

Trumpeter's Newest Releases

With hardcore excitement in subject categories from air, land and sea, Stevens International's proprietary plastics line always gives modelers "the good build."

Plastic model kits from Trumpeter, exclusively distributed in the United States by Stevens International, are well known for their quality and attention to detail. The sample kits I received all had a bit of background information for each vehicle on the box. The neatly diagrammed instruction sheets include parts maps and a color paint reference sheet for Mr. Color or Mr. Hobby paints. Decals are separately packaged and printed crisply on quality paper and film. Trumpeter packaging is designed to ensure the delivery of an intact kit, 100 percent ready for an enjoyable assembly. This special features gives you a sampling of four of the newest Trumpeter subject releases for air, land and sea fanatics.

Hawker Sea Fury FB. Mk. 11 #02844: 1/48 Scale

Trumpeter aircraft kits have been making historical aircraft fans happy for years, from their intelligent choice of subject aircraft to the exceptional quality and infinite detail found in each of their kits. This new, 1/48-scale Hawker Sea Fury is no certainly exception to the rule.

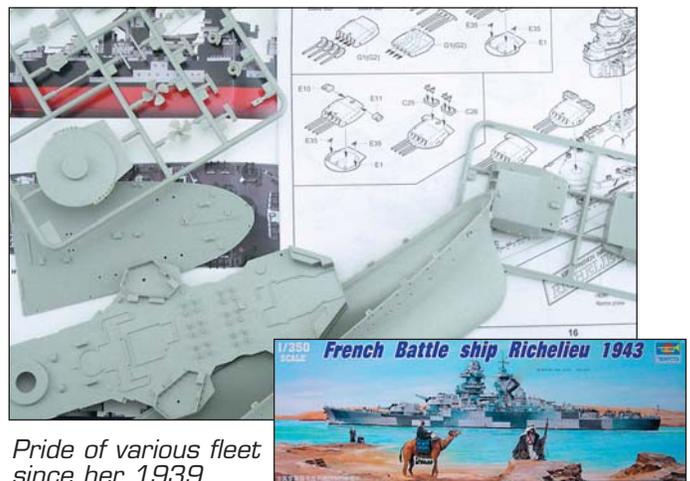
The prototype Sea Fury took to the skies in February of 1945, but did not enter into naval service until October of 1947. The Fb. Mk. 11 entered service in May of 1948, and also saw service as a carrier-based, ground attack aircraft during the Korean Conflict.

The Trumpeter Sea Fury Fb.Mk 11 kit comes with 96 molded-plastic parts on one clear and three gray trees. The model's exterior surface features recessed panel lines, and separate ailerons and rudder are also notable extras. The kit includes a detailed cockpit, all visible undercarriage appointments and even a tail hook. Wing details include machine gun barrels, drop tanks and rockets.

Being a carrier-based airplane, it's correct that the Trumpeter Sea Fury's wings can be modeled in either the



Trumpeter's 1/4-scale Hawker Sea Fury is packed with quality moldings and extra detail parts. Markings are crisply printed, and the model's molded surface details are flawless.



Pride of various fleet since her 1939 launch, the Richelieu went on to fight for the English against the Japanese during World War II.

folded or extended position. Complete markings and paint references are provided for two Sea Fury versions.

French Battleship Richelieu 1943 #05311: 1/30 Scale

The Richelieu was launched in early 1939, and after the German offensive in 1940, the battleship cruised to Dakar to face British forces in an unusual political situation. In 1942, the Richelieu joined the allied forces, and was later refitted at the Brooklyn Navy Ship yards in 1943 and incorporated into the British fleet.

The refitted Battleship Richelieu participated in operations against Norway in early 1944, and later joined the British Far Eastern Fleet to fight against Japan. The ship was ultimately returned to the French following WWII.

The Trumpeter Richelieu was tooled to represent the ship after its 1943 refit. The improved weapons and radar are carefully reproduced in high-quality, virtually flash-free gray styrene. The one-piece hull is packed in its own compartment inside the box, with the bagged parts trees filling the rest of the space. The rest of this fine kit comes on nine trees with the three-piece deck separately bagged.



Looking most Germanically "formidable," the Heuschrecke IVb Grasshopper proved that looks are misleading; this weapons platform never made it to production.

Richelieu's deck details include stacks of life rafts, launches, and gunnery stations with accurately rendered weapons at each one. Separate wave breaks and ladders are included, and the 40mm gun turrets have four tubes and detailed range finding equipment. The rudder, propeller shaft and propellers are all also delicately tooled. The decal sheet has two French tricolor flags, one waving and one static. An attractive display base that's reminiscent of a shipyard cradle is also included in the kit.

German Heuschrecke IVb "Grasshopper" #00373: 1/35 Scale

The rest of the designation for this tank is 10.5 cm Ie FH 18/1 1/28 auf Waffenträger, and this is one version of a self-propelled gun designed by Krupp-Gruson and developed between May 1943 and May 1944. None of these guns ever actually reached production.

This weapon carrier was fitted with a crane that could be operated by hand or hydraulics, a feature that made it possible to remove the fully rotating turret and mount it on the cart that was carried on the vehicle. Without the turret, the armored carriage could be used for recovery or munitions transport.

The Trumpeter German "Grasshopper" kit has 674 parts in photo-etch, vinyl and styrene. Also included is a length of in-scale chain for use with the crane. In the 17 virtually flash-free styrene trees, there are three sets of duplicate trees and eight trees of separate track links for the most detail-minded modelers. The three major hull sections are packaged separately.

The vinyl tracks and hull sections are compartmentalized with dividers. The crane mechanism and turret cart are both highly detailed, with some of the quality photo-etch parts going into these assemblies. Armor and military vehicle kits like this from Trumpeter kits offer a high level of detail at surprisingly affordable prices. This model is a beautifully produced kit of an interesting, full-scale armor concept that never made it beyond the prototype stages.

German Sd.Kfz.7 Mittlere Zugkraftwagen 8t Early Version #01514: 1/35 Scale

With a design pre-dating WWII, the SdKfz 7 8-ton half-track was used primarily to as the tractor for 8.8 mm flak gun and the 15 cm sFH 18 150mm howitzer. Trumpeter's magnificent kit comes with 848 different pieces created in metal, fiber and styrene. The 17 basic styrene trees come molded in two colors.

Of special note is that one pair of duplicate trees for wheels and suspension, along with eight trees of accurate track link parts all combine to make up 108 separate links with three pieces each.

A separate box containing vinyl tires and the upper hull section helps to keep parts organized while protecting them during shipping. One tree of clear parts and two photo-etch detail parts sheets are also in the inner box, along with a bag containing all the thread and wire used to detail the winch located under the rear platform.



Looking like a hybrid American Half-track and a MG-TD sports car in German camo, the Sd.Kfz. 7 brings back memories of The Dirty Dozen getaway.

The winch is only one of the many great accessory details in this model's undercarriage. Others are evident beneath the hood in the cooling and intake and exhaust systems for the engine. The kit also comes with markings and paint schemes for vehicles from two combat units.

These new Trumpeter kits offer modelers great build experiences that end with high-in-quality replicas of very interesting historical subjects. It is clear that Trumpeter goes to great length to deliver a quality product at an affordable price. These kits and other Trumpeter releases will give your customers hours of modeling fun. Check with Stevens International for more new releases. **HM**