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Model Kit Report

Keith's Choice: New Kits of the Month

Dealer have some great options when it comes to selecting new kits for inventory.



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Airfix has released its 1/72 Grumman Duck kit #A03031. Designed by Grumman in the early 1930's, the Duck was the first amphibious aircraft built by the company. Originally designed as a carrier-based utility transport, the crew consisted of a pilot and rear gunner, with provisions for two additional passengers located in the float just aft of the lower wing. The basic design changed very little over its operational service, but with more powerful engines, the duties changed to include observation and scouting, photographic reconnaissance, rescue, ground and sea attack, and medical evacuation. Airfix's Duck is a faithful representation of this hardworking utility aircraft, with detailed surface rivet patterns, cooling fins and push rods molded into engine cylinders, and pilot and gunner figures. The kit allows the modeler the option of building the kit with the landing gear extended or retracted. This kit includes decals for two different aircraft, and illustrated instructions with painting and decal guides.

Aoshima 1/350 Ironclad IJN I16 Submarine Cruiser Pearl Harbor

Aoshima has released its 1/350 Ironclad IJN I16 Submarine Cruiser Pearl Harbor kit #AOS-000366. This IJN cruiser submarine served as a carrier for the Type A midget submarine used in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The five subs, each carrying one midget sub, are a lit-

tle known chapter in the story of that infamous day. Historians believe that only one of those tiny submarines actually fired a torpedo. The rest on the mission were unsuccessful. One beached twice, at the harbor entrance and again in eastern Oahu, where it was captured on December 8. Ensign Kazuo Sakamaki swam ashore and was captured,



The Aoshima 1/350 Pearl Harbor Kit replicates the carrier for the midget subs used during the attack on December 7, 1941.

becoming the first Japanese prisoner of war. This kit is a special commemorative release for the 70th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. The kit contains two submarine model kits with crisply molded parts in gray and black plastic along with a display base. The kit includes photoetched metal detail parts, decals, and illustrated instructions with painting and decal guides.

Dragon 1/35 StuG.III Ausf.G Dec 1943 Production

Dragon Models USA has released its Dragon 1/35 StuG.III Ausf.G Dec 1943 Production Smart Kit #DRA-6581. The StuG.III was Germany's most produced armor vehicle. Based on the Panzer III chassis, with the 7.5cm StuK 40 L/48 gun, the Ausf.G was manufactured from December of 1942 through April of 1945, with a total of 7,720 vehicles produced. The Dragon 1/35 StuG.III Ausf.G Dec 1943 Production duplicates in miniature the features found on the full-scale tank, including the 8mm front armor plate, cast gun mantlet, sprocket wheels without hub caps, and steel return rollers. The separate Schurzen, the protective side



The Dragon Models USA 1/35 StuG.III is a detailed model of the most widely produced German armored vehicle of WW II. The armor plates used on the tank, are included as photoetched metal parts for scale thickness. Additional photoetched parts include air intake grills, idler wheel rings, and fender details. The kit also features nicely detailed plastic parts, using standard and slide-molding technologies, including the gun barrel, muzzle brake, and gun mantlet. All of the hatches, including the commanders hatch and the steering brake inspection hatches, can be built either open or closed. The kit also includes Dragon's individual link Magic Tracks for a realistic footprint.

Moebius Model 1/8 Iron Man Mk VI

Moebius Models recently released its Moebius Model 1/8 Iron Man Mk VI kit #0922, depicting the armor from the Iron Man II movie. In that movie, the government attempted to duplicate the Iron Man armor system, but Tony Stark was one step ahead of them and created the upgraded Iron Man Mk VI armor. Moebius Models, after releasing kits of the Mk III and Mk II armor, has followed up with an outstanding kit of the Mk VI, with molds derived from the actual CGI files used for the movie. The kit contains the armor parts molded in red plastic, with a rock floor base in white plastic. The kit also features molded white plastic eye lenses, palm repulsors, and arc reactor cover for the chest plate, which will allow the scale modeler to wire the model for awesome lighted effects. The finished model is poised for action, in a dynamic stance, with the arm raised to aim and fire the repulsory at the villain. The kit includes detailed instructions and a painting guide.



The Moebius Models 1/8 Iron Man Mark VI comes with the armor molded in red plastic and a simulated rock base molded in white.

Revell 1/48 Apollo Lunar Spacecraft

Revell has re-released its 1/48 Apollo Lunar Spacecraft kit #85-5090. The Apollo Program is considered a milestone in manned space exploration, with the Apollo 11 mission that



Revell has re-released its 1/48 Apollo Lunar spacecraft kit of the historical mission that succeeded in landing men on the moon. The Apollo 11 mission succeeded in landing astronauts on the lunar surface on July 20, 1969. Modelers can celebrate one of the greatest achievements in the history of mankind with the Revell Apollo Lunar Spacecraft 1/48 model kit. The kit features 171 white molded parts, a 16 page instruction booklet, decals with authentic Apollo markings, and clear acetate film for windows. Revell includes all five components of the Apollo spacecraft including the Launch Escape System, Command Module, Service Module, Lunar Module, and Spacecraft Lunar Module Adapter. Many of these components feature movable and detachable parts, a feature quite exceptional because it helps the modeler and admirer envision the complicated and various stages of the Apollo ascent, descent, and landing on the moon. Included are three astronaut figures, interior details, and a lunar surface base.

Trumpeter 1/35 Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer-Starr

Trumpeter has recently released its 1/35 Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer-Starr kit #05524. The Jagdpanzer 38t Hetzer was a German light tank destroyer from WW II. Developed in 1944, there were over 2500 Hetzers produced during the last two years of the war. The Trumpeter 1/35 Jagdpanzer 38(t) Hetzer-Starr kit features a complete engine bay with Praga engine and all the appropriate plumbing. The chassis,



The Trumpeter 1/35 German Jagdpanzer is a model of the light tank destroyer produced during the last two years of WW II.

The kit includes the stowed tools and plastic side skirts characteristic of the tank, as well as individual link tracks. The kit features photoetched metal detail parts, and comes complete with decals and illustrated instructions, which include the painting and decal guides. **HM**