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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16th May
Leys Institute (upstairs)
20 Saint Marys Road
Ponsonby

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The Chairman's Bit

Hello from me John Swarbrick I stuck my hand up at the AGM for the Chairmanship for the next period at IPMS Auckland.

I'm a relevant recent convert back to modelling. I built heaps of kits as a child as we were lucky enough to have a really good model shop in the town where I lived and lots of Matchbox models in the local newsagents. I made a return to the hobby when my youngest son received an Airfix kit for Christmas which I built and have had the bit between my teeth since. I'm lucky enough to have 3 great kids an understanding wife and live down in Pukekohe. I try and bring something along to each club night and it's been great to see the tables with so many models on in recent meetings.

2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of IPMS Auckland and your committee is busy with organisation of several things to mark this event. We'll have more info on this over the next month so please stay tuned.

Club night wise we'll continue with our current format of club news, round the table and a cup of tea followed by a skill or technique session feedback we have had is this seems to be working. One other activity we will undertake over the next few months is to digitise the archive of past issues of Scale Dimensions and other club newsletters. Having them in a digital format will hopefully make them a bit more accessible to members.

Finally, many thanks to outgoing Chairman Mark Robson and the previous committee for all their hard work on behalf of the club.

A plea about fees from the editor

Yes it's that time of year again and IPMS annual fees are now overdue if you have not already paid them.

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Rant Over. See you at the next meeting ☺

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CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

IPMS Auckland Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every Month at the Leys Institute (upstairs), 20 Saint Marys Road, Ponsonby

- May 16th - Auckland Club Night — Detailing models with metal
- June — Metallic finishes. A must for those joining our theme build for this year.
- July — Airbrush maintenance. A session on consistently getting the best from your airbrushes by using some basic practices

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Messerschmitt Bf 109G-6

Zvesda 1:48 In Box Review
by Brett Peacock



Kit # 4816 -233 parts (Unknown if that includes all parts not used)

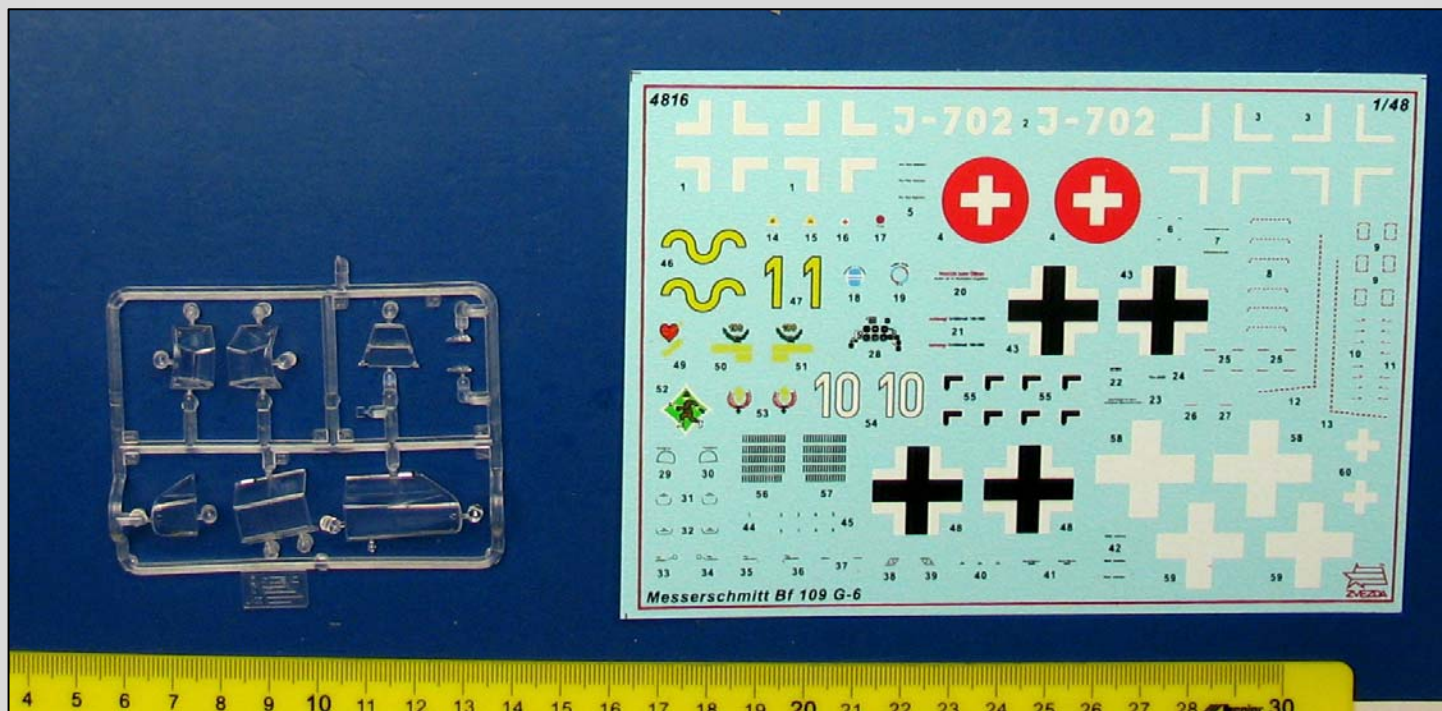
Purchased from Modelair @ \$50.00 (NZ) – or about what would cost to import it, anyway.

Images in review credited to Britmodeller forums & www.model-making.eu ›

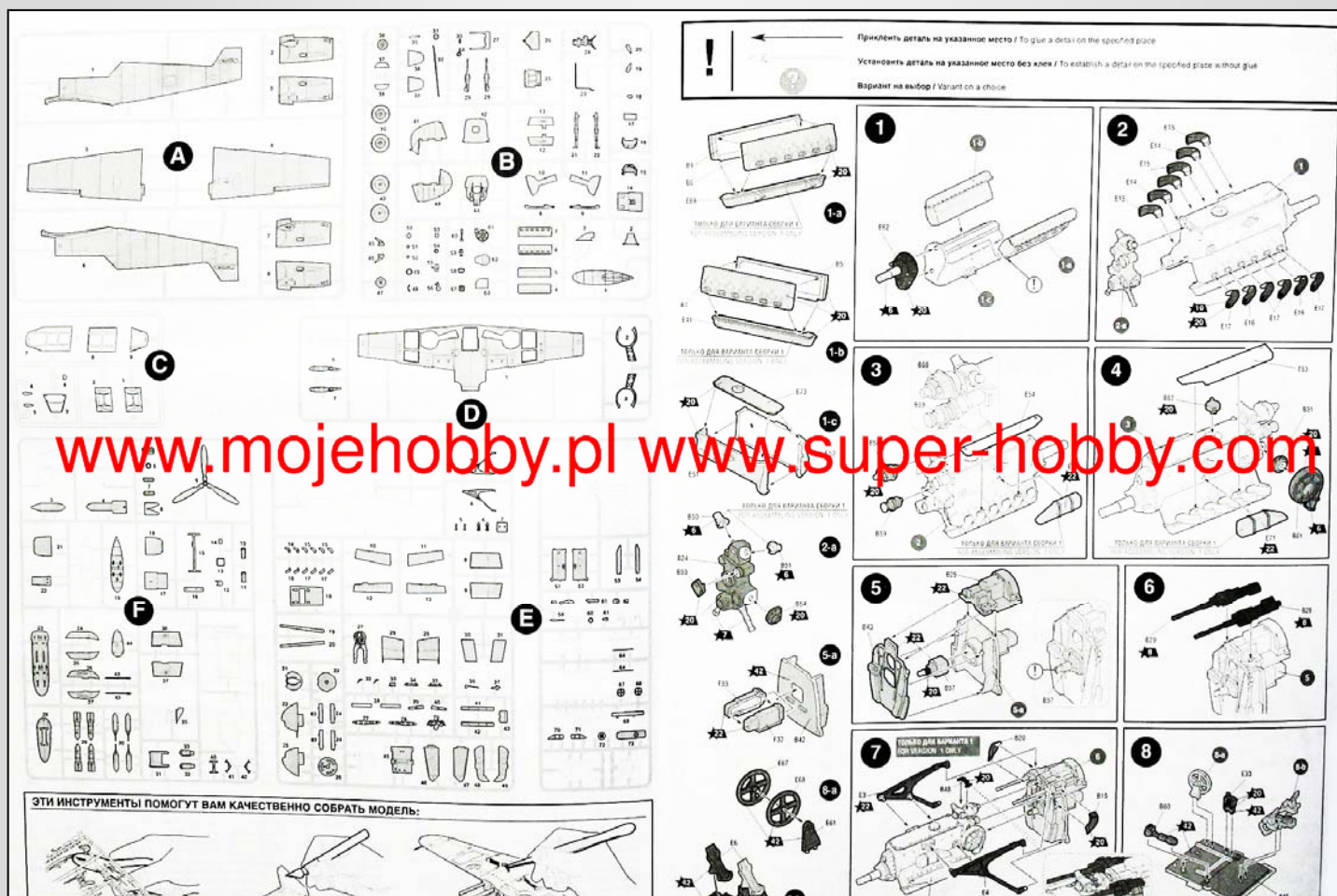
I have had the Zvezda Bf 109F-2 kit for a while now so I can safely say that this kit shares a number of parts and sprue trees with that kit, however there are also a number of new parts and at least 2 new sprues in this kit. Like the Bf109F it comes in a sturdy reinforced card box, enclosed within an outer end-opening thin box. It is also a little larger (deeper) than the 109F box. The boxart is very evocative indeed, with a lower starboard $\frac{3}{4}$ view of the subject banking to follow a LagGG 3 fighter against a vivid cloudscape. Titles are in both Russian (Cyrillic)- and English, like the instructions. The back of the box has photos of a well finished model and a brief blurb about the subject.



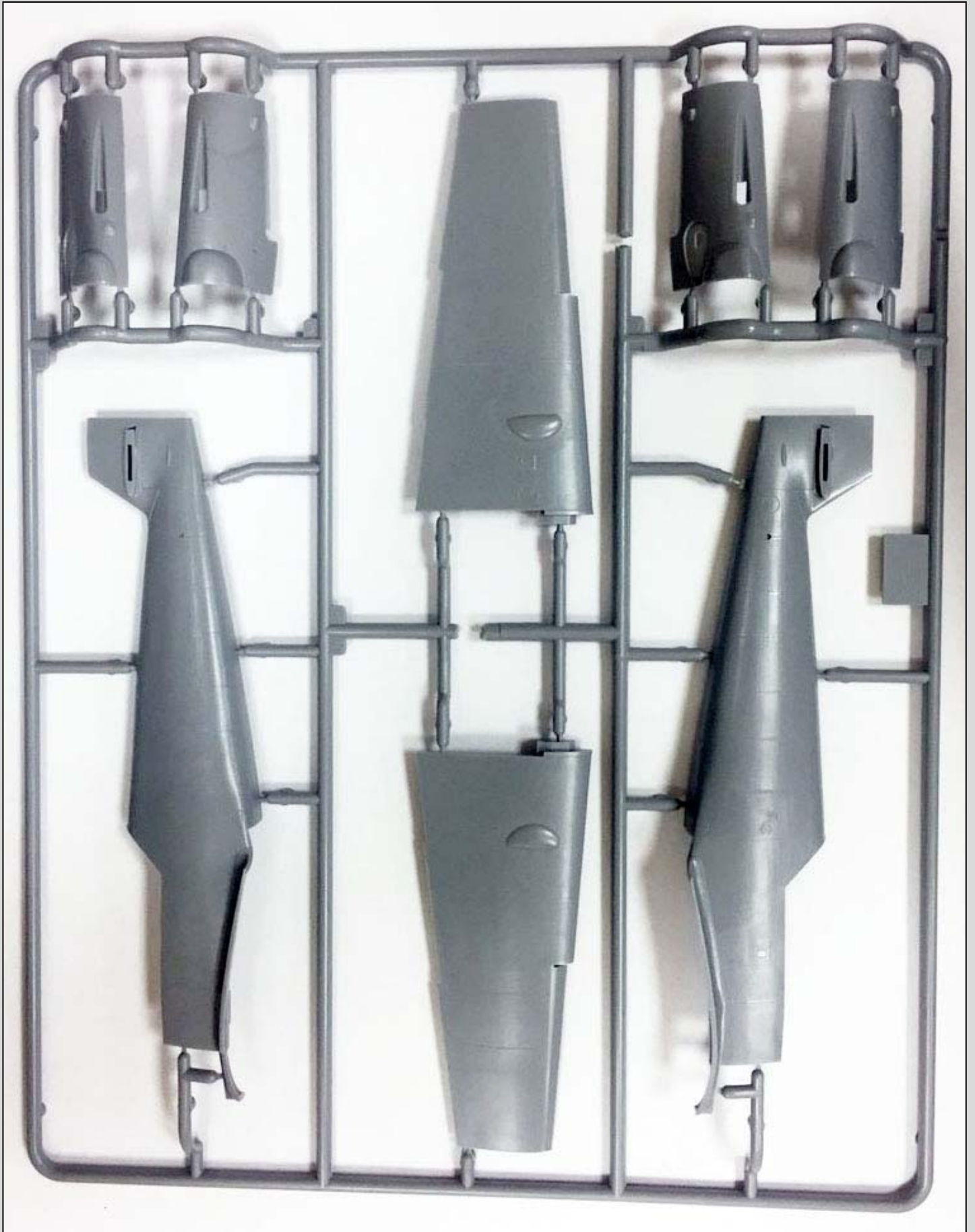
Opening the box you will find an 8 page fold out instruction sheet, a large-ish plastic bag containing all 6 grey sprue trees, a separate, smaller bag with the clear parts and a decal sheet with markings



for 3 options, 2 German (Hartmann and Grizlawski) and 1 Swiss (points for originality for the Swiss!) The decals are a little better looking than the usual Zvezda ones, being very well printed, quite shiny and look very opaque (Especially the White!) As can be expected, the Hakenkreuzen (Swastikas) are provided as disconnected segments and will be at best, “tricky” to get right. There are also decals for the Instrument panel, but the kit provides both a detailed pieced for painting and a flat piece

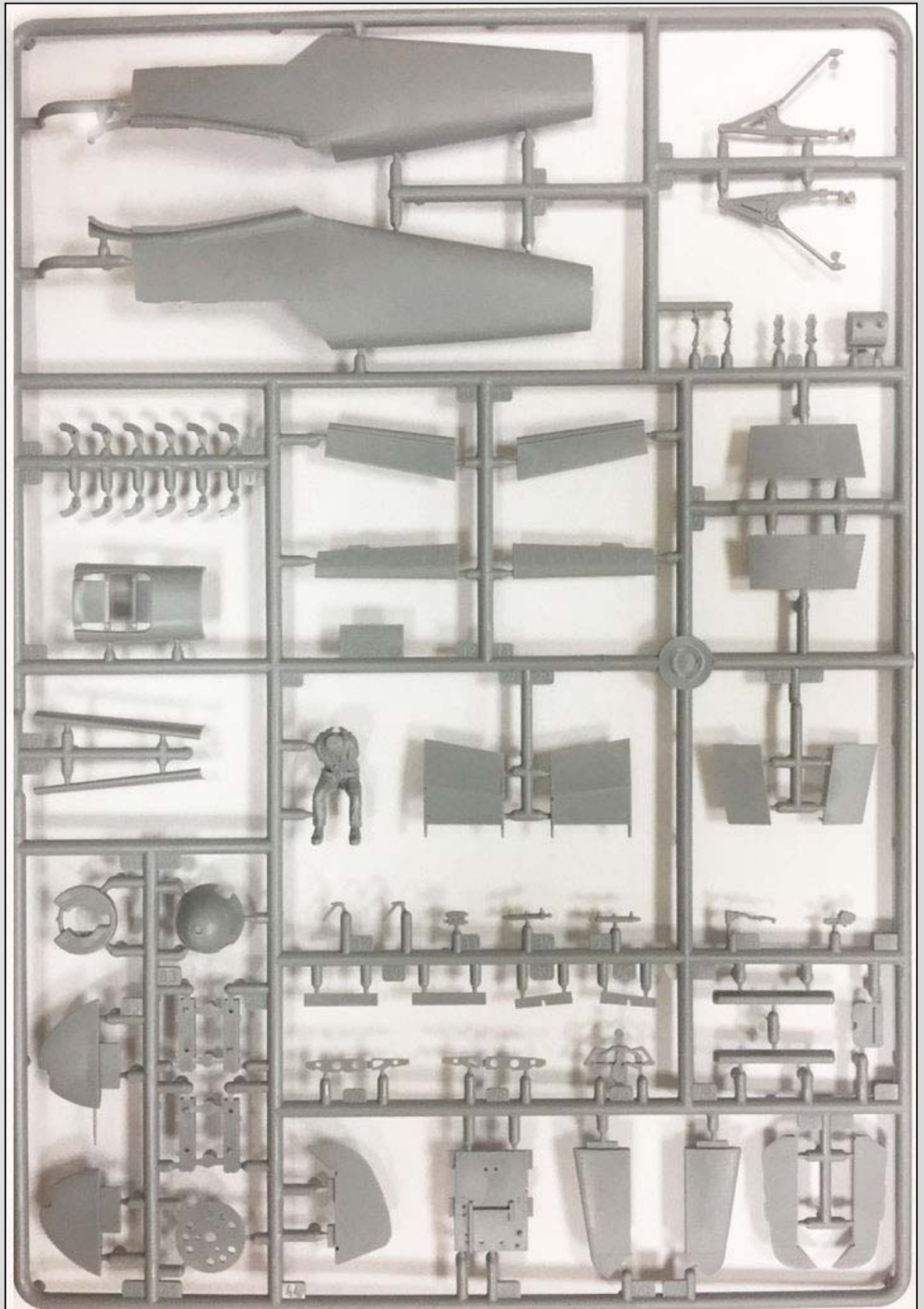


Each page of the instructions is laid out in 2 columns, the left most is for the many sub-assemblies, the right-hand column details each main step and sub-assembly inclusion for it. Once you get used to this idea it is actually very easy to follow. The drawings are also very clear and paint callouts are included at every step. All major steps are numbered and each corresponding sub-assembly is numbered to match – ie: Step 1 needs Sub step 1-1 & 1-2, Step 2 needs 2-1 to 2-5....etc.



The grey parts themselves are in a mid grey – about halfway between Tamiya medium grey and Hasegawa light grey. (the picture makes the plastic look darker than it is) Options include an “in Flight” model (Stand sold separately!!) and a Diorama ready version, gears down, engine cowls opened up and cockpit open. Like their 109F kit an complete engine is included but as it appears to be the same mouldings at the F kit, fit may be problematic if you want the cowls closed. Wing-tips are separately moulded from the rest of the wings.

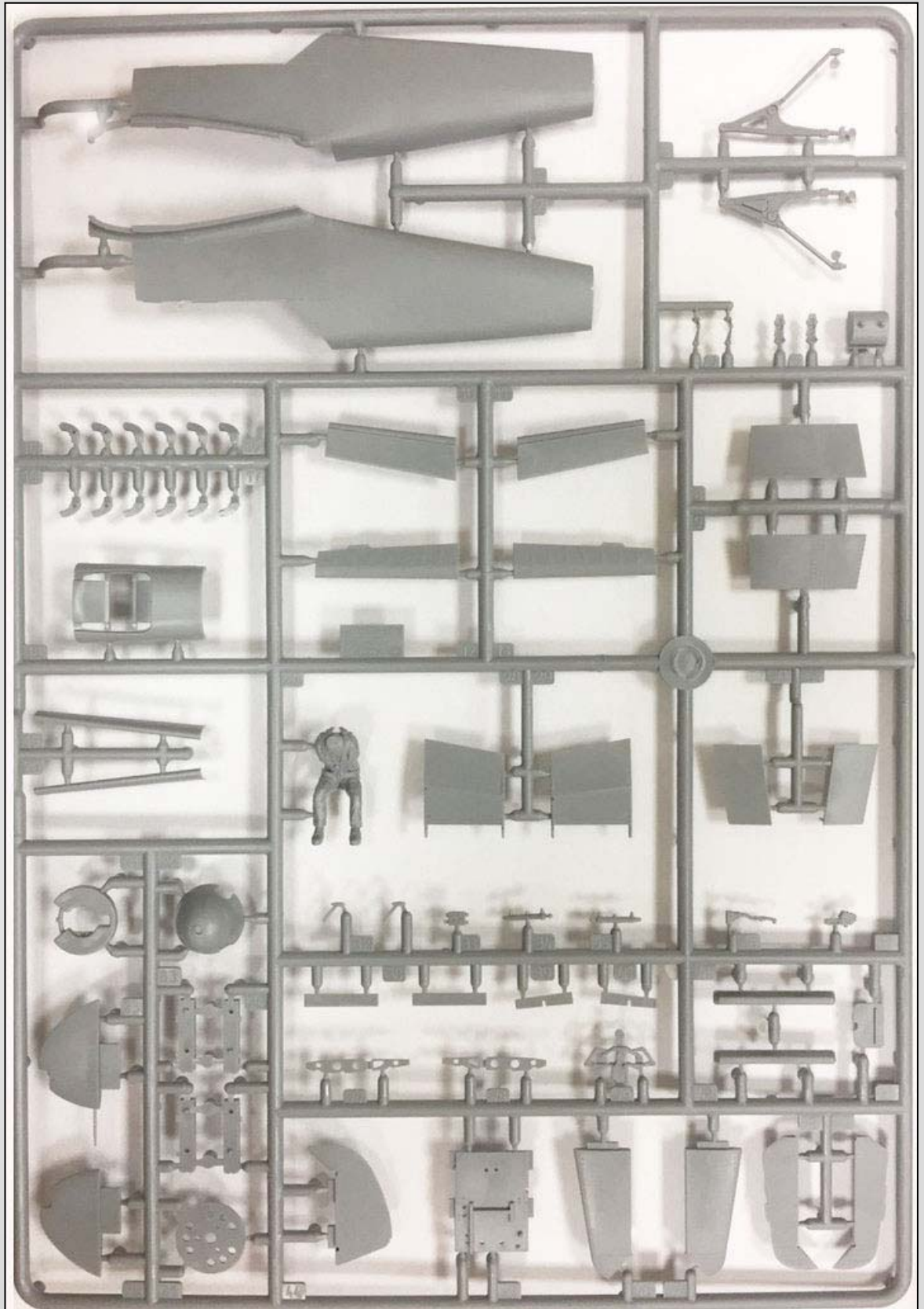
A number of arms fit options are also included: Cannon Gondolas, Bomb rack and Fuel tank rack and a multi-bomb rack. Some parts on the sprues marked as “Unused) include a tall fin/rudder. Surface detailing is fine, but does not include extensive riveting. All panel-lines are crisply recessed, almost as finely as the Eduard kit reviewed recently. Also there is an optional Tropical dust filter given, but none of the 3 markings in the kit use it.



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The clear parts include a standard and Erla Haube canopy, Optional windcreens and rear fairing as well as wingtip light covers, gunsight, and pilot armour with glass panel. All are quite clear and seem to show minimal distortion but I’d suggest a good wash in detergent before using them, and maybe a dip in Gloss varnish.



There are some issues: The plastic is very soft and two of the sprue trees shown some warping and distortion, but nothing a little persuasion cannot remedy. Also, Zvezda's 109F's have something of a reputation for being "Tricky" (as opposed to "Difficult") to assemble and the number of parts in here from the F kits would tend to reinforce that view. But at \$50NZ, opposed to \$80NZ fro Eduard's, you may consider them a very viable alternative for this mark of 109.



Recommended, with reservations for experienced modellers.

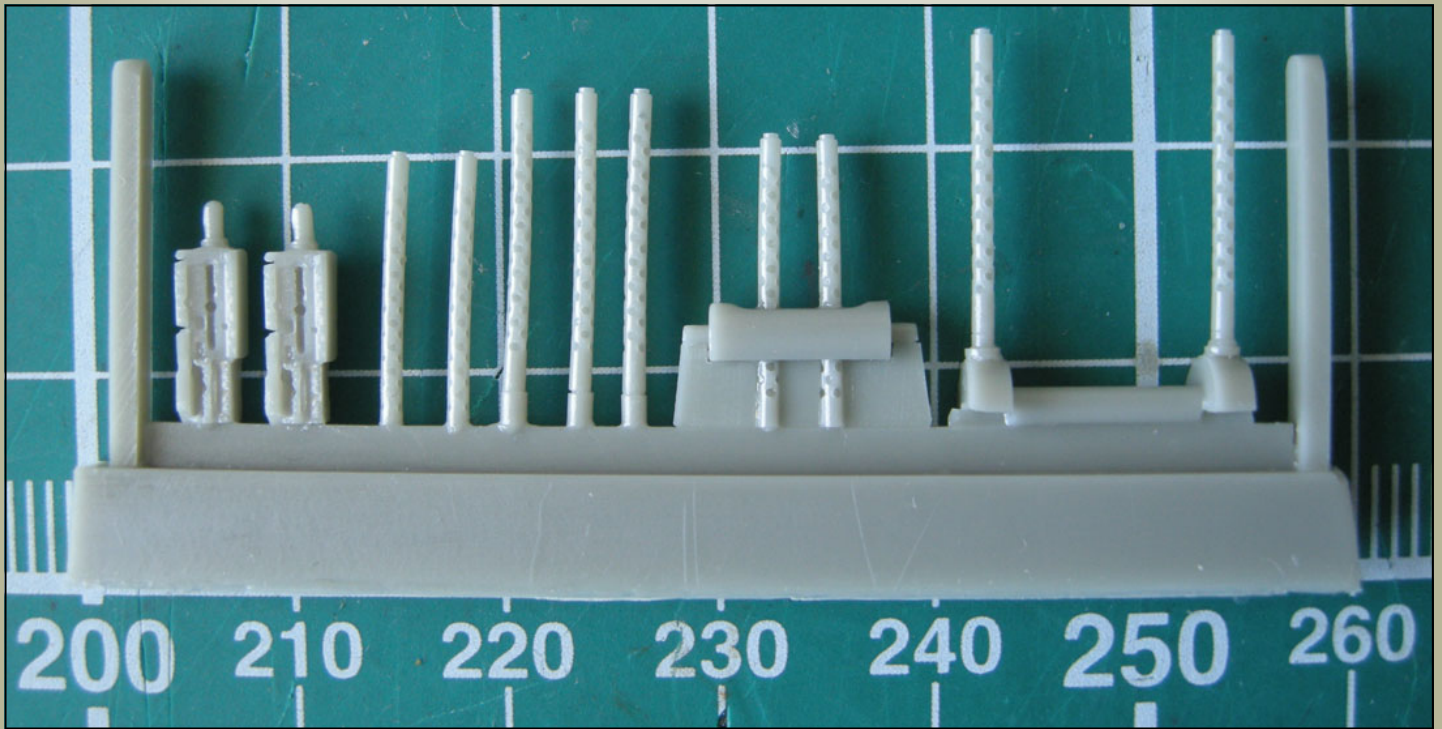
1:48 PV-1 VENTURA GUN BARRELS

QUICKBOOST QB 48 590

by Pete M.

Another handy update from the Quickboost side of Eduard, is this gun barrel set in resin designed to fit the Revell 1:48 PV-1 Ventura.

Supplied on one casting block, the set provides two replacement .50 calibre barrels for the upper turret, two .50 calibre barrels and receivers for the upper nose guns, three .50 calibre barrels if using the under nose gun tray, and a set of .30 calibre barrels with mounting for the tunnel guns.



Basic instructions are provided on a small sheet of paper in pictorial form.

Some work will be required to clean excess flash from the tunnel gun mountings, and all will benefit from drilling out the muzzles with a micro drill.

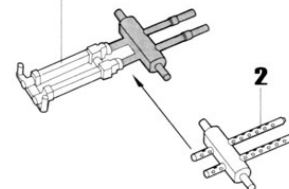
Not the sharpest of mouldings I've seen from Eduard/Quickboost, but still a large step up from those in the Revell kit.

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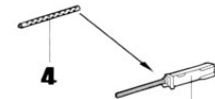
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Spitfire Mk.IX Cockpit

Eduard, 1/72 Scale

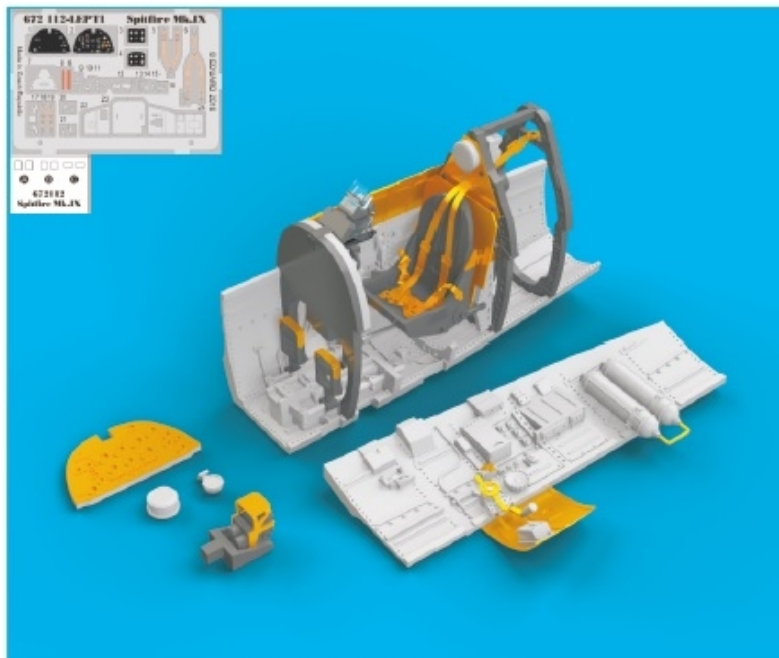
By Mark J. Davies

672 112 Spitfire Mk.IX cockpit

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Catalogue Number:	70112 - Spitfire Mk.IX Cockpit
Scale:	1/72
Contents & Media	Twenty-four resin parts, one coloured PE fret of twenty-five parts, and a photo-foil.
Price:	Available on-line from these stockists: Eduard for <u>US\$19.95</u> ., Hannants for <u>£10.83</u> ., Squadron for <u>US\$15.99</u> , Modelimex for <u>€9.71</u> , and Hobby Link Japan for <u>¥1,440</u> .
Review Type:	First Look.
Advantages:	Great detail, high quality production, developed in parallel with the kit it is intended to compliment.
Disadvantages:	None noted.
Conclusions:	Eduard's Spitfire Mk.IX cockpit is a little gem, and is a great compliment for the best Spitfire Mk.IX kits in "The One True Scale". The base kit's detail is very good, and even more so in the case of the ProfiPACK editions, but this Brassin set just raises the bar yet again. I highly recommend it.

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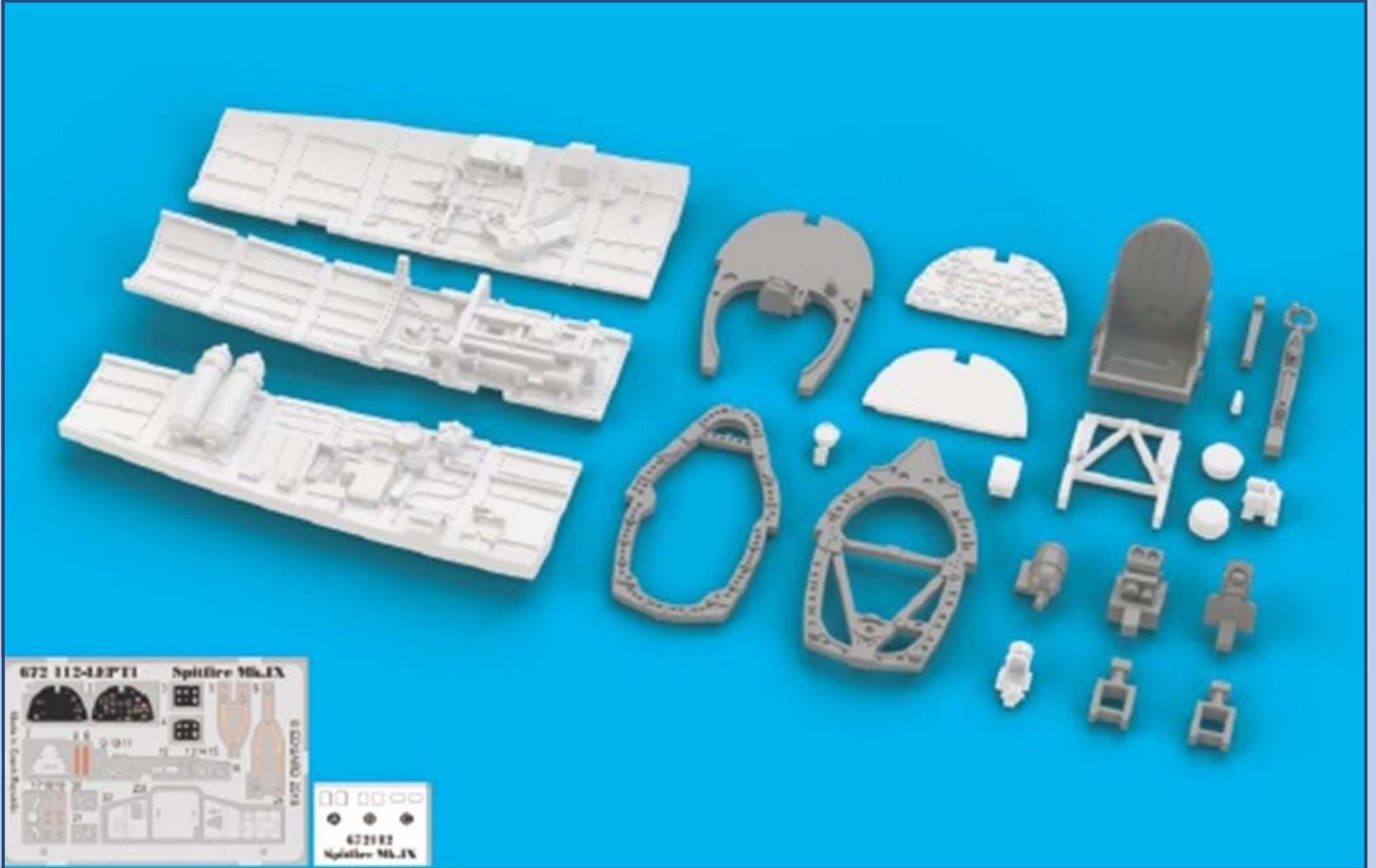
The parts come in Brassin's standard clear plastic bubble pack with separate compartments for the PE fret and resin parts; the latter cushioned by foam packing.



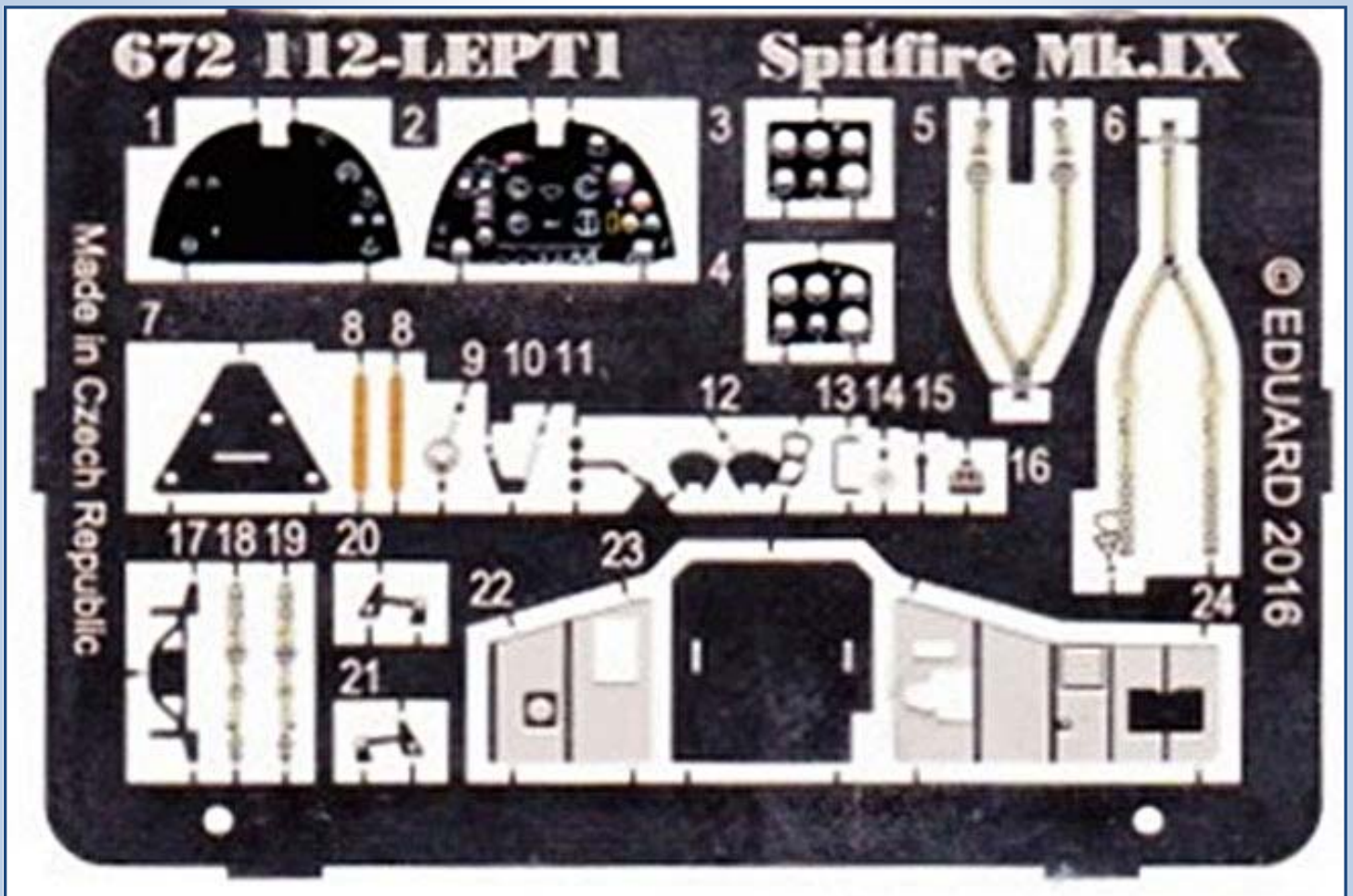
The folded instructions are contained within the pack and printed in colour on matte finish paper. They can also be viewed or downloaded from Eduard's website. A parts map is provided and the instructional drawings are nicely rendered. Colour call-outs are cross-referenced to Gunze Sangyo's Aqueous and Mr. Color paint ranges.



This CAD illustration also gives clear picture of the parts breakdown.



The casting of the resin is flawless, with super-crisp detail, and easily removed casting blocks; although care is still required, especially with the smaller pieces. The PE parts are also produced to Eduard's usual high standards.



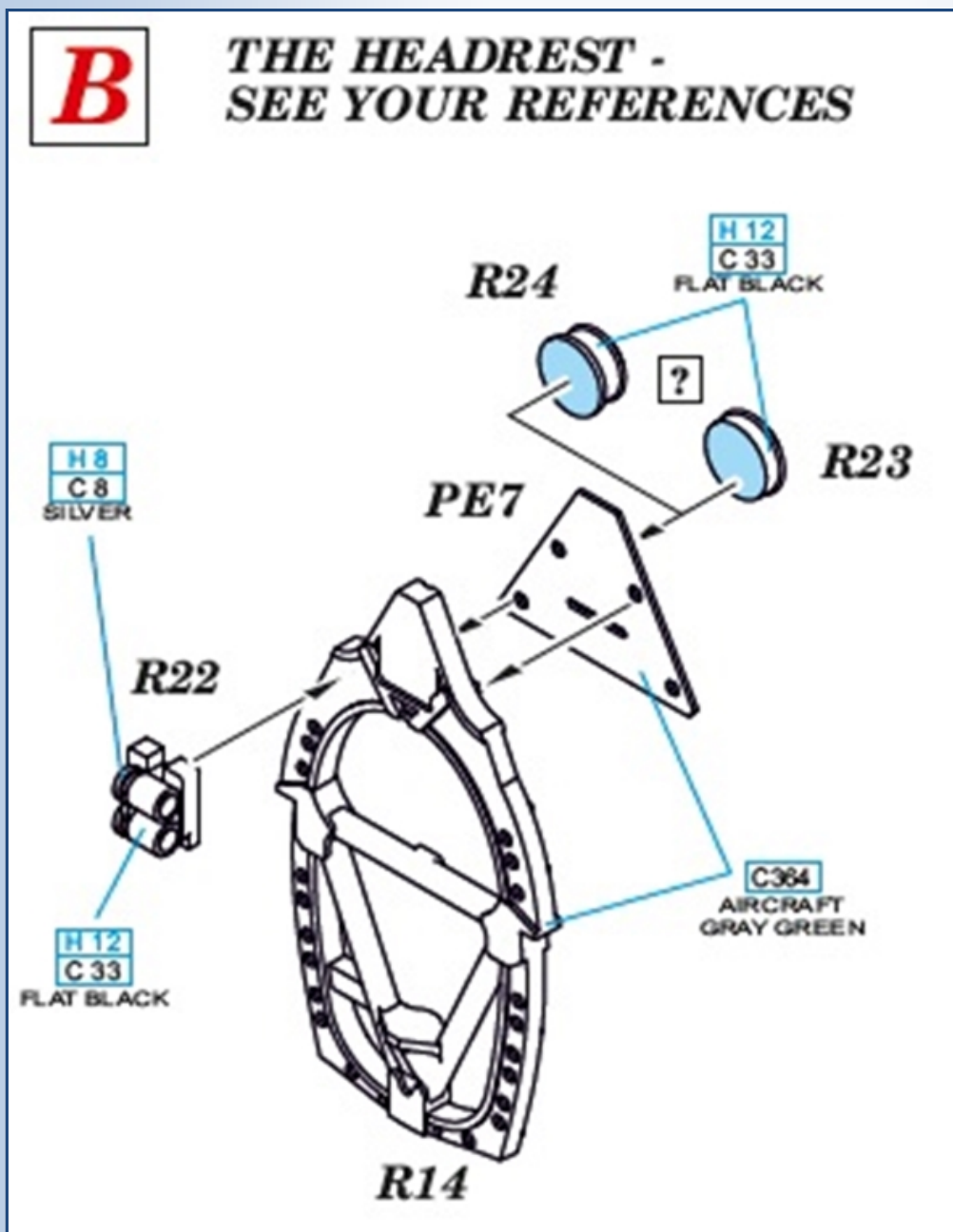
The Cockpit

The cockpit set and Eduard's Mk.IX Spitfire kit were developed in parallel, and designed to fit one-another from the outset. So only the most minor surgery to the Spitfire kit is required. This involves scraping away a few small details moulded integrally with fuselage sides to enable the fitting of some PE panels to the upper cockpit sides.

Assembly of the lower cockpit sides and floor etc follows a similar pattern to the kit parts, and it is in this respect that the parallel design and development of kit and cockpit set really pay dividends; offering secure and exact placement of the resin cockpit within the kit fuselage.

The instructions show just how beautifully detailed the cockpit is using mainly resin parts, along with some coloured PE for items like the instrument panel, seat harness, small controls as well as the upper side panels mentioned earlier .

This is a superbly well executed detail set, and only the more obsessive amongst us would find anything to add. The kit cockpit is already excellent, especially in the ProfiPACK editions, but this Brassin set takes things to another level.



A choice of early and late gun-sights is provided to cover the range of Mk.IX production runs, and the photo-foil provides the reflector glass associated with these. There is also a choice of headrest styles, the instructions advising to check references.

I did note in the same instructional drawing as the headrest option is the voltage regulator (part number R22) mounted behind the headrest. I am fairly sure this is a MK.V carry-over feature found on early Mk.IX converted from Mk.V airframes (like raised rather than flush fuselage rivets) and possibly early Mk.IX production. I am sure it was relocated elsewhere out of view in later in Mk.IX production, as per the Mk.VII & VIII. Again, check your references.

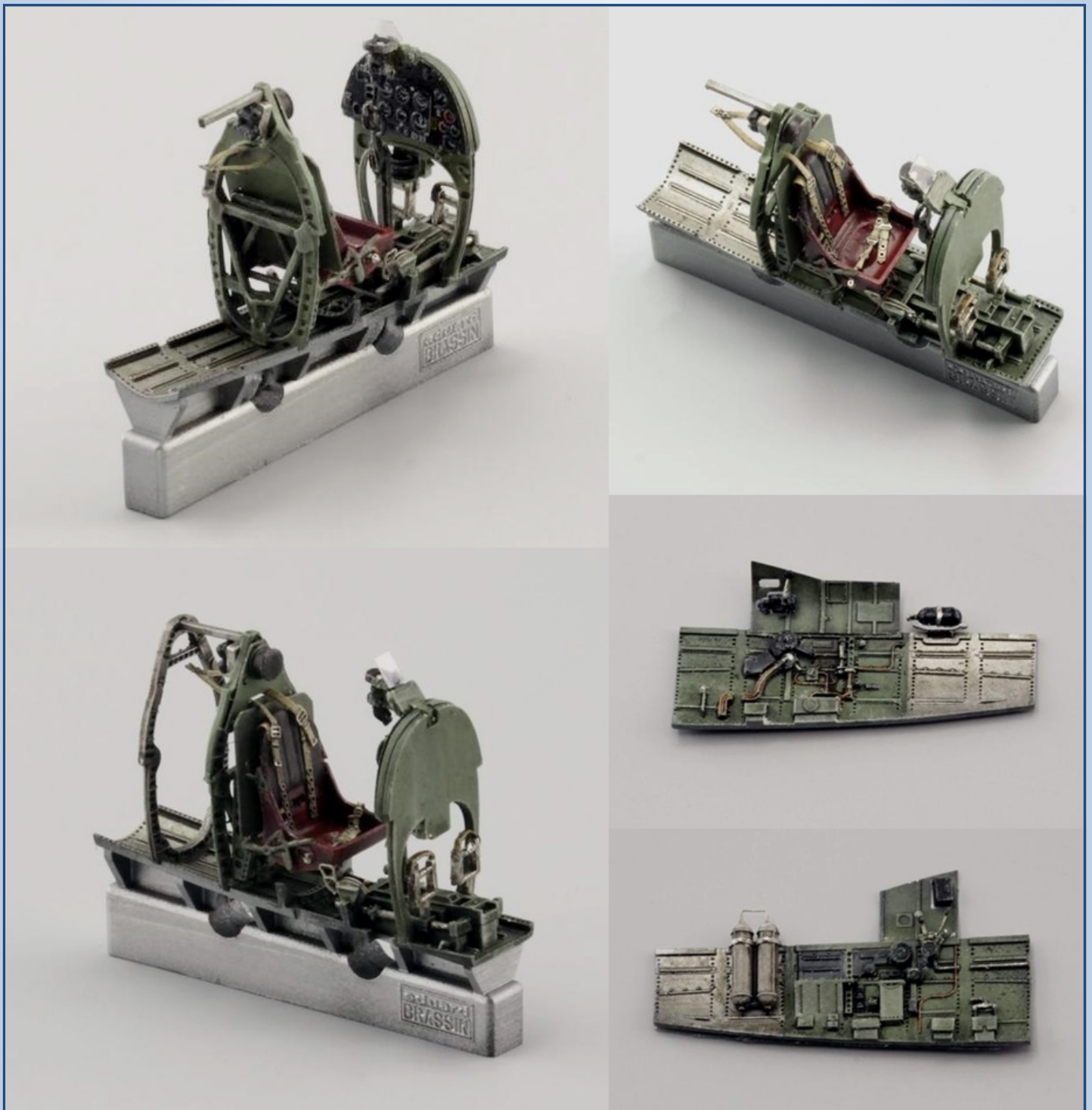
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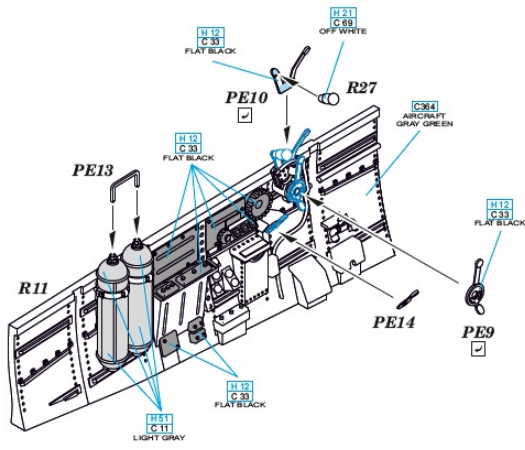
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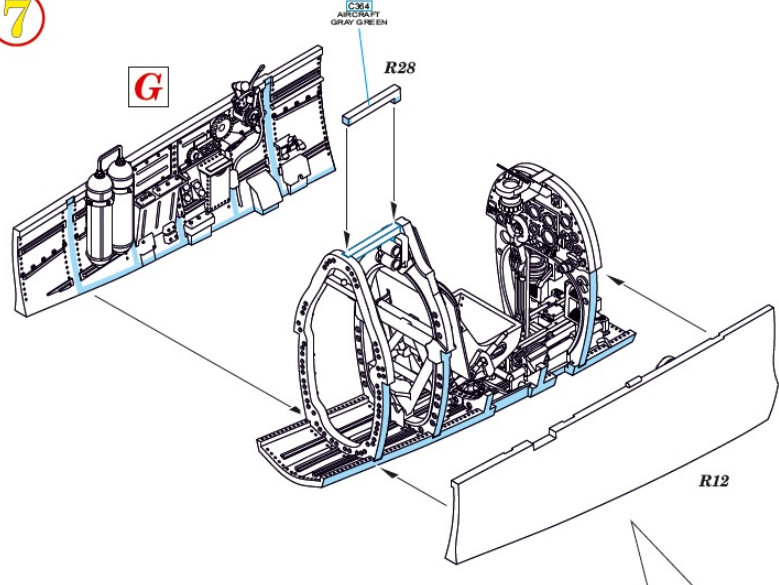
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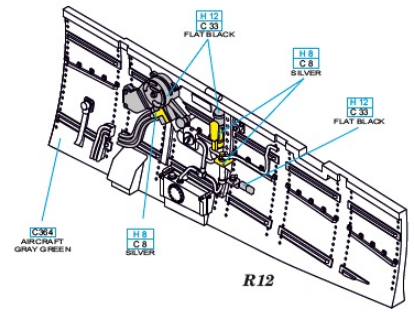
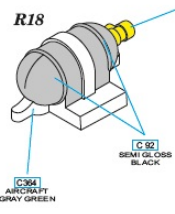
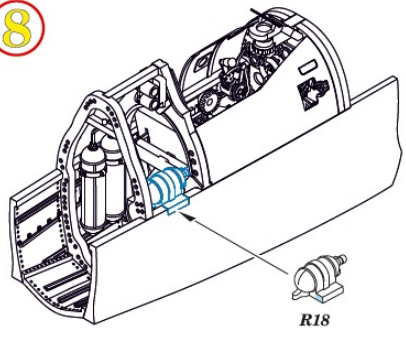
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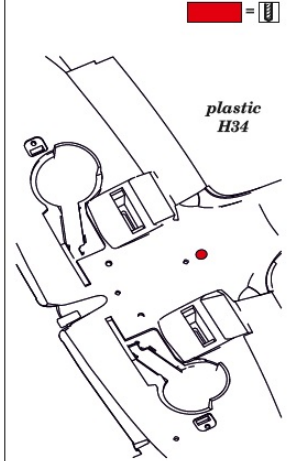
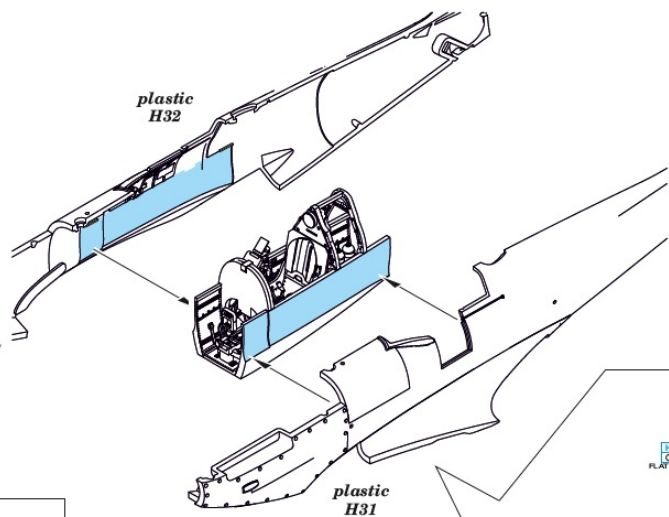
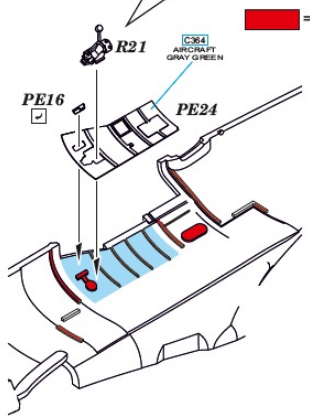
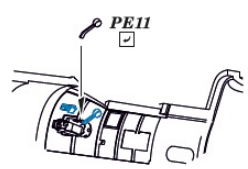
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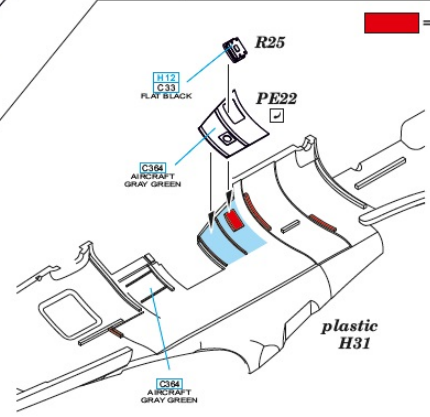
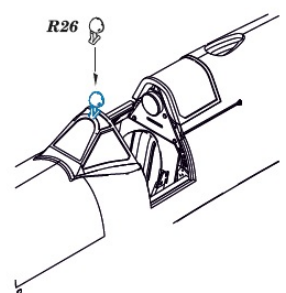
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GALLERY

CLUB NIGHT MODELS

Check out our Website gallery for photos taken of models at our monthly meetings

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And as usual - check out the IPMS Auckland website as we're trying to keep the content a bit more dynamic. We won't be regurgitating content found on other websites but will provide links to sites we think are of interest to members.

