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Fast Ford GT Le Mans 2017

JEZZ COLEMAN PUTS THE PEDAL TO THE METAL WITH THIS 1:24 REVELL LE MANS 2017 GT EDITION



Revell

The Ford GT is a mid-engine two-seater sports car manufactured and marketed by Ford in

conjunction with the company's 2003 centenary, and this second-generation Ford GT became available in 2017. On 12 June 2015, at Le Mans, it was announced that Ford would return to the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2016 with a factory-supported, team of four cars. The car debuted at the 2016 Daytona event finishing seventh and ninth in its class. In the opening WEC race at Silverstone, the #67 car took victory, and two races later, on June 19, 2017 #67 finished runner up at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in the LM GTE-Pro class.

Ford GT Le Mans 2017

Manufacturer: Revell

Scale: 1:24

Kit Type: Plastic injection moulded

Kit Number: 07041

It's been a while since I had built anything other than something with wings or tracks and when I saw this kit, with its striking paint scheme I knew I had to have a go at building it. On opening the box, I was pleasantly surprised with what I was presented with. There were some nice crisply moulded parts, and nothing that looked too complicated like some car kits can be at times. My first port of call was to assemble and paint the

interior. I wanted to try to replicate the copious amounts of carbon fibre that is synonymous with these kinds of vehicles. So here I painted the main internal parts with a mixture of Tamiya Gun Metal and Black mixed to give the impression that carbon fibre was present. Following on from that I carefully painted all the various smaller details found on the interior. The seat, steering wheel and dashboard were also given the same treatment to replicate the carbon fibre also there were a handful of decals that I added onto the dashboard and steering wheel. These settled nicely with the aid of some decal solution. I then put this to one side and started to work on the engine block.

This was relatively straightforward with the engine consisting of two halves, and both cylinder heads were quickly glued into position. With the main engine block assembled I painted it using Tamiya Aluminium, and the smaller details like the cylinder head covers were painted Titanium Gold to add some variation to the metallic tones. All the intakes and the main exhausts

The car debuted at the 2016 Daytona event finishing seventh and ninth in its class.

Working on the interior



were then painted in their respective colours as per the instructions. With both the engine sub-assemblies and the interior all complete, it was time to start work on the chassis, but not before repeating the carbon fibre painting technique over the chassis in any visible areas. With that all done it was time to glue the previously assembled engine and interior onto the chassis.

Once that had all dried it was time to get the roll cage installed, and this consisted of several parts, so I deviated from the instructions slightly and assembled the entire roll cage onto the dashboard, which was then glued into position on the chassis floor. With the interior pretty much complete I turned my attention to the wheels and tyres. These were just a matter of painting up the rims and picking out the centre nut with a fine tipped brush loaded with Titanium Gold.

Once wheels were dry, on the rubber tyres. There were also some branding name decals to apply here and once set, I brushed over a coat of matt varnish for some added rigidity.

On first impression you would think looking at the box art are that painting the bodywork would be a nightmare, with all the unusual lines and contours present. However, Revell has been quite ingenious here by splicing the body into two separate



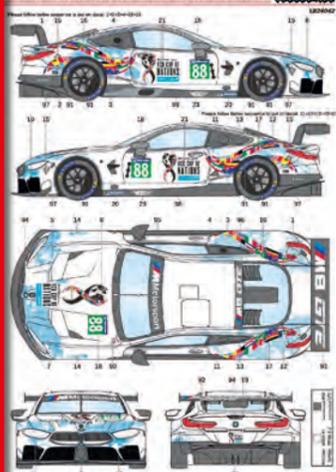
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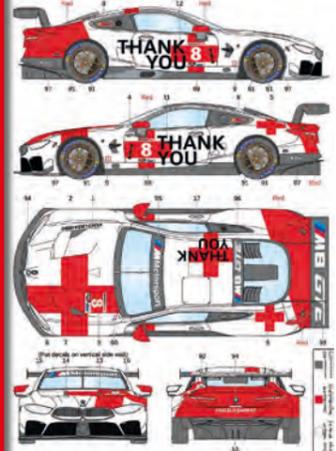
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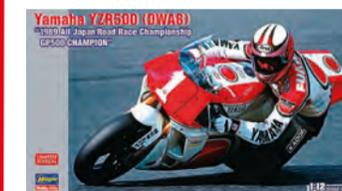
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Tank Hunter

Panzerjäger I

LEE POWELL TAKES A LOOK AT THE 1:35 ITALERI PANZERJÄGER I

Italeri

The Panzerjäger I (Tank Hunter number 1) was the first German Panzerjäger (a self-propelled anti-tank

gun, or Tank Destroyer) to see service in the Second World War. It mounted the Czech Škoda-built 4.7cm KPÚV vz.38 antitank gun on a converted Panzer I Ausf. B chassis. It was intended to counter heavy French tanks like the Char B1 bis that were beyond the capabilities of the 3.7 cm PaK 36 anti-tank gun and extended the life of the obsolete Panzer I chassis. A total of 202 Panzer I chassis were converted to Panzerjäger I standard in 1940-41, and were employed in the Battle of France, in the North Africa Campaign and on the Eastern Front. Italeri's kit of the Panzerjäger I stems back to and uses many parts from the 1976 release of the Panzer I Tank with the extra parts for the Panzerjäger I, making it into an Italeri boxing

initially in 1998. There are four grey sprues in the box (One of these being a full sprue of German, US and British Jerry Cans) Soft Vinyl Tracks, a small PE Sheet with two parts on and a small decal sheet that covers 4 vehicles. On initial inspection the parts are nicely moulded with very minimal flash on them, the tracks also look very nice for the vinyl rubber band type with some nice detailing on them.

Panzerjäger I

Manufacturer: Italeri

Scale: 1:35

Kit Type: Plastic injection moulded

Kit Number: 6577



The chassis...

...and running gear

A total of 202 Panzer I chassis were converted to Panzerjäger I standard in 1940-41

CONSTRUCTION

Construction began with the rear panel of the hull. Stages two and three deal with the bogeys, two for each side along with the rest of the wheels, including the small rollers that support the upper tracks, the bogeys are designed to be moveable, but I stuck mine in place. On stage four it tells you to attach the tracks, but these were left off to be painted and added at the end of the build. Stage four (as well as stage five, six and seven) Also deals with the assembly and painting of the interior details including a gear box and driver's area, this was built and painted as per the instructions. Stage seven deals with the building of the upper hull, this was assembled, and the only parts left off were the two rows of spare Tank Tracks that would be painted and added at the end along with the main Tracks.

Stage eight is the upper part of the rear hull including the exhaust that has a PE Cover around it that looks really good when added. Stage ten deals with the attaching of the upper hull to the lower hull, the open area of the upper hull was masked at this point to protect the interior that had already been painted. This needed some filler at this stage as there were some gaps, the rear mudguards were also left off at this





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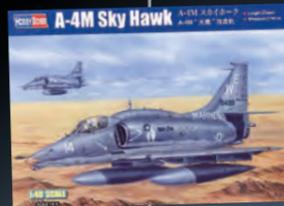
JEZZ COLMAN BUILDS THE 1:48 HOBBYBOSS A-4M AND USES THE IWATA NEO GRAVITY FEED AIRBRUSH, TOGETHER WITH AN IWATA STUDIO SERIES SMART JET PRO COMPRESSOR

Skyhawk

HobbyBoss

The Douglas A-4 Skyhawk is a single seat subsonic carrier-capable attack aircraft developed for the

United States Navy and United States Marine Corps in the early 1950s. The Skyhawk is a relatively lightweight aircraft with a maximum take-off weight of 24,500 pounds and a top speed of more than 670 miles per hour. The aircraft's five hardpoints support a variety of missiles, bombs and other munitions, and could deliver nuclear weapons using a low-altitude bombing system. Skyhawks played key roles in the Vietnam War, the Yom Kippur War, and the Falklands War,



and sixty years after the aircraft's first flight in 1954, the type remains in service with a number of air arms around the world.

For this build, I'm using the 1:72 HobbyBoss A-4M and I'm going for a low-vis camouflage scheme. As normal, the kit starts off with the construction of the cockpit, and here you are presented with a one-piece, tube-like interior, which was reasonably well

A-4M Skyhawk

Manufacturer: HobbyBoss

Scale: 1:48

Kit Type: Plastic injection moulded

Kit Number: 81766

represented, with some raised switches and dials on the side consoles and a fairly nicely detailed instrument panel. I painted up the bulk of the cockpit in dark gull grey then I picked out some of the switches and dials with a fine paintbrush. For the instrument panel, I chose to apply the kit supplied decal, and then I gave the entire

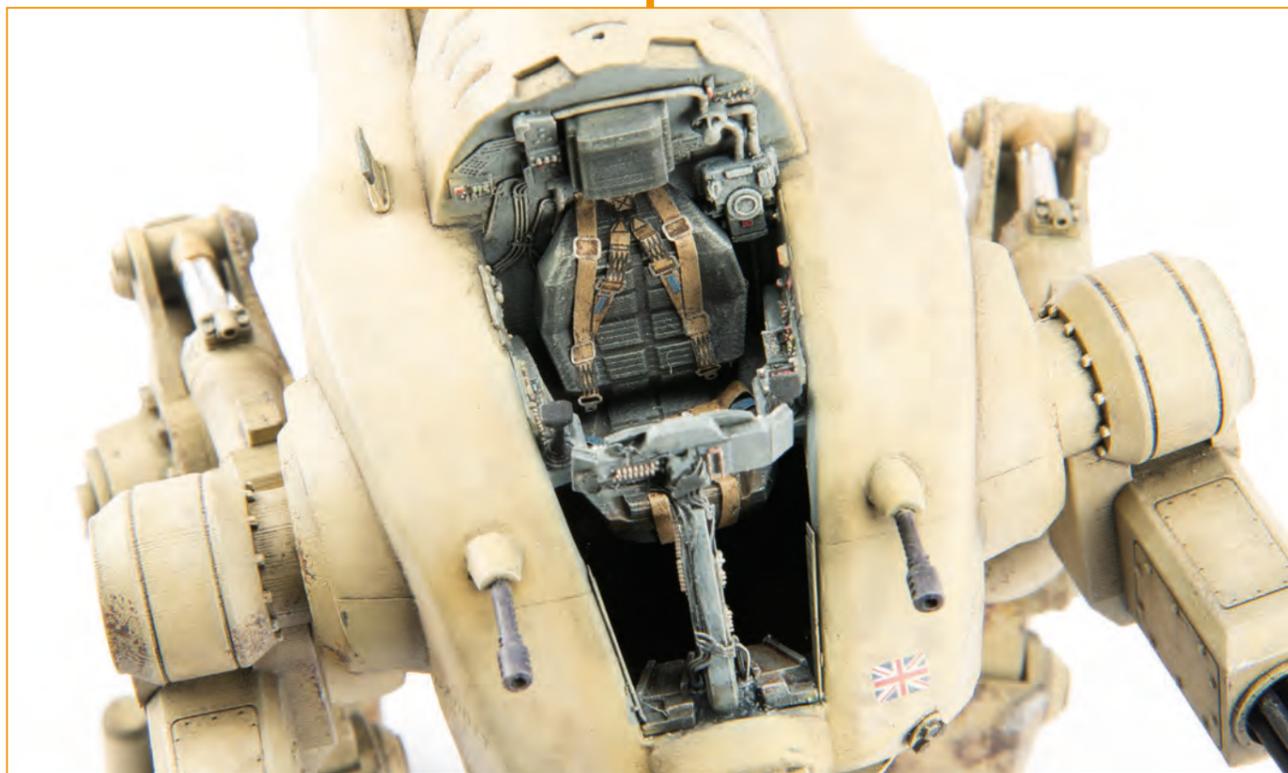
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The Iwata kit used in this build

cockpit an oil wash to accentuate the details. Before installing the cockpit into the fuselage, you need to affix the front wheel bay to the underside of the cockpit floor. Also, there is a small blank section for the inner engine intake that also needs glueing behind the cockpit area. A little test fitting was done prior to closing up the two halves of the fuselage, and these were then joined using a couple of clamps.

Moving onto the wing section, and here the kit doesn't offer the option of dropped ailerons, so the wing assembly was straightforward. The lower wing is one-piece with the two upper sections of the wing dropping into place. While the glue was still drying the fuselage was then fitted into the wings, and this had a nice positive fit. The next thing was to install the engine intakes, and each consists of three parts, the outer cowling, the inner lining and the intake surround. Again, the fit was excellent. There were a few lumps and bumps to attach in various places around the airframe, and there was also the spine 'hump' to fix into place.



M1 Predator

IAN GASKELL LOOKS TO THE POSSIBLE FUTURE OF THE BRITISH ARMY WITH THIS 1:35 MACHT STAAL BUILD

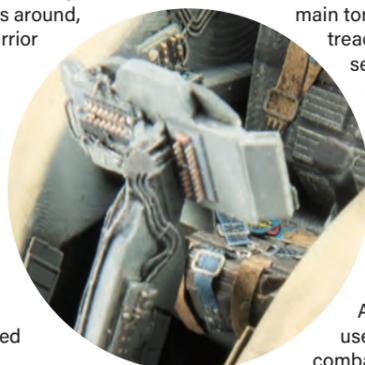


Macht Staal

Back in the 90's, I was quite taken by the BattleTech universe. I have read several of the franchise's

MechWarrior books, and when they became available, played some of the MechWarrior PC games. I always had a fascination for big robots, however, but I am not a fan on Gundams! There, I said it! Nowadays, there are several 'Mech' kits around, although genuine MechWarrior kits are hard to find, unless you have a 3D printer. 'Maschinen Krieger' and 'Fists of War' being the most notable Mech type kits today.

However, with a bit of searching you can find some nice resin kits, including a behemoth kit of 'Moose', from the film 'CHAPPIE', which is produced by Weta Workshops.



M1 Predator

Manufacturer: M.A.S

Scale: 1:35

Kit Number: 135

I came across this kit, which took my fancy. It's from a company called Macht Staal, and it's called the M1 Predator in 1:35.

It comes in several large sections, the main torso, legs with separate treads for the feet, and two sets of arms. One set has industrial claws on the end taken from their S1 Pegasus kit, and the other set has a very menacing rotary canon on each arm. Rotary canon it is then! What I wanted to depict was something the British Army might develop and use, in a near future urban combat scenario, where a

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