

MQ-8B Fire Scout 1/48

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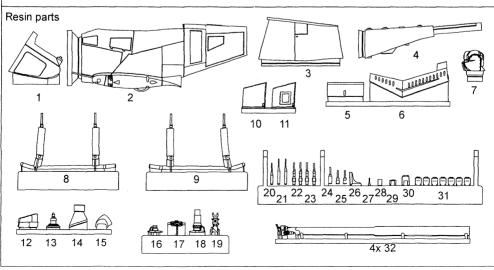




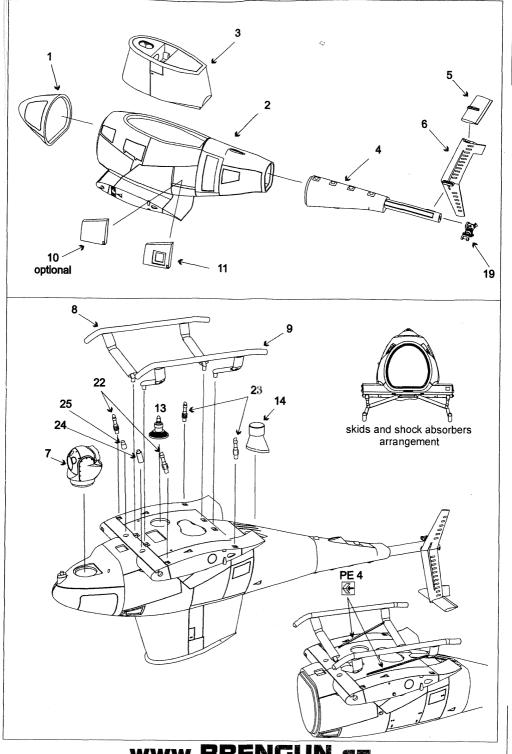
The MQ-8B helicopter was developed as part of the VTUAV(Vertical Take-off UAV) programme scommenced in 2000. The helicopter, as a drone, is going to be an excellent tool for use from small ship decks, and when used on land it requires no airfiels and can be used from unprepared fields. The feature will allow, apart from reconnaissance duties, to use these machines to deliver supplies to fighting troops. Desingn of the machine is derived from the Schweizer 333 two-seat civil helicopter.

Among currently developed helicopter UAVs the Fire Scout is the largest, and thanks to that it can, apart from its principal role, also carry armament, which is becoming a more and more required feature of UAVs. It is going to be equipped with the well known Helfire missiles, the newly developed Viper Strike glide bombs and the upgraded APKWS Hydra 70 missiles (fitted with IR-homing). Two-three MQ-8Bs can replace a single medium size helicopter (SH-60) on a ship.

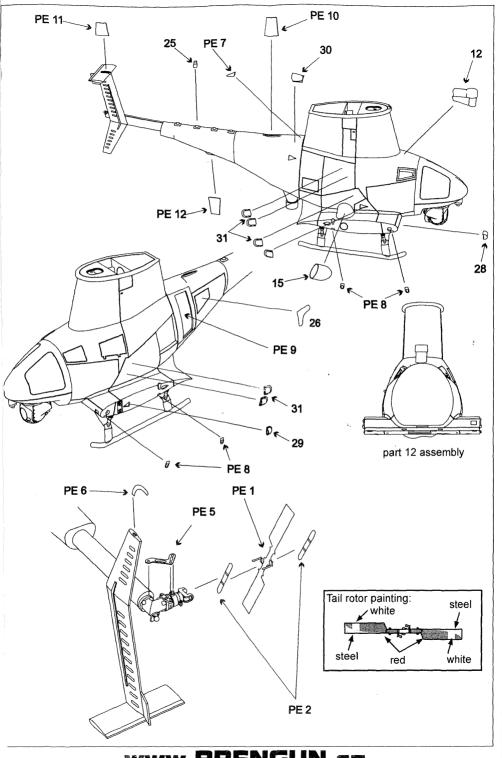
First examples have already had their operational and combat debut. In 2010 a UAV operating from a ship has detected a smugglers' boat.



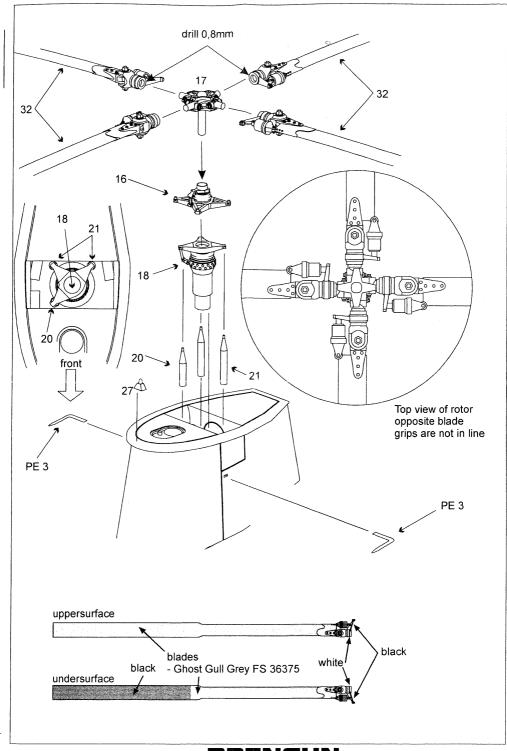
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