

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MODERN USS NEW JERSEY FITTINGS SET

This set has been especially designed to fit the 1/350 scale plastic kit of the modernized U. S. Navy battleship *New Jersey* by Tamiya. With minimal modification, it can also be used with the 1/350 scale Revell kit of the same ship. Additionally, parts are provided to assist experienced scratchbuilders in completing either of these kits as the *New Jersey* appeared in 1968 during her brief tour of duty in Viet Nam. **NOTE**: the 1968 conversion will require the purchase of *two* plastic kits - one of the modernized *New Jersey*, and the other of the World War Two *Missouri*. This is because the 1968 version had a WW2-type superstructure with ten 5" gun mounts, but with modernized antennas, rafts, and other fittings. Detailed drawings and photos of the 1968 version are available in the book "*lowa*-Cass Battleships" by Robert F. Sumrall and Tom Walkowiak (see reference list on reverse side.)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Photoetched metal fittings can be cut from their "sprue" by placing them on a hard surface, such as glass, and bearing down upon the thin metal filaments holding the part to the sprue with the tip of a *sharp* No. 11 X-acto knife blade. Precision manicure scissors may also be used. Remove parts only when you need them to avoid loss or damage. Before attempting to work with etched parts, practice on scrap, or on parts that won't be used on your project to gain experience. Use small flat-nosed pliers or tweezers to bend angles in cranes, catapults, and similar items. Cross-action tweezers held in a device such as X-acto's "Third Hand" can be used as a small clamp to hold tiny assemblies.

ATTACHING PARTS: To attach these fittings to the plastic model, or even to each other, use either cyanoacrylate glue (CA, or the so-called "superglue"), or white glue. A finely tipped Teflon nozzle is useful for applying the CA type adhesive while a pointed paintbrush may be used with white glue as water is sufficient for cleaning the brush. After the glue has dried, excessive glue deposits may be scraped away with a sharp X-acto knife blade.

RAILINGS: Railings may be cut to length and bent to shape as necessary, using the model's deck edges as a guide. Once all the railings have been prepared, they can be spray painted the proper color. When dry, the rails may then be glued to the model's decks. Wherever vertical ladders are attached to bulkheads below the railings' level, cut out a gap in the railing equal in width to the ladder to permit access. Also, on the main deck, be sure to cut away that portion of the railing which obstructs the openings of chocks (fairleads) around the deck's edges. Note that the etched railing sections are numbered according to style. The proper placement is shown for each model on the reverse side. Pre-curved bow railings are provided for upswept forward decks.

LADDERS: Metal vertical ladders are provided for use on bulkheads and masts. The inclined ladders have handrails that are to be folded up to a vertical position before the ladder can be attached to the model.

OTHER FITTINGS: Follow the illustrated instructions on this sheet. Spares are provided for some of the smaller parts.



