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FOR 1981

MODEL KIT CATALOGUE

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INTRODUCTION

Airfix believe that 1981 will mark the beginning of another new period in the company's history and provide more products that are both innovative and exciting.

Twenty-five years ago, Airfix revolutionised the model construction kit market by releasing the first of a range of 1:72nd scale aircraft. Ten years ago, Airfix pioneered the big 1:24th scale range of aircraft acclaimed worldwide for their accuracy and detail. This year the company is launching two new kit ranges aimed particularly at a new emerging market of less experienced modellers who require a high degree of accuracy and authenticity combined with straight forward, fast, trouble-free construction.

SNAPnglue

Promoted under the headline Precision Kits in Half the Time, Snap'N Glue is the brand name of the first of these ranges. Entirely new, this unique concept combines in each kit a snap together element offering the modeller the chance to assemble easily a basic kit,

plus extra parts which require cementing, enabling the enthusiast to add more detail for greater authenticity. Items in this range include the famous World War Two Spitfire and the huge Saturn V rocket.

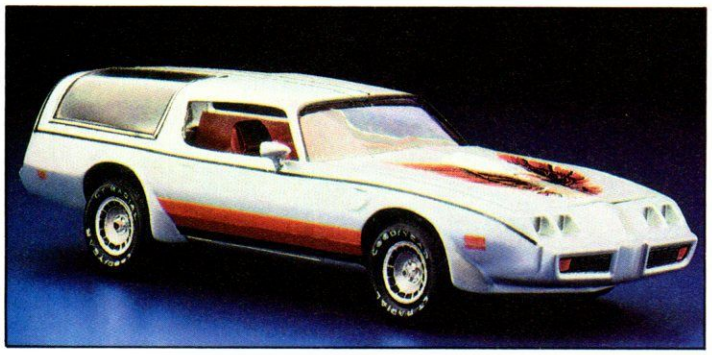
SNAPfix

SNAPFIX is the second new range and comprises a number of exciting modern subjects using snap together assembly requiring no cementing. An added bonus is the addition of dry rub-down decals to complete the finished models.

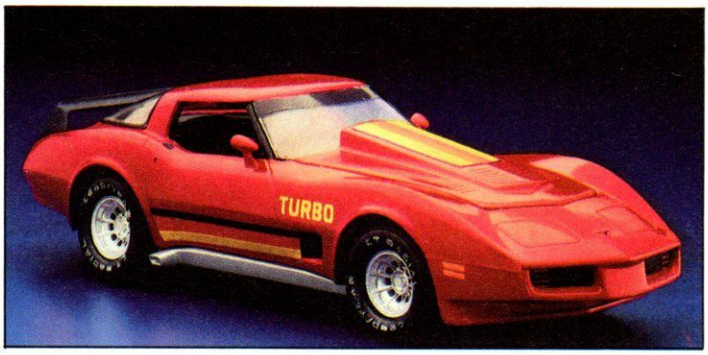
The addition of these new ranges will not affect the continued expansion of Airfix's traditional construction kit line. On the contrary, 1981 will see the release of a wide variety of models. They range from new wildlife items such as the Little Owl and more figures for the 1:32nd and OO/HO ranges, to the latest F-18 Hornet combat aircraft for the 1:72nd scale aircraft range, and two of Britain's most famous wartime battleships for the 1:600th series.

As brand leader in the hobby field we intend to remain in the forefront of new developments. Our sources for kit ideas are many and varied and we welcome any suggestions for consideration from you, the modeller. Many of the items we are introducing in the future had their origin in letters sent to Airfix. Therefore, if you have any ideas for new kits, we would like to hear from you.

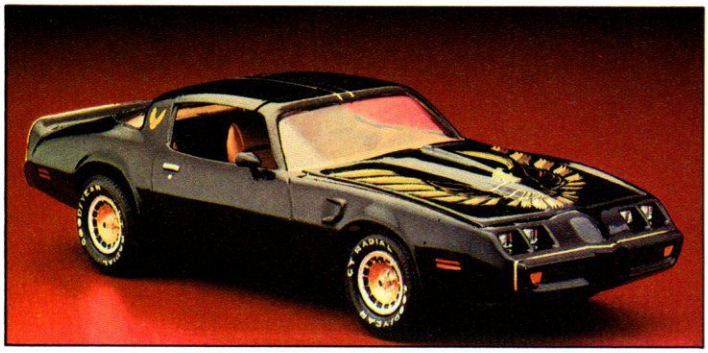
This new format catalogue features only our new items for 1981 and is a radical departure from previous years. It is intended to supplement the 17th edition, and when combined they show the breadth and excitement of the Airfix kit range.



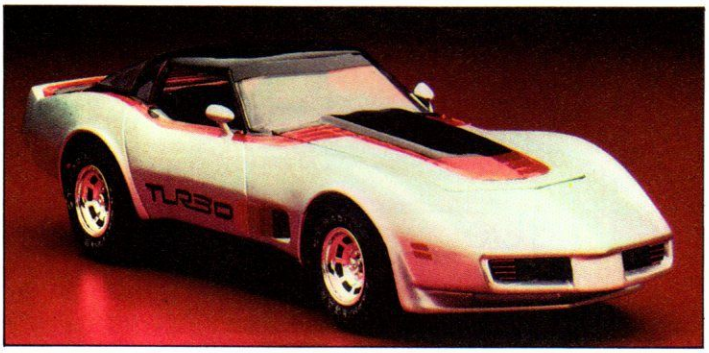
FIREBIRD TYPE K SPORTWAGON **06420 - 8**
A super estate wagon development from the Firebird range. Full interior detail including scuba diver's equipment is provided.



CUSTOM CORVETTE **06423 - 7**
Opening bonnet with detailed engine, press-on decals and some outstanding moulding are all features of this fine 1:24th scale kit.

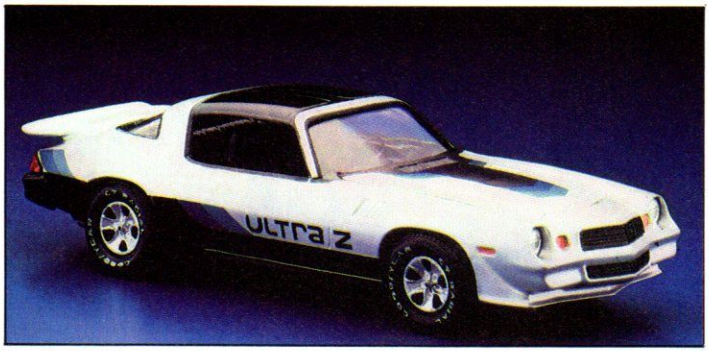


TURBO FIREBIRD **06416 - 9**
Chassis detail, interior instrumentation and the famous Firebird emblem combine to produce a model that will grace any scale collection.



TURBO-VETTE **06417 - 2**
A 1:24th scale Snapfix kit of the rakish turbocharged Corvette. Engine detail, removable roof panels and press-on decals are some of the features of this model.

MUSTANG COBRA **06418–5**
One of the latest American sports cars, the Ford Mustang Cobra combines exciting looks with high performance. Included in the kit is the striking Cobra design as a press-on decal.



CAMARO ULTRA Z **06422 - 4**
The potent Ultra Z was developed by Chevrolet as an experimental car. This Snapfix kit has all the detail of the original and is easy to build.

CUSTOM MUSTANG **06421 - 1**
For maximum performance the Custom Mustang beats them all. In the latest Snapfix easy-to-assemble design, this model is packed with detail.

CAMARO Z28 **06419 - 8**
A breed of sports car that has become a classic in its own lifetime, the Camaro Z28 makes a superb subject for a model kit as this item will testify.

STARCRUISER INTERCEPTOR **05174-5**

A Snapfix kit which takes no time at all to build, the Starcruiser Interceptor has only 11 parts including a space pilot figure. Overall length 200mm.

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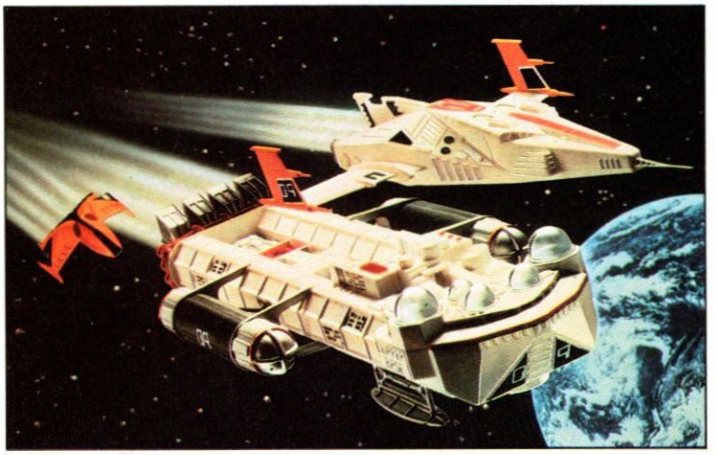
Photographs of actual model

COSMIC STARSHIP **09174-7**

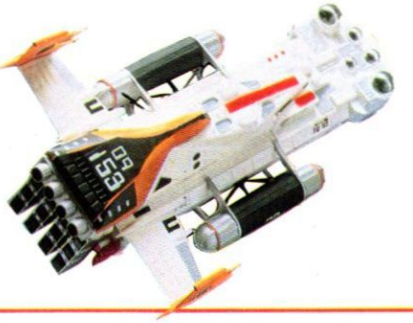
From galaxies millions of miles away, comes the sinister Cosmic Starship. A circular space vessel capable of great speeds, the Starship is another fictional subject in the Snapfix space range. This exciting kit builds into an ACTION model with lights and a rotating centre section giving a dramatic effect. Overall diameter 200mm.

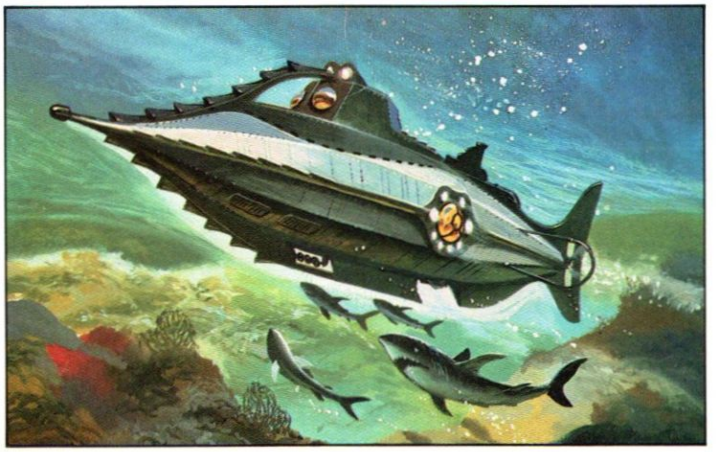
Photographs of actual model



COSMIC CLIPPER **08175-7**

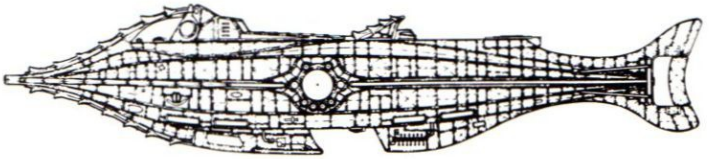
Airfix step forward in time to the 21st Century with this new Science Fiction construction kit in the Snapfix range. Cosmic Clipper is a composite spaceship for patrol and exploration work. As well as the Command Vessel which acts as a docking base, there is an Attack Interceptor and a small Shuttle Craft; all can be assembled together or detached separately. There are 55 parts in the kit and the overall size of the completed model is 305mm.





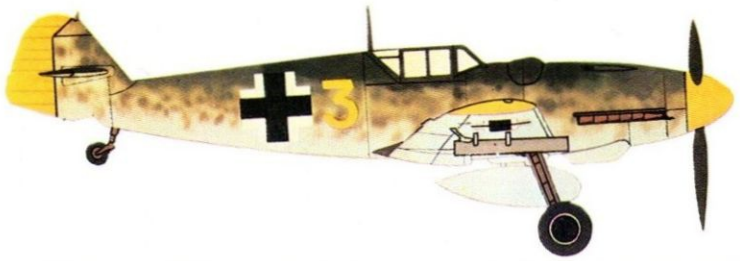
NAUTILUS **04213 - 6**

Long before the age of the submarine, Frenchman Jules Verne conceived the idea of a vessel that could move about in the depths of the ocean. Around this idea he wrote the famous story "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea", which tells of the submersible steel monster Nautilus and its eccentric inventor and master Captain Nemo. This strange and somewhat sinister craft has now been produced by Airfix. The kit has a completed length of 275mm and its futuristic shape fires the imagination as the book has done for decades.

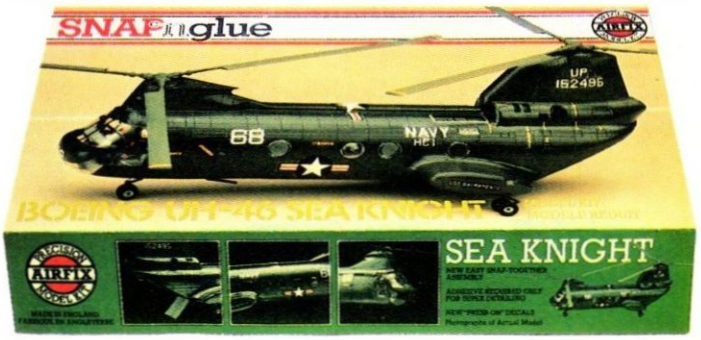


SUPERMARINE SPITFIRE 1a **61071-7**
A Snap 'N Glue kit of the famous Spitfire fighter comprising a total of 27 parts enabling a model of the RAF Battle of Britain version to be built. The completed model has a wing span of 158mm.

MESSERSCHMITT Bf 109G-6 **61072-0**
Snap 'N Glue this most famous of all German World War Two fighters. Easy-to-assemble with colourful transfers, this kit makes modelling simple for all ages yet maintaining the Airfix reputation for attention to detail and accuracy. Wing span of the completed model, 138mm.



BAC/EE LIGHTNING **02068-2**
The first supersonic British combat aircraft, the Lightning makes a fitting subject for the new Airfix Snap 'N Glue range of kits. Missiles are included for this model which has a wing span of 150mm.



BOEING SEA KNIGHT **02069-5**
Sea Knights are flown by the US Navy for the vertical replenishment of ships at sea and by the US Marine Corps for assault and utility duties. This Snap 'N Glue kit features an opening rear door, movable rotors and USN markings. Diameter of rotors 210mm.

BOEING 707 **04173-9**
First airliner model in the new range of Snap 'N Glue kits, the Boeing 707 is perhaps the best-known passenger jet in the world. This easy-to-assemble kit builds into an impressive model with a wing span of nearly 300mm.

ANGEL INTERCEPTOR **02070-5**

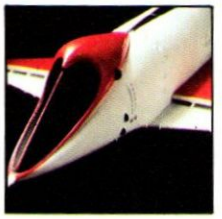
Straight from the television series *Captain Scarlet*, this exciting but simple Snap 'N Glue kit reproduces one of the Angel jets piloted by glamorous females. Length 187mm.

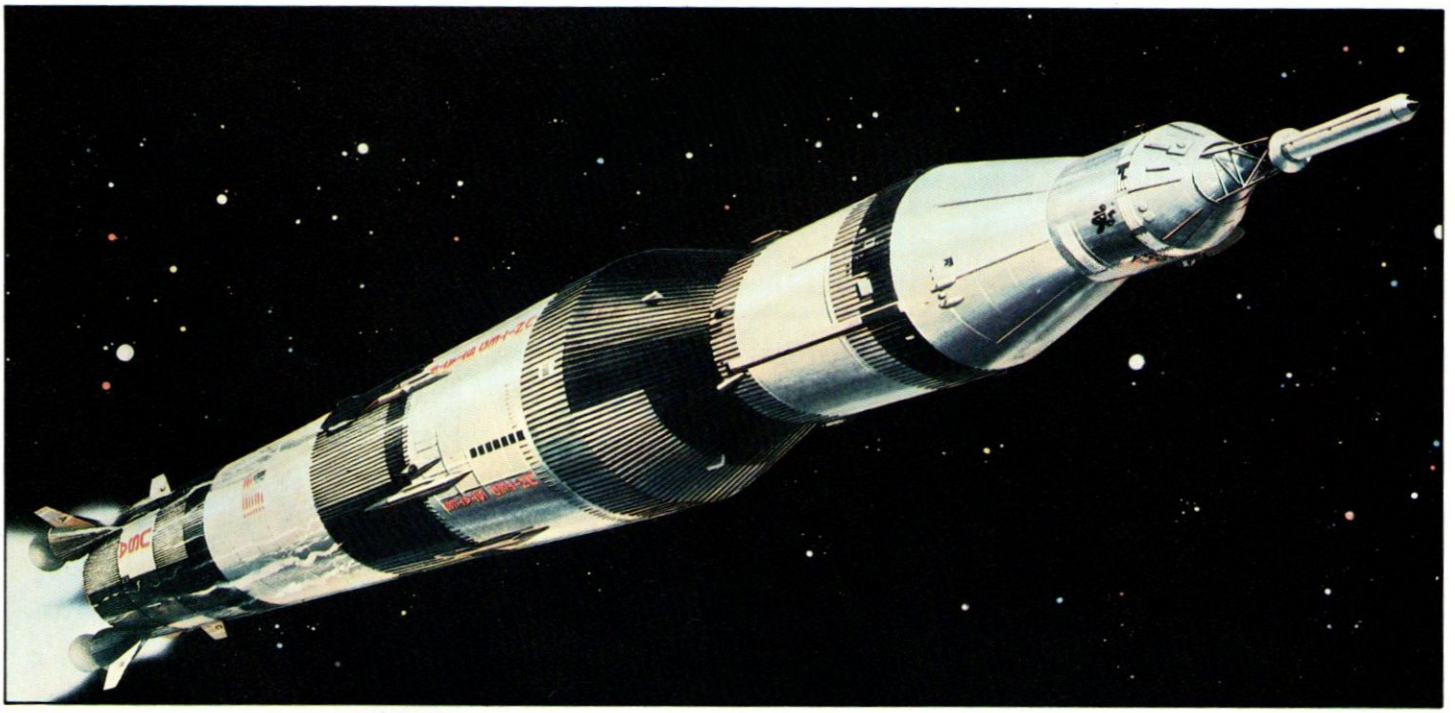
Photographs of actual model

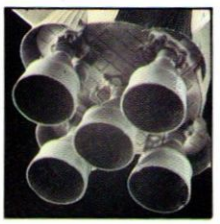
ORION SPACECRAFT **05175-8**

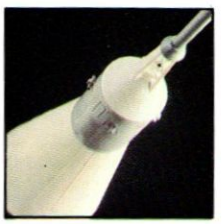
The fictional space airliner of the future, designed to convey passengers between planets is depicted in this exciting Snap 'N Glue model. Length 378mm.

Photographs of actual model









APOLLO-SATURN V **09173-4**

This magnificent kit of the first rocket to land a man on the moon stands more than 762mm high. Each stage on this easy-to-assemble Snap 'N Glue kit can be separated just as on the full-size space vehicle and even a detailed lunar module and space capsule are included.

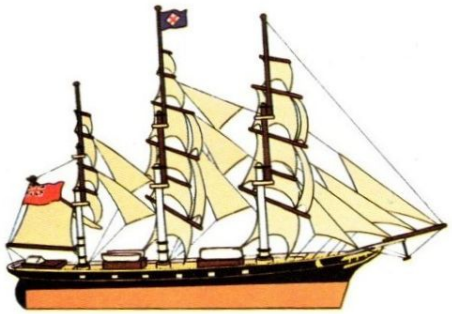
Photographs of actual model

'SANTA MARIA' **61270-2**

One of the most famous ships in history, the *Santa Maria* was the flagship of Christopher Columbus' expedition when he sailed across the Atlantic and discovered America in 1492. This easy-to-assemble Snap 'N Glue model has a length of 105mm.

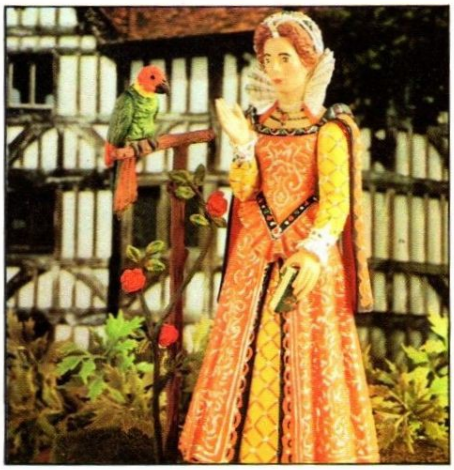
'CUTTY SARK' **61271-5**

Probably the most famous of all clipper ships, *Cutty Sark* was built in 1869 and is now on display in permanent dry-dock at Greenwich. Length of this Snap 'N Glue kit is 140mm.



LAMBORGHINI COUNTACH LP500S **06412-7**

A super new easy-to-assemble Snap 'N Glue construction kit of the futuristic Countach, designed and produced by Italian car maker Lamborghini. Exciting race decals, and the latest in aerodynamic styling for greater performance make this kit a 'must' for modellers and car enthusiasts. The completed model has a length of 170mm.

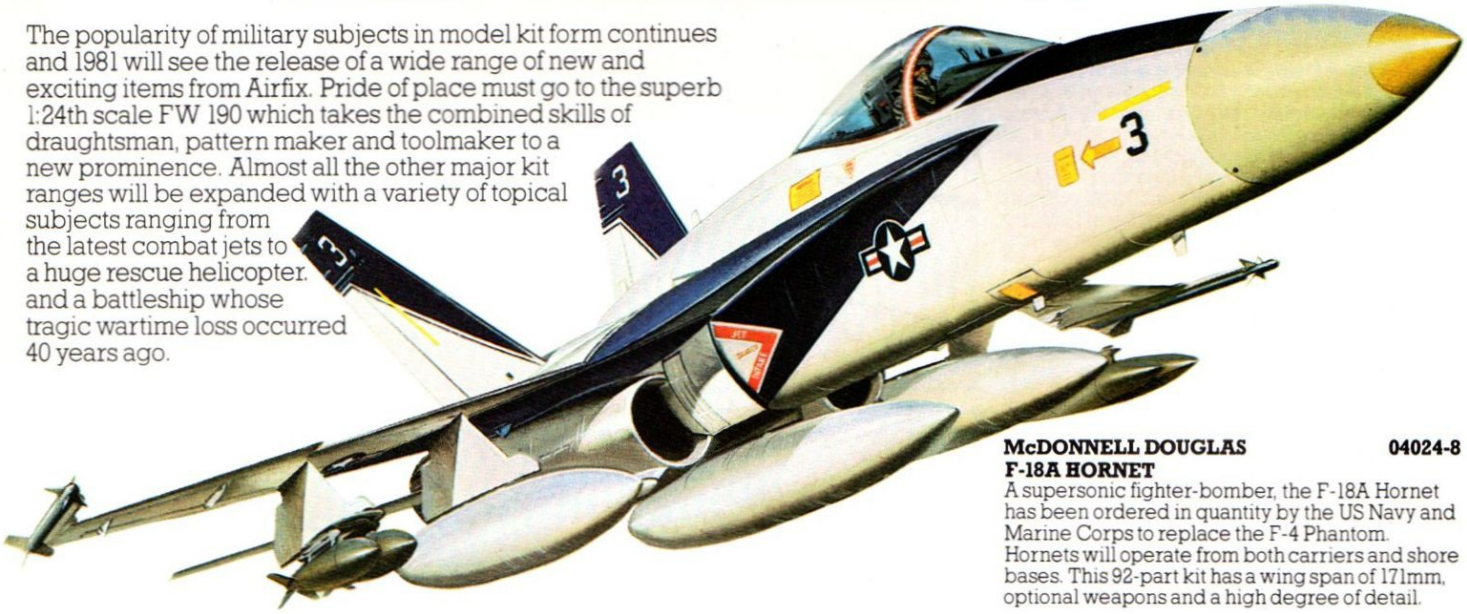


QUEEN ELIZABETH I **03546-0**

This easy-to-assemble construction kit in the new Snap 'N Glue range, depicts Queen Elizabeth 1st (1533-1603). The completed figure stands 149mm high and can be painted to reproduce the superb costume of the period.

AIRCRAFT KITS

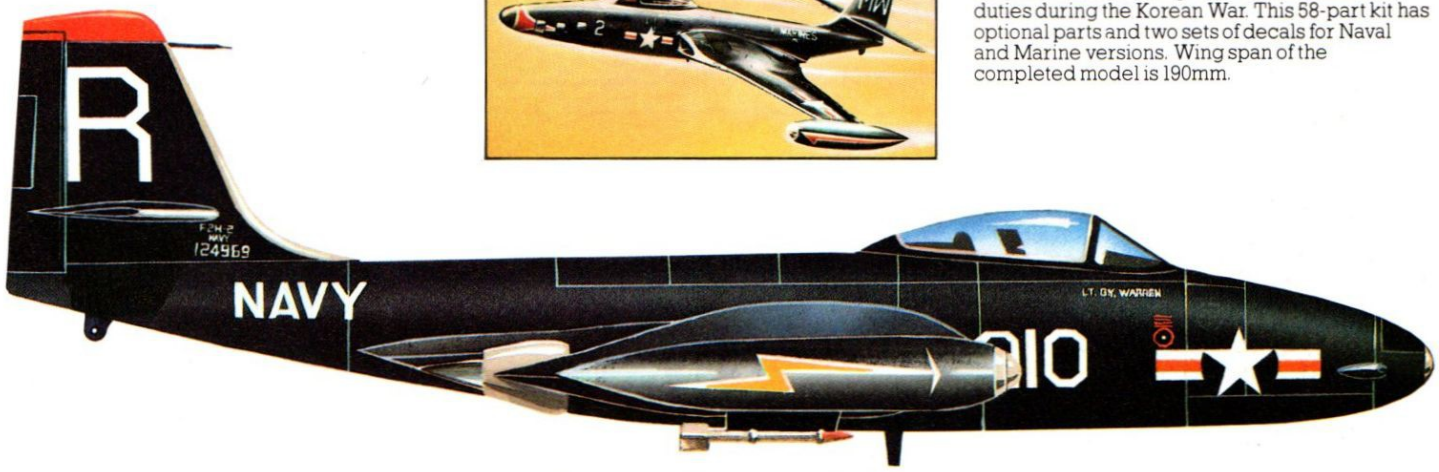
The popularity of military subjects in model kit form continues and 1981 will see the release of a wide range of new and exciting items from Airfix. Pride of place must go to the superb 1:24th scale FW 190 which takes the combined skills of draughtsman, pattern maker and toolmaker to a new prominence. Almost all the other major kit ranges will be expanded with a variety of topical subjects ranging from the latest combat jets to a huge rescue helicopter. and a battleship whose tragic wartime loss occurred 40 years ago.

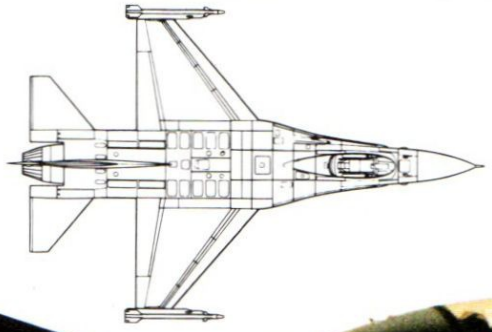


McDONNELL DOUGLAS F-18A HORNET **04024-8**
A supersonic fighter-bomber, the F-18A Hornet has been ordered in quantity by the US Navy and Marine Corps to replace the F-4 Phantom. Hornets will operate from both carriers and shore bases. This 92-part kit has a wing span of 171mm, optional weapons and a high degree of detail.

AIRCRAFT 1:72 SCALE SERIES 4

McDONNELL F2H BANSHEE **04023-5**
Carrier-based US Navy Banshees flew fighter-bomber missions and photo-reconnaissance duties during the Korean War. This 58-part kit has optional parts and two sets of decals for Naval and Marine versions. Wing span of the completed model is 190mm.





F-16A/B FIGHTING FALCON **04025 - 1**
In full production for the air forces of seven countries, the General Dynamics F-16 multi-role fighter is one of the world's most advanced combat aircraft. Parts for both the single and two-seat versions are just two of the options in this detailed kit which, when built has a wing span of 140mm.

AIRCRAFT 1:72 SCALE — SERIES 6

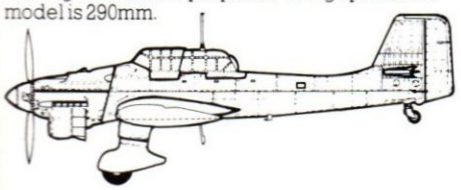
SIKORSKY HH-53C **06003-7**
SUPER JOLLY GREEN GIANT
One of the largest helicopters in military service, the Sikorsky HH-53C is used by the US Air Force for rescue duties and in S-65 guise by the Israeli AF in a transport role. Optional parts and decals for both versions are included in this superb 145-part kit which, when built, has a length of 375mm.

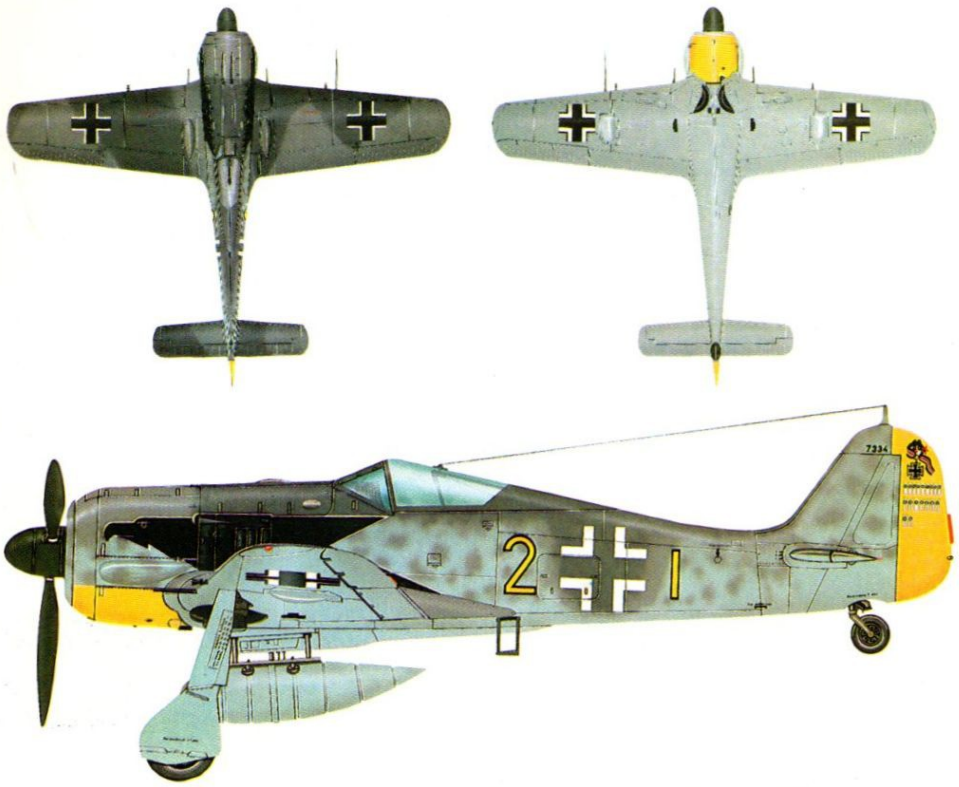
SIKORSKY-VFW CH-53G/CH-53D **06004-0**
ASSAULT HELICOPTER
Used by the German Army for assault duties, the huge CH-53G was built under licence in Germany by VFW. It can carry 64 troops and small vehicles. Optional position loading ramp, working rotors, full cockpit detail as well as optional decals for a US Marine Corps Sea Stallion version are included. Overall length 375mm.

AIRCRAFT 1:48 SCALE — SERIES 4&5

HAWKER FURY **04103-0**
All the nostalgia and romanticism of the thirties biplane era are captured in this fine model of the famous Fury fighter. Equipping the RAF's elite air defence squadrons, the Fury marked the peak of pre-war fighter design prior to the arrival of the monoplane Hurricane. This kit is fully detailed with a miniature engine, cockpit interior and two sets of colourful markings. Wing span 189mm.

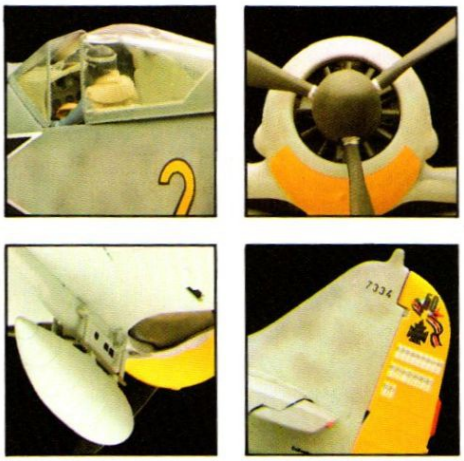
JUNKERS Ju87 STUKA **05100 - 4**
Complementing the other Second World War subjects in the 1:48th scale range is this new kit of the German Stuka dive-bomber. One of two versions can be built, either the Ju87B-2 with underwing bombs and markings for an aircraft based in North Africa, or a Ju87R based in Russia and fitted with long-range fuel tanks. Although simple to construct, the completed model has full external detail, a cockpit with two crew and moving wheels and propeller. Wing span of the model is 290mm.





FOCKE-WULF FW 190A **16001-8**

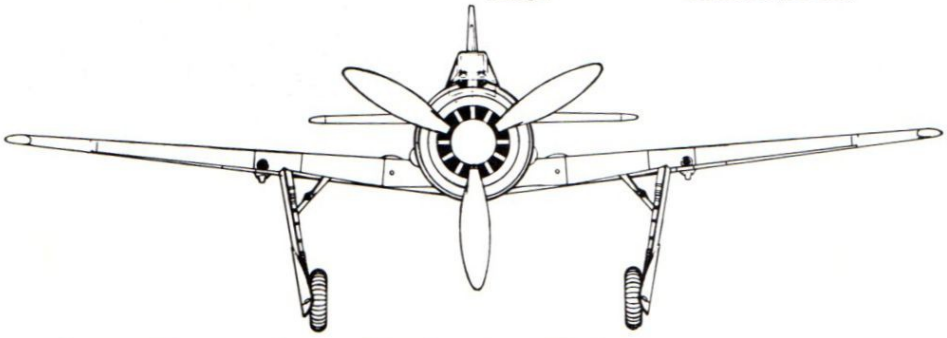
Flown by some of Germany's top 'aces', the Focke-Wulf Fw 190 was considered one of the best fighter aircraft in the Second World War. It fought on every war front and was developed through numerous versions to be one of the fastest combat aircraft of the war. This superb aircraft now joins the 1:24th scale range of BIG kits with this 170-part model. One of no less than three versions can be built and a number of optional items are provided including canopies, guns, a bomb or drop tank plus the different sets of decals. Full engine detail and a complete cockpit interior make this a true masterpiece in miniature. Wing span 436mm.



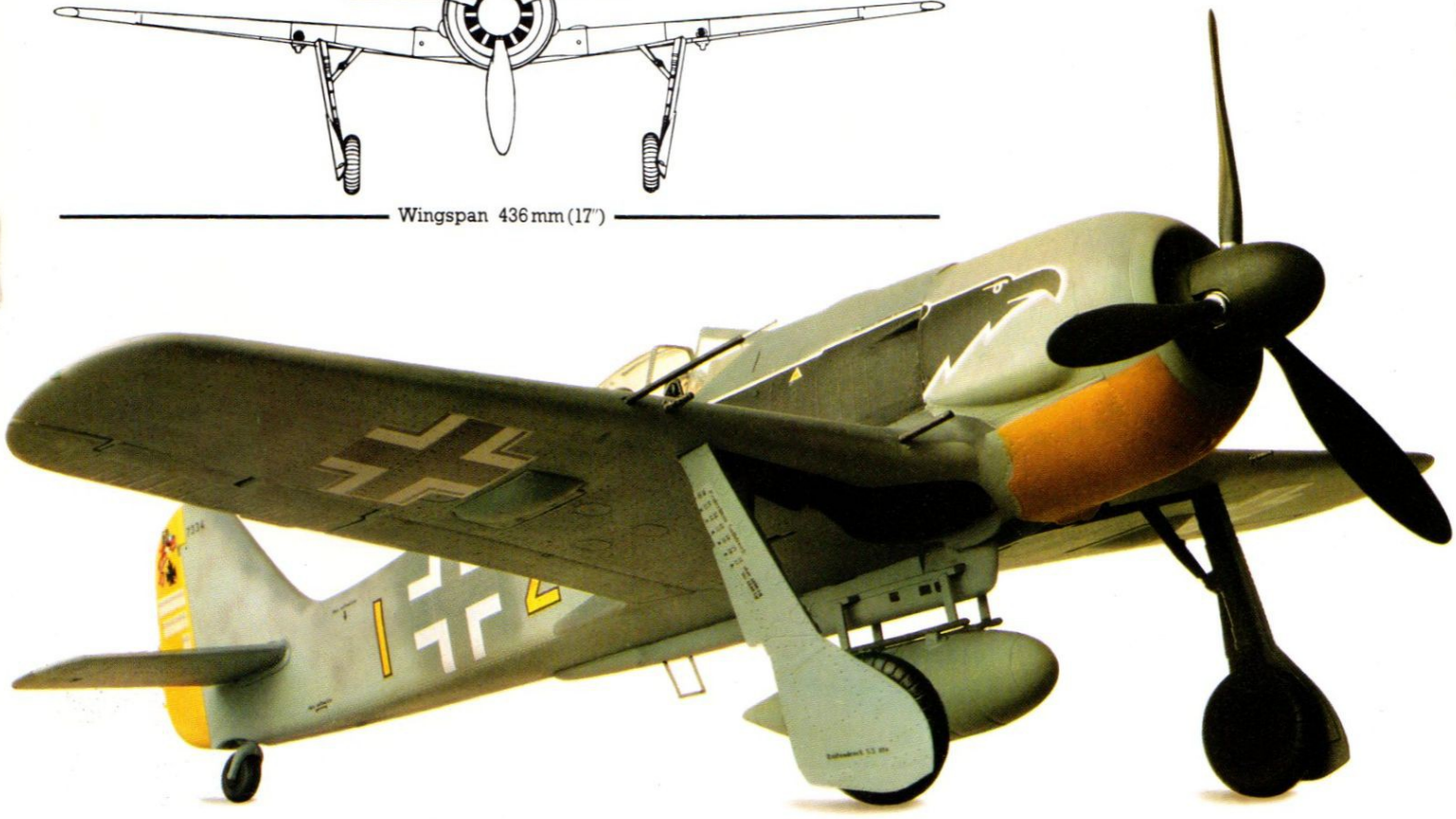
Photographs of actual model

Focke-Wulf Fw 190A-5
flown by Lt. 'Sepp' Wurmheller,
Staffelkapitan of 9/JG2 based in France, 1943.

Engine:	2,100 h.p. BMW 801 D-2
Armament:	Two MG17s, two MG151s and two MG-FF cannons
Maximum Speed:	400 mph (644km/h) at sea level
Range:	500 miles (805 km)

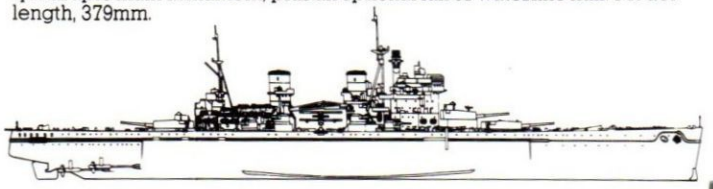


Wingspan 436 mm (17")



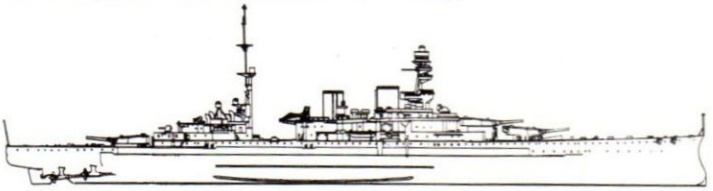
HMS 'KING GEORGE V' **06205-1**

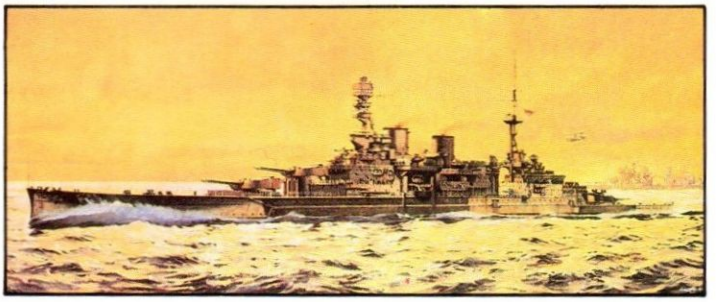
This famous British battleship operated against all three main Axis Powers – Germany, Italy and Japan – during the Second World War and was one of five ships in the class. Included in this highly detailed kit are parts for the quadruple main armament, plus an optional full or waterline hull. Model length, 379mm.



HMS 'REPULSE' **06206-4**

Sistership of the *Renown*, HMS *Repulse* was launched in 1916 and served with distinction until the early part of the Second World War. Her loss in 1941 from attacks by Japanese aircraft was deeply felt by the Allies. This fine kit measuring 404mm does full justice to a proud ship.

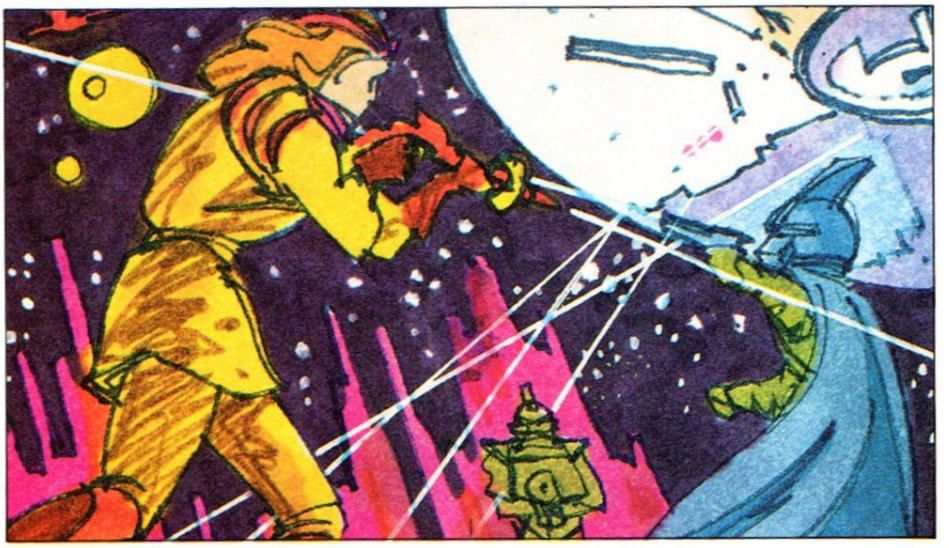




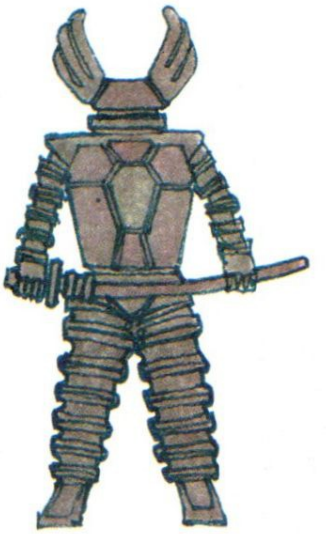
MILITARY FIGURES SERIES 1

NATO GROUND CREW OO/HO 01758 - 5

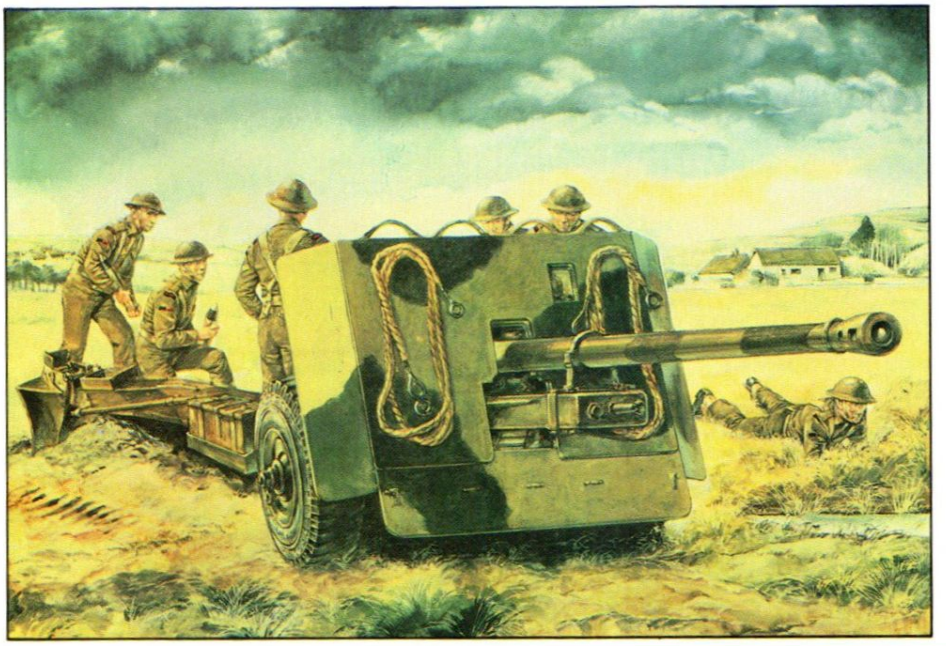
For many years Airfix figures have been acknowledged as the most detailed and life-like of any on the market and this high quality is being maintained in the two new releases due in 1981. In the 00/H0 range there will be a set of Nato Ground Crew figures. These will be compatible with the range of Airfix 1:72nd scale jet aircraft and will be a valuable addition for modellers wishing to construct military aircraft dioramas. The 1:32nd scale range will also benefit from a new addition in the form of a set of futuristic Space Warriors. Imaginative and exciting, these figures are ideal for enacting intergalactic war situations and their play value is almost unlimited.



SPACE WARRIORS 1:32 51577 - 3



MILITARY VEHICLES 1:32 SCALE SERIES 6



17PDR ANTI-TANK GUN **06361-0**

The largest of the anti-tank guns used by the British Army in the Second World War, the 17pdr could knock out any of the German tanks in service during the later stages of the war. This powerful weapon can now be built in model form with this superb construction kit. No less than 216 parts are provided including a full gun crew and miniature replica shells, while the gun itself has many working features such as the split trails and breech mechanism. Overall length 232mm.

VEHICLE KITS

Fast exotic cars hold a fascination for all ages, from the comparative few who own and drive them, to the great majority who enthuse over them and wistfully look on. Following the launch last year of the first 1:24th scale rally car kits, Airfix is continuing to expand this range through 1981 with subjects ranging from the large scale Countach with a reputation of being the world's fastest road car to the futuristic Maserati Boomerang. Vehicle Kits also encompasses motorcycles and trucks together with some customised 'hot rods'.

DATSUN 280ZX **07406 - 5**
Specially developed by Bob Sharp and driven by championship driver/actor Paul Newman, the Datsun 280ZX has notched up an impressive series of successes in recent years in Sports Car Club of America races. Now this superb car can be built by Airfix modellers with this fine 1:24th scale kit. 52 parts assemble into a model nearly 190mm in length and there is a set of authentic race decals.

CARS 1:24 SCALE SERIES 6

PORSCHE 935 TURBO **06415 - 6**
"Sensational" was the adjective most used by the World's Press when Porsche entered the 3-litre Turbo in international racing. The fame accorded this car makes it an obvious choice for the 1:24th scale range. When complete the model has a length of 207mm.

MASERATI BOOMERANG **06425-3**
A design that must be one of the most futuristic of all to come from the Italian car industry, the Boomerang is almost the ultimate in the "wedge" concept. This easy-to-build kit has all the excitement of the original including rubber-like tyres, internal detail and a set of colourful decals. Model length 168mm.

SNAPnglue

BMW 3.5CSL **06426-6**
Superb engineering, German style, produced the outstanding be-finned BMW 3.5CSL. Nicknamed Batmobiles, these high-performance road-turned-race cars scooped major prizes at motor sport events in the mid-seventies. In 1:24th scale this model has a length of 170mm and an exciting selection of parts and decals.

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CARS 1:24 SCALE

SERIES 6

RENAULT ALPINE **06424-0**

The famous Alpine has been at the forefront of French rally successes since the late sixties, driven by some of the most renowned names in the sport. Colourful decals and many extras are in this detailed kit. Model length 170mm.

MAZDA RX7 **06414 - 3**

A racy sports car from the Far East, the RX7 makes an interesting and detailed subject for the 1:24th scale range of high performance cars. As with others in the series, this 180mm long model has rubber-like tyres and full internal detail.

DE TOMASO PANTERA **06427-9**

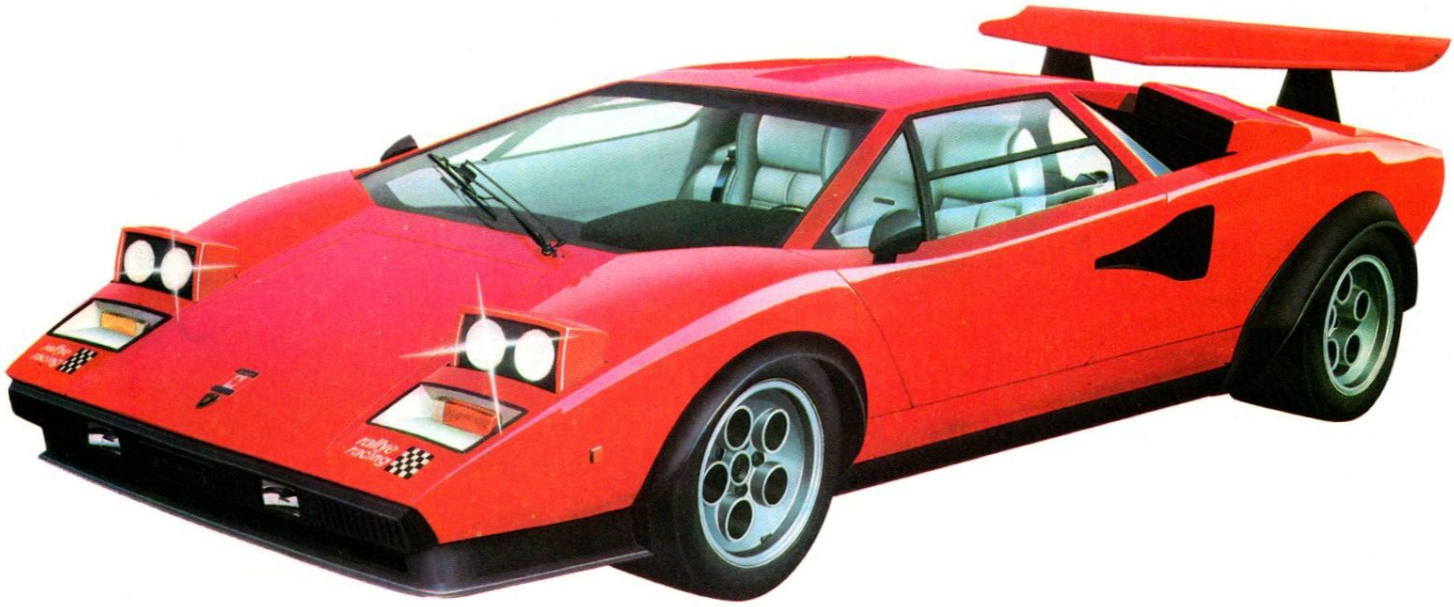
Designed by ex-racing driver Alejandro de Tomaso, the Pantera is one of the fastest mid-engined road cars in the world and proved popular in the United States. This kit has 40 parts and produces a model 180mm long.

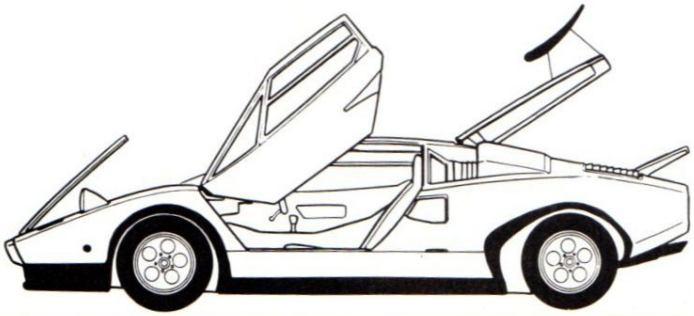
MASERATI BORA **06413-0**

Mid-engined layout, sleek elegance and performance to match sums up the Bora. First produced in the early seventies, the Bora makes an ideal subject for an Airfix construction kit. When built the model has a length of 177mm.

CARS 1:16 SCALE

SERIES 16





LAMBORGHINI COUNTACH **16402-7**

In 1971 Lamborghini unveiled the latest in mid-engined super-cars, the Countach. Clothed in the incredibly sleek, aerodynamically shaped coupé body was a V-12 engine with enough power to produce a maximum speed of 290 km/hr, faster than any other production road car. As a 1:16th scale construction kit, the Countach makes an impressive subject as this detailed example will testify. It has working lights, rubber-like tyres, three-colour mouldings for ease of painting, chrome parts and a full set of colourful decals. The completed model has a length of 256mm and added extras include opening doors, bonnet and boot.

Diagram of working features

MOTORCYCLES 1:8 SCALE — SERIES 20

BMW POLIZEI **20483-5**

A type of motorbike that has come to be regarded as the elite among the breed is the line of machines produced by the famous German Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, or BMW Company. This company is renowned for its engineering expertise in aero engines, cars and heavy trucks, but it is their highly acclaimed motor cycle designs that have given the Company its reputation for speed and reliability. The two 1:8th scale BMW kits in the range are modelled on the R 75/5 machine, one being the normal road machine, the other, the police version. The police in Europe chose this bike for its ability to cruise at over 100 m.p.h. along the German Autobahn system and other continental motorways. The kit, therefore, accurately represents the major feature of this bike, the powerful horizontally opposed engine. Added authenticity is provided by moulded cables and plug leads, chromed exhausts, wheels and handlebars, authentic transfers and rubber-like tyres. Revolving wheels and working steering are further features of these remarkable kits. Length 258mm.

TRUCKS 1:32 SCALE — SERIES 16

FORD C-900 TRUCK **16401-4**

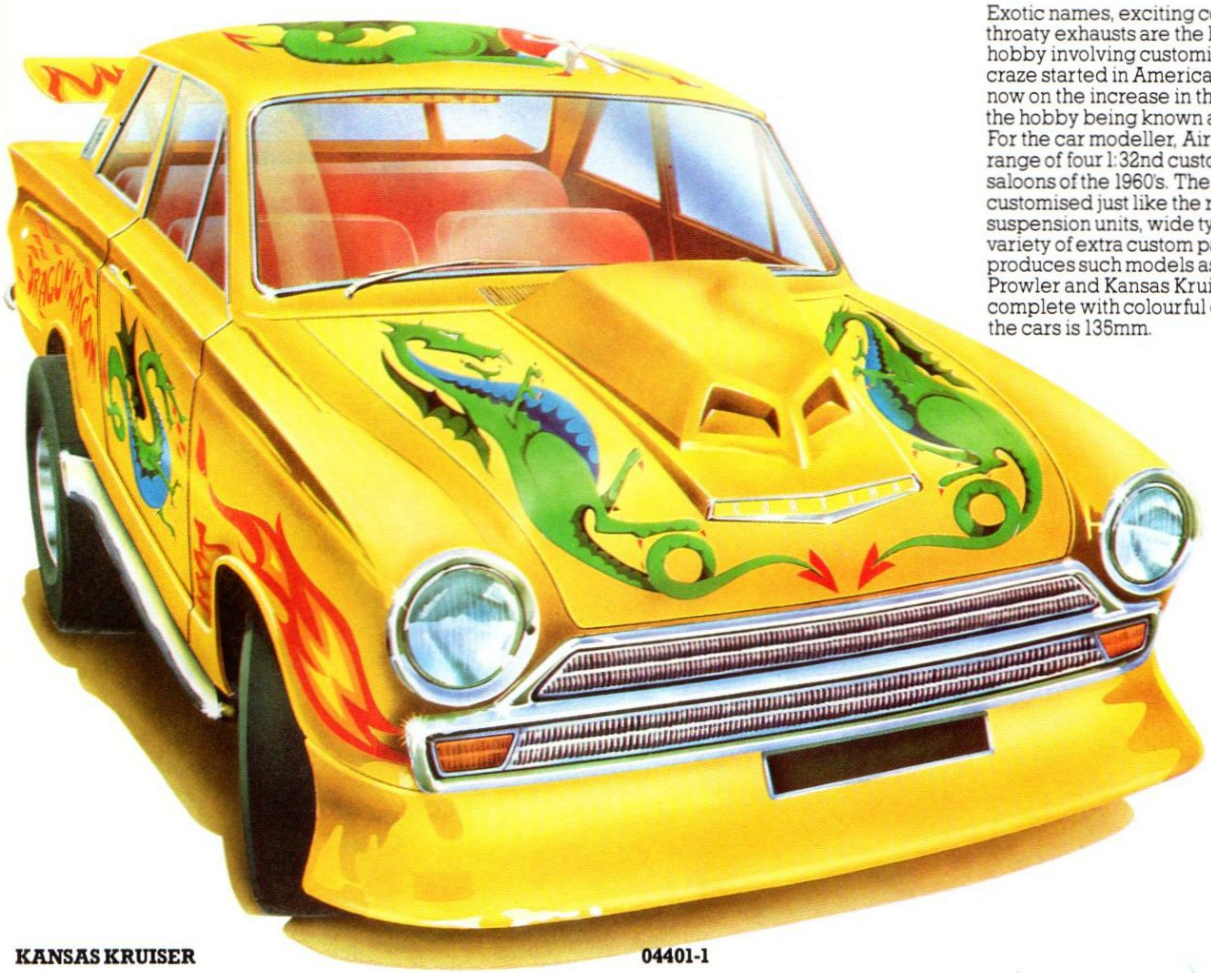
The stylish livery of the Ferrari racing team is provided for this impressive 1:32nd scale construction kit of the Ford C-900 tractor and 40ft trailer. The kit has a number of working features including opening van doors and tilting cab plus the added option of a detachable trailer. Overall length of the model is 485mm.

FORD C-800 TRUCK **14401-8**

The C-800 is a sister vehicle to the Ford C-900 and as with the latter design the C-800 is a tilt-cab truck. This particular feature is one of a number incorporated into this detailed and impressive kit, the others include a detachable 27ft trailer with opening doors and rubber-like tyres.

CUSTOM CARS 1:32 SCALE SERIES 4

Exotic names, exciting colour schemes, and throaty exhausts are the hallmarks of the latest hobby involving customised saloon cars. The craze started in America some years ago and is now on the increase in the U.K., the products of the hobby being known as Street Machines. For the car modeller, Airfix have produced a range of four 1:32nd customised car kits, based on saloons of the 1960's. The models can be customised just like the real thing with 'jacked up' suspension units, wide tyres, side exhausts and a variety of extra custom parts. Transformation produces such models as Krackle Kat, Night Prowler and Kansas Kruiser which come complete with colourful decals; average length of the cars is 135mm.



KANSAS KRUISER **04401-1**

REBEL ROUSER **04404-0**

NIGHT PROWLER **04402-4**

KRACKLE KAT **04403-7**

WILDLIFE – LIFE SIZE

SERIES 4&6

LITTLE OWL **06830-1**

In children's fairy tales the Owl has traditionally been depicted as the wisest of all birds, a connection that dates back centuries to ancient Greece where the Little Owl was considered a sacred bird and accompanied Pallas Athene, the goddess of wisdom. This kit of the Little Owl comprises 31 parts and when completed measures 190mm in height. Full painting instructions are included together with background details on the Owl species and their habitat.

Photographs of actual model

Far Right

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER **04832-1**

Amid the many sounds of a European wood in springtime, the staccato drumming of a woodpecker boring a nest-hole is one of the more distinctive. Of the three main species of woodpecker, the Lesser Spotted is the smallest and the subject of this lifelike kit. It is easy to construct and can be assembled in a typical natural setting.

PREHISTORIC MONSTERS

SERIES 4

BRONTOSAURUS **04800-4**

Brontosaurus was one of the largest and best known of the dinosaurs, and this new addition to the Prehistoric Monster range illustrates well the incredible length of the creature. The kit has 16 parts which makes it easy to assemble, and complements the other items in the range. The finished model measures 357mm in length.

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