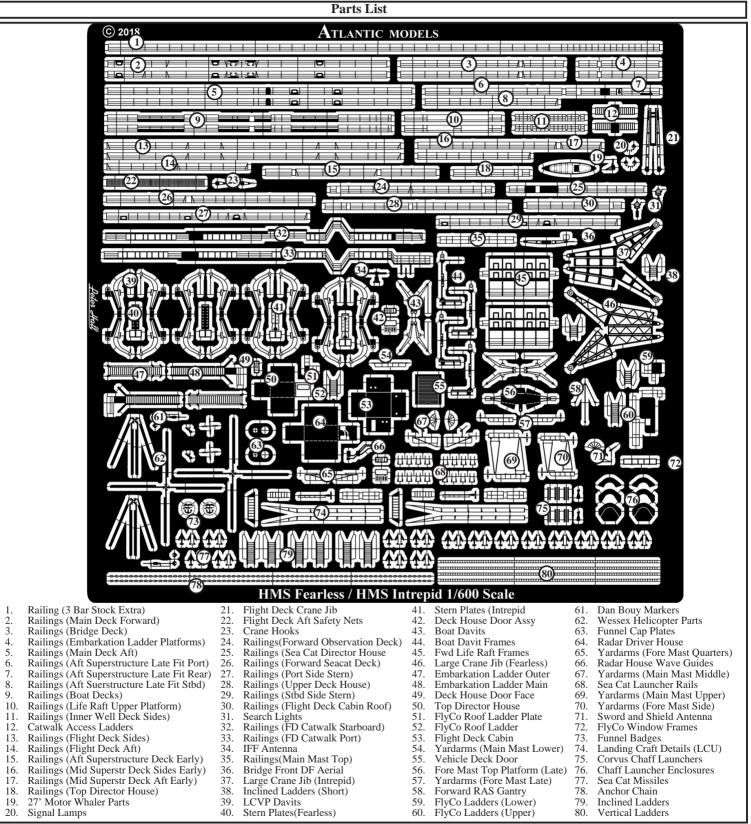


1/600 Scale HMS Fearless / HMS Intrepid Royal Navy Assault Ship (LPD) Photo-etched detail set to

fit the Airfix kit



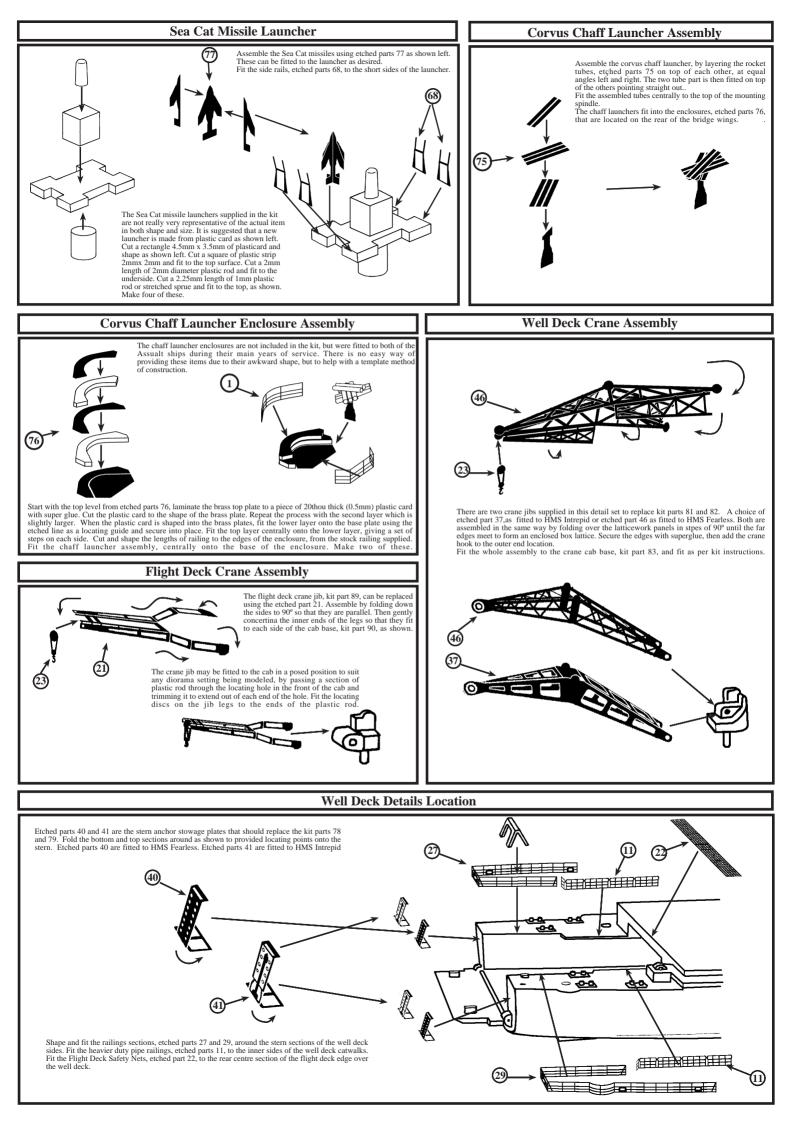
General Instructions

Do not remove the etched parts from the fret until you are ready to use them.

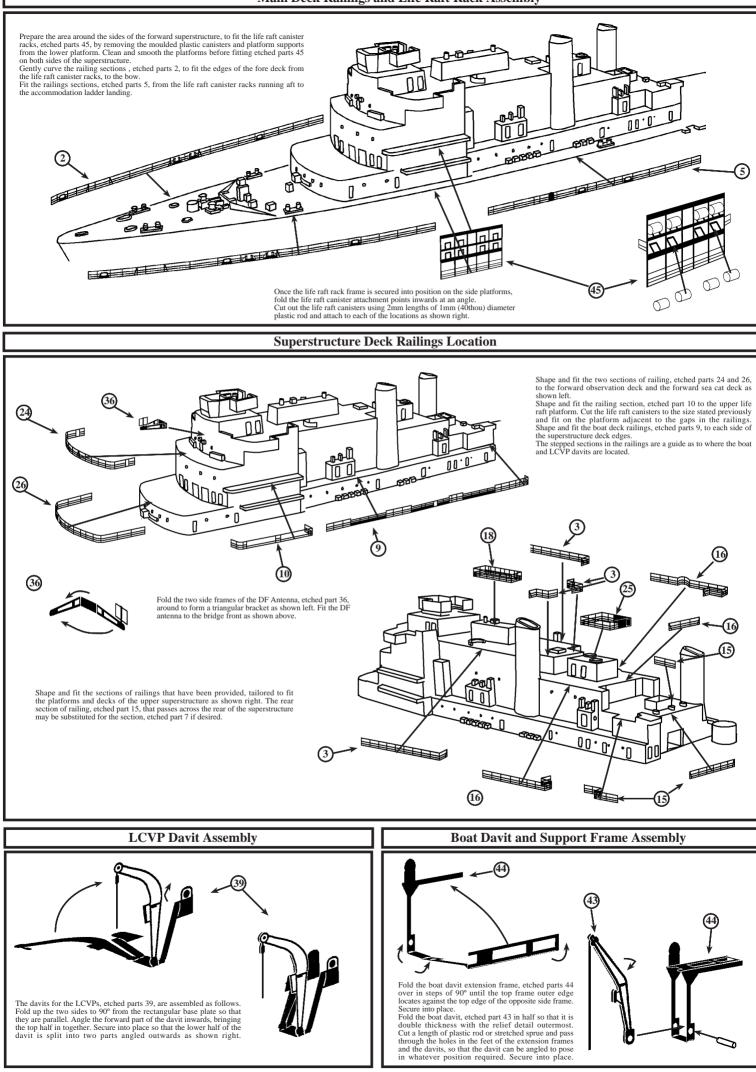
Before assembly, soak the etched parts in a suitable solvent, such as white spirit, to de-grease the surfaces for painting. It is recommended that the entire fret be primed 2 with an acrylic automotive primer, such as Halfords Grey Primer before assembling any of the parts. Cyanoacrylate adhesive (Super glue) or contact adhesive such as a white PVA glue may be used. 3

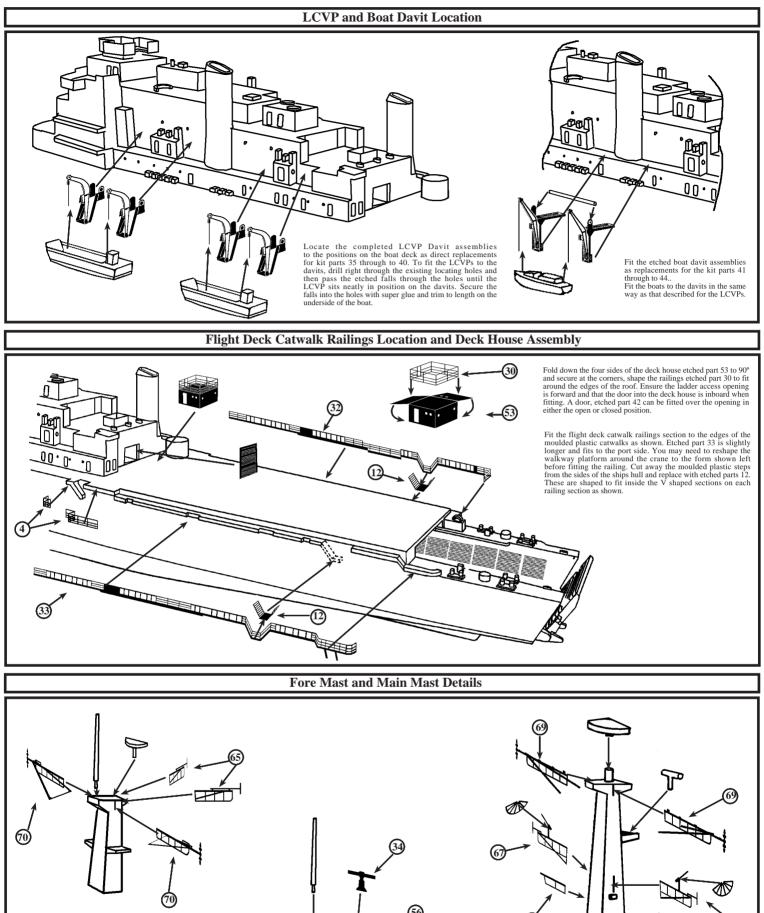
These can be applied with a pin or piece of stretched sprue. When removing parts from the fret, place the fret on a hard surface, such as a smooth ceramic tile, in order to prevent parts bending whilst cutting through the holding 4.

- tabs. It is suggested that a No.10 rounded type of modelling knife blade is used for this purpose.
- 5 When shaping or bending a part, a straight edged blade such as a chisel blade will give a good sharp corner, or alternatively an Atlantic Models Folding Tool ATT 01 or ATT 02 may be found to be useful
- If a part is bent incorrectly, lay it on a hard flat surface and roll it flat with a cylindrical object such as a modelling knife handle. 6



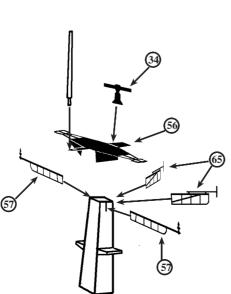


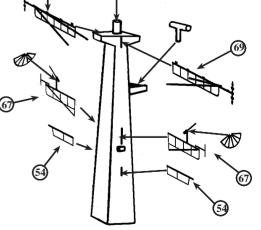




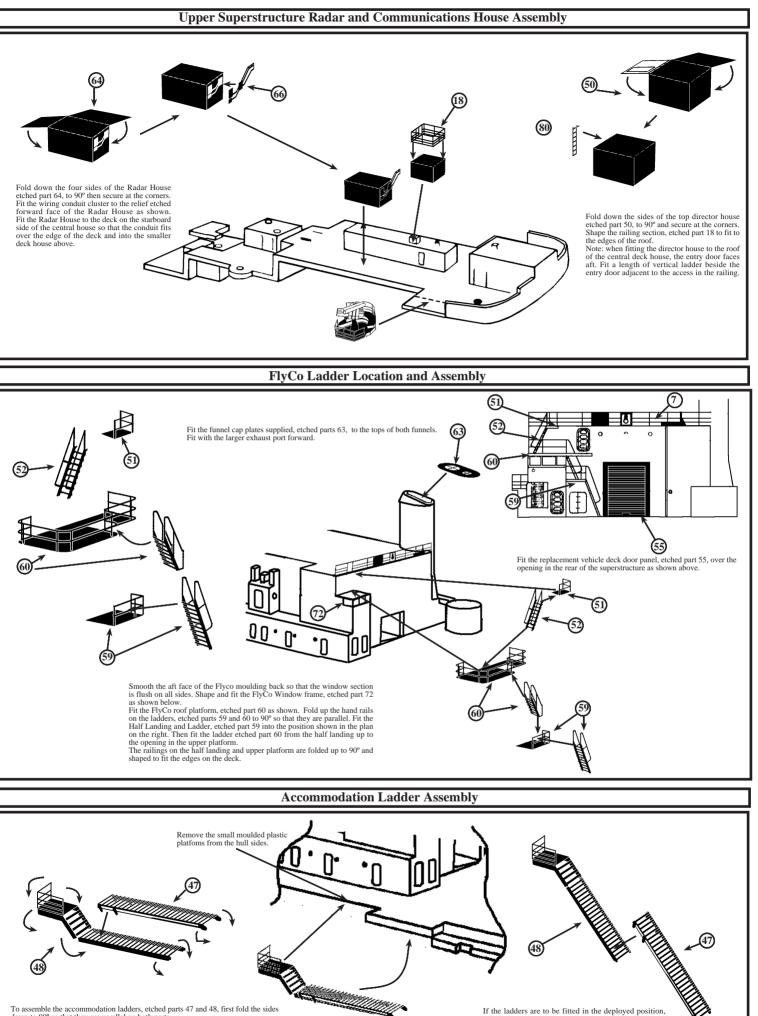
To fit out the fore mast in its early form, fit the etched yardarms into the positions as shown above, replacing kit parts 95 and 96 with etched parts 70.

To build the fore mast in its later fit, remove the moulded plastic top platform and smooth the mast top so that all sides are the same. Fold down the angled yardarm plates on etched part 56 to 90° so that they are parallel. Fit the new top platform so that it is across ways rather than fore and aft. Fit the yardarms, etched parts 57 to the underside of the centre bar on the yardarm plate. Fit the front quarter yards, etched parts 65 to the front corners of the mast facing out at 45°. Fit the IFF interrogator antenna, etched part 34 to the etched line on the fore mast platform.





Assemble the main mast as per the kit instructions, then replace the yardarms kit parts 100 and 101 with etched parts 69 as shown above. Replace kit parts 102 and 103 with etched parts 67, assembled as shown above. Add the extra small yards, etched parts 54, to the position shown.

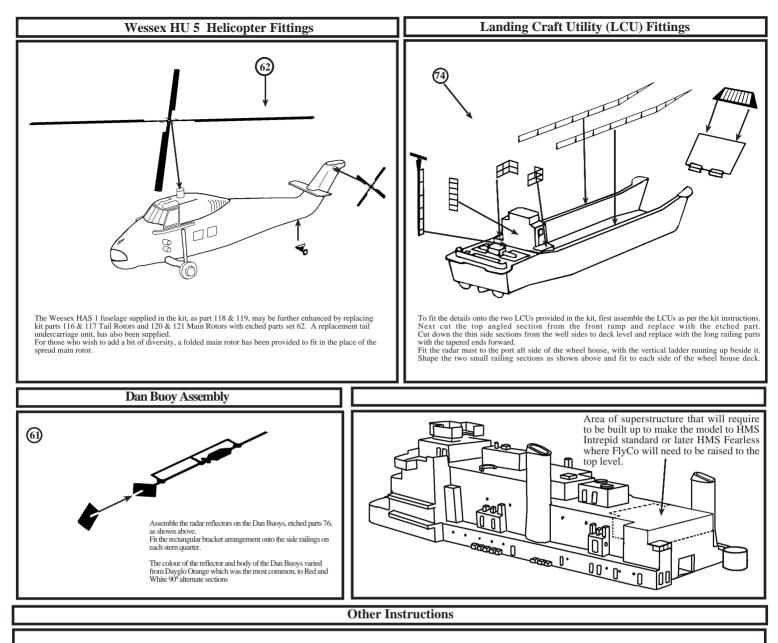


To assemble the accommodation ladders, etched parts 47 and 48, first fold the sides down to 90° so that they are parallel on both parts. Next fold down the top landing to locate onto the support beams at the top of the upper ladder section 48 and secure into places. Fold the railings up to 90° and fix to the edge of the platform. If the ladder is to be fitted in the stowed position, bend the upper ladder section at the cuts as shown above. Fit the lower ladder section over the upper section and secure into place.

secure into place.

If the ladders are to be fitted in the deployed position, then leave the upper section straight. Fit the lower section over the bottom of the upper section as shown.

To fit the accommodation ladders into place on the ships side the moulded plastic platforms must first be removed and the surface smoothed in.



- Stock lengths of railings, etched parts 1, have been supplied to cater for any areas that have not been covered by the tailored to fit railings and any modification that the individual modeller has done following further research. Etched parts 6, 7 and 8 have been included to fit to the superstructure upper deck aft, if the modeller has been able to modernise the kit and build up the after area so
- Exched parts o, / and 8 have been included to fit to the superstructure upper deck att, if the modeller has been able to modernise the kit and build up the after area so that the Sea Cat deck is level. One of the diagrams indicates the area that need to be built up to portray Intrepid as built and Fearless after it's first refit.
- 2. Sufficient Anchor Chain, etched parts 78, has been supplied to allow not only the replacement of the chain on the focsle deck from the capstans to the hawse-pipes, but also to allow the modeller to stream anchor chain from the hawse-pipe to the surface of the water, when a diorama scene is being modelled.
- 3. Inclined Ladders, etched parts 79 have been supplied to replace the moulded "Aztec Steps" found in various places on the upper superstructure. The smaller ladders etched parts 38 are to replace those moulded onto the step from the catwalks to the two stern decks.
- 4. Combined Operations Funnel Badges are supplied to fit the the outsides of the funnels, about half way down. These are painted red emblems with a black background.
- 5. Vertical Ladders for fitting to the masts and platforms can be cut to the required length from the stock supplied, etched parts 80.
- 6. For more information on these ships, the publication Fearless & Intrepid 1965 2002 by Neil McCart has a lot of important photographs and written information about the Assault ships lives. Also Jecobin Plans has detailed drawings of Fearless and Intrepid at two different time frames.
- 7. This detail set has been designed as a straight forward enhancement for the Airfix 1/600 scale kit as it comes in the box. The kit itself is of vintage moulding from 1963 and so is not of the same standard of kit found today. Needless to say there are inaccuracies in the kit, some serious, that will need to be addressed by the modeller if an in depth build is to be carried out. To this end the details in this set will be a welcome addition providing the parts required to finish the model to a finer standard than previously possible.

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