

Hellenic Navy SA.319B Alouette III

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In 1975 the Hellenic Navy received 4 Aerospatiale SA.319B Alouette III helicopters which, for the time in its history, gave it a ship-borne aviation capability. In 1980 the Navy Helicopter Command was established and these 4 aircraft formed the 1st Navy Helicopter Flight. The SA.319B Alouette III could be equipped with two Mk44 torpedoes or two AS.12 anti-ship guided missiles, or a MAD device and one Mk44 torpedo.

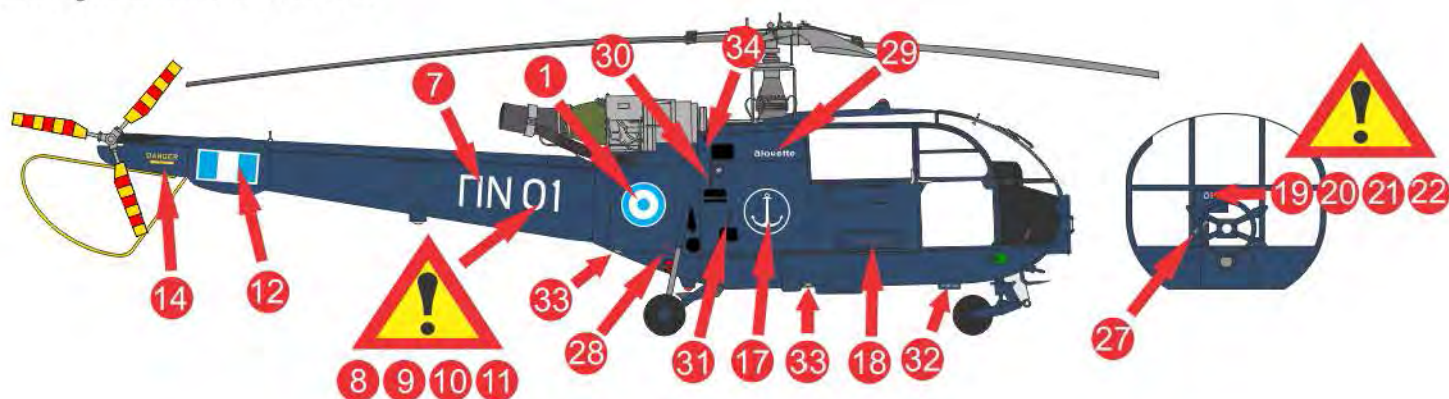
The four helicopters received serials ΠΝ 01 to ΠΝ 04. ΠΝ are the Hellenic Navy initials in Greek. Originally their colour was blue FS15080 with national markings in FS 15102. The serials were initially in a rounded DIN-type font (markings 7 to 11 and 19 to 22). At some point these changed to a stencilled block type font (markings 2 to 6 and 23 to 26), before reverting to the original font. In subsequent repaints lighter shades of blue were used sometimes looking virtually the same with the shade used for the national insignia. The interior of the cockpit is dark grey with khaki seats and a black instrument panel and the main rotor was always grey with orange or sometimes, yellow tips. The nose mounted radar dome is not always fitted. When operating over water emergency orange emergency floats are fitted to the sides mounted on light grey frames.



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The side views on this page are based on drawings by Mihalis Solanakis.

Early colour scheme



Intermediate colour scheme



NOTE: Apart from the markings indicated all other markings are the same as the early colour scheme.
Note the different tail rotor markings!

NOTE: Aircraft ΠN 03 has been seen finished in the late colour scheme but with block type stencils on the tail boom only.

Late colour scheme



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Aircraft ΠN 01 in the intermediate colour scheme.

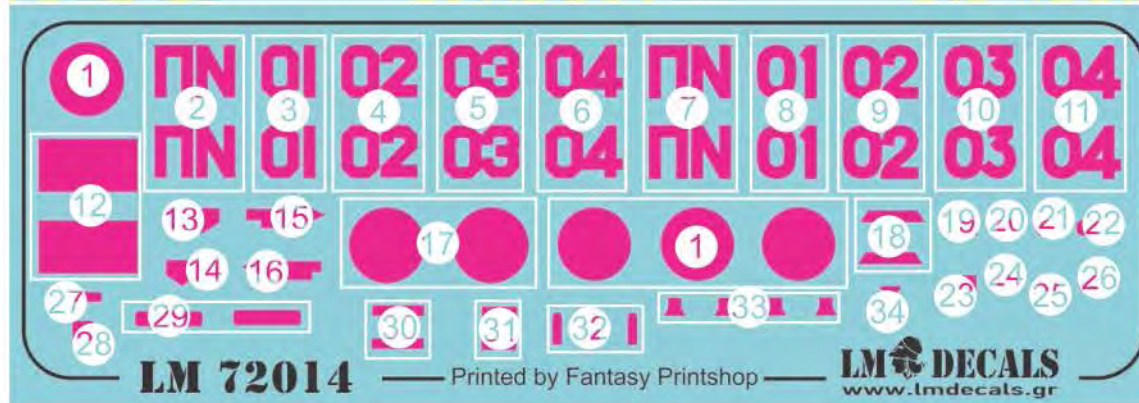


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ATTENTION!

This symbol indicates that alternative markings are applicable in this position **OR** that the same marking is applicable to more than one colour scheme.



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