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Model Kit Report

A Nice Variety of Plastic Kits to Choose from

Providing readers with a mix of model kits.

Airfix

Airfix has recently released its 1/48 BAE Warrior #A07300. The BAE Warrior is a British tracked armored vehicle designed to transport combat troops, under protection, to active zones where they can provide supporting firepower once they exit the vehicle through the hydraulically operated rear door of the hull. Several versions have been produced, including command, artillery observation, combat repair versions, and, as represented in this kit, the Infantry Section version. The vehicle can carry seven fully equipped infantrymen and enough food and ammunition to support them for up to forty-eight hours in combat situations. The Warrior is armed with a 30mm cannon in the turret with a 7.62mm coaxial chain gun, as well as smoke grenades.

The kit features a fairly complete interior, which can be seen through the several large hatches and doors. The tracks are the link and length style. This kit depicts a Warrior with slat armor designed to defeat rocket propelled grenades and other shaped charge weapons, and it surrounds the entire vehicle and turret. The kit comes with illustrated instructions, including painting and decal placement guides, as well as decals for one vehicle that was deployed in Afghanistan in 2013.



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AMT

AMT has released its 1/420 USS *Defiant* NX-74205 #AMT845/12. In the *Star Trek* series of television and fea-



AMT has released its model of the USS *Defiant* NX-74205 from the television series *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*.

ture films, most of the ships in Starfleet are vessels used for exploration and peacekeeping duties. However, the USS *Defiant*, from the *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* series, was purely a warship. Designed to counter an unexpected surprise threat from the Borg, a combination alien/machine race, the USS *Defiant* was actually overpowered and overgunned. The ship needed extensive modifications to maintain structural integrity and keep it from tearing itself apart at maximum speed. It was armed

with standard phaser emitters, pulse-phaser cannon, photon torpedoes and quantum torpedoes. The ship also featured deflector shields and ablative armor, enabling it to withstand multiple direct hits from enemy starships.

The kit consists of upper and lower hull halves, two sprues of detail parts, and a display stand. While the kit builds into a fairly large model at 18 inches long, it is simple enough for beginner modelers yet it would also be an excellent starting point for expert

modelers to superdetail, paint and weather a true masterpiece.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as decal marking for the flagship USS *Defiant*.

Dragon

Dragon has released its 1/35 Pz.Kpfw.III (5cm) (T) Ausf.G #DRA-6773. Early in WW II, Germany had defeated most of Western Europe, and planned an amphibious invasion of the British Isles, the last bastion of Allied resistance. For this invasion, a number of Panzer III tanks were converted to submersibles allowing them to be lowered from ships and driven along the seafloor. Known as the Tauchpanzer III, the tanks were fitted with a breathing apparatus to allow them to be totally submerged and safely travel underwater. Eventually, the plan was abandoned in favor of a Luftwaffe campaign.

The Dragon kit depicts a Tauchpanzer III Ausf.G, the most common variant which was equipped with a 5cm



Dragon has released a version of the Panzer III tank which was designed as a submersible, so it could travel on the sea floor.

gun. The kit contains the plastic hull, turret, two one-piece tracks, two frets of photoetched metal detail parts, and the special waterproofing parts for the turret ring and gun shield. The suspension includes full axles and arms, and the hull is nicely detailed and includes the access panels for the bottom.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well a small sheet of decal markings.

Hasegawa

Hasegawa has released its 1/72 E-2C Hawkeye "Iraqi Freedom" Limited Edition # HSGS2079. The E-2C Hawkeye is the first AEW (Airborne Early Warning) aircraft designed from the ground up, and carries a powerful radar unit in a rotating shell to track both friendly and enemy aircraft. Currently holding the record for the



The Hasegawa E-2C Hawkeye "Iraqi Freedom" features a nicely detailed cockpit, clear nose and rotatable radar dome. longest production run of any carrier-borne aircraft, the E-2C Hawkeye has astonishing detection and tracking capabilities. It is able to detect 20,000 targets and track 2000 of them at a range of 400 miles while simultaneously guiding up to 400 air-to-air, or air-to-ground intercepts.

The kit features a nicely detailed cockpit, clear plastic nose, flattened tires to show weight, and the radar dome is mounted with polycaps so that it can be rotated to any position. The kit also features optional up or down wing flaps and clear parts to replace the molded-in wingtip lights.

The kit comes complete with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, as well as an extensive set of decal markings for two different aircraft that participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, one from VAW-115 "Liberty Bells" squadron and another from VAW-121 "Bluetails" squadron.



The 1/35 German Elite Infantry kit from MB provides parts to build five figures, and includes weapons and ancillary equipment.

Master Box Ltd

Master Box Ltd has released its 1/35 German Elite Infantry (Eastern Front) kit #MB3583. This kit provides parts to build five 1/35 figures in the distinctive German Army camouflage blouses and plain gray pants. The uni-

forms indicate the figures might be the tenacious panzer-grenadiers of the Waffen SS that saw action on the Eastern front, but the kit does not specify this.

The kit contains two sprues of plastic parts to build the figures. All of the figures use multiple parts, with separate legs, arms, upper torso, lower torso and head. This provides the modeler with great flexibility in choosing the positions for the figures to fit in any scene. The box art shows one figure carrying some chickens for dinner, and the birds are also included. The ancillary equipment includes rifles, machine guns, captured Russian machine guns, side arms, hand grenades, trenching tools, canteens and so on.

The illustrated instructions are on the back of the box and include full color artwork with two camouflage color schemes provided for the blouses.

Revell

Revell has released its 2013 Mustang Boss 302 #85-4187. The Boss 302 Mustang was originally produced and sold to the public in 1969 and 1970, fulfilling homologation



Revell's Mustang Boss 302 features a detailed 302ci engine, unique exhaust system and a full suspension with disc brakes.

rules to make the vehicle eligible for the Trans Am racing series. When the lead designer was asked on what project he was working, he answered "The boss's car", and the name stuck. The Mustang Boss 302 won the Trans Am Championship in 1970. Ford revived the Boss 302 name for 2012 and 2013. The 2013 Boss Mustang starts with a standard Mustang GT vehicle, but adds performance parts to the Boss 302R race car while managing to maintain street legal status. With its 444 horsepower, 5.0 liter (302 cubic inches) V8 engine, the car goes from zero to sixty in 4.2 seconds and runs the quarter mile in 12.7 seconds with a speed of 114 mph.

The kit contains the body, floor pan, and various parts on nine sprues. Also included are clear and chrome-plated parts, four vinyl tires, and two metal exhaust tips. The kit features a detailed 5.0 liter engine, unique exhaust system, and full suspension detail including calipers for the four wheel disc brakes.

The kit comes with illustrated instructions, with painting and decal placement guides, and well done graphic decals for the ultimate modern muscle car. **HM**

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