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# Model Kit Report

## New Paint Sets from Testor Corporation

As always, there's a nice selection of new kits, also.

### The Testor Corporation

The Testor Corporation has produced the leading brand of hobby and model paints for several decades. From the early ¼ ounce square bottles of Testors Enamel model paint, to the more recent Model Master Enamel and Model Master Acryl lines, scale modelers have been painting their plastic models with Testor's products since the early 60s. Testors has continued to expand product lines through the years, from plastic model kits to accessories and tools, including Aztek airbrushes, targeting not only plastic modelers but also the hobby and craft industry in general. The most recent addition to the Testors line is the CreateFX paints, available in enamels, acrylics, paint markers, stains and washes.

The CreateFX Enamel Paint Marker Sets are available in a variety of colors, with three different colors in each set. Set-1 includes Rail Brown, Rail Tie Brown and Rust while Set-2 has Concrete, Black and Roof Brown, and Set-3 has Earth, Mud and Grime. These Marker Sets are excellent choices for adding realistic weathering to a model, diorama, or model railroad structures and scenery. Set-4 includes Red, White and Black while Set-5 includes Gold, Silver and Black. These could be used for adding highlights to any of the above items, or for use in a variety of craft projects.

The CreateFX Enamel Earth Tone Paint Set includes eight ¼ ounce bottles of enamel paints, a paintbrush, and a bottle of Enamel Thinner. These paints, with excellent flow and coverage, are fast drying and easy to apply straight from the bottle with a paintbrush or, when thinned appropriately, with an airbrush. The set includes one bottle each of Flat Desert Tan, Flat Sea Blue, Flat Military Brown, Flat Green, Flat Sky Blue, Flat Battle Gray, Flat Black, and Flat White plus the thinner.

The CreateFX Enamel Stains and CreateFX Acrylic



Washes are an interesting addition to the product line. Most serious modelers will weather many of their models to some extent for added realism, making the paint look faded or the working parts greasy, grimy and dirty. The stains are basically extremely thin enamel paints, with only a small portion of pigment suspended in the solvent, while the washes are similar but water-based. Both of these products can be used to add depth to shadows in recessed details or around raised details on models. The stains and washes can be painted over large areas, by paintbrush or airbrush, and layered for increased depth of color, or blended with the appropriate thinners for applications in smaller selected areas. The CreateFX Enamel Stains include colors such as Black, Concrete, Driftwood, Mud, Oil & Grease, Rust, and Wet Effect. The CreateFX Acrylic Washes include colors such as Black, Mahogany, Oak, Red Barn, and Walnut, as well as others.

For many years, the Testor Corporation has made a concerted effort to meet the needs of scale modelers, model railroaders, and hobbyists worldwide. The new CreateFX product line is likely to fulfill those needs for years to come.

### Dragon

Dragon has released its 1/700 German Z-38 Destroyer #DRA-7134. With only twenty-two mid-1930s destroyers in operation at the start of WW II, the German Kriegsmarine ordered twelve replacement ships called the 1936A (Mod) class. Known as the "Narvik" class by the allies and identified only by their hull number, Zerströrer Z-38 was the next to last of these destroyers built.

The kit contains 250 detailed plastic parts, including both a full hull and a waterline hull and photoetched parts, which include funnel cap grilles and FuMO27 radar. The kit also features the captain's boat and work boat, twin gun



The Dragon Z-38 Destroyer kit contains over 250 parts and can be built with either a full hull or waterline hull.

forward turret, three aft single gun turrets, detailed bridge and superstructure. The kit includes illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, and decals for four different Narvik Destroyers.

### Hasegawa

Hasegawa has released its Limited Edition 1/72 F4U-1A Corsair Combo #HSGS2032.

The F4U was one of the most recognizable fighters of WW II. Strong, fast and agile, the Corsair was armed with six .50 caliber machine guns. Two US Marine Corps squadrons, VMF-212 Hell Hounds and VMF 214 Black Sheep, combined to destroy over 200 enemy aircraft while flying the F4U.

The Hasegawa Limited Edition F4U-1A Corsair Combo kit contains two complete kits, with each kit featuring a detailed R2800 engine, cockpit and landing gear bays. The

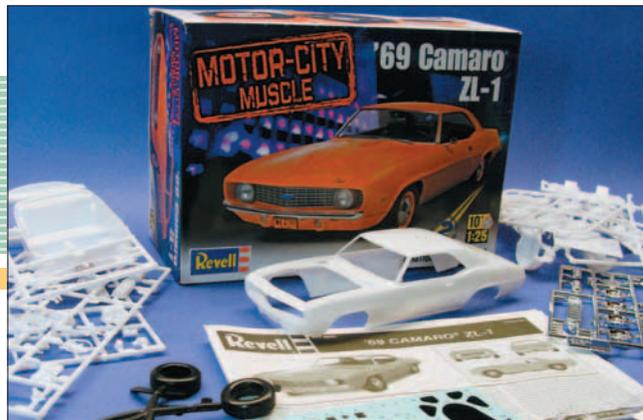


The Hasegawa F4U-1A limited edition combo kit contains two complete kits of the famous WW II Corsair fighter.

kits come with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, along with decal markings for three different aircraft, including the Corsair flown by Medal of Honor winner Major Gregory “pappy” Boyington.

### Revell

Revell has released its 1/25 '69 Camaro ZL-1 #85-4056. In the late 60s, at the request of several GM dealers, the Central Office Production Order program allowed owners to bypass corporate restrictions on engine size. Famous for their raw power and low production volumes, the '69 Camaro ZL-1 has a legacy as one of the quickest Camaros



The highlight of the Revell '69 Camaro ZL-1 kit is the 427 big block engine that made it one of the fastest Camaros produced ever built by Chevrolet.

The highlight of the Revell kit is the monstrous ZL-1 427 cubic inch big block engine that is faithfully detailed with the air induction hood and matching air cleaner. The kit also features interior details like separate side panels and detailed dash, and exterior details such as side mirrors and light assemblies. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for the engine bay, dash instrumentation, and body emblems.

### Trumpeter

Trumpeter has released its 1/48 A-3D-2 Skywarrior Strategic Bomber #02868, the first kit of this aircraft in 1/48 scale. The A-3D Skywarrior, a carrier-based strategic bomber first deployed in 1956, was the heaviest aircraft type to operate as part of a carrier air wing. The A-3D is also one of the longest serving aircraft in US Navy history.

The kit contains almost 400 plastic parts and 100 photoetched metal detail parts, and features a detailed cockpit, engraved panel lines, optional folding wings, optional fold-



Trumpeter is offering the A-3D Skywarrior Strategic Bomber in 1/48, the first time this aircraft has been produced in this scale. ing tail, and a full and detailed internal weapons bay. The control surfaces and speed brakes are separate, allowing them to be positioned. The radar and engine details can be displayed with the removable panels on the engine nacelles. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with full color painting and decal placement guides, and decals for multiple aircraft from US Navy Squadron VAH-9. **HM**