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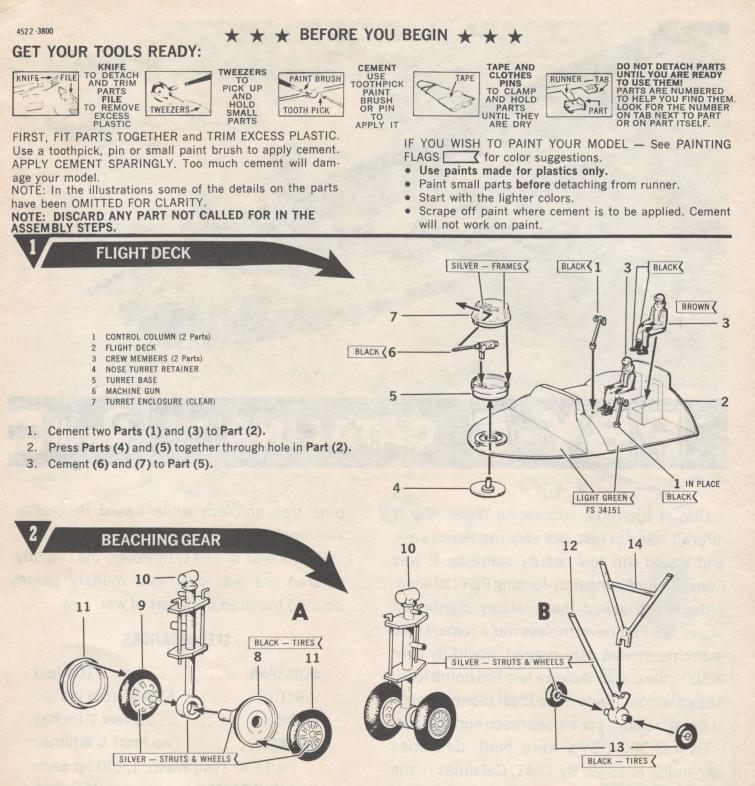
One of the most successful World War II aircraft was not fast, not very maneuverable, and would win few beauty contests. It was Consolidated's ungainly-looking PBY Catalina. Although it lacked the qualities mentioned above, the PBY nevertheless was a remarkable machine. It was very rugged, could fly over 2,500 miles, and hauled a two-ton bomb load. These factors made it the ideal plane for antisubmarine duties or air-sea rescue operations.

Over 3,300 PBY's were built, deliveries beginning in 1939. By 1941, Catalinas made up the U.S. Navy's patrol bomber fleet. The PBY-5 is typical of this durable seaplane, as it operated just before the War began. Aircraft number 2291 was the third of its type and reached the Navy in late 1940. It was a time of bright paint schemes and symbolic squadron insignias. Patrol squadron 14 adopted the pine tree emblem while based in Seattle, Washington.

By the end of 1941, however, the brightlycolored era was over and military planes donned the drab uniforms of war.

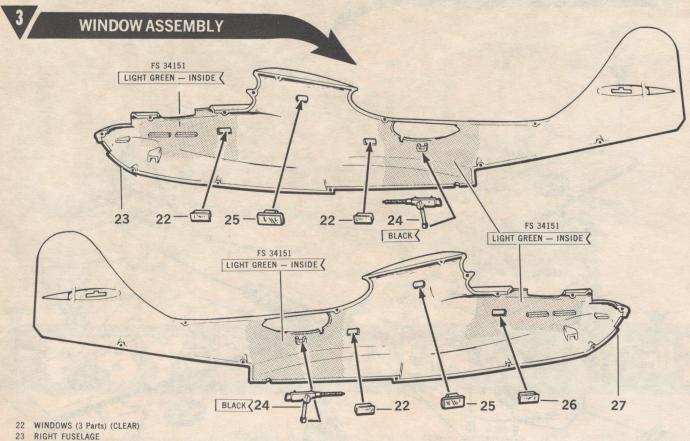
SPECIFICATIONS

WINGSPAN: 104 feet
LENGTH: 63 feet 10½ inches
HEIGHT: 20 feet 2 inches
ENGINES: Two Pratt & Whitney
R-1830 Twin Wasp, 1,200 hp each
MAXIMUM SPEED: 169 mph
CRUISING SPEED: 117 mph
SERVICE CEILING: 14,700 feet
ARMAMENT: three .30 cal machine
guns, two .50 cal. machine guns
four depth charges, two torpedoes,
or 4,000 lbs. of bombs



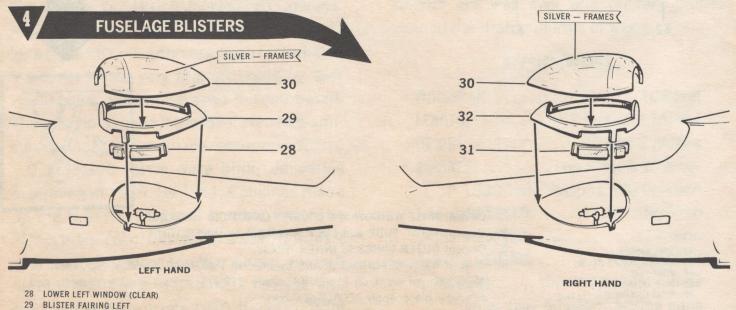
- 8 INSIDE WHEEL HALF WITH AXLE (2 Parts)
- INSIDE WHEEL HALF (2 Parts) 9
- **BEACHING GEAR (2 Parts)** 10
- OUTSIDE WHEEL HALF (4 Parts) 11 DRAWING B
- 12 TAIL SUPPORT STRUT
- 13 TAIL WHEELS (2 Parts) 14 SIDE BRACE
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- DRAWING A
- 1. Press WHEEL HALVES (8) with AXLE, and (9) together inside GEAR STRUT (10). Repeat assembly for other GEAR.
- 2. Cement four OUTER WHEEL HALVES (11) to INSIDE WHEELS. DRAWING B
- 1. Cement two TAIL WHEELS (13), to STRUT (12). Cement (14) to (12).



- 24 MACHINE GUN (2 Parts)
- PYLON WINDOW (2 Parts) (CLEAR) 25
- 26 LARGE WINDOW (CLEAR)
- 27 LEFT FUSELAGE

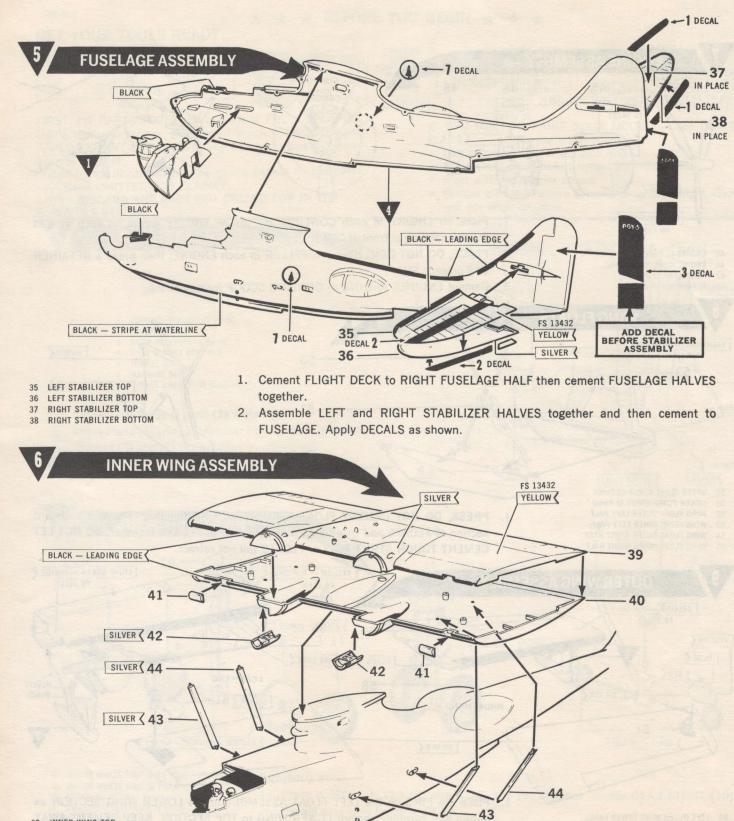
1. Cement Clear WINDOWS AND GUNS inside both FUSELAGE HALVES as shown.



- GUN PORT BLISTER (2 Parts) (CLEAR) 30
- 31 LOWER WINDOW RIGHT (CLEAR) 32 BLISTER FAIRING RIGHT

1. Cement the LEFT GUN PORT WINDOW (28) in the BLISTER FAIRING (29). Cement (29) to LEFT FUSELAGE. Then cement one clear BLISTER (30) to FAIRING. 2. Repeat assembly for RIGHT FUSELAGE using parts as shown.

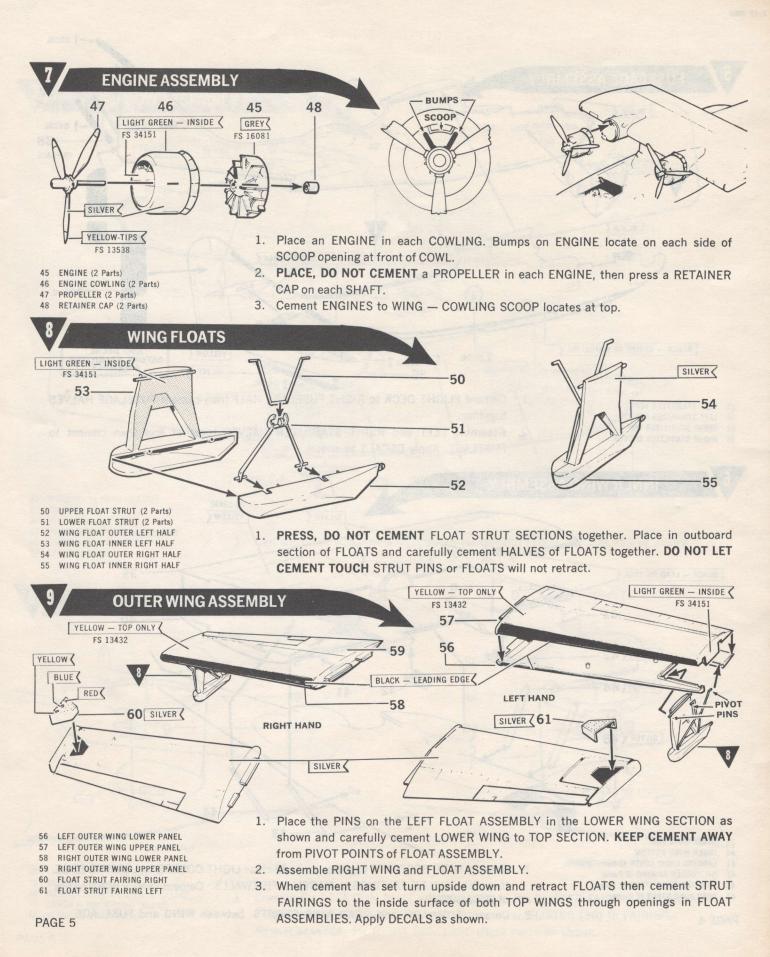


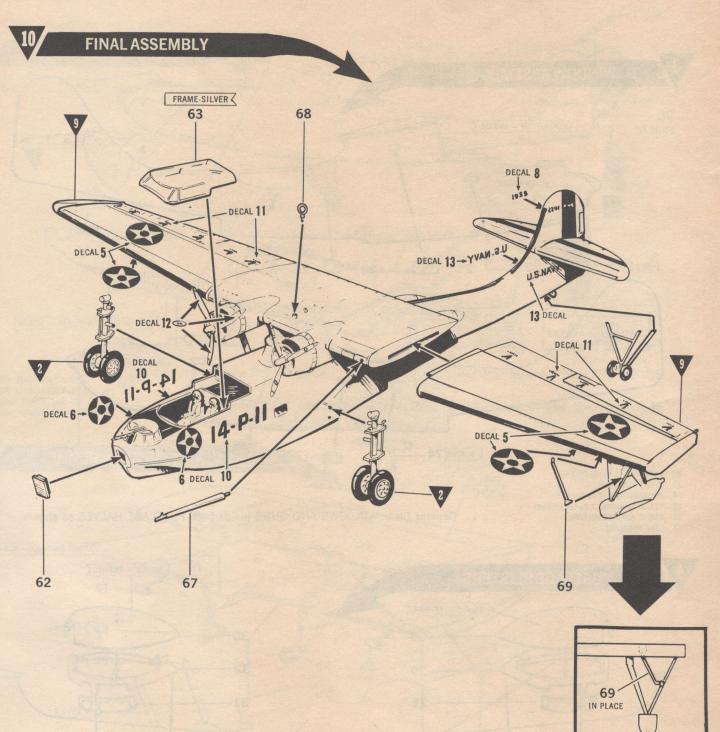


- 39 INNER WING TOP
- 40 INNER WING BOTTOM
- 41 LANDING LIGHT COVER (2 Parts) (CLEAR)
- 42 OIL COOLER FAIRING (2 Parts)
- 43 FORWARD WING STRUT (2 Parts) 44 REAR WING STRUT (2 Parts)
- 1. Cement WING SECTIONS together and add clear LIGHT COVERS to LEADING EDGE, then OIL COOLER FAIRINGS to NACELLE FIREWALLS. Cement INNER WING to top of FUSELAGE.

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2. Cement FORWARD and REAR WING STRUTS between WING and FUSELAGE





- 62 NOSE WINDOW63 COCKPIT CANOPY (CLEAR)
- 67 PITOT TUBE
- 68 LOOP ANTENNA
- 69 FLOAT LOCKING STRUT (2 Parts)
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- 1. Cement NOSE WINDOW and COCKPIT CANOPY to FUSELAGE.
- 2. Cement PITOT TUBE and LOOP ANTENNA to INNER WING.
 - 3. Cement OUTER WINGS to INNER WINGS.
 - 4. Cement MAIN BEACHING GEARS to sides of FUSELAGE. Position REAR WHEEL ASSEMBLY at point on FUSELAGE where STRUTS contact surface properly and cement in place. Apply DECALS as shown.

If you wish to keep the WING FLOATS in a permanent down position cement the FLOAT STRUTS (69) between bottom of WING and pivot point of FLOAT BRACES.