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# Model Kit Report

## More Exciting New Kit Releases

**Model kits are once again popular as evidenced by many new releases.**

### Sea Vixen

Airfix has released its incredible 1/48 De Havilland Sea Vixen. The Sea Vixen was a two-seat twin-engine jet fighter with a twin-boom tail that served as a carrier-based fleet defense fighter from the 1960s into the 1970s. The Sea Vixen is unusual, as the pilot's canopy was offset to the left and the Radar Intercept Officer was housed in a separate cockpit to the right. Powered by two Rolls-Royce



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Avon 208 turbojet engines, the Vixen was capable of 690 mph and had a range of 600 miles. The Sea Vixen became the first British aircraft to be solely armed with missiles, rockets and bombs. While the aircraft did not take part in any true wars during its career, it was used in several police actions, including a 1961 incident when Iraq's King Kassem made hostile advances toward Kuwait.

Airfix has released an excellent 1/48 kit, impressive in both size and detail. The kit features movable control surfaces and tail hook, speed brakes and flaps can be built in the deployed position. There is also an option of having the wings extended for flight or folded for storage. The kit includes instructions and decals for four different aircraft and over 130 stencils for the finished model. Airfix's



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Sea Vixen is an outstanding kit that will produce a most impressive model for the display shelf or contest table.

### Falcon Sprint Hardtop

Trumpeter has just released a 1/24 1964 Falcon Sprint Stock Plus kit. The Ford Motor Company first introduced the Falcon in 1960 as an economical compact family car, and it soon became the leading seller in that category. In



*Trumpeter's 1/24 1964 Ford Falcon Sprint includes parts for the "stock plus" option package, which was dropped from the Falcon line when the Mustang was released the following year.*

1963 Ford introduced the Sprint Package option to the Falcon line, which included performance upgrades like the 260 cubic inch V-8 engine and stiffer suspension as well as appearance upgrades, including a sport trim interior package. This package was the precursor of the next stage

in automobile evolution, the world's first sports compact, the Ford Mustang. When the Mustang became a bestseller, Ford dropped the Sprint's Stock Plus package from the Falcon in 1965.

Trumpeter's kit includes over 140 parts, molded in white, clear and chrome-plated plastic with a nicely detailed engine, interior and chassis components. The kit can be built as a replica stock version or customized with optional parts for the engine and wheels. Attractively packaged, the Trumpeter 1964 Falcon Sprint Hardtop kit is a great place to start on an outstanding model.



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some of the most outstanding turned and photoetched metal parts for scale models on the market today. Both the Sea Master Series and Air Master Series include turned brass gun barrels and have photoetched parts to further enhance the detail. Master's 1/48 Supermarine Spitfire Vb Hispano 20mm Cannons in Fairings are absolutely beautiful and are simple to use. After the original plastic kit parts is removed, a hole is drilled into the wing and the Master replacement barrels are inserted with cyanoacrylate adhesive. The process could not be easier, and the effect is immediate and incredible.

### Vorne Tank

Hobby Boss, through Squadron Products, has released its 1/35 German VK4502 (P) Vorne kit. A prototype of the German WW II Tiger II tank, the name Vorne indicates that the turret and guns, designed by Krupp, are situated at the front of the tank instead of the rear. The distinctively shaped Porsche Type-180 turrets were based on an earlier design but mounted the 8.8cm L/71 gun on a much-modified hull.



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Hobby Boss' new Vorne kit should appeal to modelers looking for an armor subject that is different. The kit features crisp exterior surfaces with the sloped and interlocked armor, well detailed suspension, individual link tracks, separate crew hatches and stowed equipment, distinctive turret and a highly detailed interior, braided metal tow cable and photoetched metal engine deck grills. For armor modelers looking for something unique to add to their collection, the Hobby Boss 1/35 German VK4502 (P) Vorne can be the perfect choice.

### Photoetched Parts

Ancillary products are often great ways to increase items per-sale as they can be recommended to modelers for added realism and accuracy. One example is Master, a relatively new company from Poland, which is producing

### Aircraft Decals and a Howitzer Book

Squadron Products continues to release outstanding SuperScale International decals, including the recent 1/48 F-102A Delta Dagger Case XX Wings 57th FIS & 325th FIS. The decals come packaged in a clear protective Ziploc bag and include decals for two aircraft. The decals are a perfect match for both the Encore or Monogram 1/48 scale F-102 kits. Printed by Cartograph, the decals offer more stenciling and airframe information than the standard kit decals and include full color profiles of each aircraft along with placement guides and painting notes using Federal Standard color designations.

Squadron Signal also offers outstanding reference material that scale modelers love to use in creating models. Squadron Signal's M108/109 Howitzer Walk Around



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is a softcover book containing over 300 color photographs. Showing both interior and exterior views, many of the vehicle components are documented in close-up photographs with detailed captions. With the M109A6 projected to be in service for the next 40 years, the M108/109 Howitzer Walk Around will be a valuable resource for years to come. **HM**