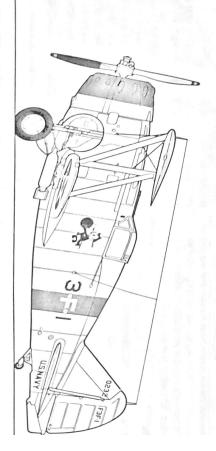


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The box art model is depicted in these illustrations, decais included in this kit will allow you to represent viany of the 57 E47-1's that were built. Finish the mod have selected in the individual colors and insignia that to your aircraft. One of the section colors (insignia white, true blue, black, willow green or lemon must be chosen for the wing chevron, belly band leaders only) and cowl. The decals provide both by white striping to border the various wing chevro bands and cowl colors. Be sure to consult your reas to the correct Bureau Number and exact locali appropriate markings.

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F3F-1 NSTRUCTIONS

First flown on March 20, 1935, the F3F-1 was an improvement over the previous Grumman F2F series. With a longer fuselage and increased wing span, the F3F-1 proved to be more stable than its predecessor. After a rather inauspicious start (the first three prototypes crashed), deliveries began in January of 1936, with all aircraft being completed by September of 1936. After 5 years of very active fleet

duty in the hands of Navy and Marine pilots, the dash ones were finally retired to the rosters of training schools and technical training classes. The F3F-1 marked the beginning of the end of the biplane era. But before they disappeared, they helped to train a generation of pilots who would go on to courageously defend a country that was illequipped for the looming world war.

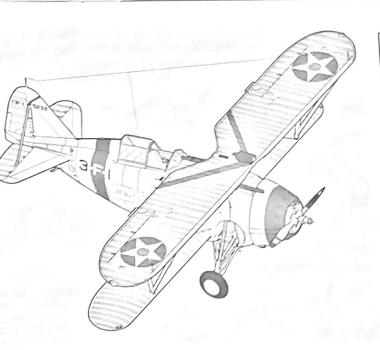
the decals included in this kit will allow you to model virtually any one of the 57 F3F-1's that were constructed. There is ample reference material urrently available on these planes to document any particular aircraft ou choose. Study the many subtle differences in these planes, and refore you start construction, consult the paint chart that is included with his kit. Be sure to paint and finish as you build. And remember - these planes were maintained in topnotch condition!

the fuselage on these aircraft was constructed of aluminum. Since these airplanes operated in salt water environments, all metal surfaces interior as well as exterior) were first coated with zinc chromate primer, over which was applied an aluminum pigmented lacquer. The result was a satin finish. We recommend the use of a non-buffing type aluminum netalizer to best reproduce this finish. External aluminum components were anodized, and steel parts such as landing gear, arrestor hook, etc. are best duplicated in "aluminum" or "steel." Even though some early Navy ship-based fighters were painted grey, this was not the case with these planes. This information is based on Grumman painting documents.

Both the upper and lower wings were fabric covered. The upper surface of the top wing was an orange yellow very close to FS 13538 (Orange yellow, not chrome yellow, was the Navy name for the color. Remember, this is before we had ANA and FS numbers to go by). The upper surface color of the upper wing wrapped around the leading edge onto the lower

surface. This color on the lower surface extended back anywhere from all few inches from the leading edge to all the way to the rear edge of the front leg of the "N" struts. Contemporary photos show there was a wide variance in the location of this dividing line. The wing surfaces were first doped taut, then painted in orange yellow and silver lacquer, which resulted in a highly reflective finish. The differing reflectance between the wing and fuselage surfaces was noticeable. The wing walks and the lower wing-tip hand holds were black. The propeller blades had 4" warning stripes on both sides of the tips that consisted of red, yellow and blue from the tip inward. On the rear surface of the blades, some aircraft had the blue warning stripe extend inward approximately 24 inches. This acted as an anti-glare surface.

The photo etch rigging in this kit has been designed to give an accurate representation of the real thing. The actual airplane had flat stainless steel (unfinished) flying wires with internal adjustments, so do not alter the finish on the photo etch if you want a correct representation. By carefully following these instructions, you will be able to reproduce the look of the rigging easily and in scale. You may wish to add a small brace at the point where the flying wires cross. On the real planes, all four wires passed through this brace. This is a bit of a modelling challenge! We strongly recommend that you complete all painting and apply all markings before installing the photo etch rigging in Step 15.



MODEL PAINT REFERENCE CHART*

	FEDERAL STANDARD	MODEL MASTER	HUMBROL	GUNZE SANGYO AQUEOUS	GUNZE SANGYO MR. COLOR	XTRA COLOR	FLOQUIL CLASSIC MILITARY
ALUMINUM	17179	1781	56	8	218	X142	303121
BLACK	17038	1749	21	12	33	-	303010
ORANGE YELLOW	13538	1707	154	329	329	X106	303228
INSIGNIA RED	11136	2718	19	3	3	X103	-
INSIGNIA WHITE	17875	1745	22	1	1	X141	303116
TRUE BLUE	15102	2030	-	25	34	X152	303275
WILLOW GREEN	14187	2028	-	-	_	X151	-
LEMON YELLOW	13655	2023	99	4	4	X108	303078
BURNT METAL	-	1415	-	76	61	-	-

*This chart is provided only as an aid to the modeller and is the closest match possible from each paint manufacturer at the time of printing,

The model paints in this chart may be available in gloss or matte finish! The Federa Standard numbers are prefixed for a gloss finish. Consult your reference for the correct reflectance on your model and use a final finish of gloss or matte accordingly. Commonlused modeling colors will be necessary to finish small details.



This kit contains a number of small parts that require extra care in handling. The assembly is very straightforward and progresses in the normal manner. The parts will "self align" in most cases. Still, we will remind you to double check to insure that parts are in the proper location. You may choose to vary the assembly sequence slightly, but we strongly suggest that you do not stray too far from these instructions. The surface detail and thin parts in this kit are very delicate. To avoid damage, use glue sparingly.

STEP 1 - COCKPIT ASSEMBLY

The cockpit will benefit from having the various pieces painted before they are glued into position. Trust us - they will become inaccessible once they are in place.

PAINT INSTRUCTIONS

C39 - aluminum with medium green headrest

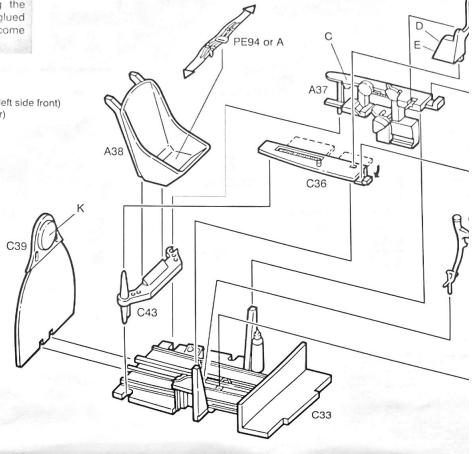
C33 - aluminum with brown fire extinguisher (left side front)

and willow green oxygen bottle (right side rear) C43, A38, C36, C35, A34 - aluminum

PE94 - tan or light grey

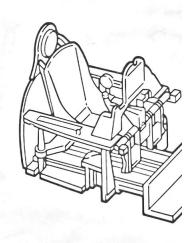
A37 - aluminum with black throttle knob

PE101 - unpainted



- △ Begin construction by gluing the seat frame (C43) to the cockpit floor (C33).
- Carefully fold the right cockpit console (C36) to form a 90° angle and glue to the locators on the seat frame and on the cockpit floor. Make sure that the forward portion of the fold is vertical so as not to interfere with the rudder pedals when they are installed.
- After painting the pilot's seat (A38) and the photo etch seat belt (PE 94), carefully press the seatbelt down into the pilot's seat. Allow the belt to follow the contours of the seat. Glue in place with cyanoacrylate (CA) cement. As an alternative, you may elect to use the decal seat belt (A).
- \triangle Glue the seat to the seat frame.
- △ After painting the cockpit rear bulkhead (C39) and applying decal (K) to the headrest, glue the bulkhead to the cockpit floor (C33) and to the seat back.
- △ After painting the left cockpit control console (A37) and applying decal (C) to the location shown, glue the console to the seat frame and to the cockpit floor.
- \triangle Glue the control stick (C35) to the rearmost locating hole in the cockpit floor.
- The photo etch fuel selector shaft (PE101) stands between the protrusion on the front of the rudder pedals and the forward locating hole on the cockpit floor. It will be easier to glue this part to the floor using CA cement before the rudder pedals are installed. Keep it vertical and centered.
- The rudder pedals (A34) are placed into the locating slots on the top surface
 of the left and right cockpit consoles and glued in place. Make sure the
 pedals are vertical and level.

- When the panel is completely dry, glue the finis tops of the left and right control consoles. Be panel vertical, with the notch on the top of the fuselage.



STEP 2 - INTERIOR/FUSELAGE

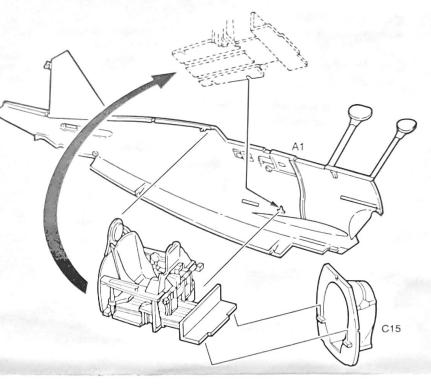
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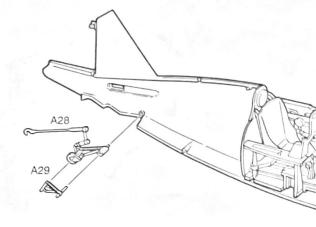
A1 - aluminum interior surface

C15 - aluminum

A28, A29 - aluminum with dark grey tire

Note: <u>Carefully</u> remove the fuselage halves from the tree to avoid damaging the delicate rib on the bottom of the fuselage.

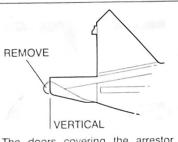




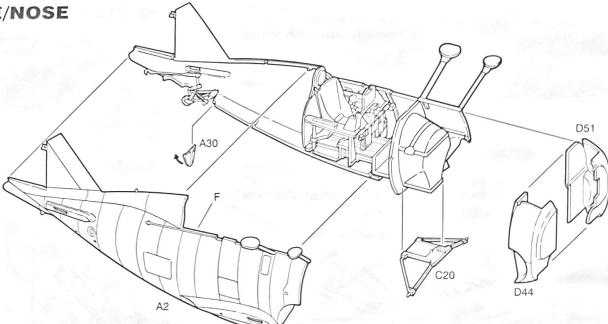
- △ Glue the fuel tank/forward bulkhead (C15) to the front of the cockp
 floor. The tabs on the tank/bulkhead fit underneath the front edge of th
 cockpit floor. Be certain to check alignment (The tank/bulkhead shoul
 be 90° to the floor and centered on the front edge).
- △ Glue the completed tail wheel/arrestor hook assembly into the located on the left fuselage half (A1). The arrestor hook should rest against the forward edge of the hook opening. Be sure to keep this assembly very straight, as the right side pin must go into the right side locator.

STEP 3 - FUSELAGE/NOSE
PAINT INSTRUCTIONS
A2 - aluminum interior surface

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D51, D44, A30 - aluminum
C20 - aluminum with steel "A" arms



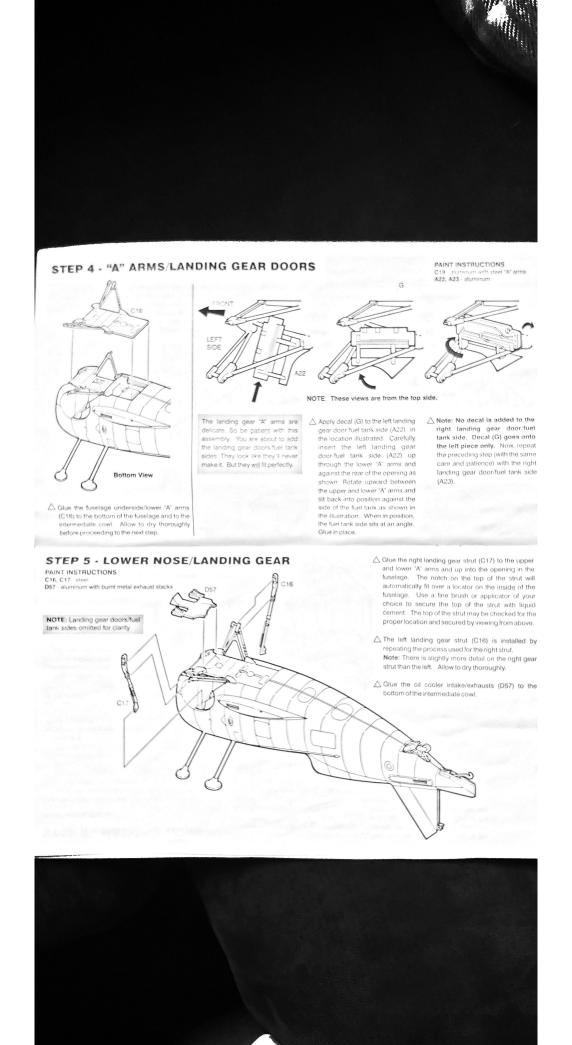
The doors covering the arrestor hook have been molded in the configuration which is correct for the F3F-2. Those on the F3F-1 were a slightly different contour. After assembling the halves, carefully reshape as shown.



- Apply decal (F) to the top inside right fuselage half (A2) as shown, positioning the decal just behind the engraved crank assembly detail and just above the protruding tab. After test fitting, carefully glue the right fuselage half (A2) to the left fuselage assembly, trapping the interior assembly in place (see Step 2). Make sure that the tail wheel assembly lines up in the right side locator. You can now align the headrest portion of the cockpit rear bulkhead and carefully glue in place.
- \triangle Glue the left intermediate cowl (D51) to the right intermediate cowl (D44).

- \triangle Glue the intermediate cowl assembly to the front of the fuselage assembly.
- \triangle Glue the fuel tank base/upper "A" arms (C20) to the bottom of the fuel tank.
- △ Finally, add the tail wheel door (A30) to the tail wheel and the fuselage.

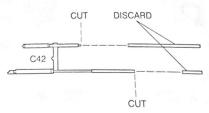
Note: We recommend that the rudder be added at the end of construction to ease in the placement of decals and to protect the delicate radio antenna from potential breakage.



STEP 6 - MACHINE GUNS

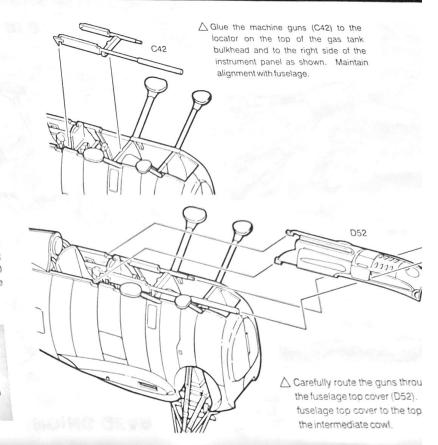
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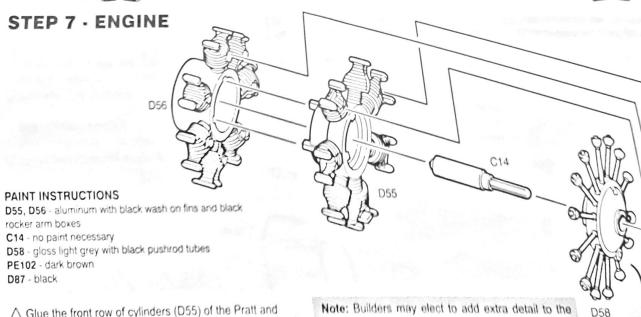
C42 - black D52 - aluminum



△ After removing the overflow tabs from the machine guns (C42), you must modify the guns for this version of the F3F. Using the illustration as a guide, trim the left .30 cal. gun barrel at the point where the blast tube joins the barrel. The right .50 cal. barrel should be trimmed at the notch in the forward part of the barrel.

Note: The "barrels" on these guns were not actually part of the guns. They were blast tubes. These tubes carried the gasses forward away from the aircraft interior. They allowed the rear of the guns to be located in the cockpit within easy reach of the pillot for charging.



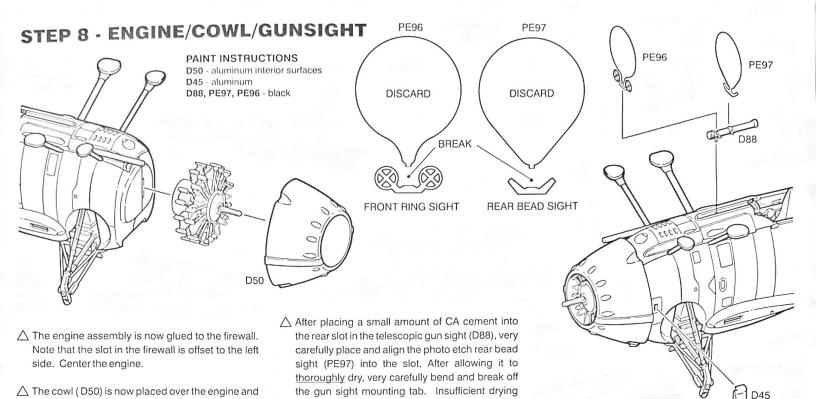


△ Glue the front row of cylinders (D55) of the Pratt and Whitney R-1535-84 engine to the rear row (D56) of cylinders.

△ After painting the engine front case (D58), apply decal
(H) in the position shown. Glue the front case to the
front row of cylinders, trapping the propeller shaft
(C14) between the two parts. Do not allow cement to
come into contact with the prop shaft or the prop won't
turn. And don't let just anyone turn it!

Note: Builders may elect to add extra detail to the engine with the photo etch ignition set.

Now add the ignition ring (D87), again with CA, to the front surface of the photo etch ignition wires.



time may result in pulling the sights out of the

locating slots rather than breaking the tabs off.

A Repeat this process using the photo etch front

ring sights (PE96) in the front slot.

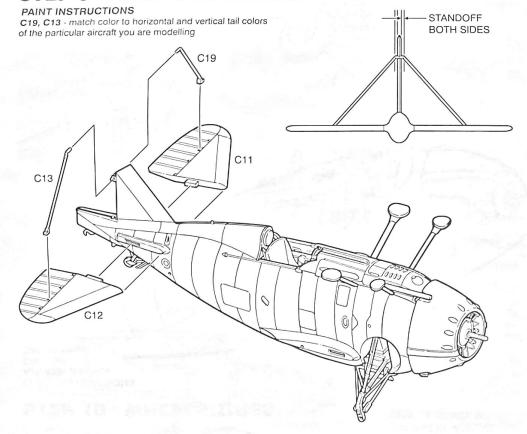
STEP 9 - REAR STABILIZERS

carefully glued in place where its inner surfaces

△ Glue the carb intake (D45) to the left side of the

come in contact with the engine cylinders.

fuselage.



△ Glue the left horizontal stabilizer (C11) to the left fuselage side.

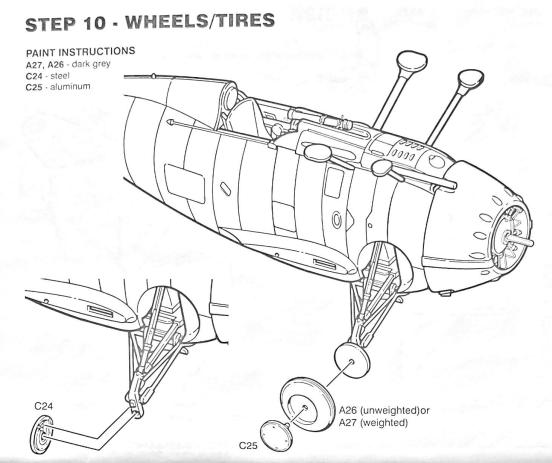
locator on the fuselage top.

△ Glue the telescopic gun sight assembly to the

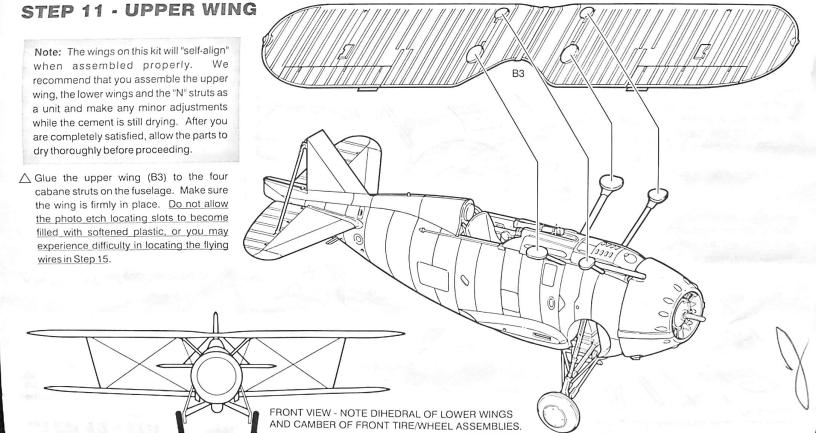
△ Glue the right horizontal stabilizer (C12) to the right fuselage side.

Note: When removing the horizontal stabilizer braces from the tree, be sure not to remove too much material from the top ends. The pins that locate at the top of the vertical fin do not fit flush; they actually extend out from the surface of the tail as shown in the accompanying illustration. We recommend that you not glue the tops of the horizontal stabilizer braces until both have been installed. Let the pins touch and center in the middle of the vertical tail, and after everything lines up, apply a small amount of glue to hold the pieces in place.

- △ Glue the left stabilizer brace (C19) to the top of the left horizontal stabilizer. Place the top end into the locating hole on the left side of the vertical fin. Do not glue yet.
- △ Glue the right stabilizer brace (C13) to the top of the right stabilizer. Place the top end into the locating hole on the right side of the vertical fin. Center both braces in the top locator and carefully glue the braces in place.



- △ Select the tires of your choice. You may use either unweighted (A26) or weighted (A27) versions.
- △ Slide an outer main wheel (C25) through the selected tire. Do not glue.
- △ Locate the tire and outer main wheel assembly to the left and right landing gear struts. Apply a small amount of glue to the axles where they pass through the strut. When this assembly is dry, you may place the model on a flat surface, rotate the weighted tires until they are flat on the surface and apply a small amount of glue to hold them in position. If you are using the unweighted tires, you can glue the assembly together when it is installed onto the strut. Again, refer to the front view illustration in Step 11 to make sure your plane has the correct positive wheel/tire camber.



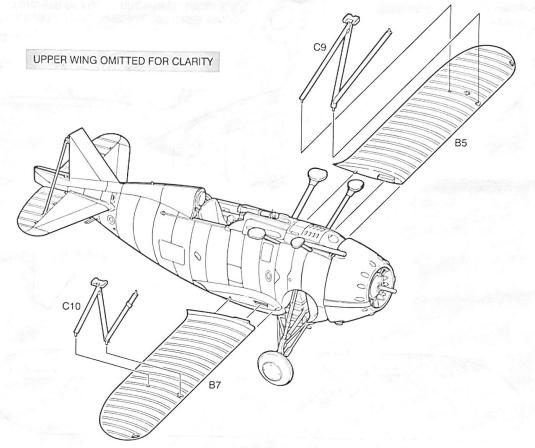
STEP 12 - LOWER WINGS

PAINT INSTRUCTIONS

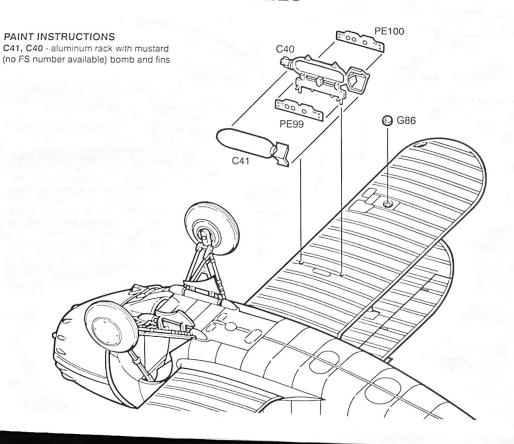
B5, B7 - Black wing walks and hand holds

C9, C10 - aluminum

- △ Glue the left lower wing (B5) to the left side of the fuselage.
- △ Glue the left "N" strut (C9) between the upper and lower left wings.
- △ Glue the right "N" strut (C10) between the upper and lower right wings. Once again- Do not allow the photo etch locating slots to become filled with softened plastic or you may experience difficulty in locating the flying wires in Step 15. Refer to the front view illustration in Step 11 for general wing angles, and check all alignments.



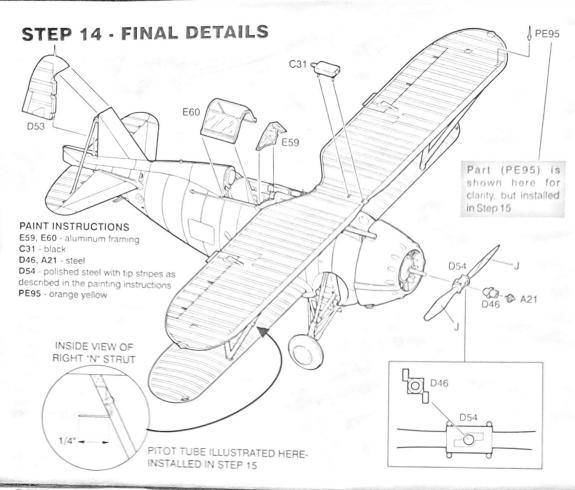
STEP 13 - BOMB ASSEMBLIES



△ Glue one bomb half (C41) to one bomb half (C40). Repeat the process for the second bomb.

NOTE: Each (C41) half will fit only the (C40) half molded directly opposite it on the tree.

- △ Using CA cement, carefully glue one photo etch bomb rack face (PE99) to the right side of each bomb rack. Orient as shown; the pair of larger holes goes to the front, with the single hole to the rear. Glue one left bomb rack face (PE100) to the left side of each bomb rack, orienting the same.
- \triangle Glue one bomb assembly to the bottom of each wing.
- △ After painting the landing light recess bright silver, glue the landing light (G86) to the bottom of the left wing. We recommend that you use white glue, clear gloss acrylic or some other kind of non-crazing cement to hold this piece in place.



- △ Using non-crazing cement, carefully glue the windshield (E59) to the fuselage top, placing it over the telescopic gun sight.
- Now install the pilot's canopy (E60). It may be positioned open or shut. Note that the slight downward curvature at the top of one end goes to the front.
- △ After painting the propeller (D54) and applying a decal (J) to each blade, gently push the propeller onto the propeller shaft.
- Glue the propeller pitch counter weights (D46) to the front of the propeller, orienting as shown in the detail drawing.
- △ Glue the propeller hub cap (A21) to the front of the propeller.
- △ If you haven't already installed the rudder, (D53) it is probably safe to do it now. Or if you prefer, it may be added after you have installed the rigging in the next step. See, we really are trying to save that little radio antenna for you!

INSIDE

FRONT VIEW-

PE92

BEND TO PATTERN

THE FRONT

STEP 15 - PHOTO ETCH RIGGING

- Carefully place the right cabane wires (PE92) into the two pairs of locating slots on the fuselage side and up into the slots on the underside of the upper wings. When you are comfortable with the location, using a very small amount of CA or white glue, tack in place. Repeat this process on the opposite side using the left cabane wires (PE 93).
- Starting with either side, locate and glue the large double flying wire (PE90) between the slot in the rearmost upper portion of the "N" strut attachment to the upper wing and the slot toward the front of the lower wing to fuselage fairing. Glue in place. Repeat for the opposite side.
- △ After you are sure that the double flying wires are thoroughly dry, carefully feed a short double landing wire (PE91) through the center of the double flying wire. Attach the ends to the slot just outboard of the rear cabane strut where it meets the underside of the upper wing and the slot located just inboard of the forward edge of the "N" strut where it glues into the lower wing. Glue in place, Repeat for the opposite side.

△ Glue the wing radio antennas (PE95 - shown in Step 14) to the locators on the tops of the wings. When these are dry, you may elect to use your favorite material to add a radio antenna as shown in the illustrations in Step 16. You may also elect to add the pitot tube to the right "N" strut as shown in the Step 14 illustration. These are very tiny parts and can be best duplicated with stretched sprue or fine wire.

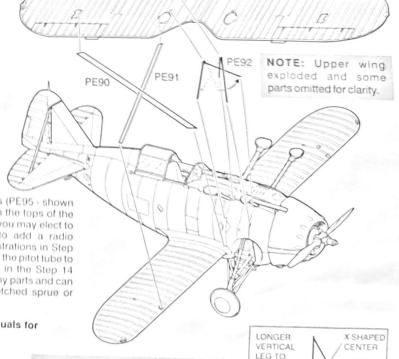
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