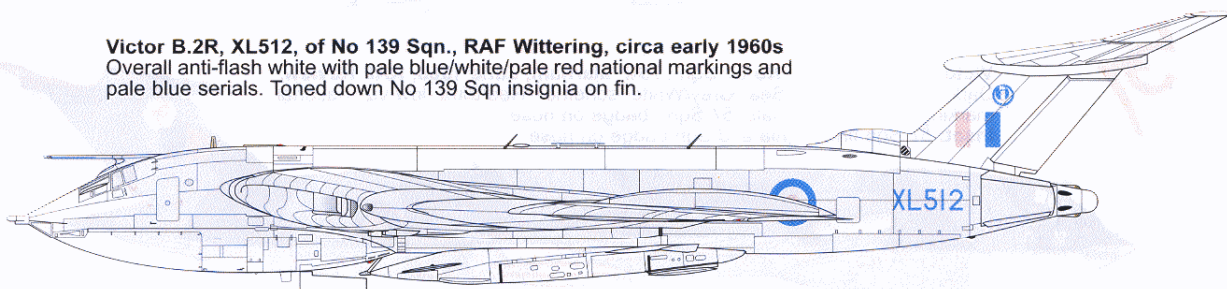
Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/white/pale red national markings and pale blue serials. Toned down No 100 Sqn insignia on fin.
Inset: Toned down 100 Sqn insignia.



Victor B.2, XL190, of No 139 Sqn., RAF Wittering, August 1962
Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/pale red national markings and pale blue serials. Toned down No 139 Sqn insignia on fin.
Inset: Toned down 139 Sqn insignia.



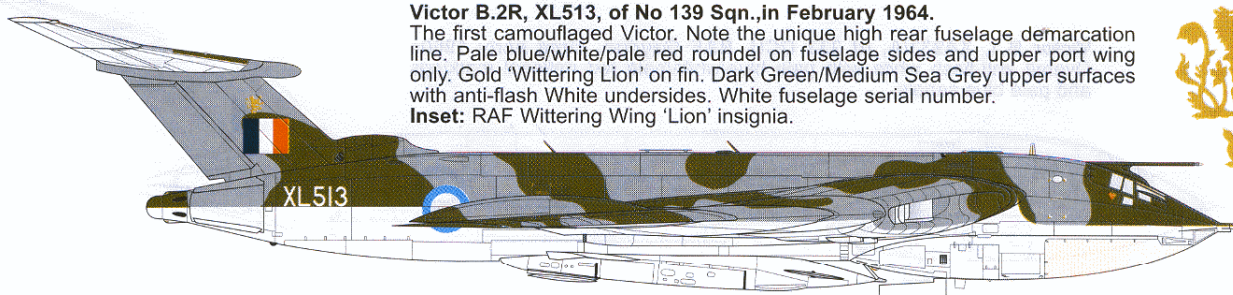
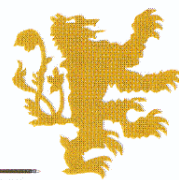
Victor B.2R, XL512, of No 139 Sqn., RAF Wittering, circa early 1960s
Overall anti-flash white with pale blue/white/pale red national markings and pale blue serials. Toned down No 139 Sqn insignia on fin.



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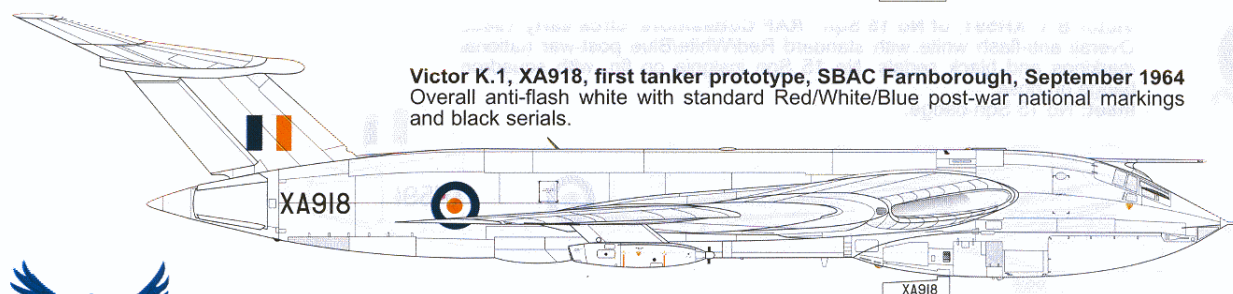
Victor B.2R, XL513, of No 139 Sqn., in February 1964.

The first camouflaged Victor. Note the unique high rear fuselage demarcation line. Pale blue/white/pale red roundel on fuselage sides and upper port wing only. Gold 'Wittering Lion' on fin. Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey upper surfaces with anti-flash White undersides. White fuselage serial number. Inset: RAF Wittering Wing 'Lion' insignia.



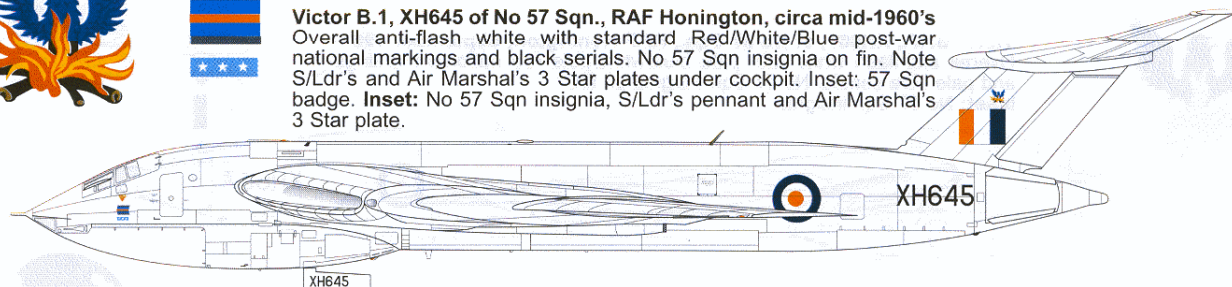
Victor K.1, XA918, first tanker prototype, SBAC Farnborough, September 1964

Overall anti-flash white with standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials.



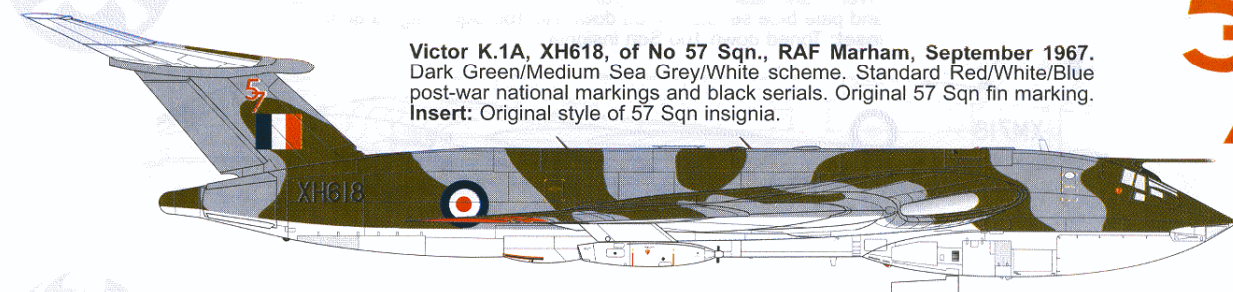
Victor B.1, XH645 of No 57 Sqn., RAF Honington, circa mid-1960's

Overall anti-flash white with standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. No 57 Sqn insignia on fin. Note S/Ldr's and Air Marshal's 3 Star plates under cockpit. Inset: 57 Sqn badge. Inset: No 57 Sqn insignia, S/Ldr's pennant and Air Marshal's 3 Star plate.



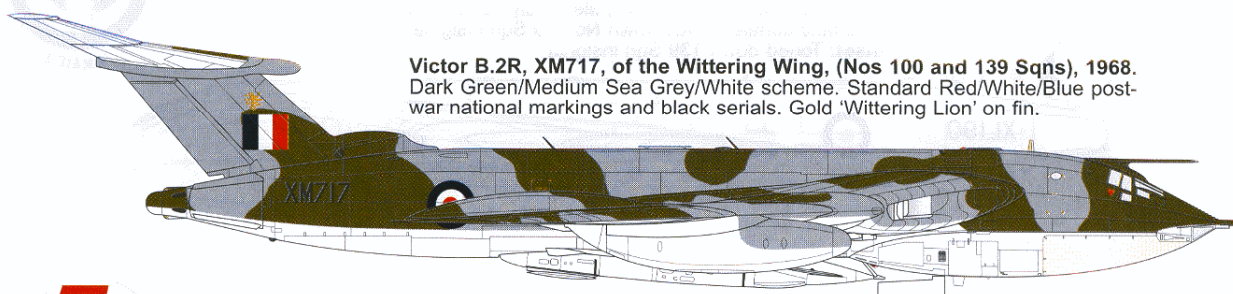
Victor K.1A, XH618, of No 57 Sqn., RAF Marham, September 1967.

Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme. Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. Original 57 Sqn fin marking. Inset: Original style of 57 Sqn insignia.



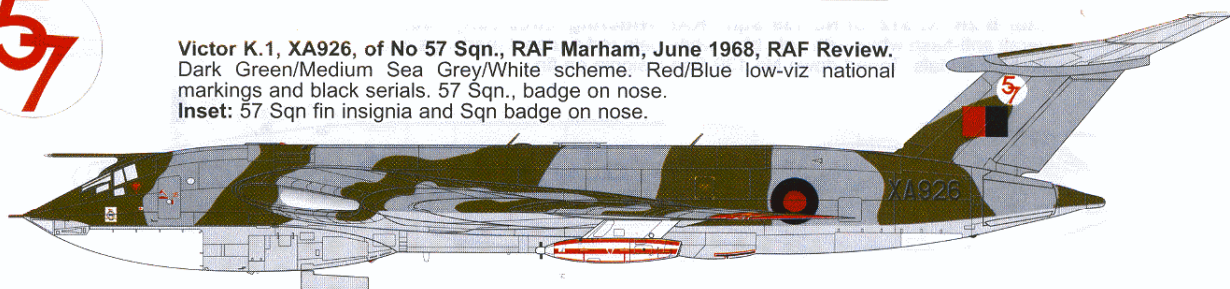
Victor B.2R, XM717, of the Wittering Wing, (Nos 100 and 139 Sqn), 1968.

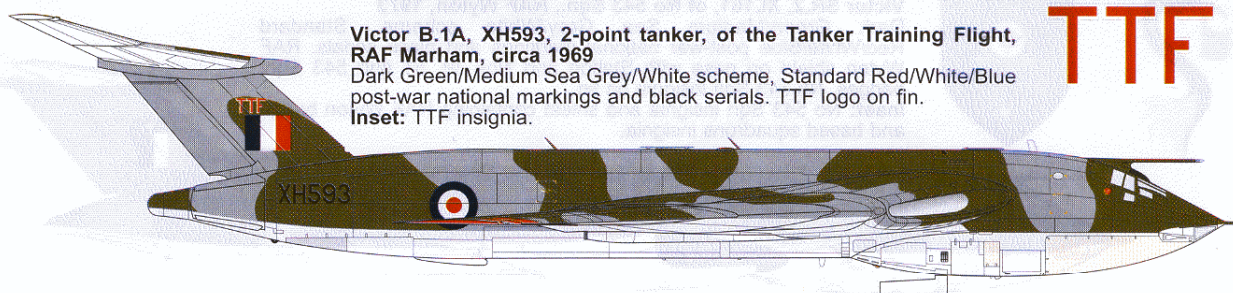
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme. Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. Gold 'Wittering Lion' on fin.



Victor K.1, XA926, of No 57 Sqn., RAF Marham, June 1968, RAF Review.

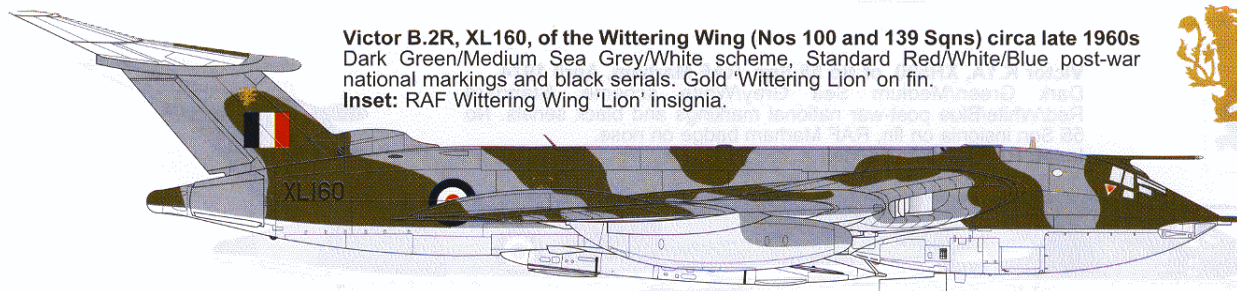
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme. Red/Blue low-viz national markings and black serials. 57 Sqn., badge on nose. Inset: 57 Sqn fin insignia and Sqn badge on nose.



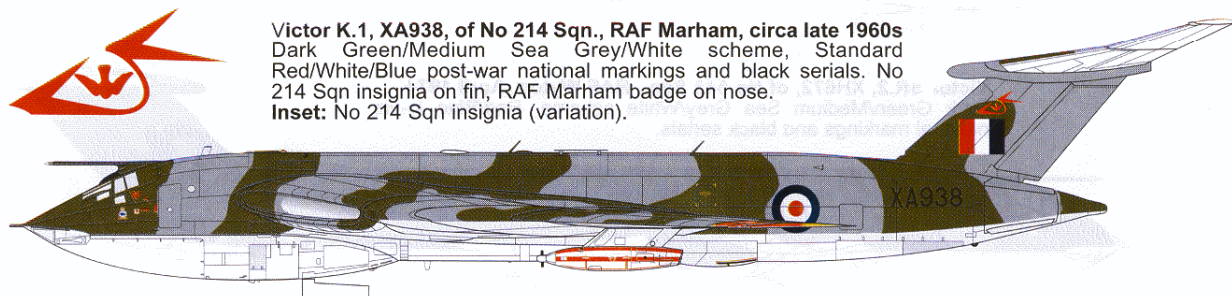


Victor B.1A, XH593, 2-point tanker, of the Tanker Training Flight, RAF Marham, circa 1969
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. TTF logo on fin.
Inset: TTF insignia.

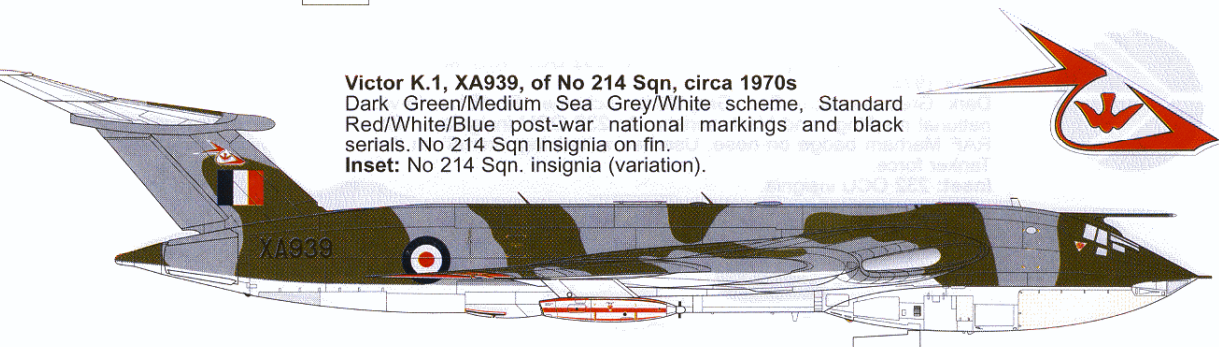
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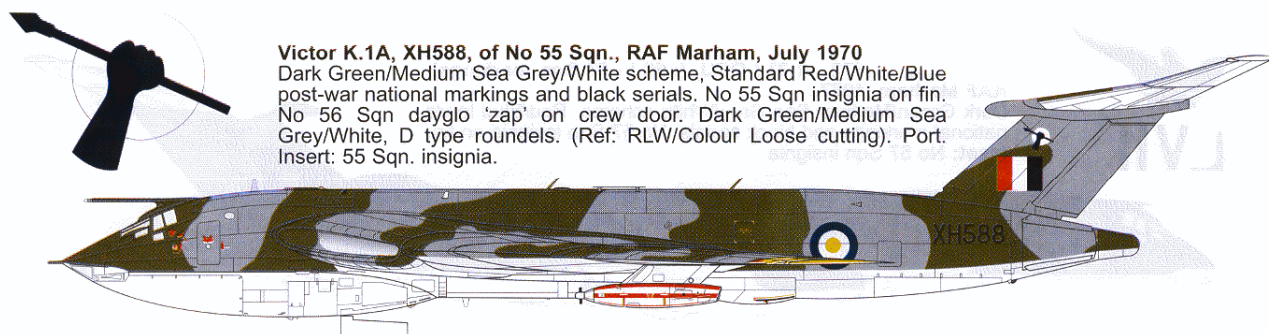
Victor B.2R, XL160, of the Wittering Wing (Nos 100 and 139 Sqns) circa late 1960s
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. Gold 'Wittering Lion' on fin.
Inset: RAF Wittering Wing 'Lion' insignia.



Victor K.1, XA938, of No 214 Sqn., RAF Marham, circa late 1960s
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. No 214 Sqn insignia on fin, RAF Marham badge on nose.
Inset: No 214 Sqn insignia (variation).



Victor K.1, XA939, of No 214 Sqn, circa 1970s
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. No 214 Sqn Insignia on fin.
Inset: No 214 Sqn. insignia (variation).

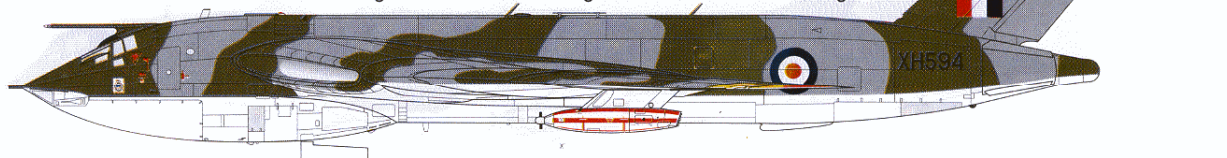


Victor K.1A, XH588, of No 55 Sqn., RAF Marham, July 1970
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. No 55 Sqn insignia on fin. No 56 Sqn dayglo 'zap' on crew door. Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White, D type roundels. (Ref: RLW/Colour Loose cutting). Port.
Inset: 55 Sqn. insignia.



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Victor B.1A, XH594, 2-point tanker, of 232 OCU, RAF Marham, circa 1972.
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. OCU badge on fin, RAF Marham badge on nose.
Inset: Original No 232 OCU insignia and RAF Marham badge.



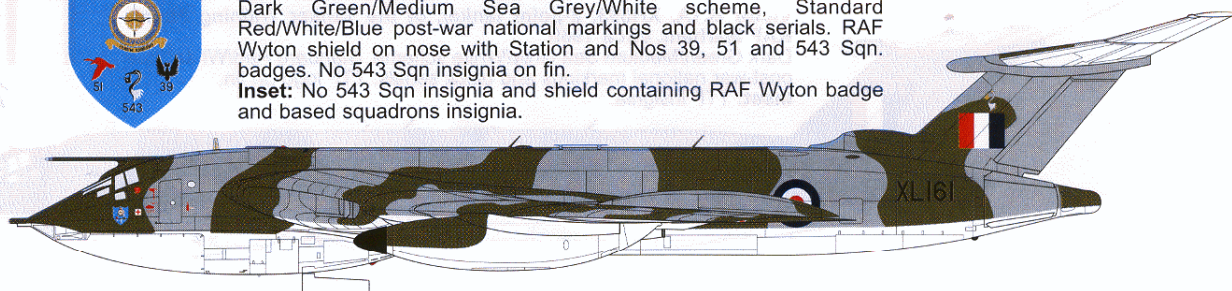
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Victor SR.2, XL161, of No 543 Sqn., RAF Wyton, 1973

Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. RAF Wyton shield on nose with Station and Nos 39, 51 and 543 Sqn. badges. No 543 Sqn insignia on fin.

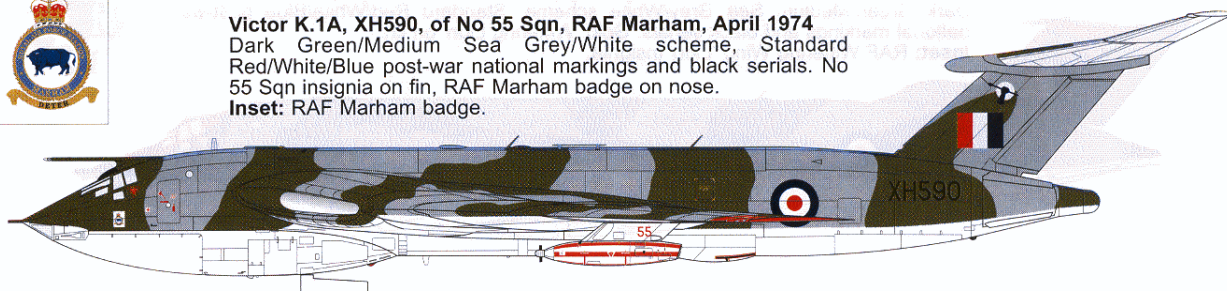
Inset: No 543 Sqn insignia and shield containing RAF Wyton badge and based squadrons insignia.



Victor K.1A, XH590, of No 55 Sqn, RAF Marham, April 1974

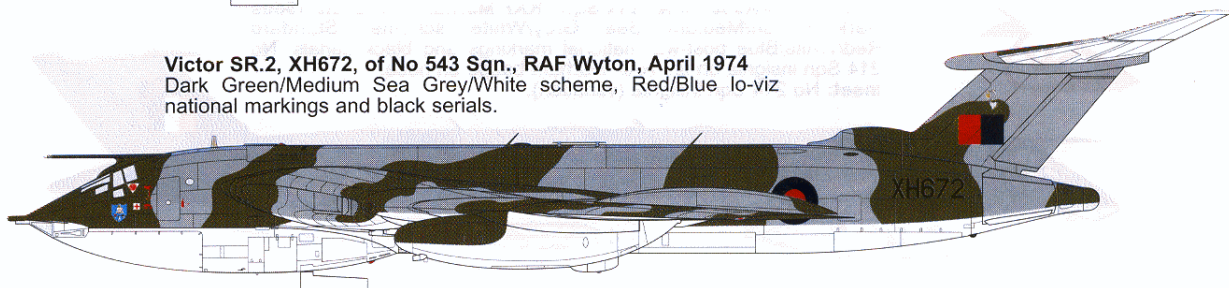
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. No 55 Sqn insignia on fin, RAF Marham badge on nose.

Inset: RAF Marham badge.



Victor SR.2, XH672, of No 543 Sqn., RAF Wyton, April 1974

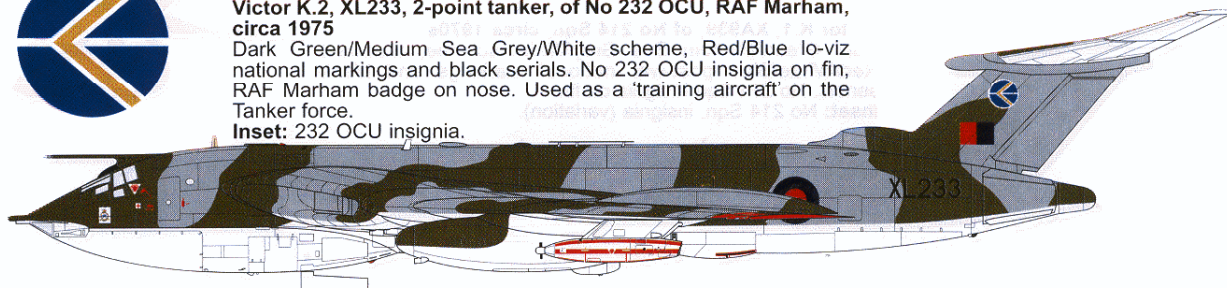
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Red/Blue lo-viz national markings and black serials.



Victor K.2, XL233, 2-point tanker, of No 232 OCU, RAF Marham, circa 1975

Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Red/Blue lo-viz national markings and black serials. No 232 OCU insignia on fin, RAF Marham badge on nose. Used as a 'training aircraft' on the Tanker force.

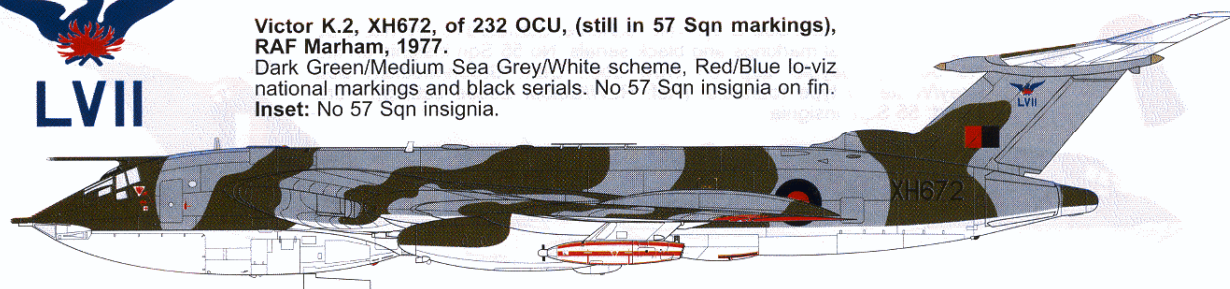
Inset: 232 OCU insignia.



Victor K.2, XH672, of 232 OCU, (still in 57 Sqn markings), RAF Marham, 1977.

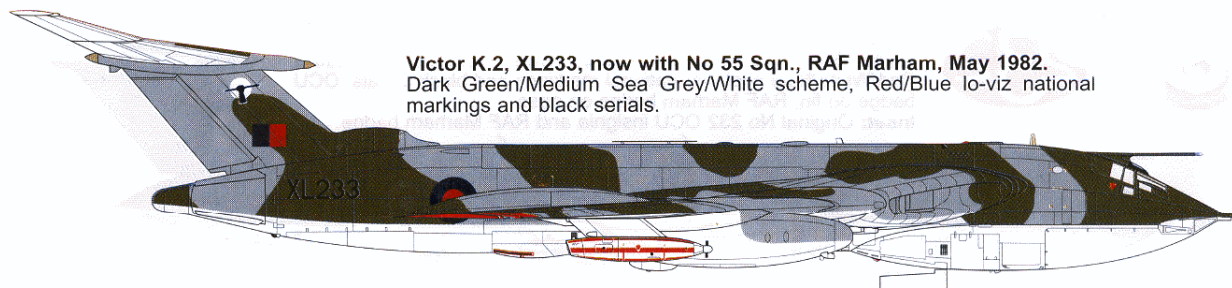
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Red/Blue lo-viz national markings and black serials. No 57 Sqn insignia on fin.

Inset: No 57 Sqn insignia.



Victor K.2, XL233, now with No 55 Sqn., RAF Marham, May 1982.

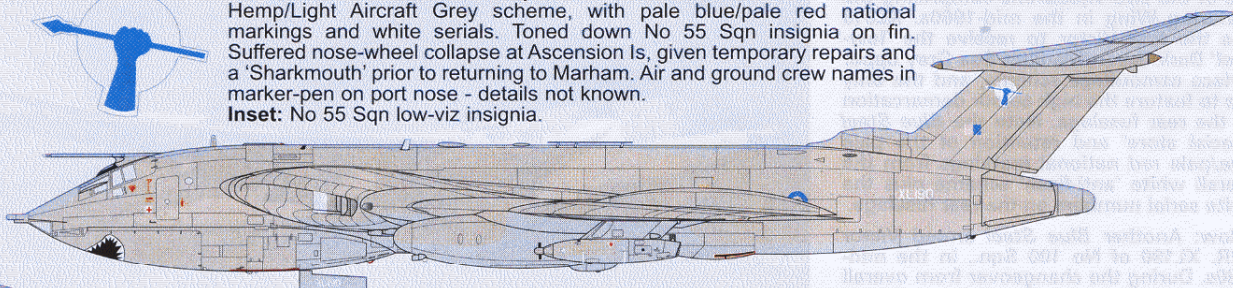
Dark Green/Medium Sea Grey/White scheme, Red/Blue lo-viz national markings and black serials.





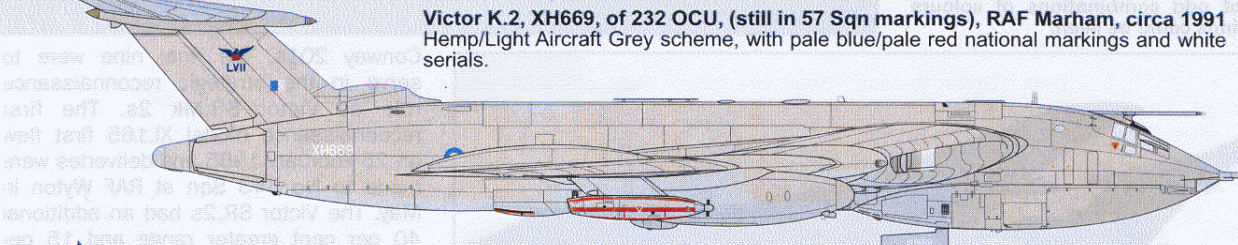
Victor K.2, XL190, of No 55 Sqn., RAF Marham, 1986.

Hemp/Light Aircraft Grey scheme, with pale blue/pale red national markings and white serials. Toned down No 55 Sqn insignia on fin. Suffered nose-wheel collapse at Ascension Is, given temporary repairs and a 'Sharkmouth' prior to returning to Marham. Air and ground crew names in marker-pen on port nose - details not known.
Inset: No 55 Sqn low-viz insignia.



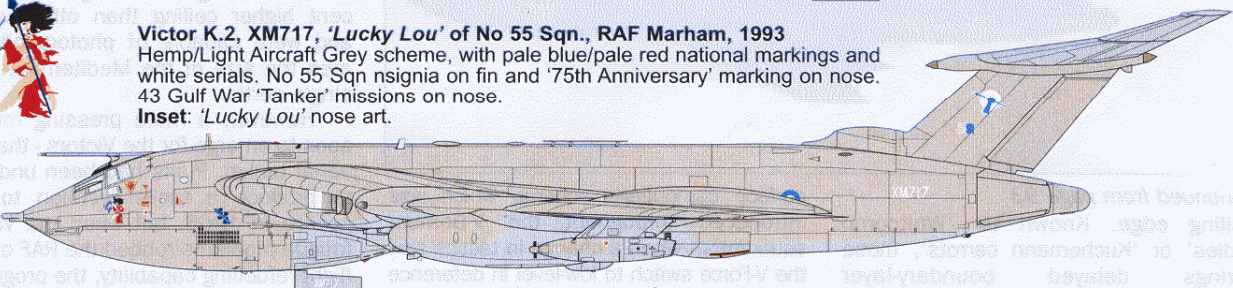
Victor K.2, XH669, of 232 OCU, (still in 57 Sqn markings), RAF Marham, circa 1991

Hemp/Light Aircraft Grey scheme, with pale blue/pale red national markings and white serials.

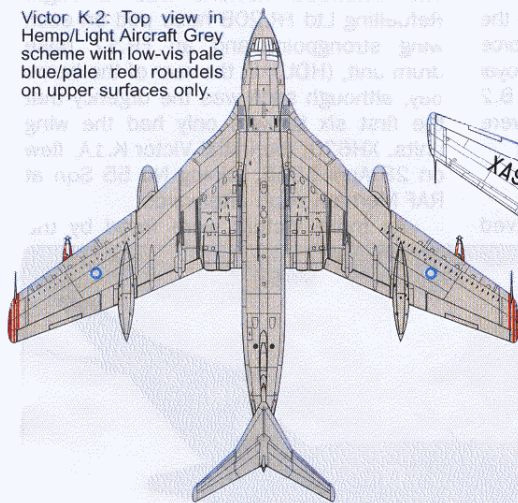


Victor K.2, XM717, 'Lucky Lou' of No 55 Sqn., RAF Marham, 1993

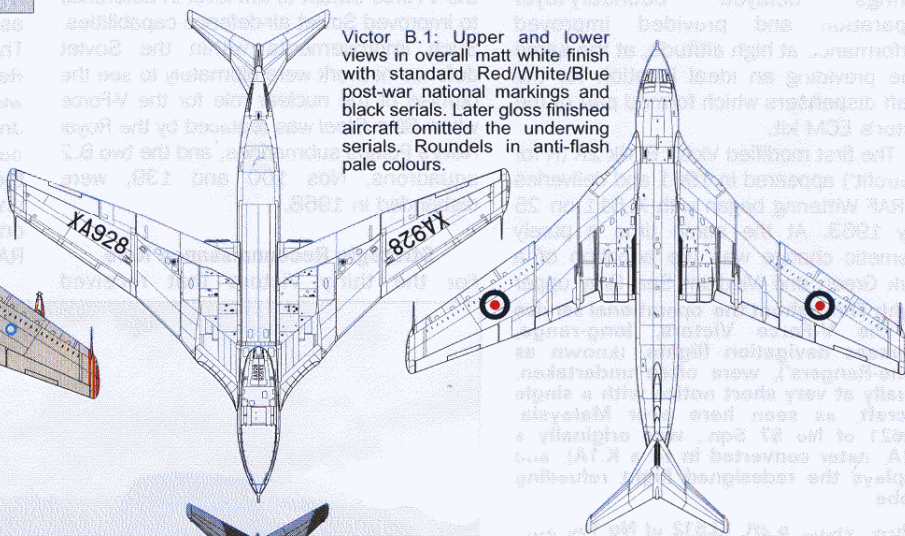
Hemp/Light Aircraft Grey scheme, with pale blue/pale red national markings and white serials. No 55 Sqn insignia on fin and '75th Anniversary' marking on nose. 43 Gulf War 'Tanker' missions on nose.
Inset: 'Lucky Lou' nose art.



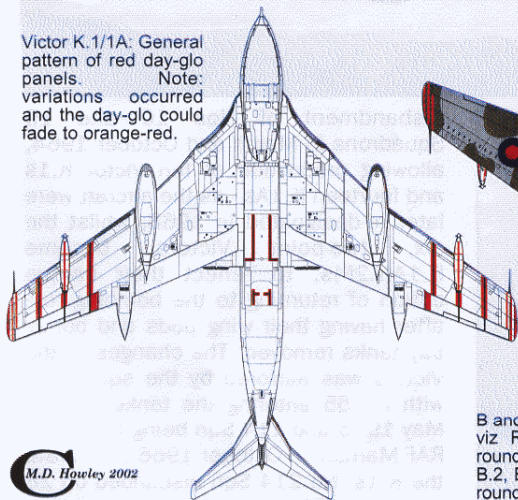
Victor K.2: Top view in Hemp/Light Aircraft Grey scheme with low-viz pale blue/pale red roundels on upper surfaces only.



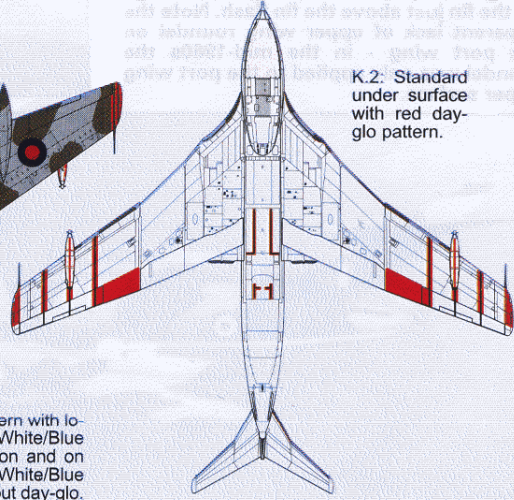
Victor B.1: Upper and lower views in overall matt white finish with standard Red/White/Blue post-war national markings and black serials. Later gloss finished aircraft omitted the underwing serials. Roundels in anti-flash pale colours.



Victor K.1/1A: General pattern of red day-glo panels. Note: variations occurred and the day-glo could fade to orange-red.



K.2: Standard under surface with red day-glo pattern.



B and K.2: Upper surface camouflage pattern with lo-viz Red/Blue roundels. Standard Red/White/Blue roundels were carried in the same position and on B.2, B.2R and SR.2 aircraft a single Red/White/Blue roundel was carried on the port wing, without day-glo.