

RQ-7B Shadow UAV 1/72

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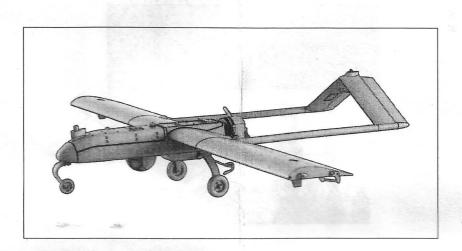
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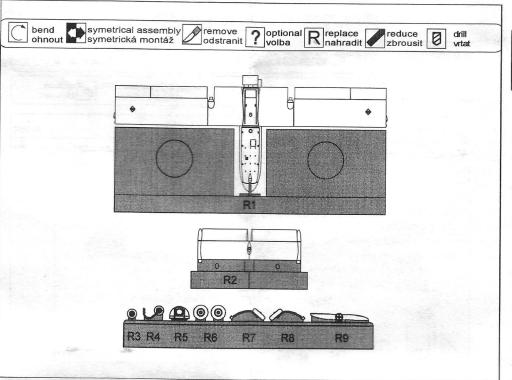


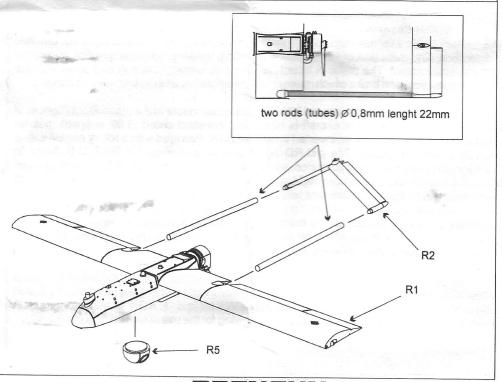
RQ-7B Shadow is an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAVs), which is operated by the U.S. ARMY, U.S. Marines and other users. The aircraft is manufactured by the AAI Corporation. The main task of the vehicle is scouting, tracking, target acquisition and battle damage assessment. The plane is launched from a pneumatic catapult and lands with the nelp of a hook and rope brake which makes it akin to aircraft operating from aircraft carriers.

It was built in number around 2000 and is the successor to the plane RQ-2 Pioneer of the same manufacturer. This aircraft is high wing, constant chord (3.89 m span), pusher engine, and two beams with an inverted v-tail elerudder. Powered with a rotary engine with a capacity of 38 horsepower. The first RQ-7A models were delivered in 2002, U.S. Army. In 2004 began production of the B version, which has a greater wingspan (4.3 m), an increased amount of fuel to allow for 6 hour flight and increased capacity. In 2010, again were made changes in the design of the airframe wing resulting an even greater span (6.1 m). From this version also were introduced underwing pylons to carry weapon load for the first time. Due to the limited capacity of the aircraft it is necessary to develop a new type of weapon specifically for this aircraft like one based on 10 lb 81mm mortar bomb. Every new version usually receives a new equipment, software and engine.

RQ-7 has been used in combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Aircraft made a total of 37,000 missions. In 2007, the USMC squadrons VMU-1 and -2 replaced the RQ-2 with Shadows. Also were activated a new squadrons: VMU-3 and -4. RQ-7 unmanned aircraft is the only UAV that has got the FAA certification allowing for the use of civilian airports.

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