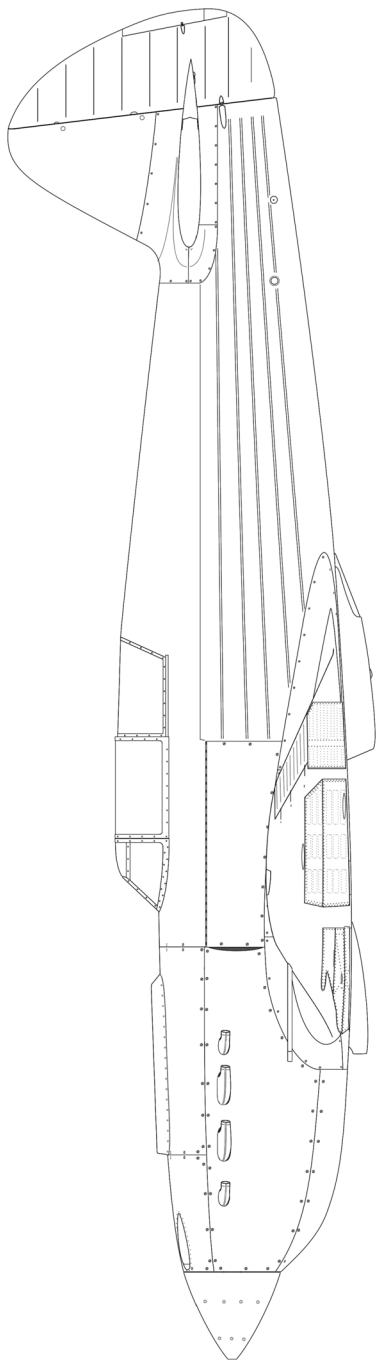
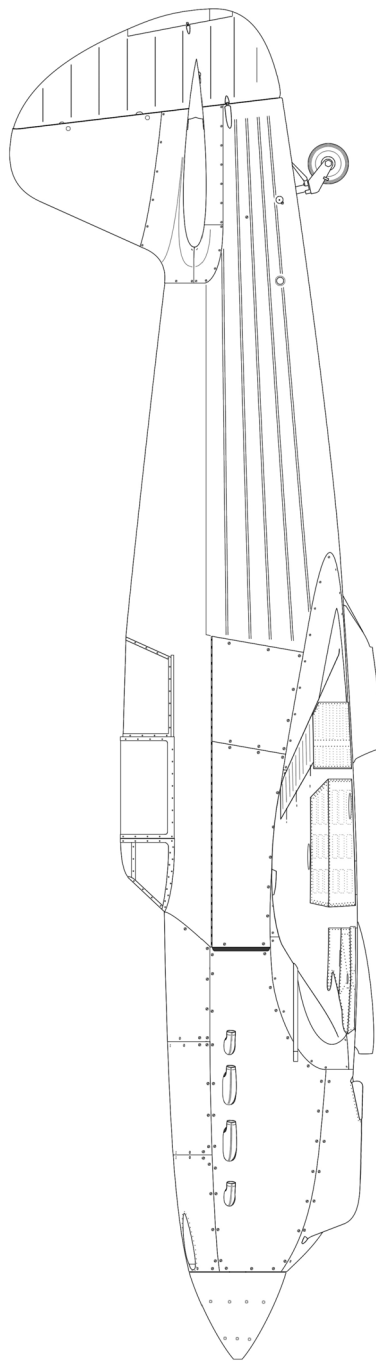


I-26 Prototypes, Factory № 115 (Moscow)



The I-26 No 1 prototype as flown on 13 January 1940 . The original vertical stabiliser looks most un-Yak-like to modern eyes.



The I-26 No 2 rebuilt prototype, ca. June 1940. The revised fin unit introduced the classic Yakovlev shape which we know today, and a hallmark of the entire family since then.