

The AN/ALE-50 Towed Decoy is an electronic countermeasures (ECM) tool that acts like a preferential target to lure enemy missiles away from the targeted aircraft. The towed decoy was first used in Operation Allied Force, was used in Operations Northern and Southern Watch, and is in continued use in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Five B-1s from Ellsworth AFB were deployed to RAF Fairford for Operation Allied Force. These planes had received the Conventional Munitions Upgrade Program, and had the ALE-50 towed decoy launcher. B-1s participating in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freed

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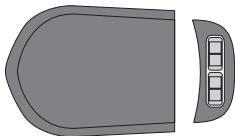
For
use by

B-1

Assembly & Paint

The ALE-50 launchers are “handed”, there is a right & left, and are so marked.

The top corner of the launcher should be even with the top corner of the ECM bump.

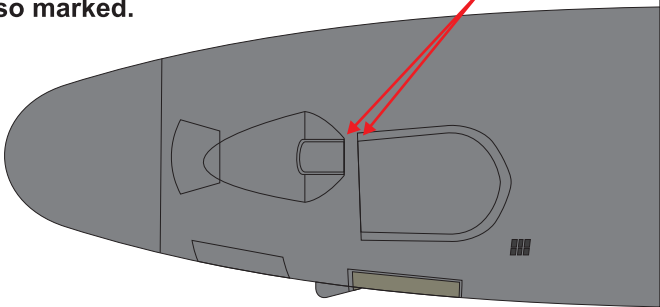


Paint Guide

Overall FS 36118

Decoy Launchers Light Grey

Inside of Fairing White



Also note how the launchers are slightly angled upwards and the rear of the unit is not perpendicular to the ground.