



MODEL KIT REPORT

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Keith's Picks for the Month

A variety of products to tempt your plastic enthusiasts.

Airfix has released its Combustion Engine (A42509). Considered worldwide to be the most common power source for land and water transportation vehicles, the modern internal combustion engine is a heat engine that relies on the expansion of high-temperature and high-pressure gases produced by a combustion. The burning of fuel takes place in a confined spaced called a combustion chamber, where the expanding hot gases generate mechanical power by pushing a piston around a crankshaft. Constantly undergoing refinements, the internal combustion engine continues to be at the forefront for innovation in engine performance and energy efficiency.

The Airfix kit, from its Engineer Series, simulates a four cylin-



The Airfix Combustion Engine builds into a model of a four cylinder engine. The kit requires no glue or paint, and when complete battery power rotates the crankshaft, showing how a real engine works.

der engine. The kit contains approximately 100 parts molded in transparent grey, black, orange and light grey plastic, along with some metal springs and various other wired and motorized components. No paint or glue is required for building the kit. As a real working model, the battery power and motorized components replicate both sound and light. As the kit features work together, they demonstrate the actual workings of an internal combustion engine. As the engine runs, it shows how the combustion of the fuel and air mixture drives the pistons down to make the crankshaft turn. The kit comes with a 24-page illustrated instruction booklet, which explains the assembly process in steps, as well as the basics of how a real engine works. The batteries are fitted into the display stand for a neat and clean appearance.

Dragon has released its 1/35 M60A2 Starship (DRA-3562) that depicts the Main Battle Tank (MBT) that was an impressive failure. While waiting for a new MBT to be developed, the US Army improvised the M60A2 as a stopgap measure, using a conventional M60A1 hull with a completely new low-profile turret armed with the 152mm Shillelagh gun/missile system. Although the short barreled gun could fire regular high-explosive, HEAT or smoke rounds, the primary ammunition for the tank was the Shillelagh missile that could be controlled and guided to a target by the gunner from inside the tank. Due to numerous problems with the turret/gun system, many of these were later converted to M60A3 standards or armored bridge layers until being phased out in 1981.

The kit contains nine parts sprues molded in tan and clear



While the full-scale tank was thrown together as a stop-gap until a new battle tank could be developed and was at best a failure, the Dragon M60A2 Starship nevertheless assembles into quite an impressive model.

plastic, one fret of photoetched metal detail parts, and two lengths of Dragon Styrene tracks. Slide-molding allows the upper and lower hull parts to fit together to form the entire hull, and the separately molded tires and road wheels will simplify painting. The complex commanders cupola is accurately detailed and the turret bustle rack assembly has thirteen separate photoetched metal mesh panels. The Dragon Styrene tracks provide excellent detail and can be assembled with standard plastic cement and paints. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for two different vehicles.

Hasegawa has released its 1/48 Nakajima Ki43-III Hayabusa kit (HSGS7418). The Ki43 Hayabusa (Allied code name Oscar) was designed and developed in 1937 and entered service with the Imperial Japanese Army in 1941. Light, fast and very maneuverable, the Hayabusa became Japan's most used



When the Nakajima Ki43 (code name Oscar) was first introduced in 1937 it was at the top of its class, but by 1944 the aircraft was regulated to home defense and Kamikaze attacks. Hasegawa's release of this famous aircraft contains all of the parts necessary to complete the last variant of the Ki43 to be put into service.

fighter aircraft during WWII serving all over the Pacific Theater. The aircraft did not have armor protection or self-sealing fuel tanks, and only carried two 12.7mm machine guns. In 1944, the Ki43-III variant was introduced with a larger and more powerful engine. During the last days of the Pacific war, the Ki43 was used in defense of the home islands and for Kamikaze attacks.

The kit contains 82 parts molded in gray and clear plastic. The kit features engraved and raised surface detail on the wings and fuselage, with control surfaces that are molded with a realistic stretched fabric over ribbing appearance. The detailed cockpit features separate sidewalls and instrument panel, as well as rudder pedals and control column. To accommodate the larger Nakajima Ha-115-II engine used in the Ki43-III, Hasegawa provides resin parts, including new engine cowling, inserts for the fuselage, exhaust pipes, and an oil cooler intake. Also included are resin wheel hubs and headrest parts. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for the instrument panel, stencils and markings for two different aircraft from the 48th Flight Regiment.

Lindberg has released its 1/8 Mad Maestro (HL607/12). During the late 1950s, a social phenomenon in Southern California called Kustom Kulture sprang forth from the custom car and motorcycle designers, builders and painters. It was a term that evolved to describe the "mod" artwork and fashions used by these people. Eventually, the artwork found its way from cars and motorcycles to posters, logos, and T-shirts. Certainly one of the examples of that Kustom Kulture is Lindberg Models 1965 release of The Mad Maestro kit, featuring a comedic and goofy monster figure. Unlike most of the other kits, The Mad Maestro was motorized so that the arms, head, and right foot could move with an electric motor.

Re-released for the first time since 1965, with vintage packaging, the kit comes equipped with a motor. When assembled, the figure can dance and wiggle behind his music stand directing an imaginary orchestra. The kit contains almost thirty parts, molded in orange plastic, with shaggy red hair material, a small electric motor & wiring, as well as mounting brackets for

During the late 1950s and early 1960s there was an entire Southern California culture developing around radically modified automobiles and motorcycles. Eventually the culture developed into monster type figures that appeared on everything from posters to T-shirts. One of the more famous was Lindberg's 1/8 model of the Mad Maestro. Re-released for the first time since its introduction in 1965, the figure includes a motor that drives moving arms and legs so the maestro can dance and wiggle his way across the stage. Consisting of 30 parts, the kit includes the fuzzy hair needed to complete the look of this whimsical and comedic monster figure.



the motor and a D-Cell battery (not included). The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with generic painting and decal placement guides, as well as a small sheet of decals printed by Cartograf.

Moebius Models has released its 1/25 1972 Ford Sport Custom Pickup (1220). In the final year of the fifth generation of Ford F-Series pickup trucks, the truck featured sharper styling lines, a larger cab, and expanded engine options. The 1972 Ford Sport Custom pickup truck was just a little bit more than your average working man's truck. With "works like truck, rides like a car" appeal, it represented the top of the line in styling and performance in a pickup truck.

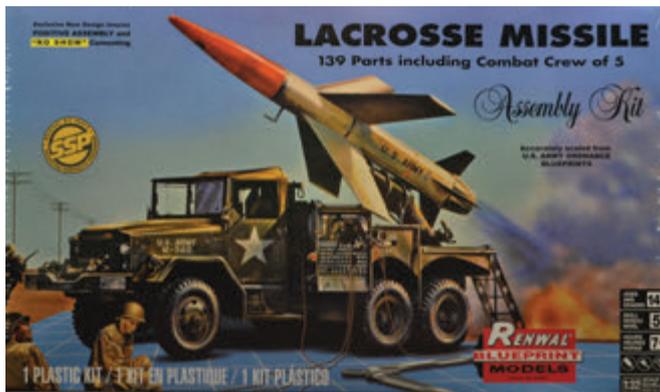
The Moebius Models kit features boxart that resembles an advertisement of the day. The kit contains 130 parts molded in light gray, clear and transparent red plastic, with chrome plated parts and soft vinyl tires. The highly detailed 302 cubic inch V8 engine is comprised of 25 separate parts. The chassis and suspension are built up from multiple separate parts. The interior features separate



Moebius Models has released its 1/25 version of the 1972 Ford Sport Custom pickup truck. The kit contains 130 parts and includes such things as a highly detailed 302 cubic in V8 engine and a chassis and suspension that are built of multiple parts.

floorboards, side panels and seats. The steering column and dashboard are nicely molded, and a full set of pedals are attached to the dash. The chrome parts for the trim package includes the hood trim bar and badges, tailgate trim, wipers, mirrors, and bumpers. The kit comes with a twelve page illustrated instruction booklet, with painting and decal placement guides, and features a full list of Ford factory paint schemes. The decals include body markings, instrument panel decals, and whitewall decals for the tires.

Revell has re-released the Renwal Lacrosse Missile kit (85-7824). The Lacrosse was developed as a short-ranged tactical ballistic surface to surface mobile attack weapon for support of ground troops and general combat support. Controlled by a forward guidance station, the missile was extremely accurate. The Lacrosse was first tested in 1954, and was actually deployed by



Revell has released the Renwal Lacrosse Missile. Developed as a short range tactical weapon, the missile was extremely accurate. Based on the original Renwal blueprint, the model consists of the Missile, transport/launch vehicle and five military figures.

the US Army in 1959 while the missile system was still in development. The missile, 19 feet long and weighing 2,300 pounds, used solid fuel to fire its 540 pound warhead at targets up to a range of approximately 12 miles. The Lacrosse was transported by the XM398 transporter/launcher truck based on the M45 6X6 truck chassis. Due to multiple technical hurdles that were too difficult to overcome, the missile was removed from service in 1964.

The kit contains 139 parts molded in light gray plastic, and is based on the original Renwal Blueprint 1/32 model. The kit features the XM398 transporter with detailed engine and chassis, removable hood and cab top, positional front wheels, missile

launcher platform and five crew figures. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for both the XM398 transporter and the Lacrosse missile.

Trumpeter has released its 1/6 Type 63 107mm Rocket Launcher (01920), depicting the weapon used by the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army. This rocket artillery piece has twelve launch tubes mounted on a single axle carriage with rubber tires.



The Trumpeter 1/6 Type 63 107mm Rocket Launcher is its version of the weapon used by the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army. Containing numerous detail parts, the highlight is metal launcher tubes, which are perfectly round and straight with no seams to fill.

The rockets are spin stabilized by six angled exhausts mounted in the base. Beginning in the early 1960s, the Type 63 launcher was used throughout the PLA until the late 1980s. The launcher can fire high explosive, high explosive-incendiary, and high explosive-fragmentation rockets at targets within a five mile range. Additionally, the Type 63 could be mounted on various vehicles for use as self-propelled artillery.

The kit contains 10 sprues of plastic parts, three large mold-ed plastic parts, 12 metal launcher tubes, two rubber tires, and seven screws. The metal rocket tubes are a nice feature, as they are perfectly round and straight without the usual seam that would show from assembly two plastic halves. The model only has one option, with the launcher built stowed for travel mode or in firing position for combat mode. Where sections are movable, screws are used to hold the parts together at the joints and the rocket tubes can be moved both vertically and horizontally by rotating the hand wheels. The kit comes with illustrated instructions along with a full color painting and decal placement guides for one rocket launcher. **HM**

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