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From the Editor

Well here we are in level 3.2. We are hopeful that the current restrictions in Auckland will be lifted in time for next month's meeting. In addition we need to be mindful of any potential risk to the Nationals due to the risk higher COVID alert levels. We know there are a number of people from outside Auckland who plan to attend so we need to consider the impact on them. At present we plan to make a go/no go call on this early in September. To keep up with plans for the Nats please and all the latest news visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ipmsnznats2020> and don't forget to like it to help raise it's profile. You should find attached with this newsletter the latest I Nationals information sheet detailing the classes, rules and other key details.

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**Note our meeting
time is back to 7.30 pm**

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ICM 1/48 Dornier Do 217N-1 "NachtJager"

By Brett Peacock

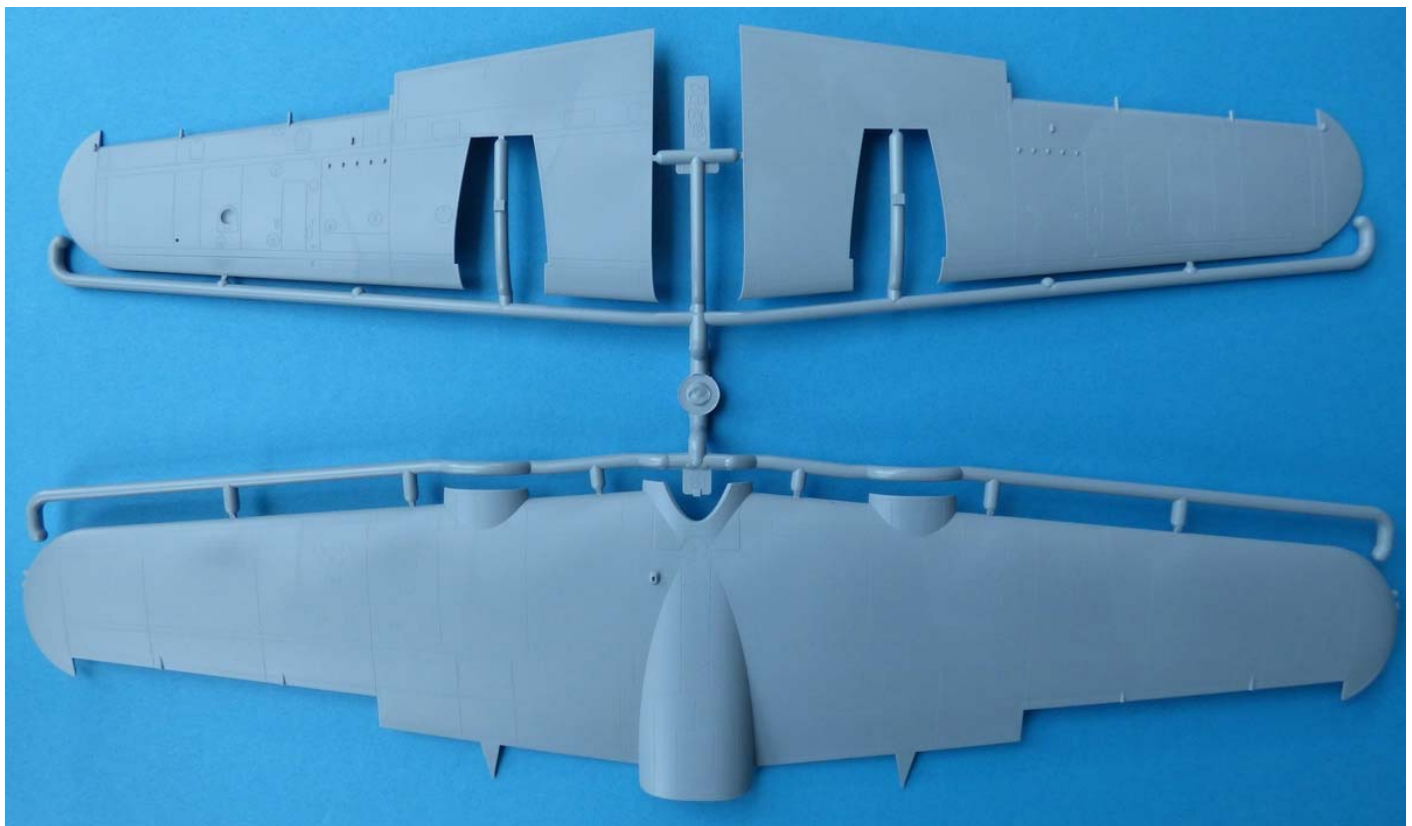
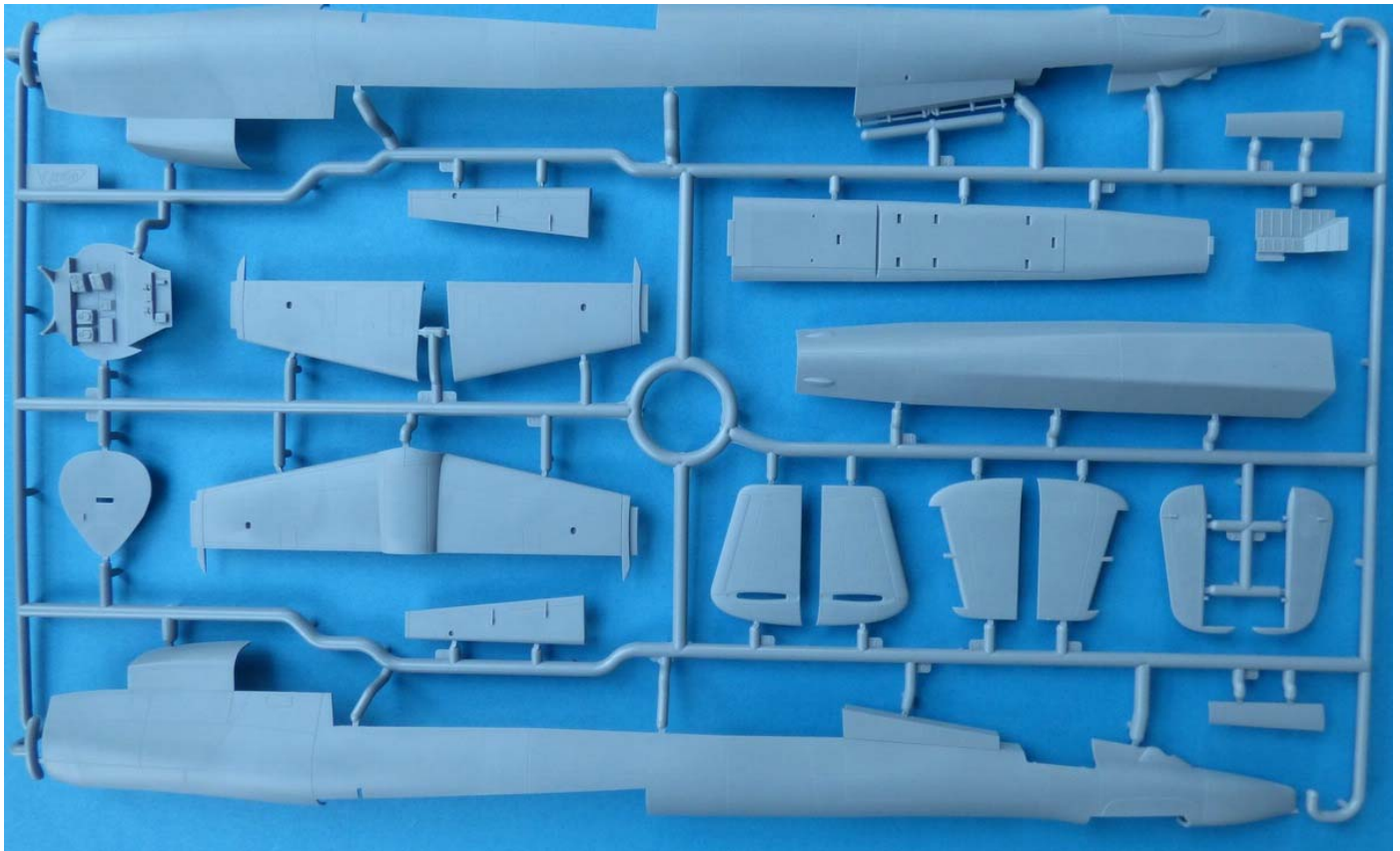


Kit # 48271, Price (From The Model Room) NZ \$ 155.00. Parts: 230 grey, 7 clear. 4 Decal Options

Following on from their Dornier Do 17Z/ Do 215 kts, ICM are now producing a family of Dornier Do217 kits, starting with the last, N Model. (A J model is already available, also.) It comes in a standard format box, but this is almost twice as deep as the Dornier Do17Z box reviewed here a while back, and the parts count has increased significantly. The engine nacelles and the Engines are now on Separate sprue trees and the internal parts are increased as well. The only common sprues with the earlier model are the wing parts, which are the same. All other sprue trees are new.

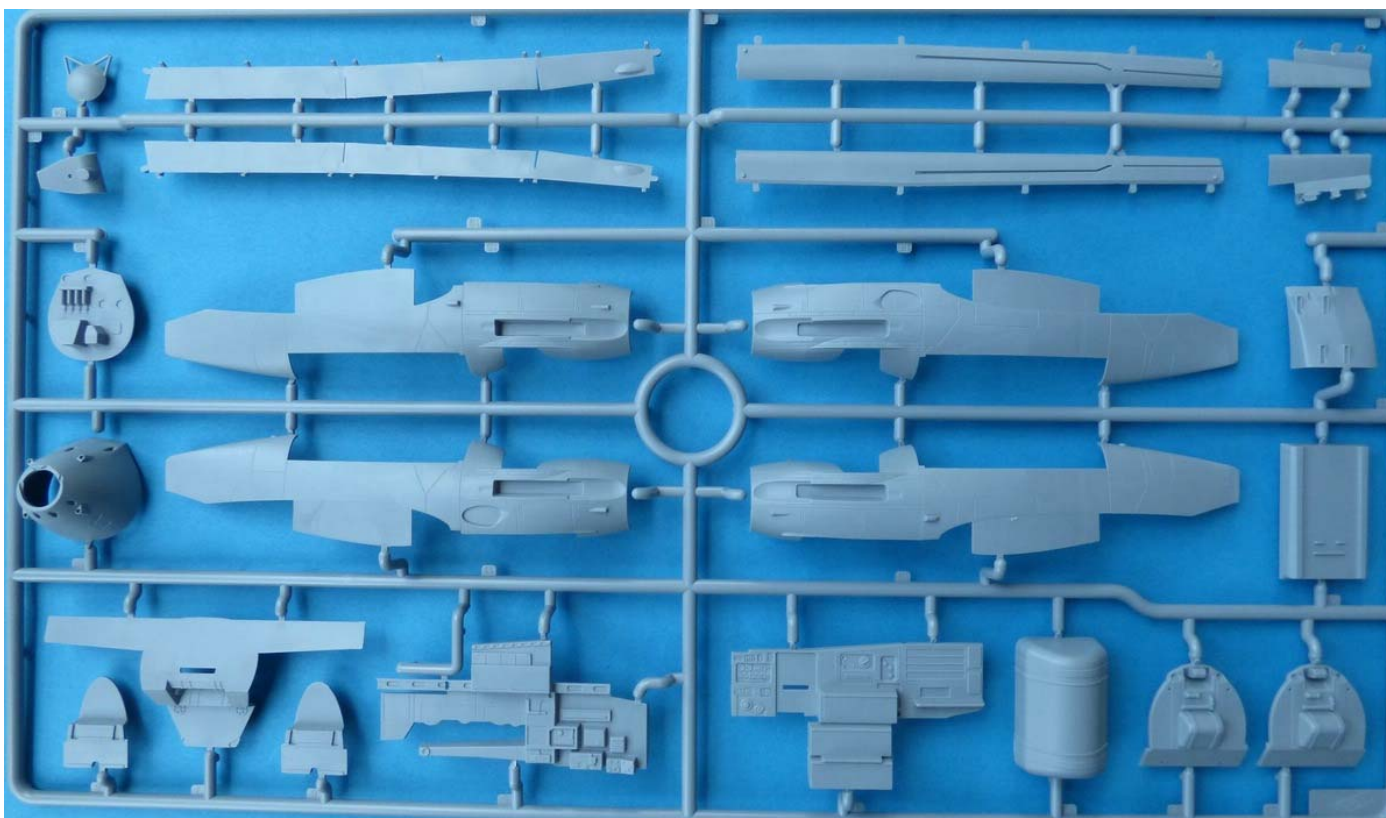
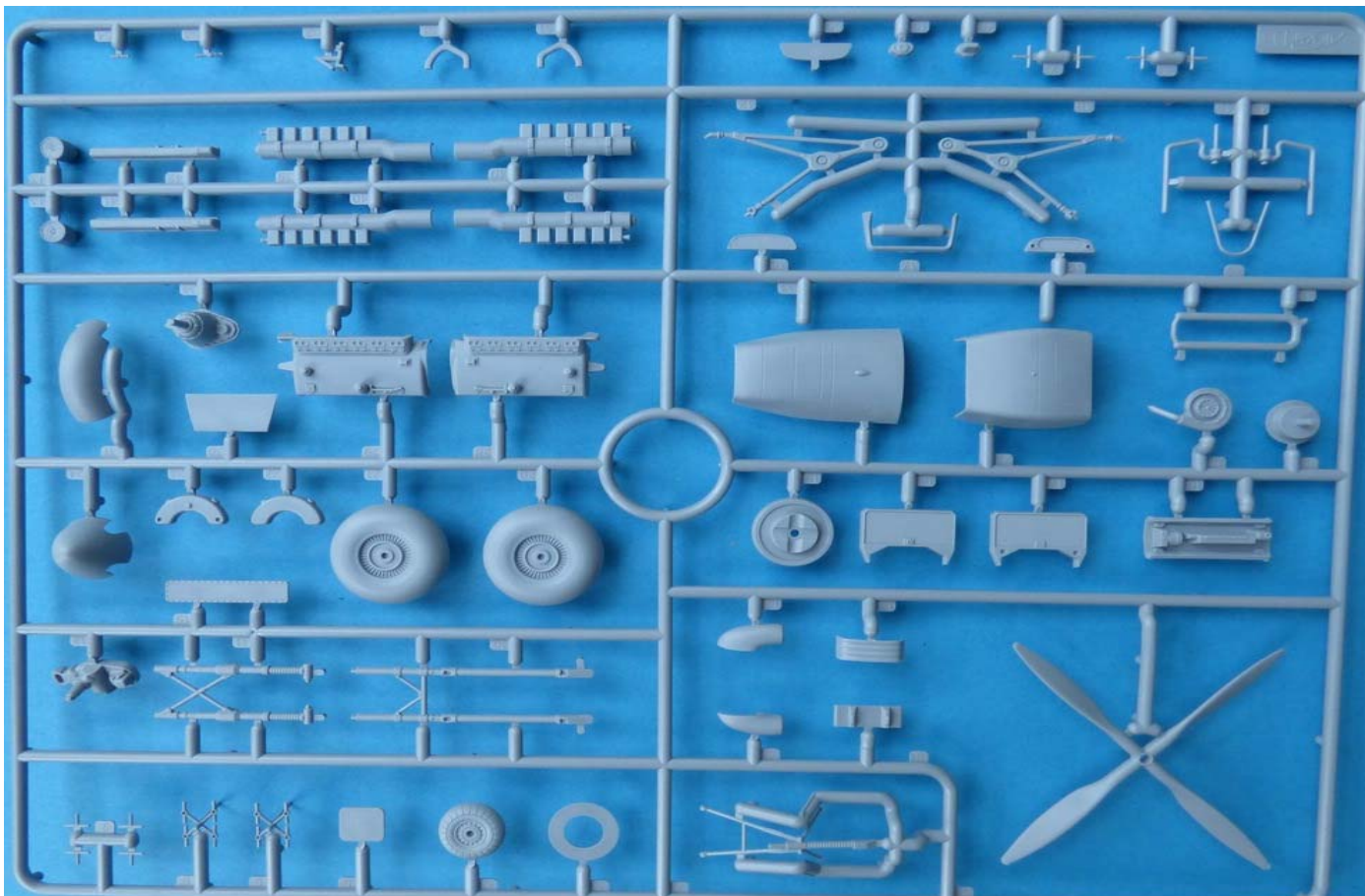
The J and N models were created as supplementary night fighters, and served with some success at first, but the advent of faster RAF bombers like the Lancaster and Halifax reduced their effectiveness as the speed difference was lessened, making an interception more difficult and a tail chase prohibitively protracted. (The Dornier design was always a fast bomber, second only the later Ju 88s.) However it enabled the Dornier 217 to carry a very heavy armament load with a significant amount of ammunition for it (4x forward Mgs and 4x 20mm cannon, plus an optional 2 cannon Shrage Musik installation in the rear fuselage). The defensive arms were reduced as the risk of fighters was lower at night.

Main Airframe parts: Fuselage and Wings



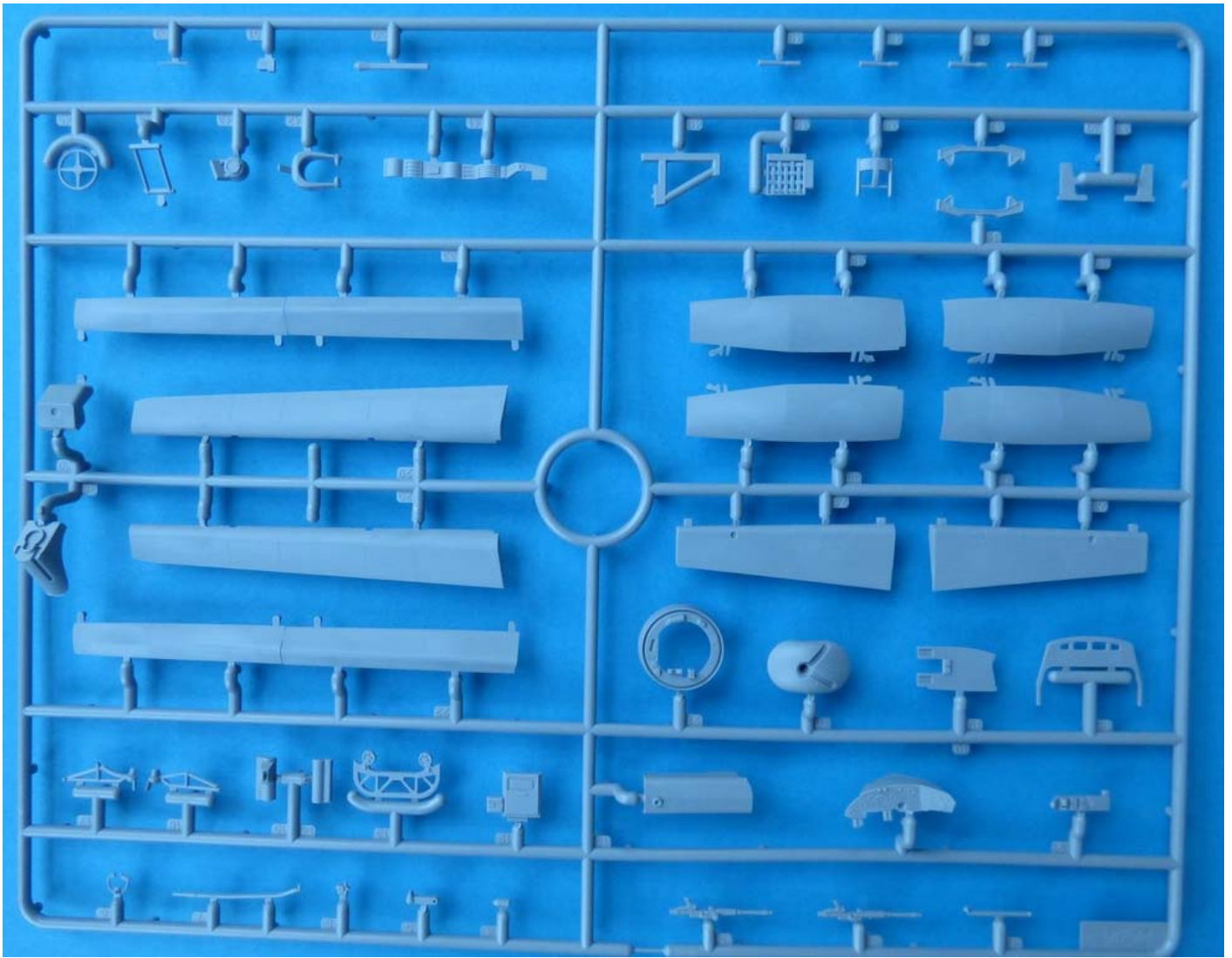
All detail is finely engraved with fasteners showing but no rivetting.

Next: Engine Sprue tree (2 of) and Nacelles

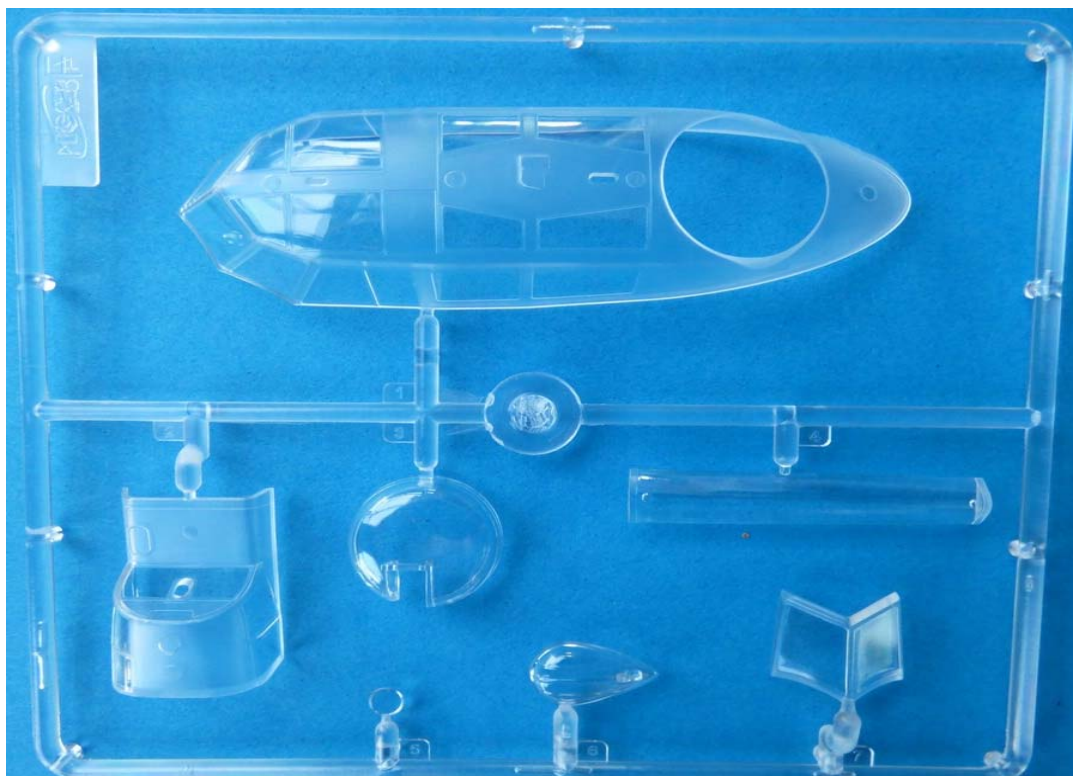


Note that the Gun nose is included on the Nacelle Spue (at Left centre.) At Right bottom is the optional Bomb bay Fuel tank. I suspect that the central position of the nacelles is to allow for an mould insert for the BMW Nacelles of the E and J models.

Sundry details and Control Surfaces:



And the Clear sprue:



As can be seen, the frames are slightly textured and should mask easily as a result:



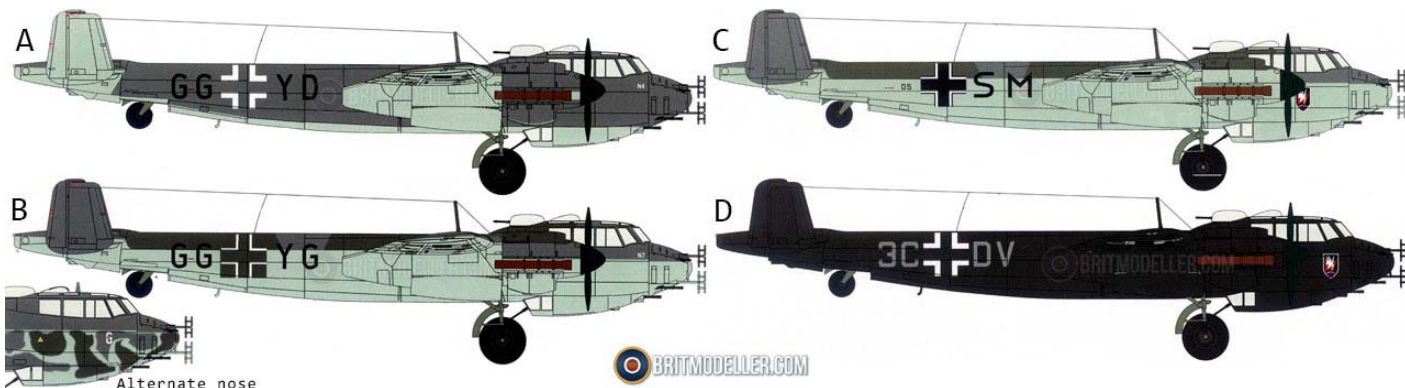
Typical of ICM the kit comes bagged in 2 large resealable plastic bags, with the Clear parts bagged separately included within one. The instructions and decals are at the bottom of the box, under the bag. And, yes the box is also ICM standard, a tough cardboard box with a printed flimsy cover. I know people complain about the bagging, but honestly, the more packing it has the less "green" it is and ICM take care to place the sprue trees in it, back to back and the fuselage and wing face outward in the bag to minimize any scratches. So this has been carefully thought out. Top marks for that, from me, anyway.

The Clear parts are (as always from ICM now,) brilliantly clear with light frosting on the metal frame areas which will greatly simplify masking and painting them. The decals are also tidily printed and the old bugbear of ICM decals (Ink runs, poor adhesion and poor printing) is well and truly a thing of the past.

The instructions are good but there is a small caveat: You need to choose early if you wish to include the engines in the nacelles (You can build the kit sans the engines as they will be invisible if closed up.) When, not IF you choose, you MUST mark the stages in the Instructions to follow for your choice as it is not immediately clear. (The instructions are VERY busy (ie: COMPLEX and a little unclear) in some stages and this is worst in this install engine or not stage...

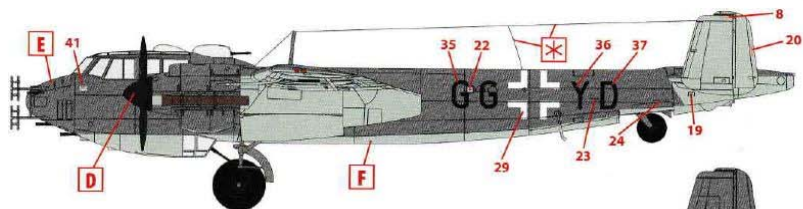
There are four marking options to choose from, of which the first two are Pre-production, Operational test machines based at the RLM;s Rechlin Facility. The last two are Operational Night fighters.

The 4 options: A & B are the two test machines.



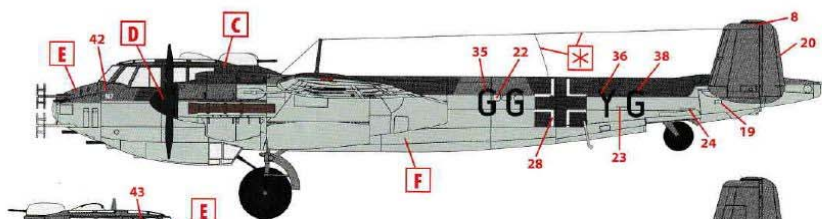
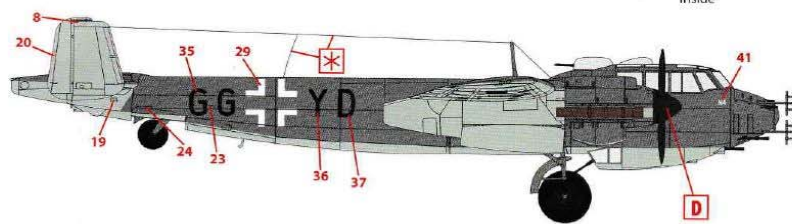
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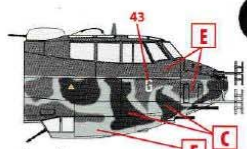
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Do 217N-1, Rechlin, Germany, Spring 1943

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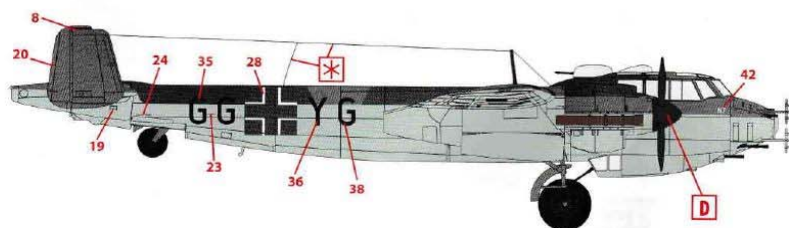


2. Do 217N-1, Рехлин, Германия, лето 1943 г.
Do 217N-1, Rechlin, Germany, Summer 1943

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Другой вариант окраски
Another painting variant



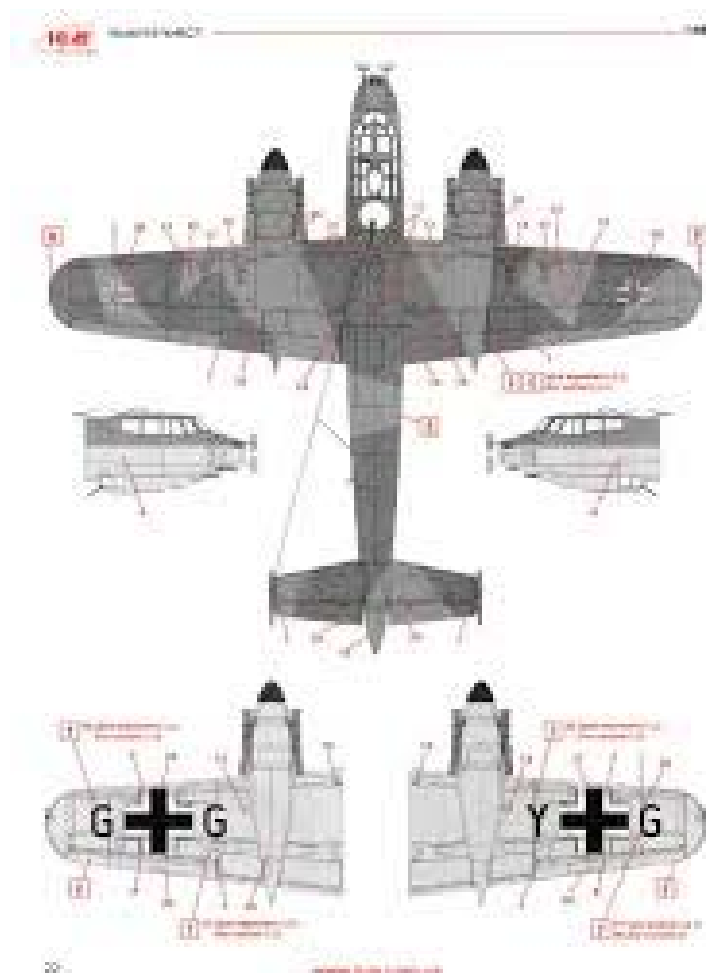
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These are your choices: Note that they include an option for a repaint in 1944 for the Rechlin #2

- Dornier Do 217 N-1. Prototype No. 4, GG + YD (radio codes), Rechlin, Germany, Spring 1943. Finished in RLM 76 Light Blue lower surfaces and RLM 75 Grey Violet upper surfaces with low fuselage demarcation.
- Dornier Do 217 N-1. Prototype No. 7, GG + YG (radio codes) Rechlin, Germany, Summer 1943. Finished in RLM 76 Light Blue lower surfaces and RLM 75 Grey Violet on the upper surfaces with high fuselage demarcation. The kit instructions suggest a splinter pattern of RLM 75 Grey Violet and RLM 74 Grey Green, but wartime photos look more like a single RLM 75 to me.
- Dornier Do 217 N-1. D5 + SM, Denmark, December 1944. Finished in RLM 76 Light Blue lower surfaces with a splinter pattern of RLM 75 Grey Violet and RLM 74 Grey Green featuring high fuselage demarcation.
- Dornier Do 217 N-1. 3C + DV, Germany, late 1943. Finished in overall black.

An Upper surface diagram is also provided: The upper surface of Option A is plain RLM 75. The others follow this standard layout.



In conclusion, this is an extremely well done kit of one of the “Big Three” Luftwaffe Nightfighters – the other two being the Junkers 88 and Messerschmitt 110, the Heinkel he 219 never played a significant role, despite being the best of the Nightfighters by far, and the same for the Focke-Wulf Ta-154, which really only reached an Operational test unit before being sidelined.

It is expensive but there is a lot in the kit. The Revell Do-217E kit does not include a bomb-bay, an important feature to miss, on a BOMBER! And this kit obsoletes that one, as a Bomber version is certain to follow at some point!

ICM US WASP (1943-1945) -1/32

By Brett Peacock

MODEL KIT No32108

US WASP (1943-1945)

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Not in the Seat



The WASPs or Women's Air Force Service Pilots was a civilian Women's organisation which were US Federal Service Employees. As well as training other pilots they would ferry aircraft around, and test aircraft. Their aim was to free up male pilots for combat roles. The WASPs were disbanded on late 1944 in slightly dubious circumstances. It is estimated that WASP members delivered half of all aircraft production in the US Thirty-eight members lost their lives in accidents, eleven died during training, and twenty-seven were killed on active duty missions, as they were not classed a military they had none of the rights or privileges, and were in the end pretty badly treated. Members only gained veteran status in the late 1970s with the award of a WWI Victory medal in the early 1980s.

This is the latest ICM figure kit and is laid out in the same manner as their previous Pilot sets, two pilots and 1 ground personnel, all on 1 medium sized sprue tree, with no decals and a simple instruction sheet/paint guide.

As with the other sets the sculpting is very fine, close to a resin After-market figure, and should assemble and paint without any issues, The instructions are clear, if brief, and the set is useful for a diorama or vignette of the factory to unit delivery type. The poses of the 3 figures are very natural and real looking without being overly stated. (And are a good match to the box art!)

Recommended

Tamiya 1/48 Lockheed P-38H Lightning. (White Box Limited Edition)

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LOCKHEED P-38H LIGHTNING scalemates

1/48 SCALE ★WINGSPAN 330mm, FUSELAGE LENGTH 240mm

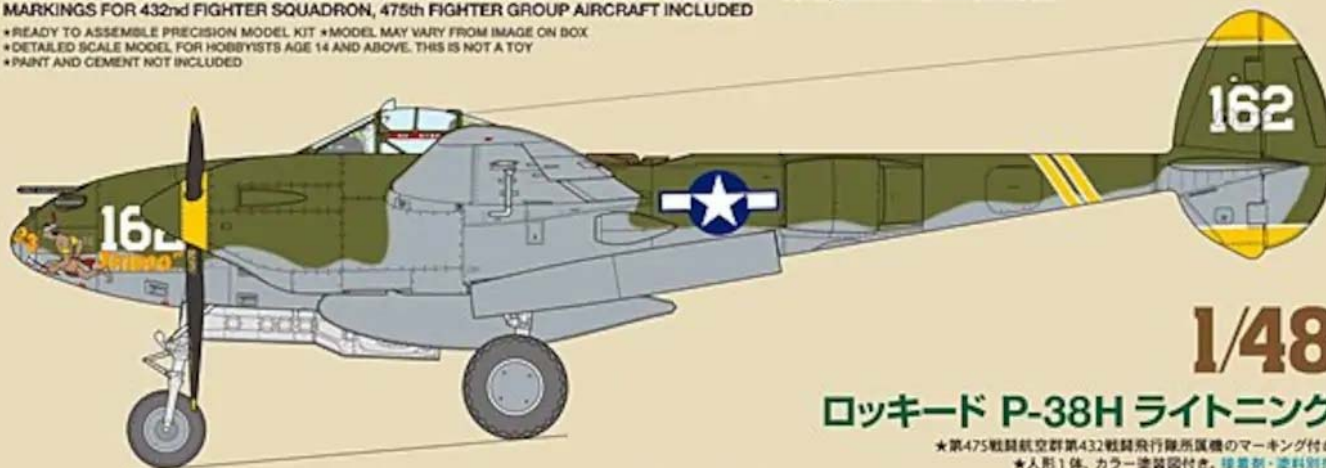
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Kit# 25119, Price (NZ) \$180.00 approx, Parts 207 in grey plus 16 more on 1 new grey sprue and 18 clear parts on a revised sprue. For a total of 241 parts. There is 1 option with a strong caveat. Thanks to Modelair for Ordering the kit...

As I recently reviewed the Tamiya F/G model P-38 I refer you to that review for an over view of the parts and layout as 95% of this kit is actually identical. There are only 2 sprues that differ, one is new and 1 is revised. (I was unable to find any images of these sprues online) The H model was the final model of the early Lightning and probably the most widely produced and liked of them. Many features of the H would also be standard on the J and subsequent L models also. So how does this differ? Well the turbo-superchargers have a number of details that differ from the F/G (and also from the later J&L as well!) and the Supercharger intakes are larger and deeper than the earlier versions. The rear canopy also changed but this is something of a minor Caveat in the kit, however.)

The problem is Tamiya have replaced the rear canopy of the F/G with an H model (and Later) rear canopy, which is fine, unless you choose to model an H-1 Production Block machine (Relatively common in service – one example of a well known H-1 is Thomas J Lynch's 42-66532/White 10 with the sharkmouths of his unit) The problem is that the H-1 block all used the G styled rear canopy. The new canopy was not standard until the H-5 block. And Tamiya do not provide the older style also. (It has a join between the two perspex halves which appears as a scribed line... BUT the shape differs slightly between earlier and later rear fairings) An interim fix would be to (a) order a set of clear parts from Tamiya or agent, or interim, scribe that join into the part provided.

Airfix 1/48 De Havilland Dh 82a Tiger Moth

By BrettPeacock



Kit # A04104, 59 parts on 3 grey and 1 clear sprue trees, 2 decal options. Price: about \$60.00 (\$59 at Modelair & Model Room)

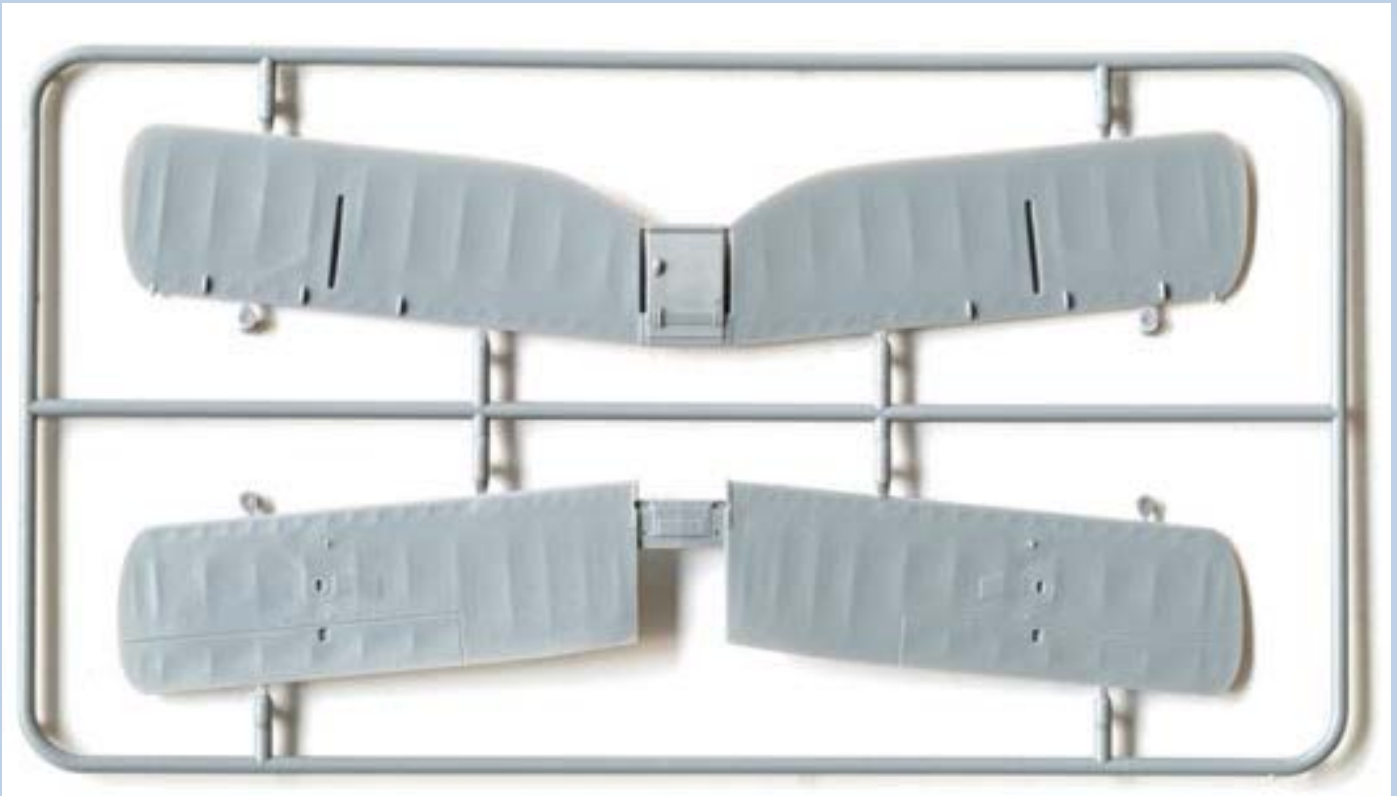
This small, rather delicate looking biplane, designed by De Havilland in 1932 and adopted as a primary trainer by the RAF in 1933 has proved to be the most enduring of classic golden age biplanes. It served in many countries as a trainer and post WW2 as a popular civil aircraft and many still fly almost 90 years later. It was so easy to build that many countries built them under license.

I well recall, back in the very early 90s, I bought the Aeroclub 1/48 scale Tiger Moth (the first release) which had, as I recall, Injection moulded wings and a vacform fuselage (that was later redone in injection moulds!) One sticking point for me was the requirement to carve you own struts from supplied Aeroclub strut strips and the rather basic cockpit with really consisted of two seats and instrument panels. (the rest to be supplied by the modeller. It went onto the "When I have the time and inclination" pile until I on sold it a few years later. The decals were also very basic and the markings scheme was... forgettable.

Well Airfix have come to the rescue with this 1/48th kit. It is, in a word, simply GORGEOUS! I can see several boxings will be done – Although this looks like an RAF boxing, the markings are in fact for modern, Civil Registered, warbirds in the UK from 2018. So a wartime boxing and a 1930s boxing will almost certainly follow on from Airfix, in short order.

Onto the parts:

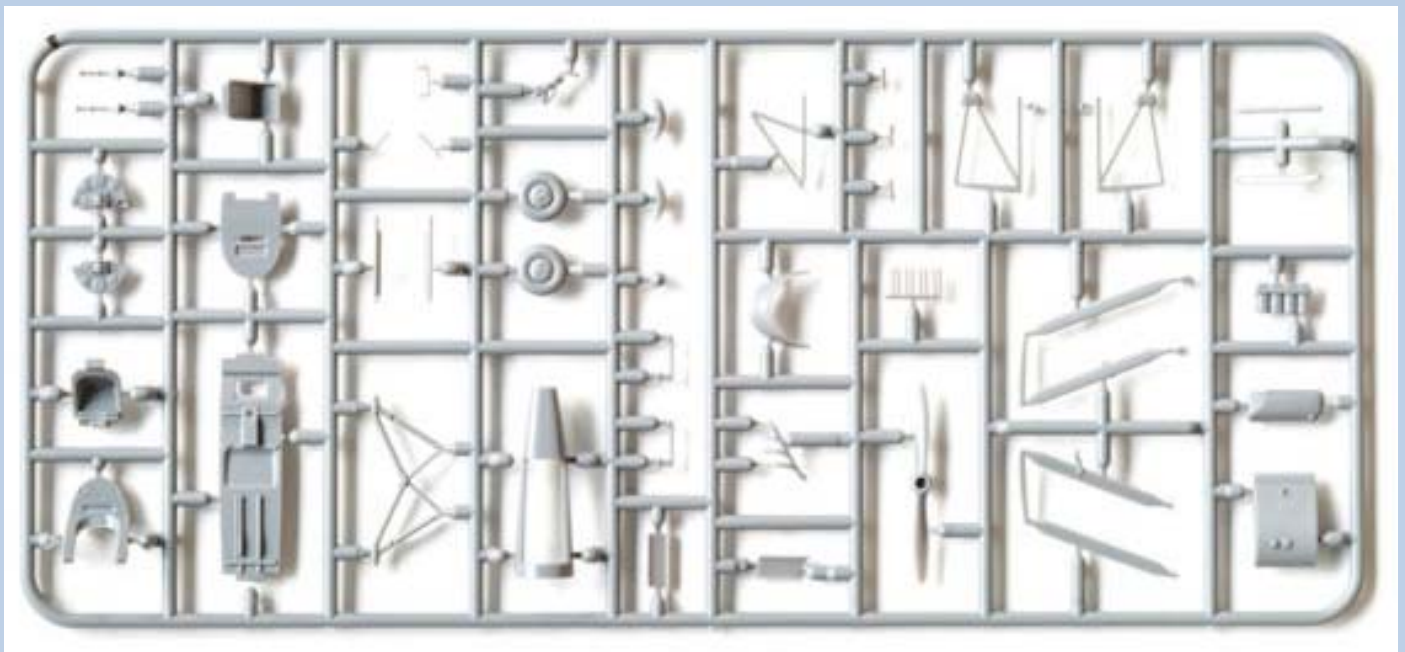
First the upper and lower wings, both moulded in 1 part each – Beautifully detailed with subtle fabric effect and gentle rib and valley undulations. The upper wing has the overhead fuel tank moulded into the underside and a separate part is supplied for the top side. The slots are for the one piece mainplane struts.



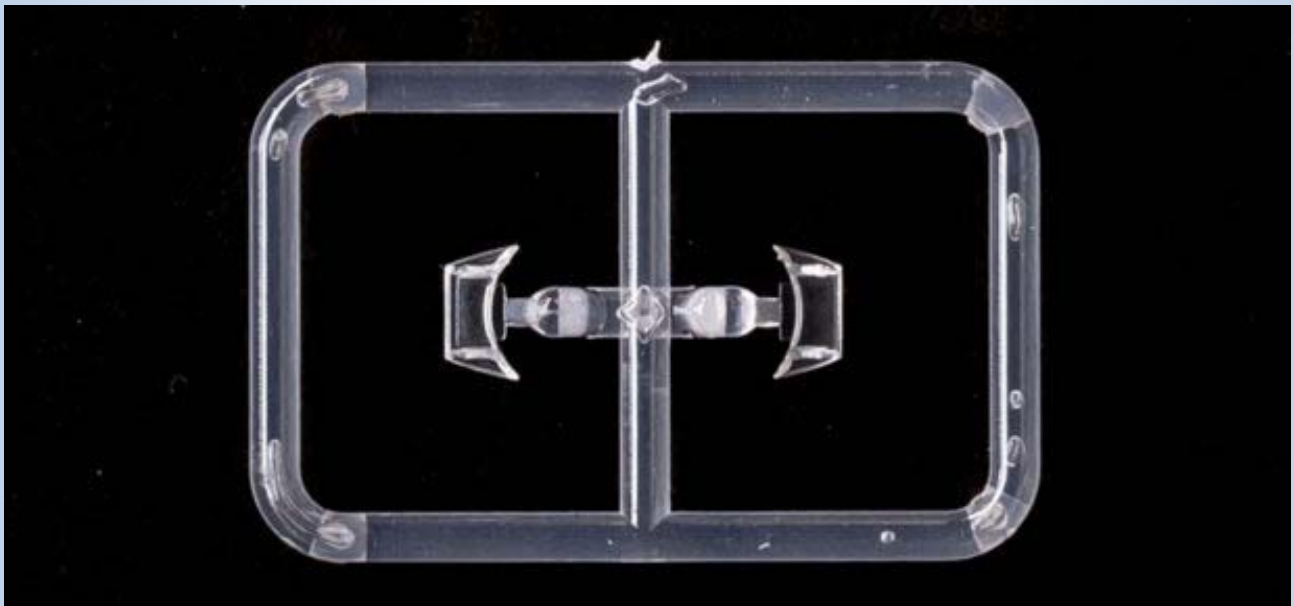
The Fuselage parts: Note the different tail planes – One set has the Anti-Spin strakes and the second does not. The fin and rudder are a single part, as is the cowling top.



The smaller parts: This tree covers the Cockpit, Struts, Wheels, Undercarriage etc, all delicately moulded. The odd hollow rectangle part is a template for removing part of the upper rear fuselage to fit the anti-spin strakes and tail plane.



The Clear parts – 2 simple windscreens. And that is all.



Marking Options:

The A scheme (Box art) (K-2585 (G-ANKT) from the Shuttleworth Collection 2018, painted to represent K-2585 from the RAF Central Flying School Display Team with large red checkers on the wings and red upper fuselage.

The B scheme: K4259/G-ANMO, from Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent, 2018. This is a nuch sipler scheme of overall Aluminium dope with yellow bands on the inner wings and rear fuselage, abd black wing walkways.

(Xtra decal at Hannants have already released after market sheets for several options and I have no doubts that others will follow, maybe even Tasman/Ventura with kiwi Tiggies!?)

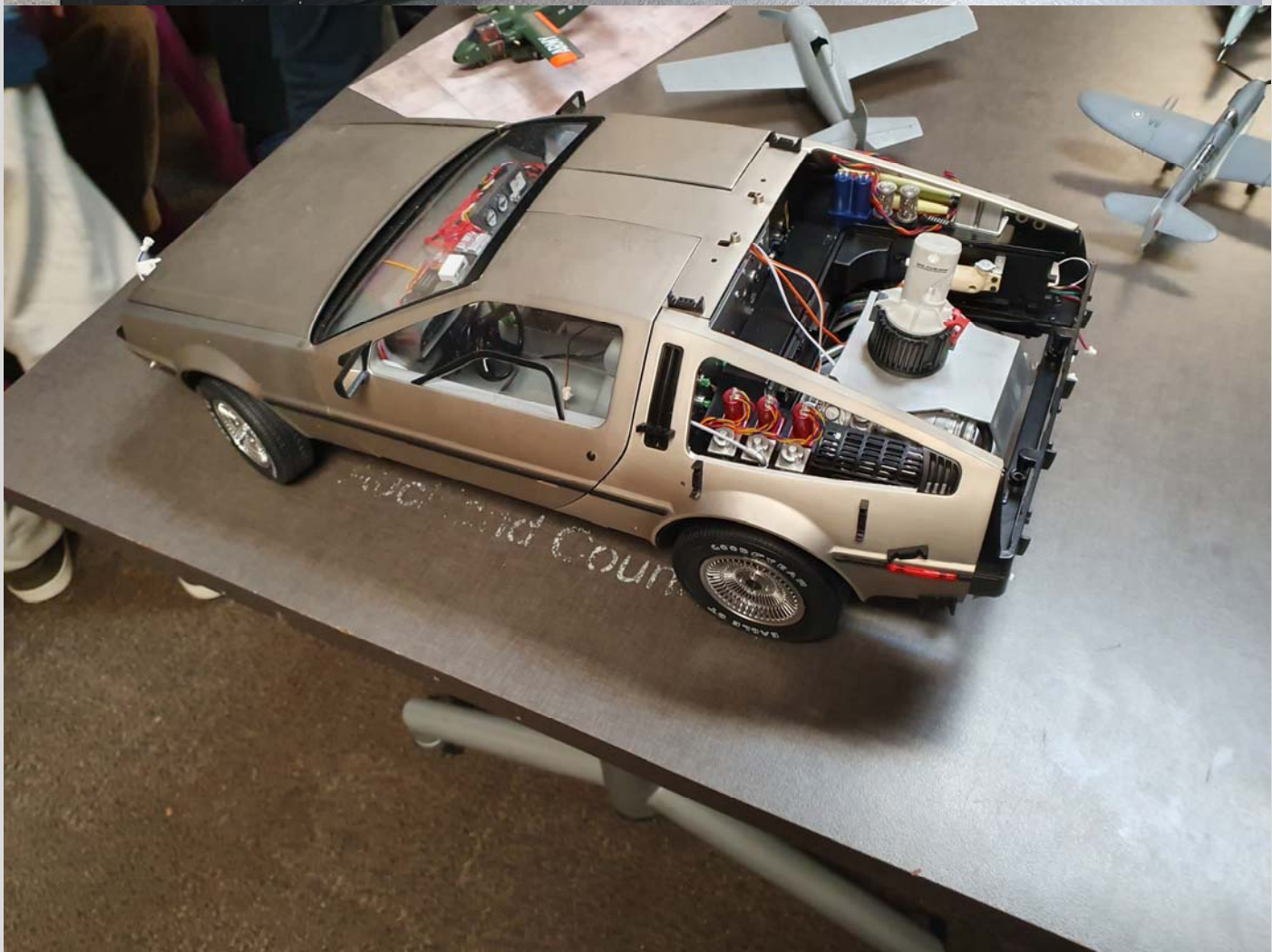
In conclusion, if you like Tiger Moths then this is the kit for you. In 1/72 it is a tiny aircraft and even the new Airfix release of it in that scale does not change that. 1/48 is much better display IMHO. Rush out and buy now, or wait a little to see what Airfix will choose for future boxings, your choice.



On the table. Photos from our July Meeting





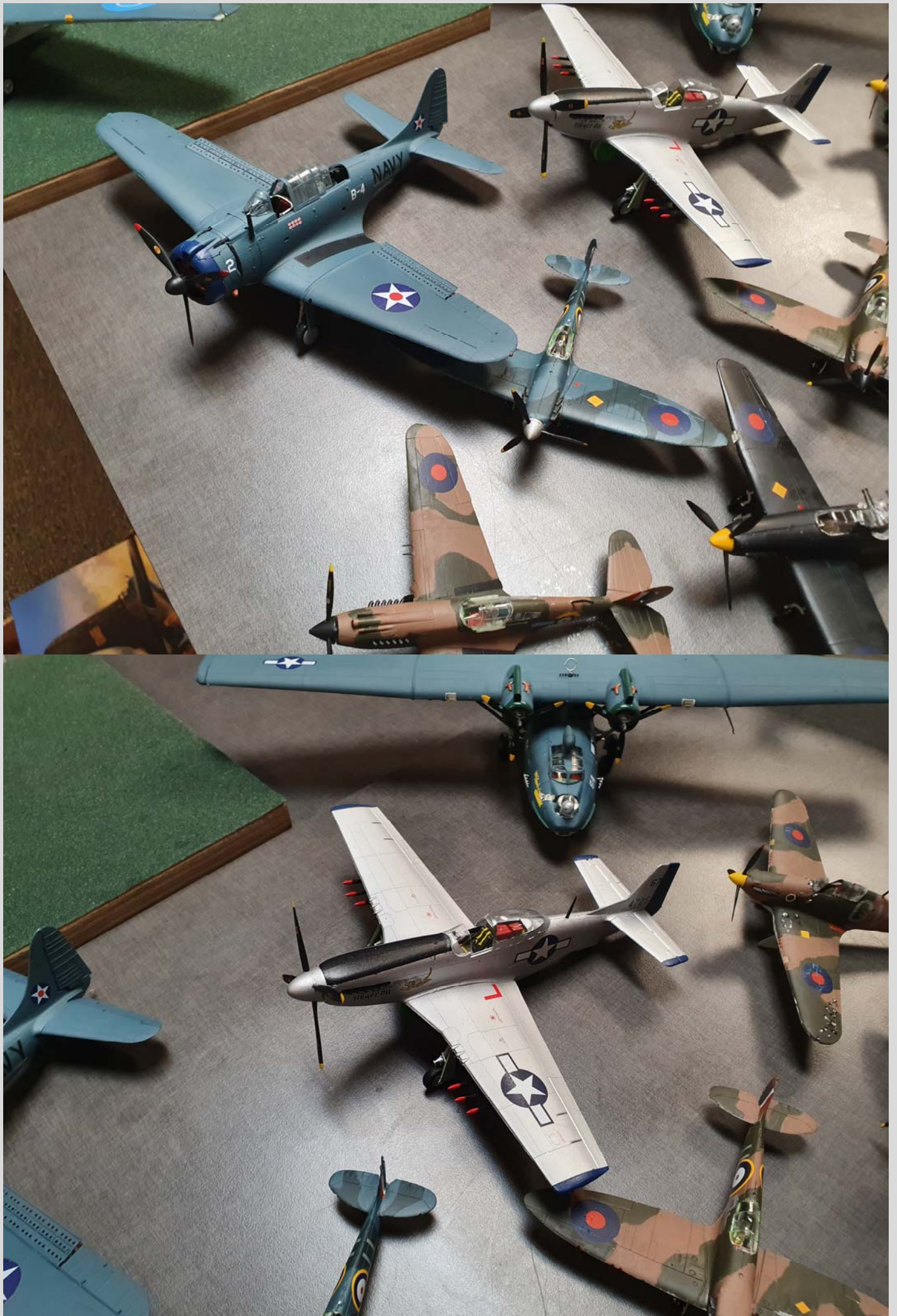














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