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Tuesday 17th October

Leys Institute (upstairs)

20 Saint Marys Road

Ponsonby

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The Chairman's Bit

Hi I hope this newsletter finds you all well with your latest build or project progressing nicely.

I've been struggling this month with individual track links for a Tamiya Sherman Tank and also getting some smooth panel lines on an Academy P-38 hopefully finished for the Natural metal theme build for next months meeting...

We had some good news on a club end of year show in that MOTAT has agreed to host us. We have chosen Sunday the 5th of November as a date for a 1 day show. All types of models are welcome along and we will be displaying in the main aviation hall. We still need to work on some of the logistical details but we will have these resolved soon and communicate them out via the email list. It would be great to see models from everyone on display as it's only 1 day it hopefully won't be too onerous for folk to attend and we will get a great turn out of club members.

Also in November is the Annual Armistice in Cambridge event on the 11th and 12th. I think some club members will be attending I've been for the last couple of years and it's a great event. Lots to see and do.

IPMS Nationals 2017

Report by Lance Whitford

The Nationals were held in Alexandra over the weekend of 23/24 September. Three of us from Auckland managed to make the journey down to Central Otago, Craig Sargent, Mark Robson and myself. We managed to put 4 models on the table between us and all of them were awarded silver or gold awards. Craig managed 2 golds and the best aircraft awarded to boot. I should explain that down South they use a gold/silver/bronze award system where models are judged to a standard rather than the 1,2,3 past the post system we use in Northern parts. There were probably a few less models than we were used to seeing at a nationals but the quality was very good. Best of Show went to a diorama by Christchurch modeller Greg Blick who also featured in a number of other classes.

All in all it was a great weekend and a good chance to catch up with guys we have met in previous trips South. Photos of some of the models follow later in this news letter. Check out <http://rexedra.gen.nz/ipms-coms/index.php> for more details and photos.

BULLETIN BOARD

NEW MEMBERS AND SUBS *** 2017/18 PAST DUE *******

**Subs for 2017/18 now past DUE - see below for club account details or see the club secretary
at the next club meeting.**

Membership Type	Description	Cost
Full	Living in the Auckland Metropolitan Area	NZ\$45
Out Of Town	Living 75km or more from central Auckland	NZ\$30
Junior	Same rights as full membership for those under 16	NZ\$25

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EVENTS

CLUB NIGHT EVENTS

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

Next meeting : Tuesday 19th September Bring, Buy and Swap meet.

- **October** Modeler of the Year (by Acclaim)
Model of the Year (to Be Judged)
- **November** Workshop on Natural Metal Finishes
Theme: Cars Truck & Bikes
- **December** Social Event, Venue TBC.
- **January** One Night Quick Build
- **February** Basic and advanced Masking tutorial.

MODELLING EVENTS

Sunday the 5th of November. Our own 1 day

Show celebrating 50 years of IPMS in New Zealand

Hosted by MOTAT

CLUB SUPPORT

The following retailers have kindly agreed to offer IPMS Auckland club members a discount on their purchases upon presentation of their current IPMS Auckland Membership card.

The discount only applies on selected product lines and remains at the discretion of the retailer.



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p: 09 520 1236
10% on kits



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Hong Kong Models: 1/32 Dornier Do 335A

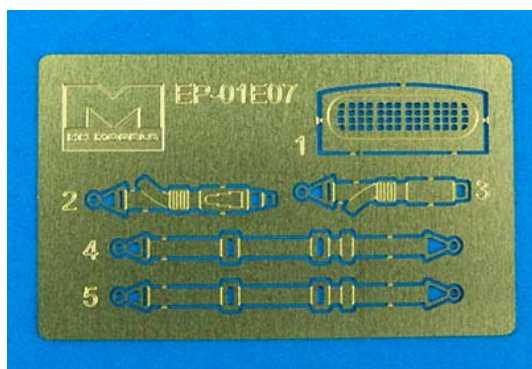
By Brett Peacock



NZ Retail: I have to confess that I bought this from the sale table at Modelair for around \$250.00, retail is around \$450.00

The kit has 290 parts on 19 grey (including duplicates) and 1 clear sprue trees, 7 resin parts for 2 crewmen and 5 metal parts on 1 PE fret as well as 2 cast metal weights.

The resin figures are both beautifully sculpted and would grace any late war Luftwaffe aircraft model. The Pilot figure is seated in the cockpit and the Ground crewman stands by the boarding ladder. Those two cast metal weights are to balance the finished aircraft correctly on the nose-wheel. One goes inside the forward DB 605 engine and the other is forward of the nose-wheel well, behind the radiator fairing, hidden by the armament deck and bulk-head.



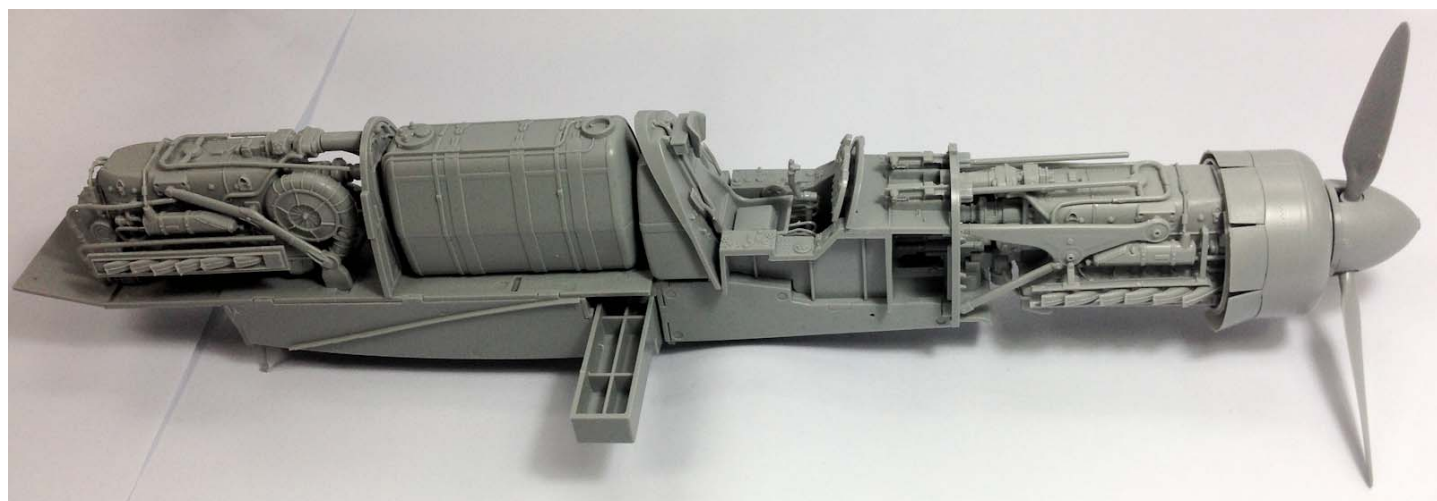
This is the second release of a Dornier 335 from HK models, the first was a Zerstoror version of the Dornier 335 B with the 30mm wing cannons, a variant which had only two examples (AFAIK) built. One flew in France, post war. This kit is also still available if you look for it.



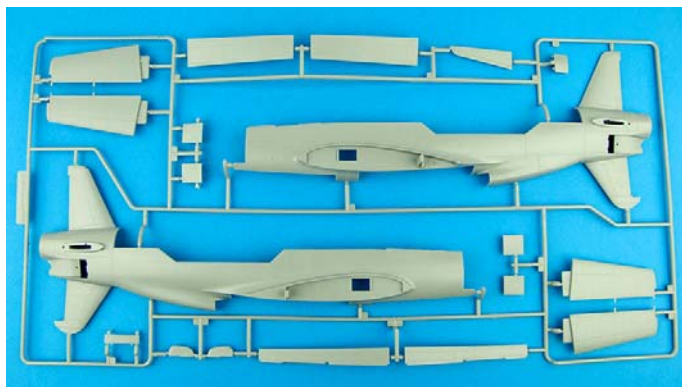
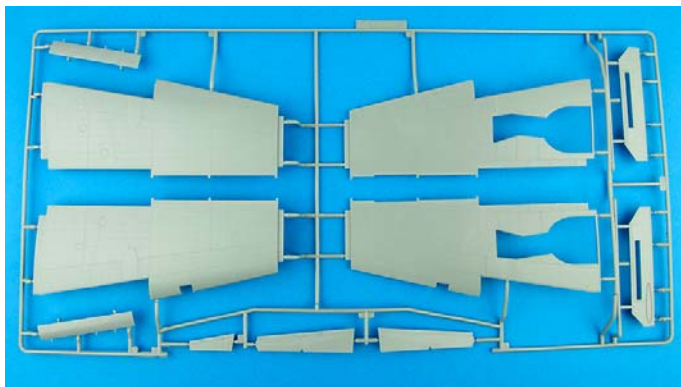
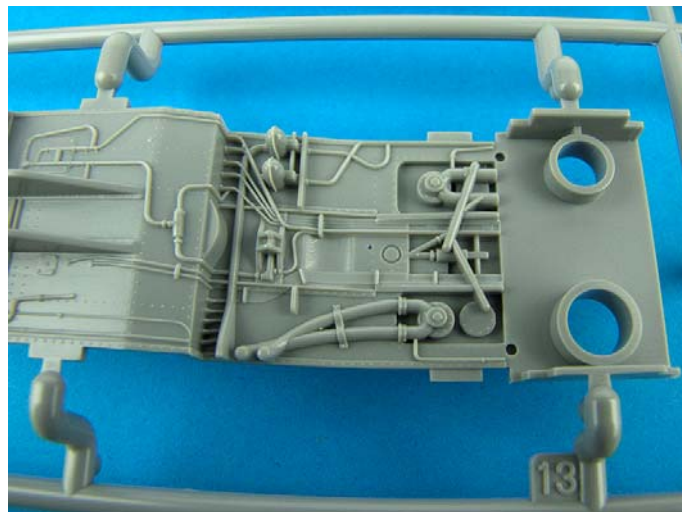
Also available now is the “Anteater” two seat trainer and HK have already announced a two seat nightfighter version for 2018 Q1. (This would be similar to the Dragon 1/72 version with a small bubble canopy aft of the cockpit for the Radar Operator.)

I have to confess that, had it not been virtually half price in the sale I may not have bought this kit, as I now have all 3 of the Tamiya versions in 1/48 and did not really see the need for such an expensive duplication in 1/32 of such an ‘obscure’ prototype – even if it is well known. But I had recently read the Large Scale Planes review of the kit , and seeing it almost days afterwards, ON SALE, sold me on it. Well, that and the absolutely Dramatic box art on the A version!

Once I opened it up to look through the kit, I realised that it is a very, very nice and very detailed kit, indeed. There is a full interior from the front radiator to the rear prop shaft: That’s to say, Full cockpit, Nose-wheel bay, Bombay, front and rear engine bays, air-scoop and rear propeller shaft from the mid engine to the rear spinner. All of which has to be made and painted as subassemblies then brought together to make one assembly of the entire interior before being offered up to the rather skeletal fuselage halves. Once that is done, it acts as the basis for finishing off the fuselage and mounting the wings, which are the second part of the assembly.

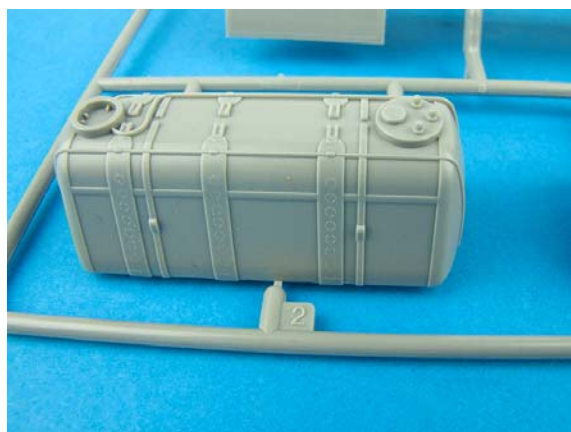
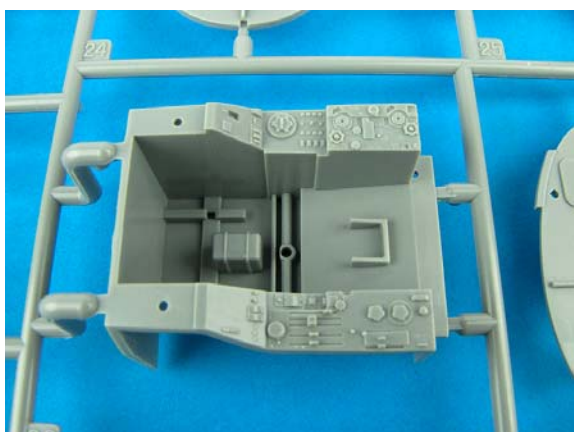


The external surfaces are finely engraved and feature fully recessed rivet detail over 99% of the area. Options in the kit are largely restricted to having various hatches and panels open (to show details like the engines or bomb-bay) or closed. The canopy may also be posed open or closed. Also included in the kit but not used are some parts from the Zerstoror, notably the extended Wingtips.

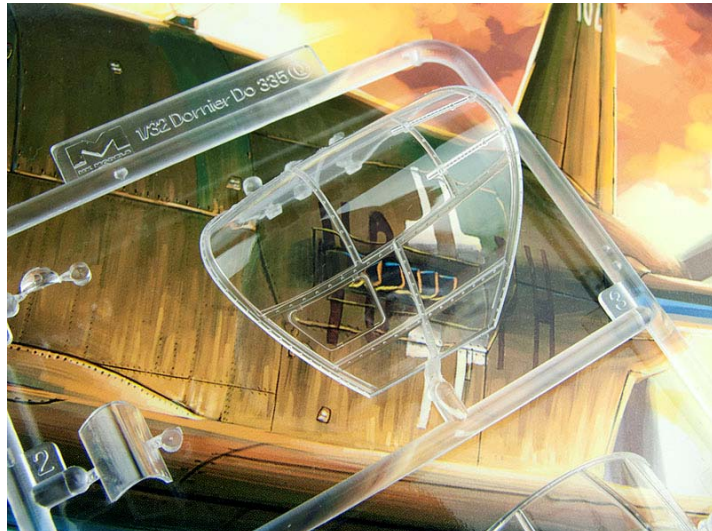
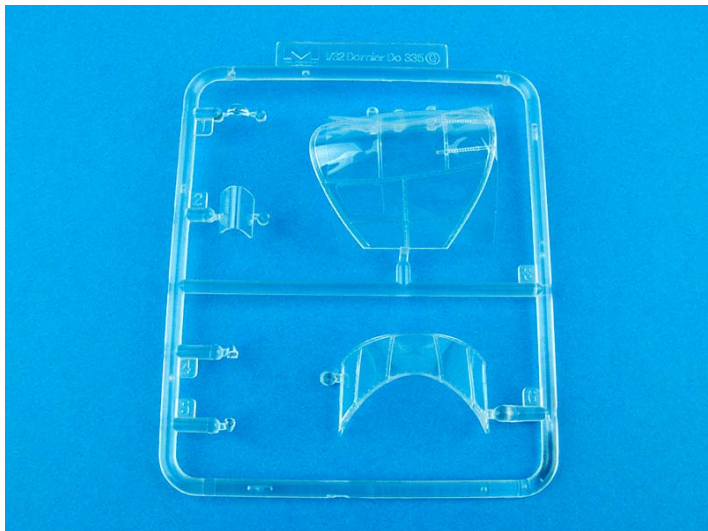


The kit comes in quite a sizeable box and the contents fill it almost completely, so the model that results will be rather sizeable. (The proposed Do 635 - a 'Zwilling' or twin version - was projected to have almost the same wingspan as a B-17, so that should give some idea how large the single version really was – It was somewhat larger than either the Thunderbolt or Tempest, and could out run both of them - Roland Beaumont encountered one in 1945. In 1/48 scale the Dornier 335 is about the same size as a Mosquito in length and a bit shorter in wingspan.)

The two engines are fully detailed with piping and mountings but no ignition harness is present. The forward engine encloses one of the 2 nose weights when you assemble the engine block, but both are provided on duplicate sprues. There is a 500 kilo bomb and mount to place in the bomb-bay, to give interest should you display it open. In the nose an armament deck can also be exposed to display the 2 MG151/20 cannon nose guns and the Mk108 30mm cannon mounted behind the spinner. The cockpit is a single part molding, to which detail such as the seat and controls are added. A beautiful fuel cell goes behind the cockpit bulkhead, forward of the mid-engine.

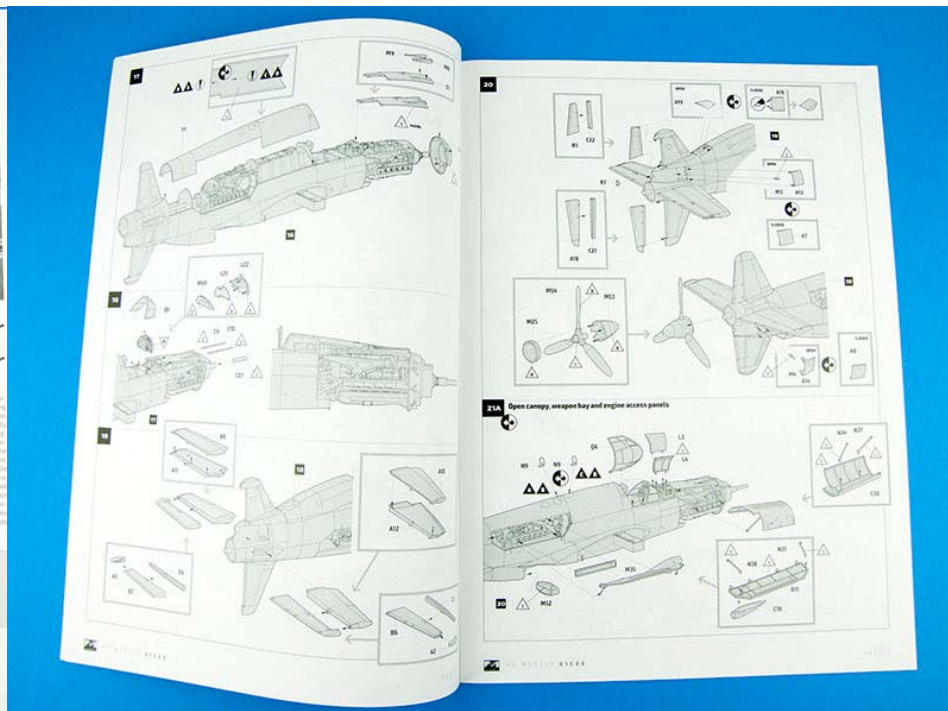


Despite the beige look of the sprues in the images the plastic is a light medium grey colour, about the same as the assembled interior image near the start of the review. The Transparencies are first rate, clear with minimal distortion, despite being rather curved in general. See below.



Now we come to the one area of HK kits that have been somewhat problematic – the Instructions. These are very much improved on their B17G instructions (I have not seen their 1/32 Mitchell sheets as yet) and are almost on a par with the CAD work in the B17E/F kit I reviewed, but are slightly too dependent on symbology somewhat to the detriment of clarity. The symbols they choose to use are quite small, making them a little harder to read than necessary and a little harder to remember easily, and they are often just ‘random’ symbols, and not pictorially related to the instructions they are supposed to convey. (For example a black-headed arrow indicates ‘Glue here’ – not an arrow with a small glue symbol like a dispenser as some European and Japanese makers use.) But they do convey each step if carefully followed and will help get the job done, so they have improved on what has been before. (This kit was released before the B17E/F kit & after the G)

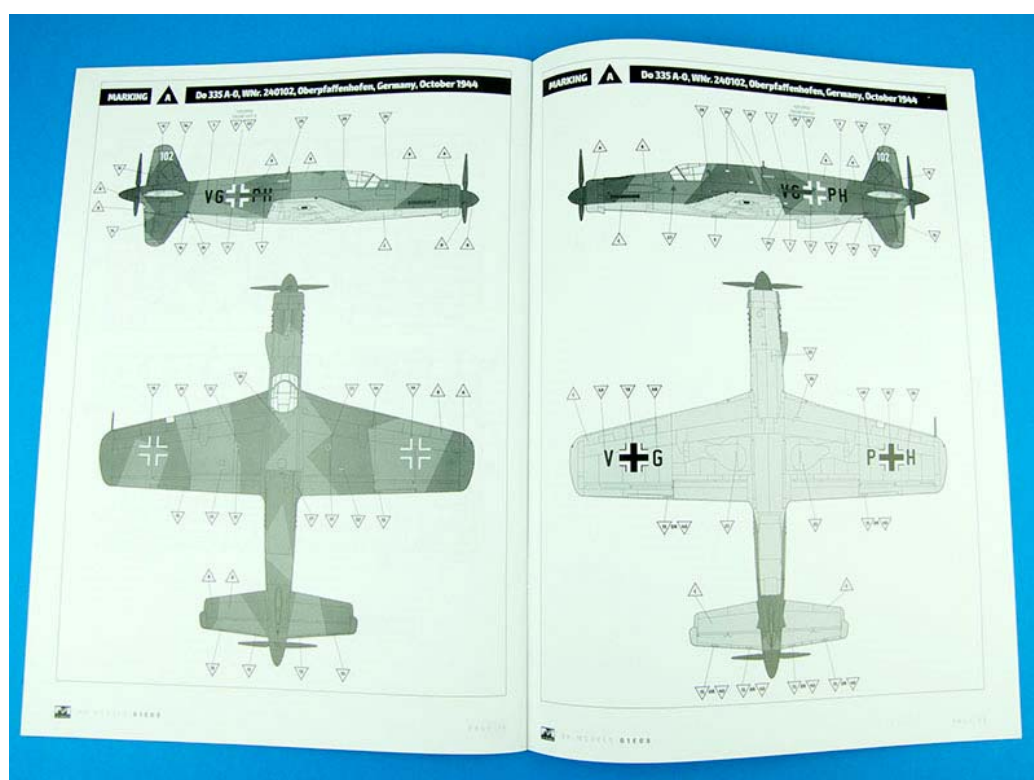
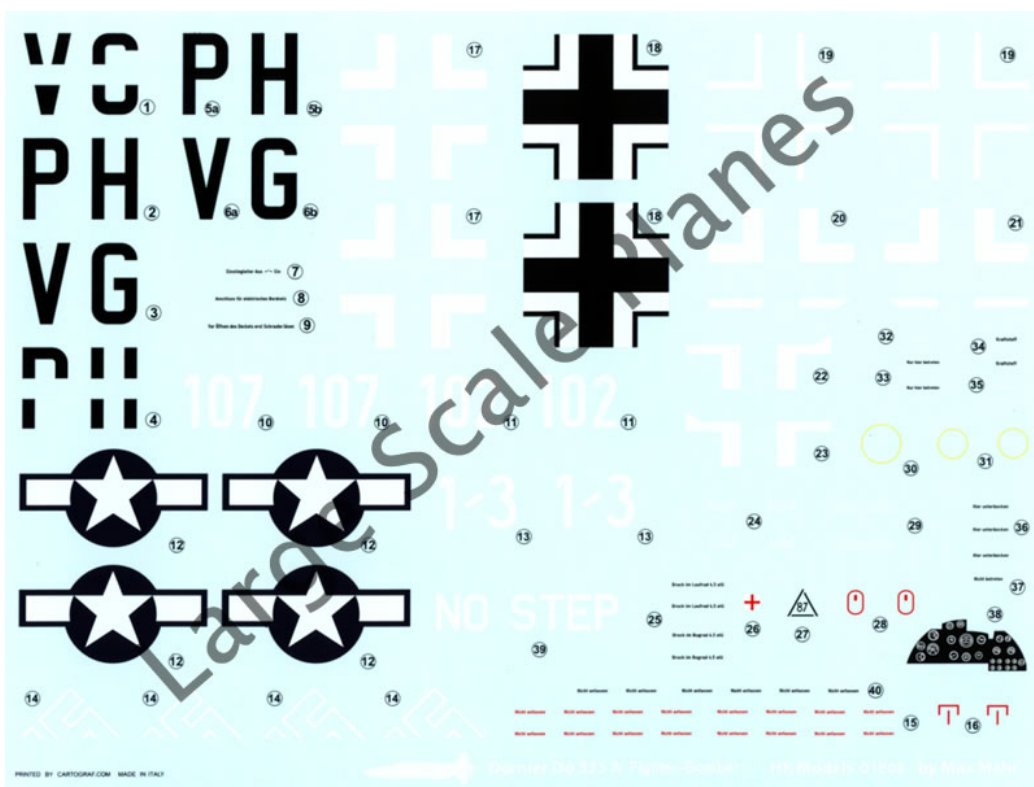
One note: The instructions are in a stapled, 24 page booklet, and only the first half is actually the assembly instructions and the second half devotes 3 pages to a Sprue map and 8 pages to the colour and markings layout, port and starboard views, upper and lower surfaces are all provided. The last page is a Colour key for painting. I will not complain that they are in Greyscale, because they are very complete, indeed. Full marks for that!



Decals are printed by Cartograf and have 4 options: Nr 102, Nr 107 and 1-3, all of which are also found in the Tamiya 1/48 kit. Unfortunately the decals do not include HakenKreuzen (Swatikas), not even as assemblies so those will need to be sourced in the aftermarket. It is a quite sizeable decal sheet with quite a lot of stencils provided. I cannot say if the D0335 had walkways or not, but none are provided on the sheet. Being Cartograf, I'm confident they will be very good and go down well.

The most distinctive scheme is 1-3 which had a number of RLM02 patches on the external skin and some nose panels and most of the underside in natural metal. The all options are in standard late war colours of 81/82 over 76. The fourth and last option is 1-3 wearing American Stars and bars with olive drab patches over the German markings, but it is otherwise the same as the 3rd option (1-3) in colours. The American captured machine also sports a large white "NO STEP" on the inner port wing flap. Below is 102....

Overall I have to admit that this kit did surprise me with its detail and apparent accuracy (I have not heard of any major issues except around the propellers being "Not 100%, but closer than Tamiya managed in 1/48." The beautiful detailing, inside and out, has almost persuaded me to begin it, but my large backlog has to come first, I'm afraid. So it's likely that this will be a shelf sitter for a couple of years yet. But that is only me, If I was ready for a new kit, this would certainly be in the top 5 to go onto the bench. Yes it will be a large outlay, but the amount of time and reward in the kit will ensure that the results will be worth it, I feel. If Late-war Luftwaffe is something you like making, then this kit will be a centrepiece for your display.



Airfix new tool 1/48 Supermarine Walrus Mk I (aka "Shagbat")

By Brett Peacock



156 pieces (plus a few marked as not used) 36 Pounds UK plus P&P from Humbrol, UK or about \$100NZ – caveat- they sent the kit via courier in 6 days! NZ price expected to be a little less.

5 large grey sprues and 1 clear. Cartograf decals provide 3 Options - 1 RAF Search and Rescue, 1 Fleet Air Arm Spotter and 1 RAAF SAR from New Guinea/Bougainville

The Walrus (Originally the Seagull V) was developed in response to an Australian Request for a Flying boat for coastal duties and as a spotter aircraft to be launched from their larger Cruisers. Designed by Supermarine's then head designer, one Reginald Mitchell!, the Walrus does indeed resemble a scaled up Seagull, but the wooden hull of the Seagull has been replaced with a sturdier Aluminium hull and larger wings and a 880 HP radial pusher engine, mounted between the upper and lower wings. In a masterstroke, Mitchell solved the vibration and alignment issues by setting the engine mounts to also act as the solid frame and strut support for the hull and wings. This produced a stronger, more stable airframe however the aluminium hull was very noisy for the crews. (Later marks of the Walrus returned to a primarily wooden hull, with an aluminium keel and frame.)

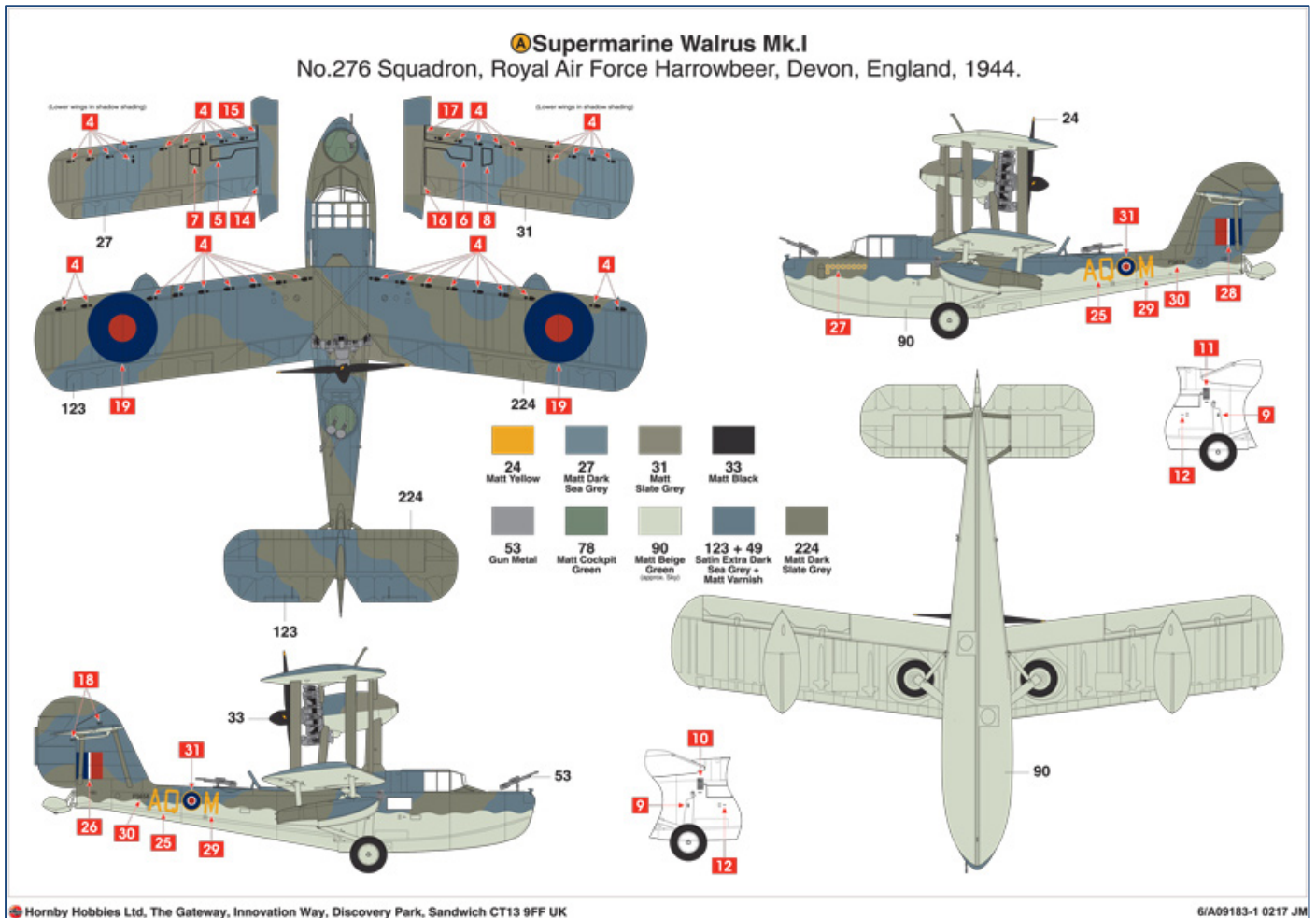




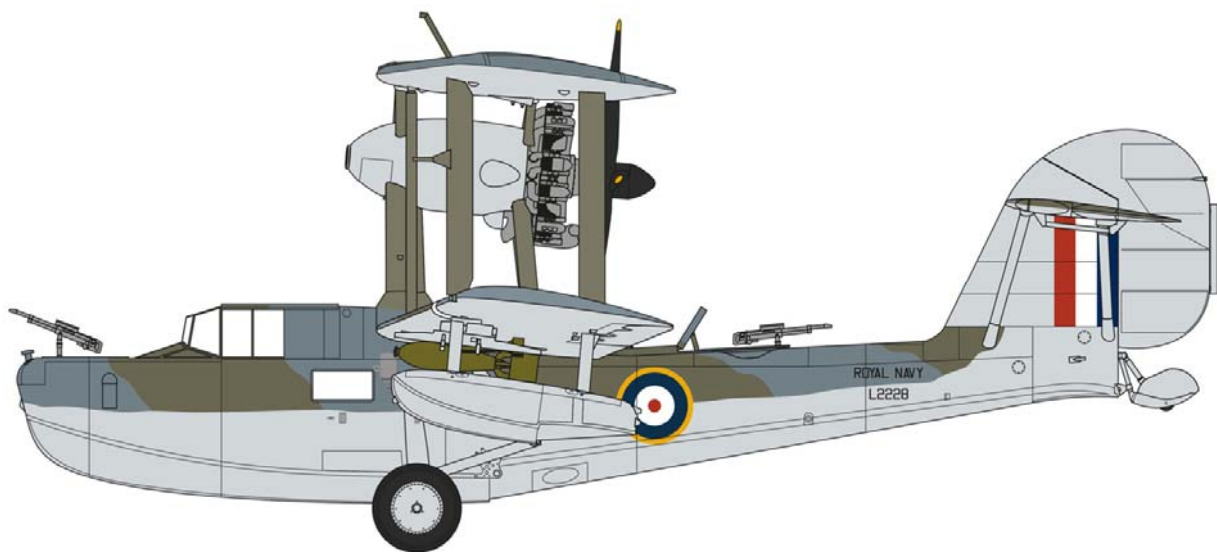
The two main fuselage pieces and the hull bottom are all on a separate sprue tree, indicating that a later model Walrus with a wooden hull is also a possibility, here.



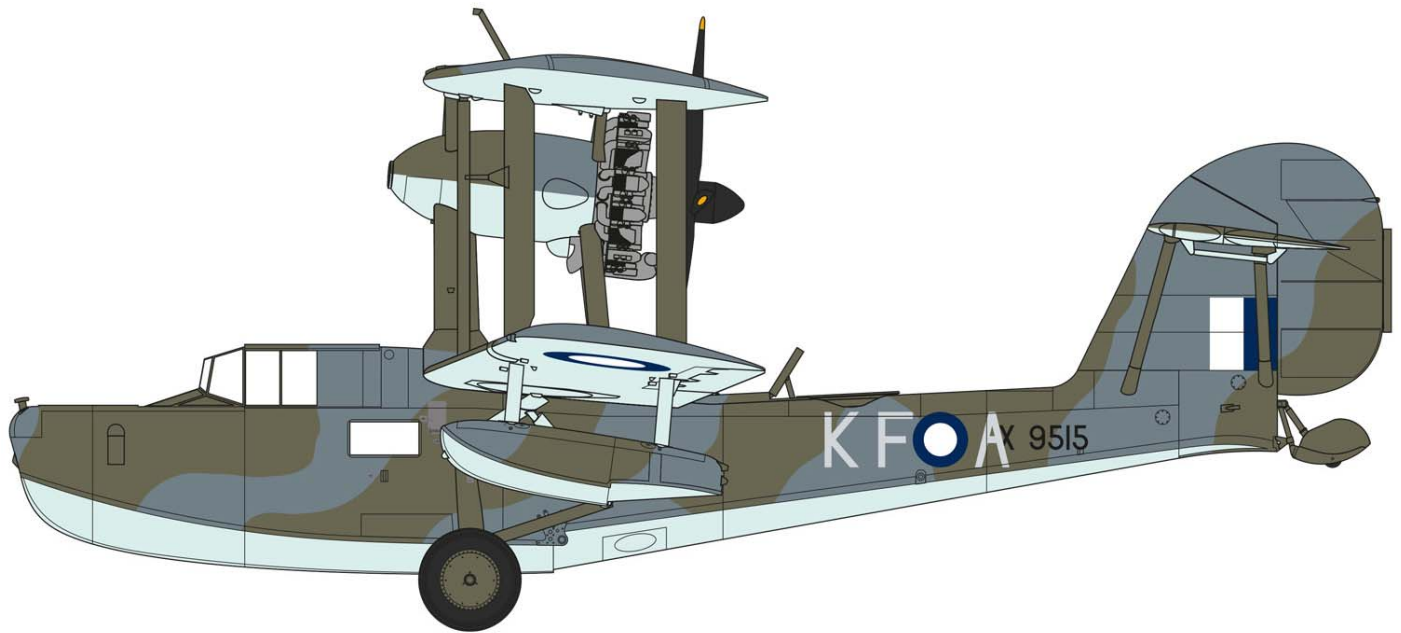
As mentioned, Decals are by Cartograf of Italy, and include an amount of stenciling as well as 3 options:



Supermarine Walrus Mk I, No 700 Naval Air Sqdn, HMS Sheffield, 1941



No. 5 CF, Royal Australian Air Force, Australia & New Guinea, early 1943



The two RAF/FAA options feature the Shadow Shading with Extra Dark Sea Grey and Dark Slate Grey on the uppers with the lower wing uppers in Dark Sea grey and slate grey. The RAAF does not, being EDSG and DSG over RAAF Sky Blue.

Conclusion: "New Airfix" continues to impress with their choice of subject, finesse of mold-making and design. By adding in Carftograf decals you can be sure of a world class product in the box. I'm coming around to the opinion that this may well be the Best Kit in 1/48 scale from Airfix...ever.







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Best In Show





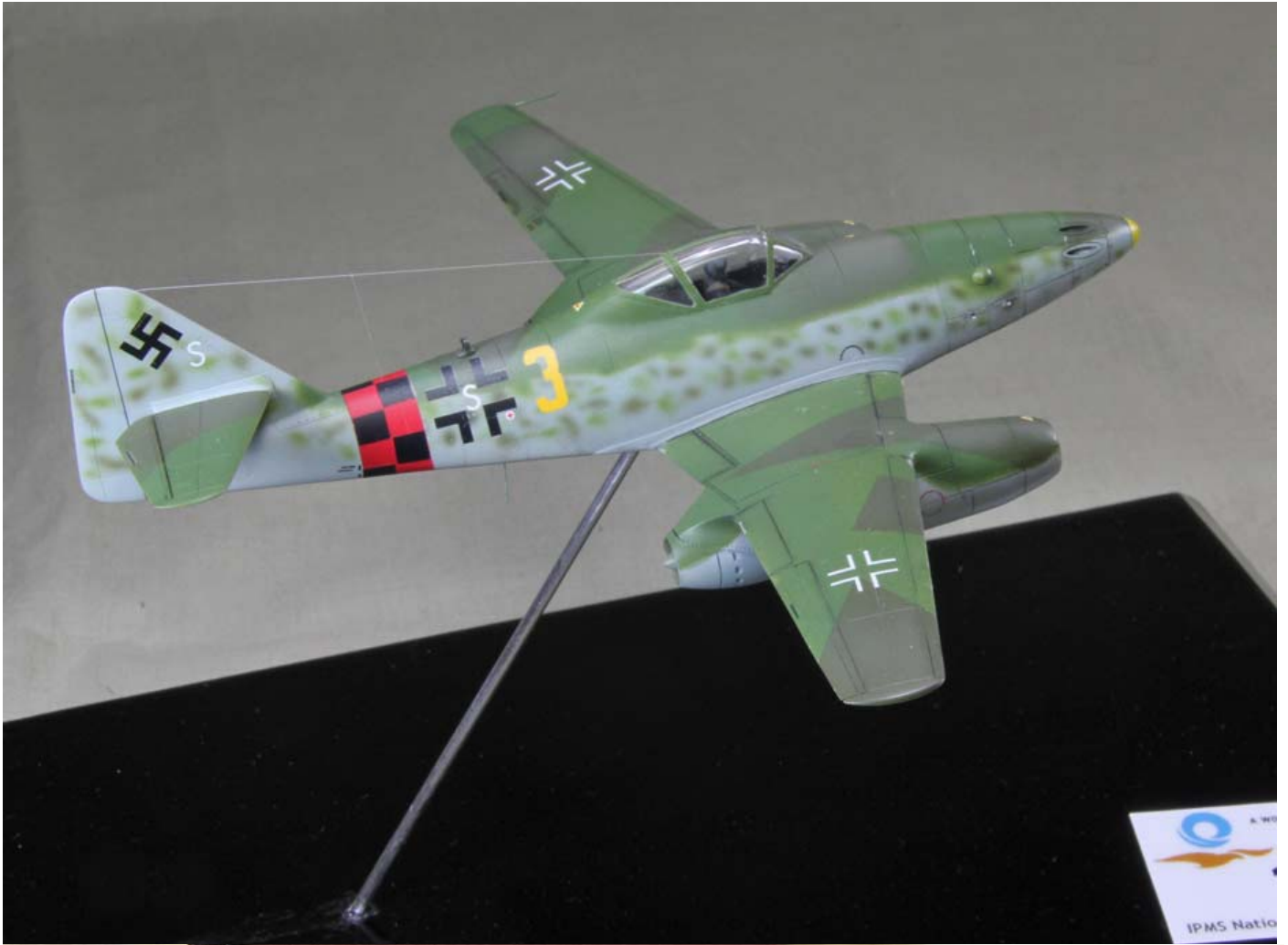
























GALLERY

CLUB NIGHT MODELS

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

<http://ipmsauckland.hobbyvista.com>



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.

