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Another month rolls around and it's meeting time again.

This month's workshop covers the basics of seam filling and sanding. While these are elementary parts of the modelling process there are often new products and techniques that you may not be aware of. As usual group participation is encouraged so if you have something to share then don't be backward in coming forward.

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In Box Review: Revell 1/72 Haunebu II (UFO) Or “Officially” the “ Haunebu II Dornier Stratosphären Flugzeug”

By Brett Peacock



(in this case, officially means Fine Scale Modeller!)

Kit purchased at Modelair, retail \$168.00 NZ. 69 parts in grey plastic (The Squadron version which has 125 parts including extra guns and wheeled undercarriage)

. No clear parts (odd!). NOTE: This is a LARGE box, about the same size as the Revell 1/32 P-52D kit recently reviewed here. And it has quite a lot of plastic in it. There are two marking Options and the instructions are in the newer, colour Revell style (yay!) Decals are the classic matt Revell decals and (for 1/72) the sheet is quite large.

As to "History", well I'll let another reviewer cover that:

FEBRUARY 26, 2018/SITTINGDUCKS MODELS

" Because apparently Revell is releasing a Haunebu as well this year. With a (expected) retail price of €49,95 (+/- 61 USD) it is going to be nearly half the price of Squadron Models offering. But I can't find a lot of information on this new Revell kit, but I suspect it will be announced at the Spielwarenmesse in Nuremberg.

And if you don't know what a Haunebu or Haunebu II is, it is a Flying Saucer developed by the Germans during WW2. If you're not ready to dive into crazy conspiracy theories (of Nazi moon-base-levels) it's better to stop reading now.

Still here? Good! Because this will be a fun ride into obscure conspiracy theories, Occultism, Bovine Feces and 'Science' Fiction.

During the war, Allied *and* German pilots sometimes reported seeing strange, fiery balls following their aircraft. These craft were nicknamed Foo Fighters and caused some to worry about unknown German secret weapons. After the war several people claimed to have information on or worked on top secret programs developing 'Flying Saucers'. According to these people the Germans started developing these even before the war, that research ultimately resulted in a device called Die Glocke (The Bell), a Bell-shaped craft powered by some kind of anti-gravity drive. Some even say that Die Glocke was involved in the Kecksburg UFO Incident. And not just because the description of that craft closely matches that of Die Glocke. Czech engineers supposedly stole the designs from the German designer after the war and it was handed over to a higher power which developed the project even further.

But Die Glocke wasn't the only flying machine developed by the Germans. Many people claim. Many project names have circulated in the years since the war: Rundflugzeug, Feuerball, Diskus, Haunebu, Hauneburg-Gerät, V7, Vrill, Kugelblitz (not related to the self-propelled anti-aircraft gun of the same name), Andromeda-Gerät, Flugkreisel, Kugelwaffe, and Reichsflugscheibe.

And I'm going to stop here, because researching the subject made my head spin. All kinds of weird societies like the Vrill- and Thule Society and the Reichsführer-SS (a certain former chicken farmer) are in one way or another linked to these stories. Most of it is steeped in occultism and esotericism."

So, essentially, its another Luftwaffe 46 kit, one a bit less grounded in actual plans than most. OooKay, then?



This kit was originally developed by a Korean Kitmaker called “Hand and Head” (yeah, really!) back in 2013/14. I have no idea what their pricing was, and never saw it on sale in any US or UK online retailer. But then I was not really on the lookout for such.



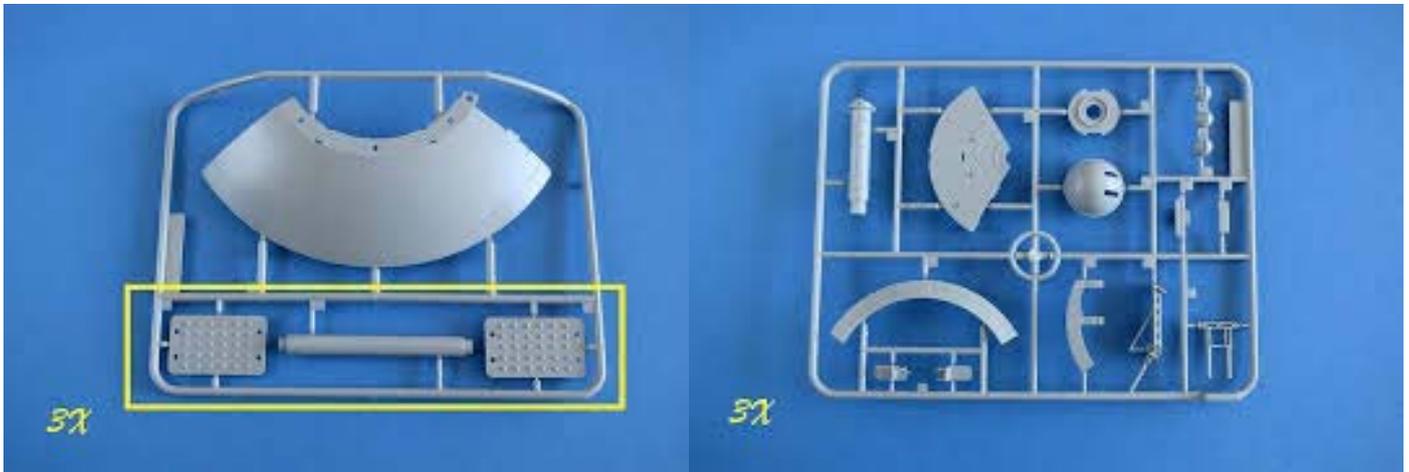
(Squadron Box art - Note the large upper guns – they are not in the Revell release)

It was then “adopted” in 2016 by Squadron (the US Online/Mailorder Model shop) and released as an “Exclusive” (at about \$100 US dollars!!) which is where I first heard of it. Squadron also released a “Civil Lufhansa” version without guns.

But by the time you factored in Squadrons’ “Interesting” overseas postal rates from the USA, it would have cost a Minimum of \$230 dollars to land it in New Zealand... thanks, but... honestly? No way.

Then Revell announced it in early 2018...and landed in a Ton of Political Controversy over releasing a “Nazi UFO”... one that MAYBE had some drawings done. Revell hastily withdrew it from sales, added a caveat about “Proposed” and exported it. Aaaand, some ended up here in NZ, at about Squadron’s original retail price (\$100US is about \$160.00 NZ.) Expensive, but at least affordable if my credit balance at Modelair was good...which it was.

So, what exactly do you get for your money? Well the kit has clearly been designed to a fairly restricted budget. There are only 4 Sprues trees in the kit.. BUT 3 of those 4 sprue types are provided in multiple – 3 of each. So in the box you will find 10 sprues, (The Squadron version added clear windows and a new sprue for the topside guns.) The kit was designed to replicate parts by 3s from the start, to cut actual mold cutting costs. The parts that were “singles” all come on the 1 sprue that is not duplicated. While this sounds “cheap” it is actually a very smart way to keep costs down without compromising on areas.



At bottom right is the “Solo” sprue!

Note the plastic is a pale medium grey, very like Tamiya grey plastic in many ways – so is not pressed by Revell and is not in their odd blue grey plastic. Oh, and one sprue – the external upper outer skin parts (top left) are protected by a thin foam sheet to avoid scratching those very prominent surfaces. Kudos.

There is also a full cabin included with seats for 9 crewmen and a “representation” of the Electromagnetic drive in the centre. This is displayable by simply not cementing the upper dome in place. The Revell kit includes the Landing Pads from the First releases, but the Squadron Civil version had new, wheeled landing gears.

The detailing is good, with fine engraved panels and crisp moldings, although some reviewers have reported some small issues with fit of parts, but nothing major or deal-breaking and a very satisfactory finished result.

From Fine Scale Modeller: (Who can be Very fussy about such things)

“Now I can’t speak for the veracity of those claims, but I can say that Squadron’s 1/72 scale kit of the Haunebu II Dornier Stratosphären Flugzeug is a blast to build and even more fun to paint. Although grounded in the reality of Luftwaffe color and camouflage aesthetics, the subject’s convergence with science fiction means you can finish it any way you think looks cool.

The major body parts feature engraved panel lines and raised rivets. No flash or sink marks marred the pieces.”

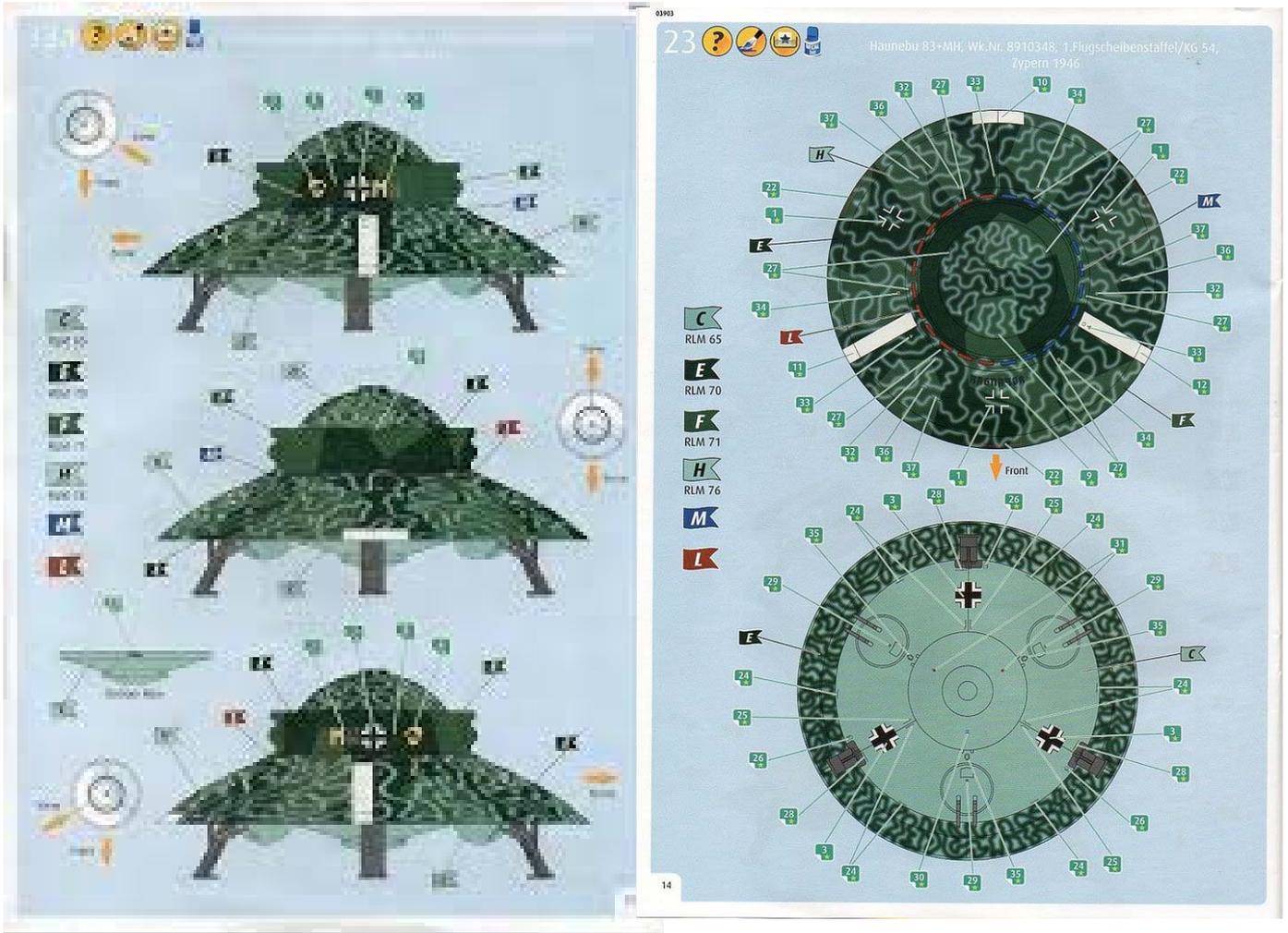


As noted there are no clear parts, but the ports are covered by solid “turrets” to which you could add weapons. For the curious, the Underside cannon were proposed to be 6x 50mm cannon (as used on some Me262s) with the Squadron armed version rocking twin 110mm cannon on the upper side forward. If you want to add weapons to the ports on the vertical sides, 20mm cannon would be my suggestion, no fewer than 18 of them! (I am leaning towards clear ports for mine.)



(Squadron kit upper)

The decals are matt, Revell decals as previously stated, and are well printed with a variety of markings including a name (Ragnarok!), of of cover density and, at least, styled and sized appropriately. (No swastikas though – it is Revell Germany!)



While 2 colour options are given, I do have some issues with both, as one appears to be Pre-1944 Bomber styled with RLM 70 and 71 over 65 with a scribble pattern of 65 on the uppers. And the other (boxtop version) is a weird mashup of RLM 76 Overall with patches of Late war greens and brown (RLM 81/82/83) I am unsure that either choice is... "right" for this beast. But you are by no means restricted to those options – Luftwaffe 46- remember?

So, in conclusion, you might guess that I actually like this kit...and you would be entirely correct. It may look simple, but there is a wealth of reasonably crisp and delicate detail to base an very nice "What If"? kit on. And if the notoriously finicky FSM reviewers liked it, who am I to gainsay them? And someone with a good 3D printer could have a blast fashioning new detail parts for this!

Yes, it is expensive here in NZ, and I know deals can be hgad online. But I endeavour to support my local (well sort of local, as one is 16 KM away, and the other almost 50km away!) Hobby shops. IF they are go, they won't come back!

Billy, Don't Be a Zero

By Rob Willis

Ok - so a play on a forgettable song, and ironic because I've never built one.... Anyway, for years most of my completed builds have gone into a box, with the idea that someday I'd have a nice display cabinet to put them in. Large kits basically stall at the wings to fuselage step as most won't fit into a box - think 1/48 B-17, 1/72 Sunderland, Concorde, etc, etc. I've looked at cabinets for years but have always found them too shop-like, too ugly or too expensive. They also have to pass the resident interior designers rigorous standards before being allowed in the house...

Perusing online some months ago I saw a posting on a forum about display cabinets. The poster had mentioned buying a couple of IKEA Billy book cases to use for their models.

Now the Billy is a bit unknown here in NZ but its one of the most widely sold book cases in the world apparently - a new one rolls off the production line in southern Sweden every 3 seconds or, I read somewhere else, is sold every 5 seconds! And since its launch in 1978 IKEA have sold over 60 million of them.... There's even a website dedicated to repurposing IKEA products - such as this built-in bookshelf using a bunch of Billys: <https://www.ikeahackers.net/2019/01/built-in-bookshelves-ikea-billy.html>

So, long story short, I bought a Billy with the optional extra of glass doors. Total price was \$370. Plus I added 4 extra shelves at \$20 each.

Now the dimensions of the Billy are not huge - 80cm wide, 28cm deep and 202cm tall, plus there is a narrower 40cm unit (you can join them together obviously to fit a space...) - but I found that for the scale I build I could get a fair amount of kits into it (52 currently). Maybe if I built 1/72nd I'd get more in.... I guess also you could put glass shelves in but you'd need to have them made elsewhere and enlarge the shelf bracket holes to take a mount suitable for glass. I opted to stick with the IKEA solid shelves for now.

Assembly took just under an hour. The centre shelf is fixed and it comes with four adjustable shelves, to which I added another four. I've since bought another unit that I've yet to assemble - still negotiating with the boss where that one is going to live....

Anyway, that's my wee story about the IKEA Billy bookcase and how it can be repurposed as a display cabinet for your models!









SEM MODELS 1:48 SAVOIA MARCHETTI S.M.84. KIT 48001.

A 'look in the box' by Pete M.



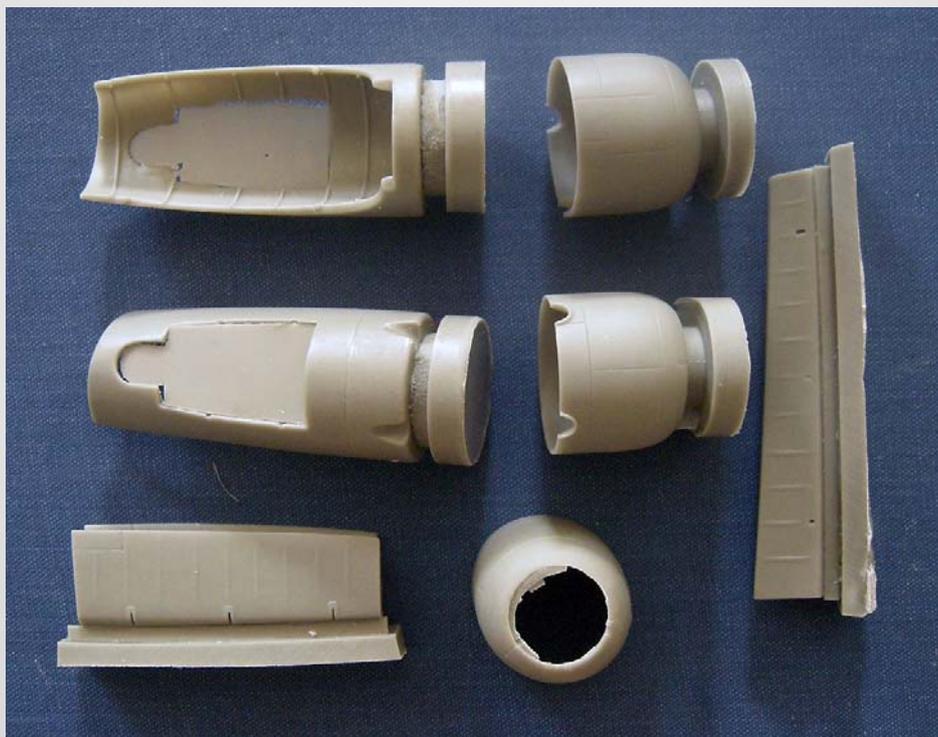
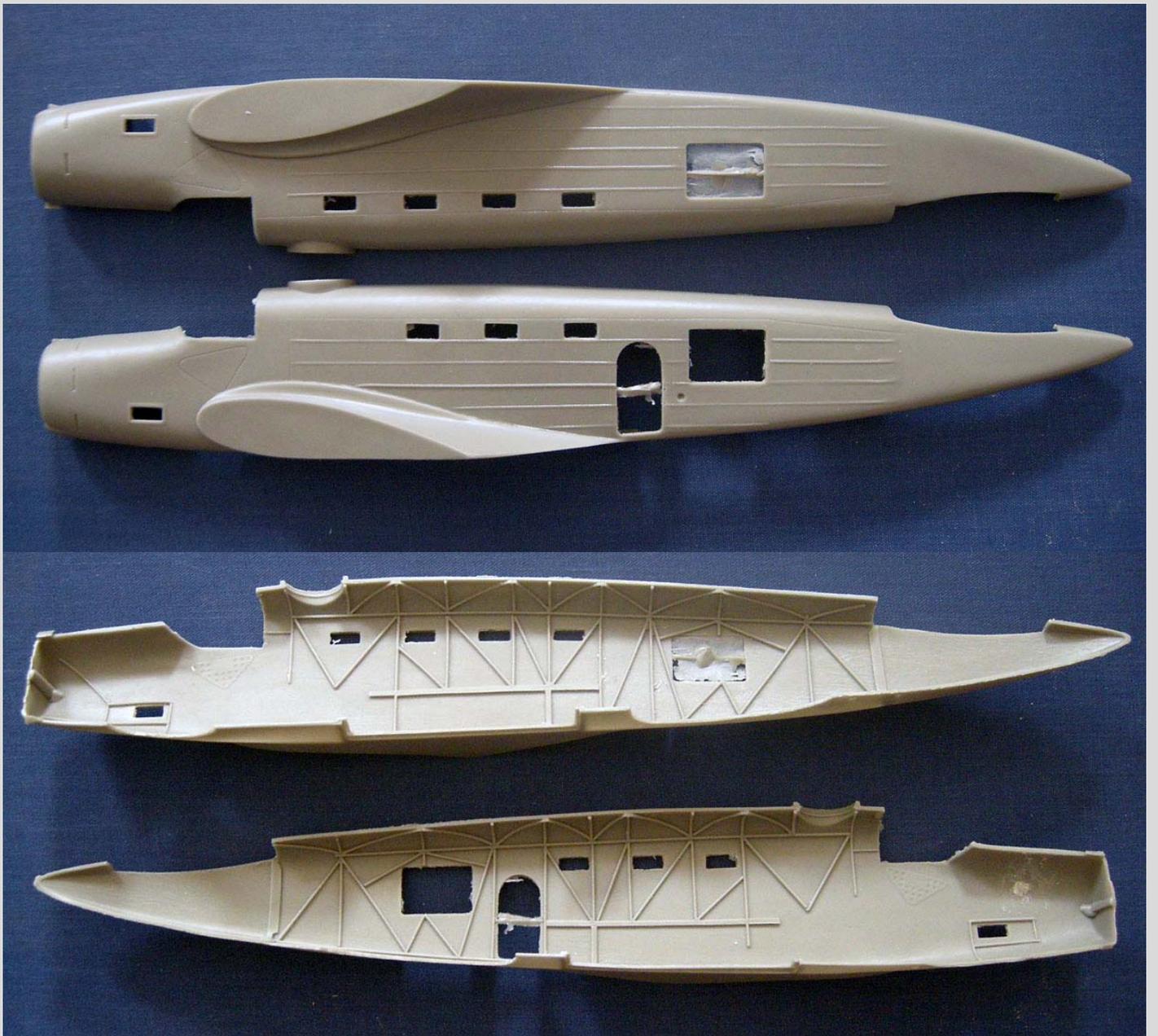
The S.M.84 was designed in 1939 as a replacement for the now aging S.M.79 using a similar wing, but up-rated engines and a re-designed fuselage and more modern internal systems. The first prototype flew on 5 June 1940, just 5 days before Italy's entry into World War II. For more information on the aircraft and it's operational history see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savoia-Marchetti SM.84](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Savoia-Marchetti_SM.84).

The aircraft was not a great success, and proved to be worse than the S.M.79 which gradually replaced it in the bombing and torpedo role. This had it's parallel with Fairy Aviation and the Swordfish and it's replacement, the Albacore!

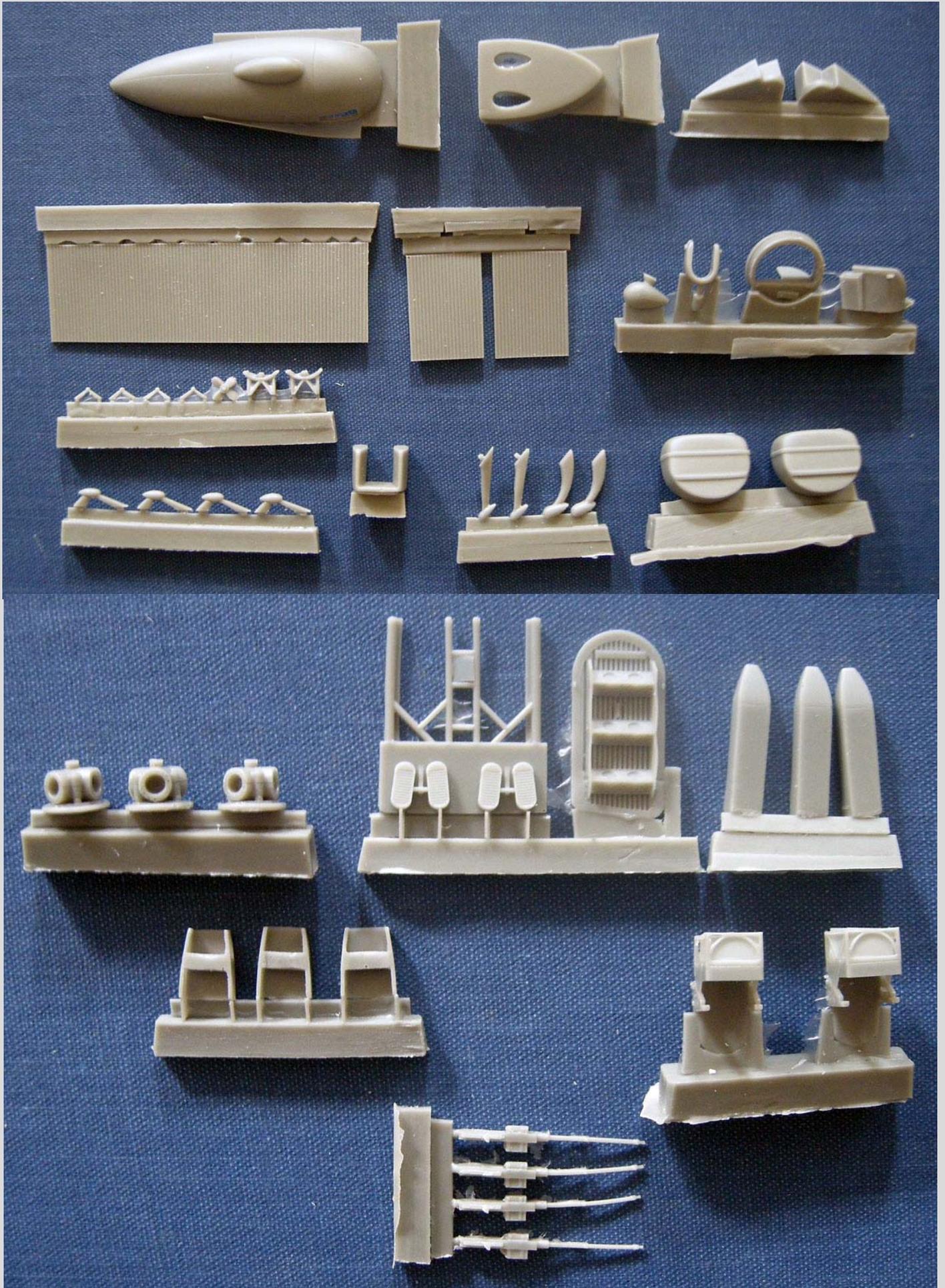
This mixed media kit comes in a very sturdy cardboard box with the smaller parts provided in zip-loc bags, and the contents are then wrapped with a large sheet of bubble wrap. There appears to be no damage to any of the mouldings in my sample on it's passage through the postal systems from Italy.

The majority of the components are moulded in a grey resin and there are few imperfections visible other than quite a lot of flash in some areas. The fuselage is moulded in halves, with some basic internal detailing of the ribs and formers. Many of the main internal components are provided, but many are not so the instructions provide the builder with both an internal diagram from the manual showing the internal layout, and sketches from the manual showing some of the internal items.

I managed to find and download the full manuals including the parts manual from the 'web'. (Note: the manuals WILL be needed to complete this model as much is left out of the instructions!).



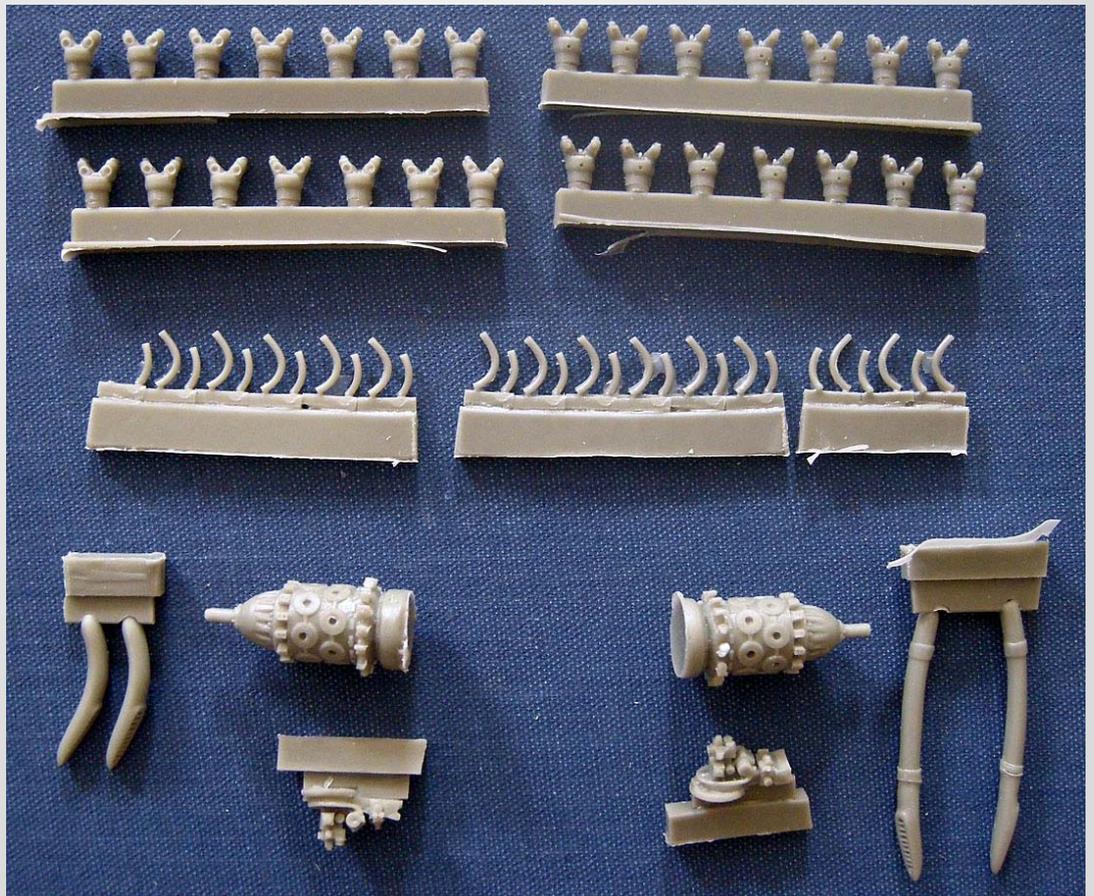
The instrument panel has been specially printed by YAHU for this kit, and is as usual, one of their little 'gems'. The control wheels have been 3D printed, and come in their own small clear plastic tub to further protect them.



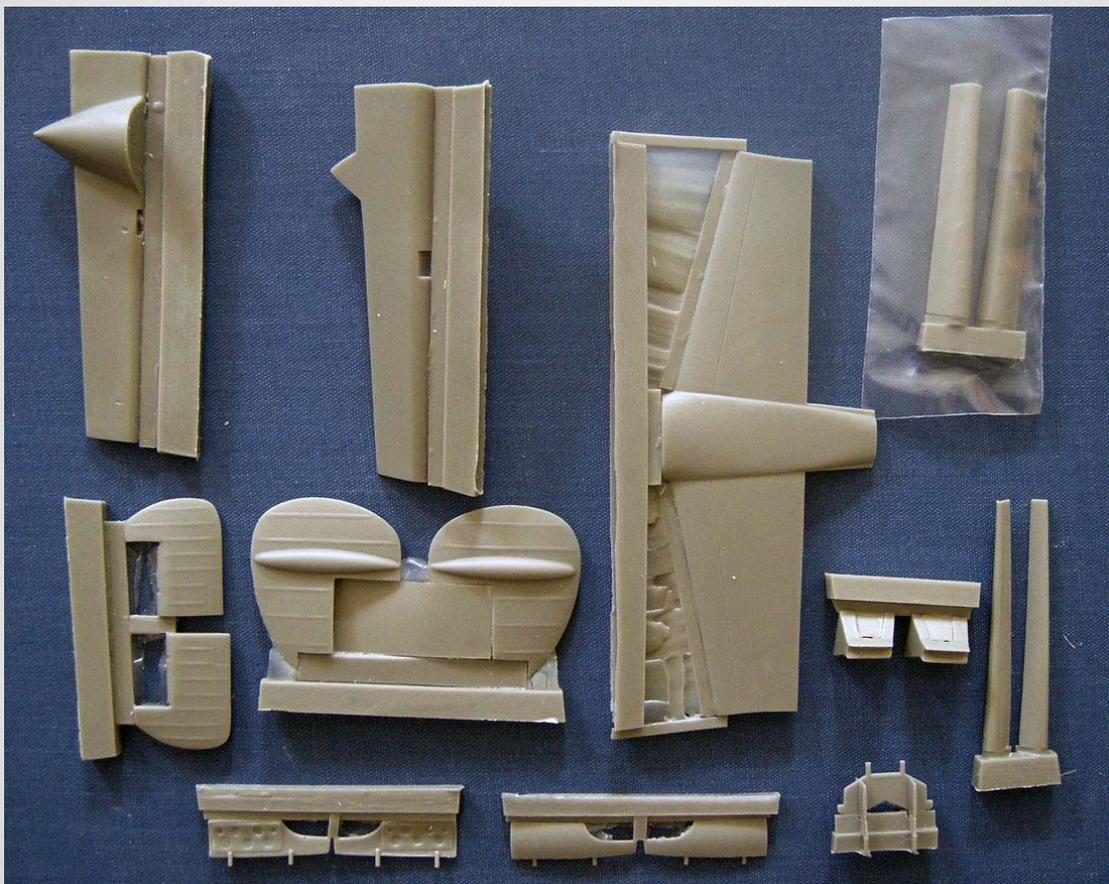
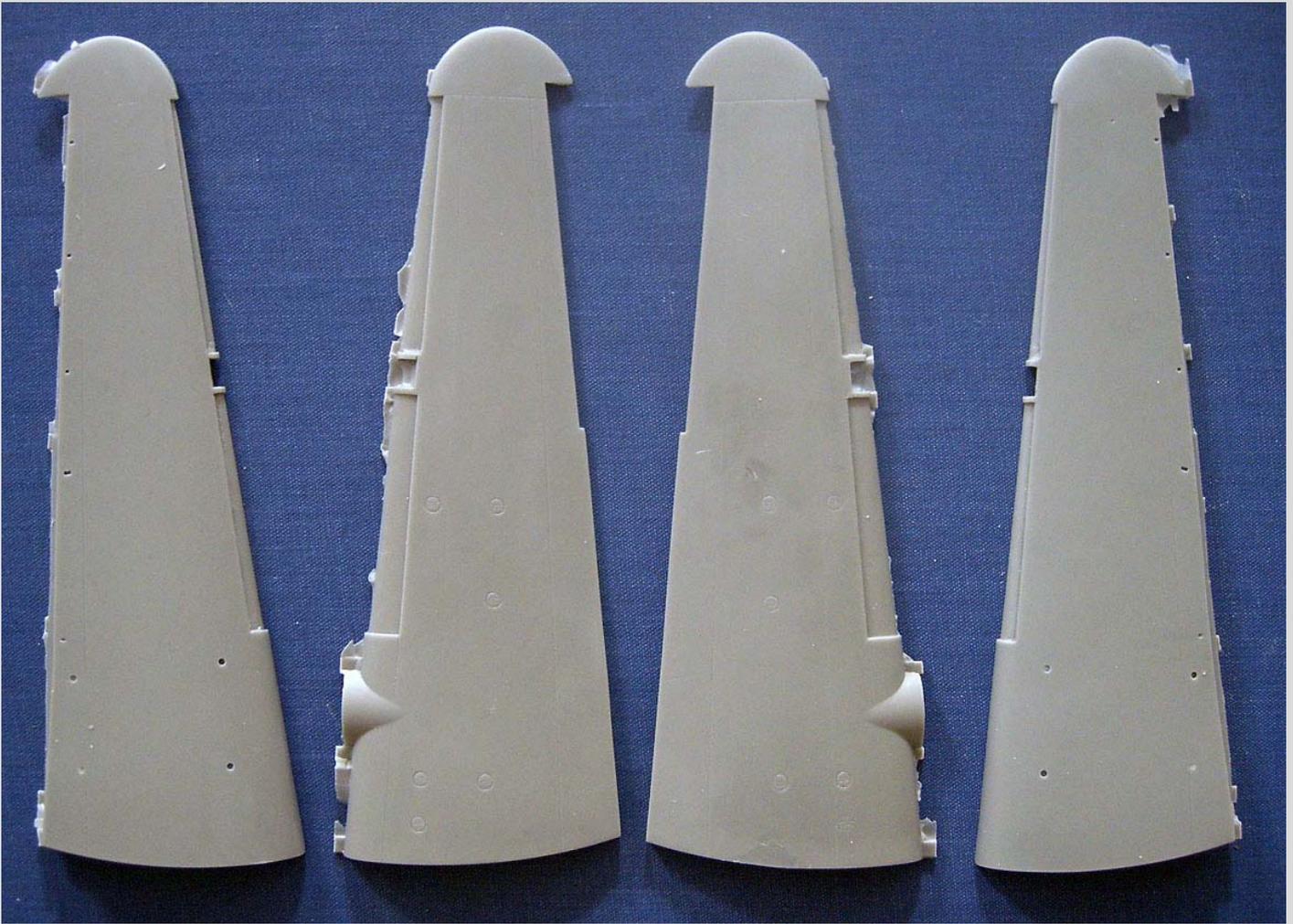
The main canopy comes as a clear resin moulding, and the side windows and turret transparency (with a spare to allow for 'accidents') come as vacform mouldings. The side windows and lower gondola transparencies are also provided as moulded resin, so one has a choice of which material to use for these.



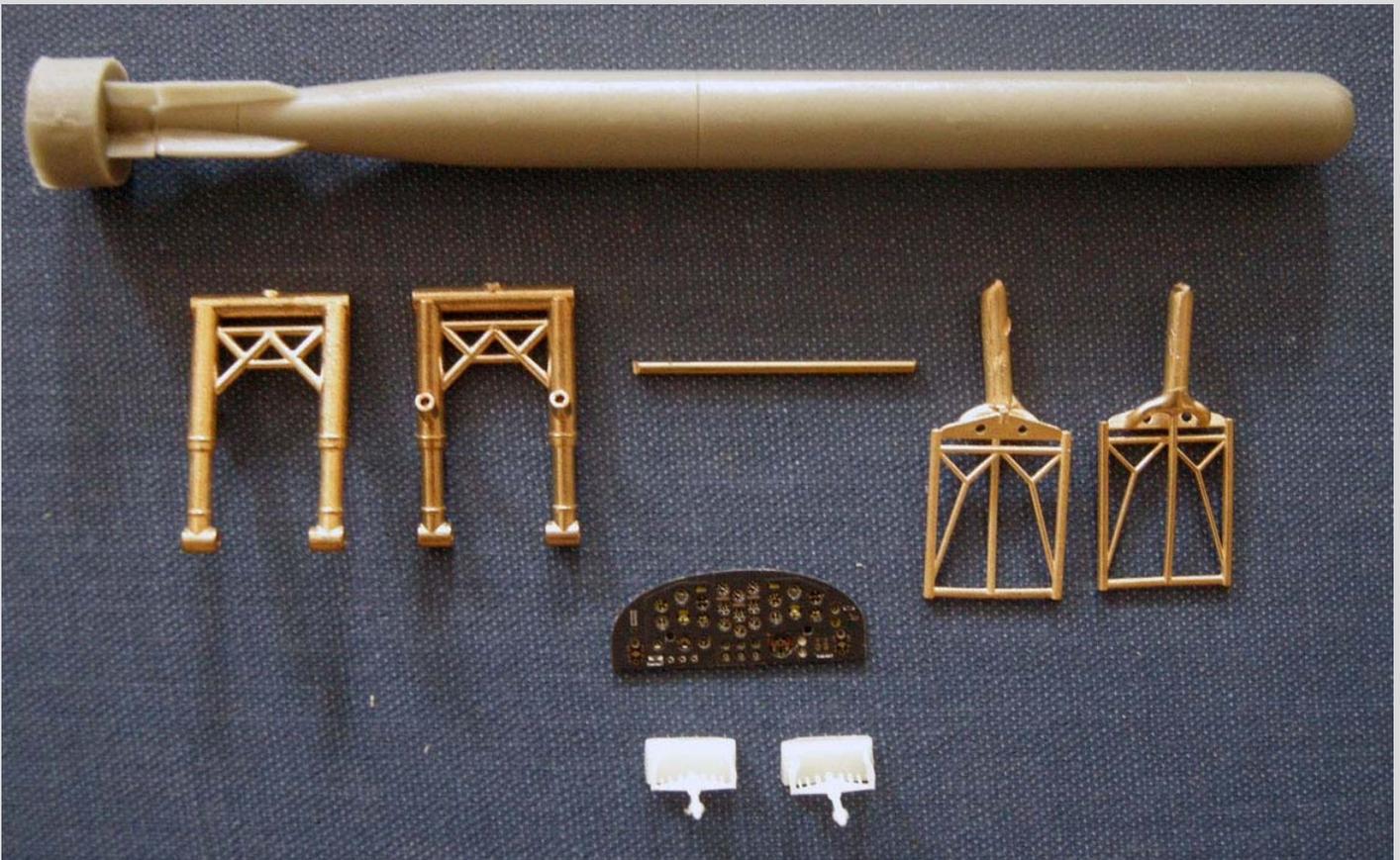
The armament comes as resin mouldings for the Scotti 12.7mm (.50 calibre) machine guns and one torpedo is supplied. The three engines are fully detailed and have all the intake and exhaust piping required. The three props are multi part assemblies.



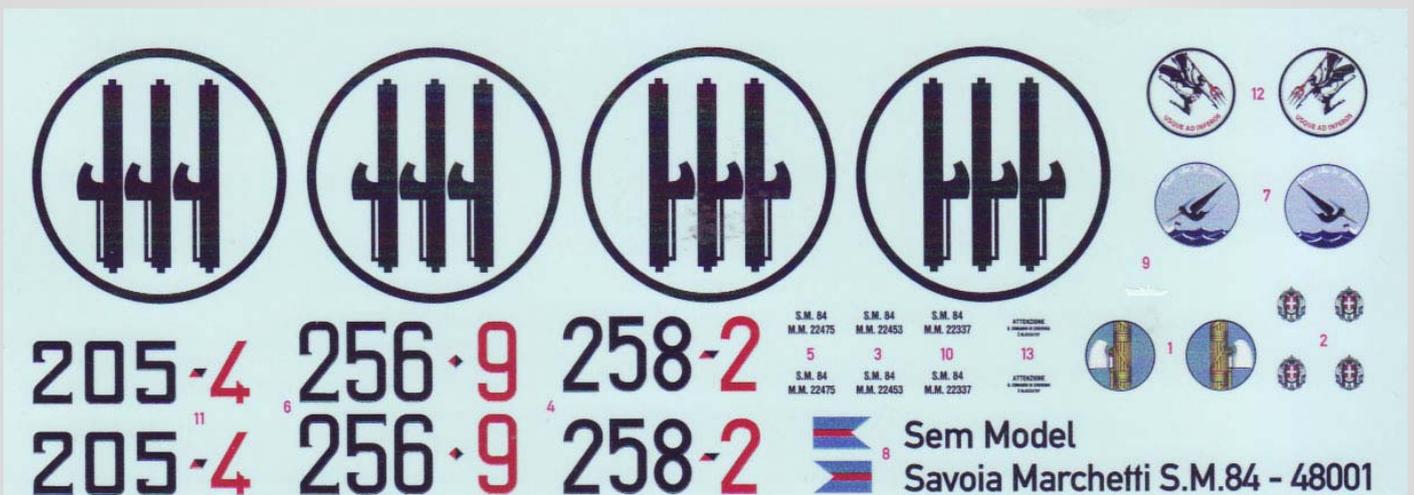
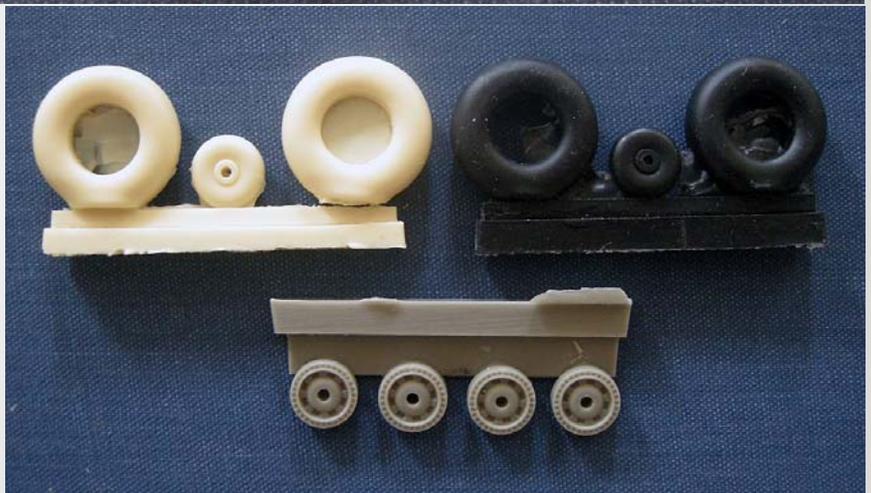
The wings and horizontal tailplanes have separate and positionable control surfaces, as do the fins and rudders. All surface detailing is very refined and of course, being constructed mainly of wood there are few panel lines and no rivets!



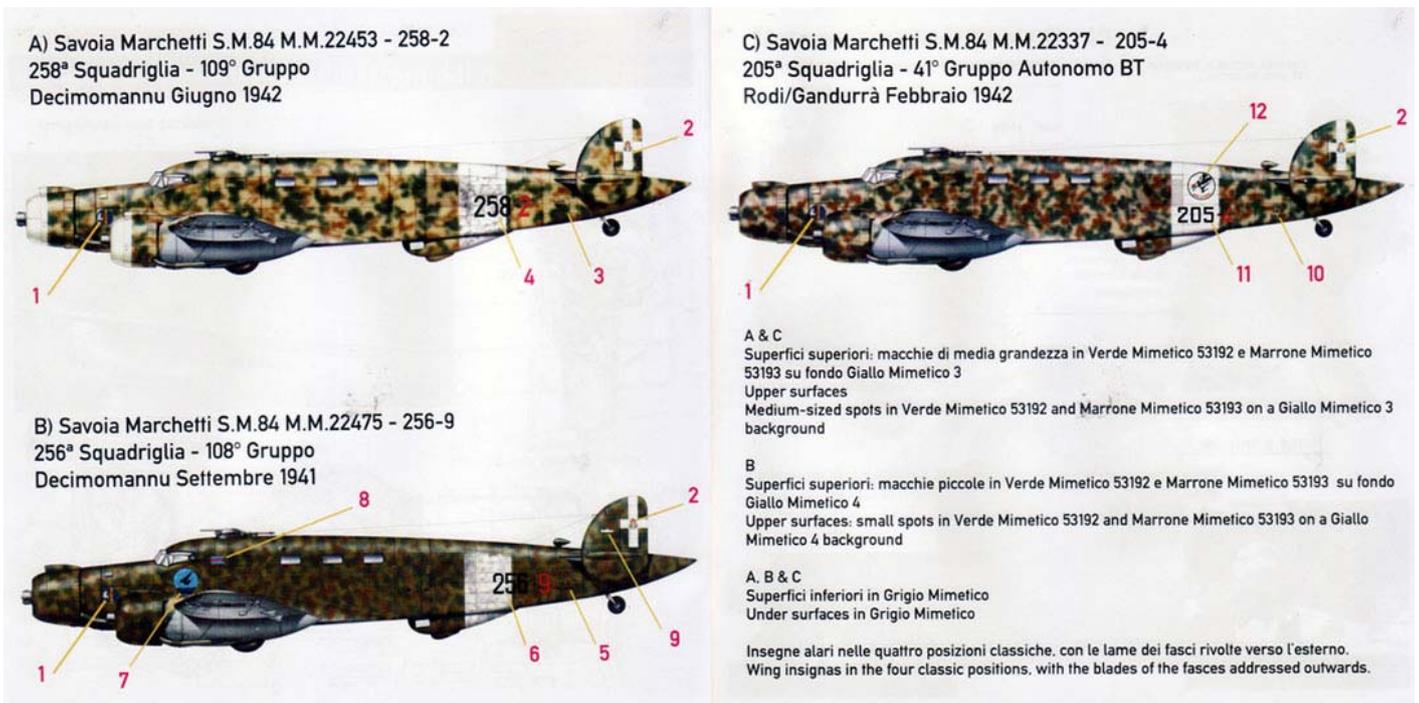
The undercarriage assemblies come in a very refined type of cast metal (almost like jewellery) and the tyres and tail wheel are provided in resin with alternates moulded in either a flexible black resin or a type of vinyl. Both have slightly exaggerated 'bulging'!



A single sheet of decals contains the main Italian recognition insignia along with three different squadron/aircraft fuselage numbers and three different airframe numbers. Two different squadron insignia are also provided, along with the four House of Savoia coat of arms emblems for the rudders, but no white crosses or any maintenance markings. These will have to come from the 'decal bank' or in the case of the white crosses, be painted on.



The instruction booklet comes in both full coloured photos with the parts 'map', three side views of the three aircraft provided by the decal sheet, and sketches from the manuals to clarify the construction of the components. Some basic notes are provided to clarify certain items but as I noted earlier, much is left out.



Overall a very nice kit, and should be able to be tackled by any modeller who has had experience using resin conversions or detailing items. Well done to SEM for providing us with one of the lesser known Italian WWII aircraft in 1:48 scale.

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