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Model Kit Report

Keith's Picks for the Month

A variety of great kits to select from.

Airfix

Airfix has released its 1/72 Bristol Blenheim Mk.I (#A04016). The Blenheim was a British light bomber aircraft designed and built by the Bristol Aeroplane Company that was used extensively in the early days of the World War II. The Mark I was powered by two Bristol Mercury VIII air-cooled radial engines and crewed by a pilot, navigator/bombardier and a radioman/gunner. It was one of the first British aircraft to have all-metal stressed-skin construction, with retractable landing gear, flaps, a powered gun turret and variable pitch propellers. The aircraft was outclassed by German fighters of the day and was withdrawn from combat service in 1943, once the De Havilland Mosquito became operational.

The kit contains 142 parts molded in blue-gray and clear plastic, with nicely detailed surfaces that feature engraved panel lines. The large greenhouse canopy provides a good view of the cockpit, which has molded sidewall details, rear bulkhead, seats, control column, instrument panel with decals for instrumentation, and a bomb sight. The detailed engines are assembled from multiple parts.

Options include deployed or retracted landing gear, open or closed flaps, optional position control surfaces, open or closed bomb bay with bombs, engine cooling flaps, and turret. The kit comes complete with illustrated instructions that use red ink to indicate the particular parts in each step of the assembly process.

There is also a full-color painting and decal placement guide, as well as Cartograf decals with markings for two different aircraft, a British Blenheim from Malaysia in 1941 and a Romanian aircraft from 1939.



Containing 142 parts molded in blue-gray and clear, the Airfix 1/72 Bristol Blenheim Mk.I builds into a highly detailed replica.

AMT

AMT has released its 1/25 '67 Chevelle Pro Street (#A876-200). Introduced in 1964, the Chevelle was one of Chevrolet's most successful lines of vehicles. The 1967 Chevelle had a few modest styling changes from the 1966 model, with minor trim changes, a new reworked bumper and blackout rear body panel. The car did have enhanced mechanical and performance changes, which pairs well with Pro Street performance.

AMT showcases this powerful combination with the release of the 1/25 scale '67 Chevelle Pro Street kit. Molded in white and clear plastic, and transparent red, chrome plated parts and soft black tires, the kit comes with everything the average modeler will need to assemble a detailed Pro Street vehicle.

The kit features a multi-part Pro Street engine, a 427 cubic inch monster enhanced by a hood scoop and intake options of a street rod filter or velocity stacks. The detailed tube chassis features a Pro Street style roll cage with interior roll cage, and chrome wheelie bars. The kit also includes optional Tampo-printed Goodyear drag slicks as well as the wide tread street tires.

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The Bronco 1/35 Panzer 35(t) features a detailed interior with driver seat, ammunition racks and radio operator's equipment. decal sheet with black, white, and red stripe options, multiple license plate options, and Pro Street gauges.

Bronco

Bronco has released its 1/35 Pz.kpfw.35(t) (#BOM-35065). The Panzer 35(t) was originally designed as a light cavalry tank by Czechoslovakia as the LT-35, armed with a 37mm main gun, as well as 7.92mm machine guns mounted in the hull and coaxially with the main gun. When Germany occupied Czechoslovakia in March 1939, they seized 244 LT-35s from the Czech army and redesignated the vehicles as the Pz.Kpfw 35(t). In 1942, all of the 26 surviving Panzer 35(t)s were sold to Romania.

The kit contains a one-part lower hull, two-part upper hull, turret, individual link tracks, multiple sprues of suspension and detail parts, and one fret of photoetched metal detail parts. The kit features a detailed interior, with the driver position, ammunition racks and canisters, radio operators equipment, and seating. The hatches can be built in the open position so that the interior parts are easily seen.

The kit comes complete with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals which contain markings for six different vehicles, two in Czech Army three-color camouflage and four in the standard German Army Panzer Gray.

Hasegawa

Hasegawa has released its 1/72 ASF-X Shinden II "Razorbacks" (#HSGS5216). The Ace Combat video game is one of the most successful series produced by Bandai Namco Games Incorporated, and is available on several



Revell has added the stylish and sporty 1957 Bel Air, one of the true icons of the American automobile industry to its line of kits. platforms including the Sony Playstation, Nintendo, and Xbox 360.

While actual aircraft are used, there are also some unique fictional aircraft designed specifically for the simulations such as the multi-role ASF-X Shinden II. This aircraft features a rear mounted engine for flight and a forward mounted engine with downward thrust for VTOL (Vertical Take Off and Landing) capabilities. The unique design incorporates a forward swept wing with movable wing tips and variable position vertical stabilizer, all of which gives it incredible maneuverability. Equipped with a variety of weapons and sensors for air-to-air and/or air-to-ground combat, the ASF-X Shinden II is one of the best aircraft in the Ace Combat series.

The Hasegawa kit is the latest release in its Ace Combat series, containing five sprues of dark blue plastic parts, including the top and bottom fuselage halves, as well as two sprues of clear parts for the canopy and display stand.



Hasegawa has released its ASF-X Shinden, a model aircraft based on the series of Ace Combat video games.

Options include exhaust nozzles for either forward thrust or VTOL, extended or retracted landing gear, optional positions for the stabilators, canards and wing tips, a pilot figure, and a canopy that can be fixed in the open or closed position.

The kit includes illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as a large sheet of decals for either the air superiority or maritime camouflage schemes.

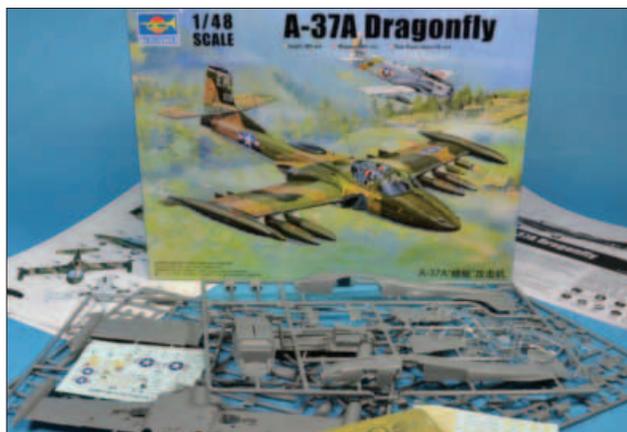
Revell

Revell has released its '57 Chevy Convertible Street Burner Series (#85-4270). Stylish and sporty, the 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air is one of the true icons of the American automobile industry, and almost fifty years later, the Bel Air Convertible has become one of the most popular collector cars of all time.

Chevrolet restyled the 1957 model to include a new golden grille, rubber tipped bumper bullets, deeply hooded headlights, twin rocket hood ornaments, gold-toned front fender trim, a larger windshield, fin-like rear quarter panels, and anodized aluminum side trim. The 1957 small-block V-8 engine was enlarged to 283 cubic inches, and some performance options could push the engine output as high as 283 horsepower. Producing one horse power per cubic inch of displacement was a milestone in engine development.

Revell has added this all-time classic car to its Street Burner series, with 10 sprues of white plastic parts, one sprue of clear parts, and one sprue of chrome plated parts. This kit contains a multi-part engine with both stock and custom configurations, and a detailed chassis with multi-part front and rear suspension. Since this is a convertible, Revell has provided a nicely detailed interior, with an optional convertible top, or top boot, continental kit, and fender skirts.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides, as well as an extensive sheet of decals, with flames for the exterior and Tropical Turquoise decals for the door panels and seat inserts.



Trumpeter has released its 1/48 Cessna A-37A Dragonfly, an aircraft that saw extensive service during the Vietnam war.

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Trumpeter has released its 1/48 A-37A Dragonfly Light Ground Attack Aircraft kit (#02888). The Cessna A-37 Dragonfly light attack aircraft was developed from the U.S. Air Force T-37 "Tweet" trainer. Introduced during the Vietnam War, it was based on the need for COIN (Counter-Insurgency) aircraft. The Air Force requirements led to modifications to the aircraft, which included fitting larger turbojet engines, strengthening the

wings, adding underwing pylons for weapons and stores, increasing the size of the wingtip fuel tanks, and adding a nose-mounted 7.62mm minigun with gunsight and camera, and adding stronger landing gear.

The kit contains finely molded plastic parts, in gray and clear, and one fret of photoetched metal detail parts. The kit features a detailed cockpit, with photoetched seat harnesses and heads-up display frame, as well as detailed landing gear and bays. The crystal-clear canopy can be positioned either open or closed. There are photoetched exterior details like FOD (Foreign Objects and Debris) screens, as well as underwing stores and weapons such as fuel tanks, rocket pods, and minigun pod. Also included are illustrated instructions, a separate full-color painting, decal placement guides, and decals for one aircraft. **HM**

An advertisement for Airfix Model Kits. It features the Airfix logo (a red circle with a white lightning bolt and the word "AIRFIX" in white) at the top. Below the logo, it says "Model Kits" and "Humbrol Paints & Accessories". There are images of Humbrol Acrylic and Enamel paint cans. At the bottom, the website "Airfix-USA.com" is listed.

An advertisement for Gullow's stocking stuffers. It shows a red Christmas stocking with white trim and a pom-pom, filled with several small white model aircraft. The text says "Stock up on stocking stuffers!" and "PAUL K. GULLOW, INC. www.gullow.com • like us on facebook". The Gullow's logo is at the bottom left.

An advertisement for Metal Detectors. It features the text "METAL DETECTORS" in large, bold, black letters. Below that, it says "Call OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS" and "800-558-2020". It also provides contact information: "Online dealer application at outdoorout.com or email outdoorout@ameritech.net", "824 North Hartwell Avenue Waukesha WI 53186", and "262-542-7772 • Fax 262-542-4435".

An advertisement for MPC's Space: 1999 Eagle Transporter Deluxe Edition model kit. The top part features the "SPACE: 1999" logo in large, stylized letters, followed by "EAGLE TRANSPORTER" and "DELUXE EDITION" in a metallic font, and the MPC logo. Below this, there is a description: "This exciting model kit appeals to the large fan base of Gerry Anderson's Space:1999. It features MPC's popular 1:72 scale Eagle model kit, and adds in additional resin parts to create the version of the Eagle that featured a lab pod as well as the booster pack. This configuration was featured prominently in the popular episode 'The Metamorph.'" There are three small images showing different views of the model kit. At the bottom, it says "CONTACT A ROUND 2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORE INFORMATION! E: sales@round2corp.com | P: 574.243.3000 | F: 574.243.3003" and "Round 2, LLC | 4072 Meghan Berlin Ct, South Bend, IN 46628".