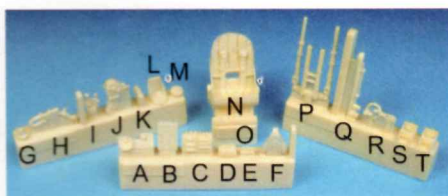




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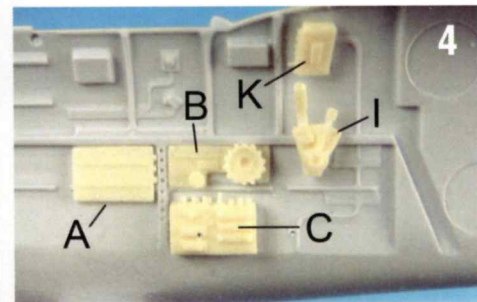
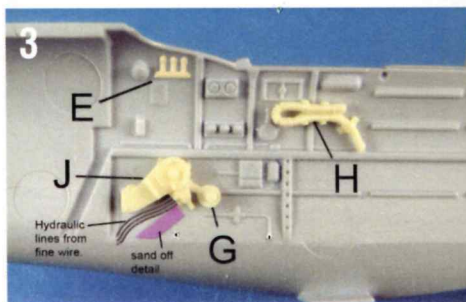
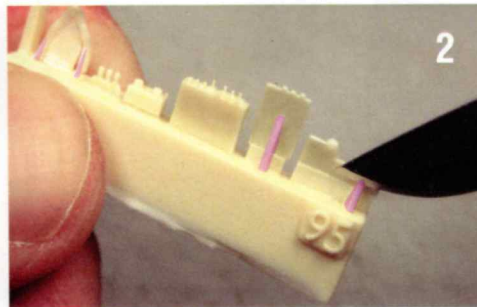
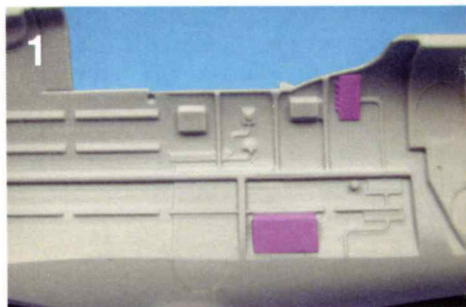
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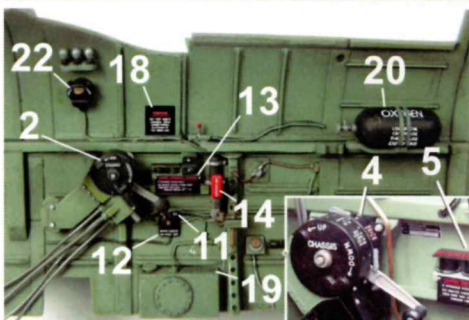
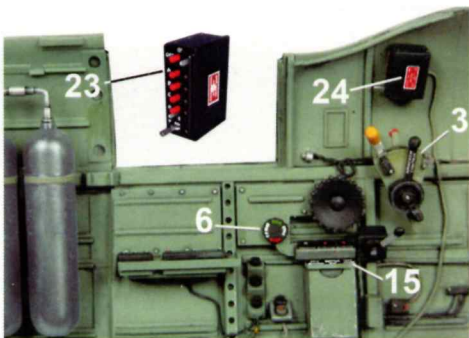
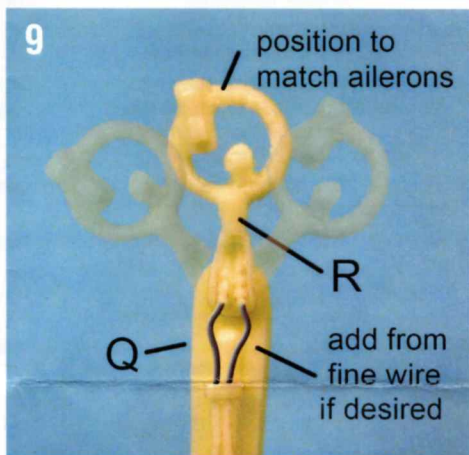
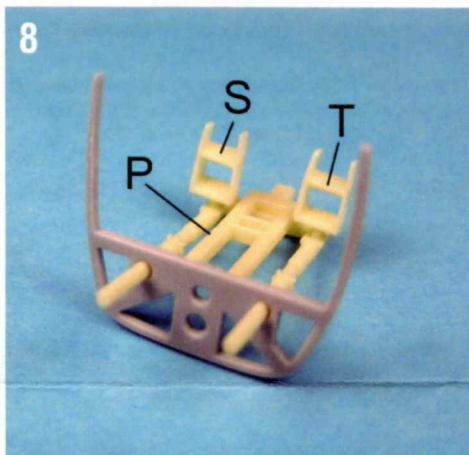
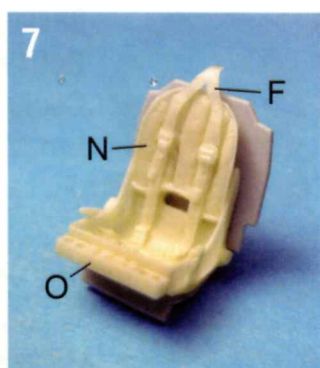
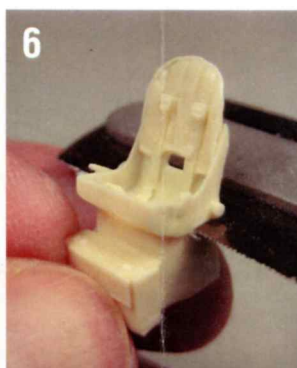
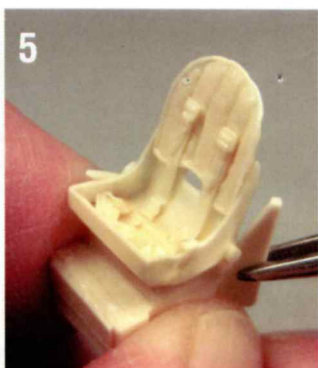


This snapshot upgrade will produce a highly detailed cockpit with a minimum of work. The molded in seat belts represent the later quick release style Sutton harness. This set can be used for many later mark Spitfires as well.

1. Begin by removing raised detail on port fuselage half as shown in fig. 1.
2. Remove resin parts from the blocks as follows. If the part has a support molded onto its rear face, carefully pare it off with a curved blade. Remove parts on the ends of casting bars first, then work towards the middle.
3. Attach small parts to port and stbd cockpit sidewalls as shown. I find it helpful to tack the parts in place with PVA (white glue) and finalize with CA (superglue).
4. Break off rear casting wings and remove support fins from seat casting block. Carefully saw off flare rack. Saw seat from the block with a horizontal cut from the back and an angled down cut from the front. Cleanup seat bottom. Cleanup upper seat harness F and test fit, or replace with straps cut from paper or metal foil. Top of straps goes through slot in seat bulkhead C1.
5. Paint seat Model Master II Rust with a black backpad and light tan belts. Flare rack should be Interior Grey Green with brass cartridges.
6. Cut raised rib off base of kit seat armor A5. Test fit seat and adjust if needed. Attach painted flare rack to seat front.
7. Cleanup stick parts, rudder pedals and floorboards. Attach floorboards to part A17 with CA. Add rudder pedals, being careful to make sure they are aligned. Assemble stick to match position of ailerons on your model. Add wiring as shown if desired and attach to kit part A17.
8. Camera control box D is included if you decide to go with a photoetched instrument panel. Compass parts replace kit parts. Mount is cockpit color. Compass has medium grey body with black face.
9. Paint cockpit and glosscoat before applying stencil decals. When stencils are dry, finish cockpit with a matt clearcoat. Assemble rest of model per kit instructions.

Happy modelling,





Decal application instructions.

Apply decals to a gloss surface to avoid silvering. Some decals have 2 parts. Apply part A and let dry for 15 minutes, then apply part B over it. This is a generic Spitfire cockpit stencil sheet, so not all markings will be used. Decals not used for this variant are numbers 21 and 25-34. Bonus markings are small white text, and can be used on any black boxes to add interest. Flat coat to seal decals. *Note: Oxygen tank position different on Mk XIX.*

