HH-53C Super Jolly Green Giant

Used extensively by the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War for long-range rescue missions and by other American and foreign air arms for assault duties, the Sikorsky S-65 is one of the largest helicopters in service in the Western world. The prototype first flew in October 1964 and delivery of production CH-53s began to the US Marine Corps in mid-1966. For jungle rescue missions in Vietnam the USAF purchased HH-53s in 1967 which with their unrefuelled range of 250 miles (400 km) and a winch cable 250ft (76m) long to clear the native trees, made combat aircrew recovery possible from almost every point in South East Asia. For even longer range, the "Super Jolly Green Giant" as it is nicknamed, is fitted with an extendable boom for air-to-air refuelling and there is provision for two 450-gal (1700 litre) drop tanks. It also has self-sealing fuel tanks, armour plating and all-weather capability. Engines are 3.925hp GE T64s driving a six blade 72ft (21.94m) diameter main rotor. Maximum speed 196mph (315km/h). Up to 64 combat troops can be carried together with a crew of three. The HH-53C has featured in a number of famous rescue missions and the aircreft in this kit was one of two aircraft used on the Son Tay prison raid in November 1970. More recently it served with the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Woodbridge, England.

IMPORTANT! READ THIS FIRST

- Study assembly drawings carefully before starting.
- Each part is identified by a part number (14).
- Scrape paint from areas to be camented.
- Before cement is used, check the fit of each part.
- Use only enough cement to join parts.
- Apply cement to small parts with a toothpick.
- Use cement made for styrene plastic only.
- Allow paint to dry thoroughly before handling.

- Your model may be painted to match the box photos.
- Cement all parts except where Do Not Cement symbol ® is shown.
- Follow the step numbers in each assembly drawing.
- Refer to other assembly drawing for location.
- Refer to last page for decal and painting instructions.

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5 STEP NUMBERS

32 ----PLASTIC PART NUMBERS

OPTIONAL

DO NOT CEMENT

CEMENT HERE ONLY

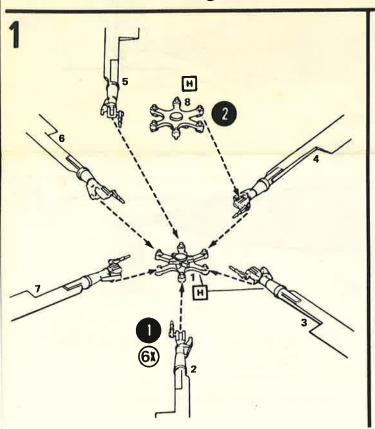
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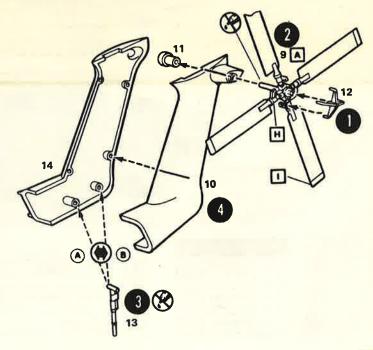
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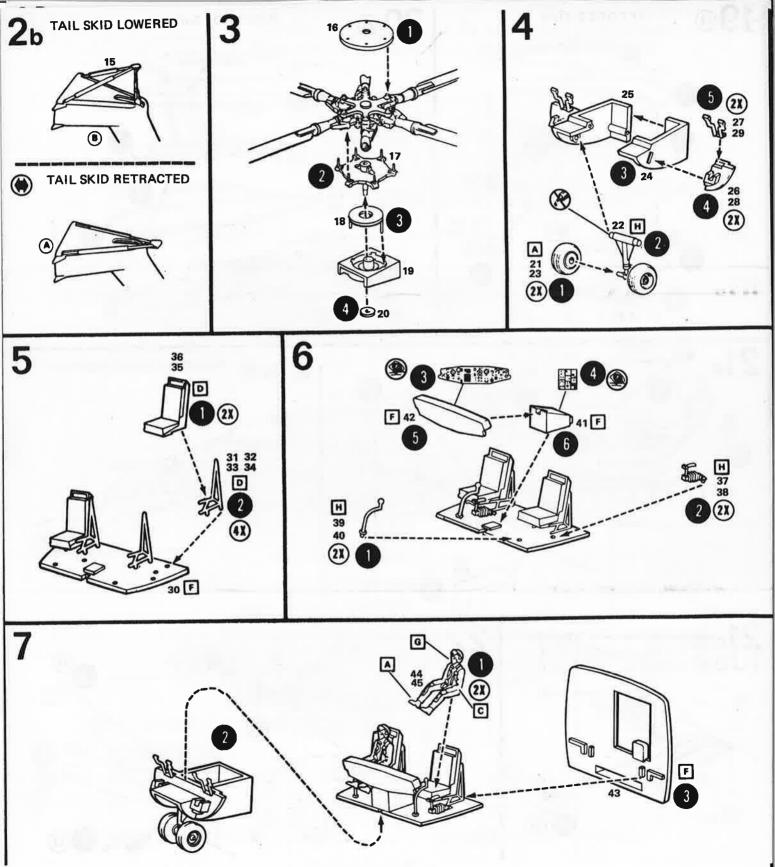
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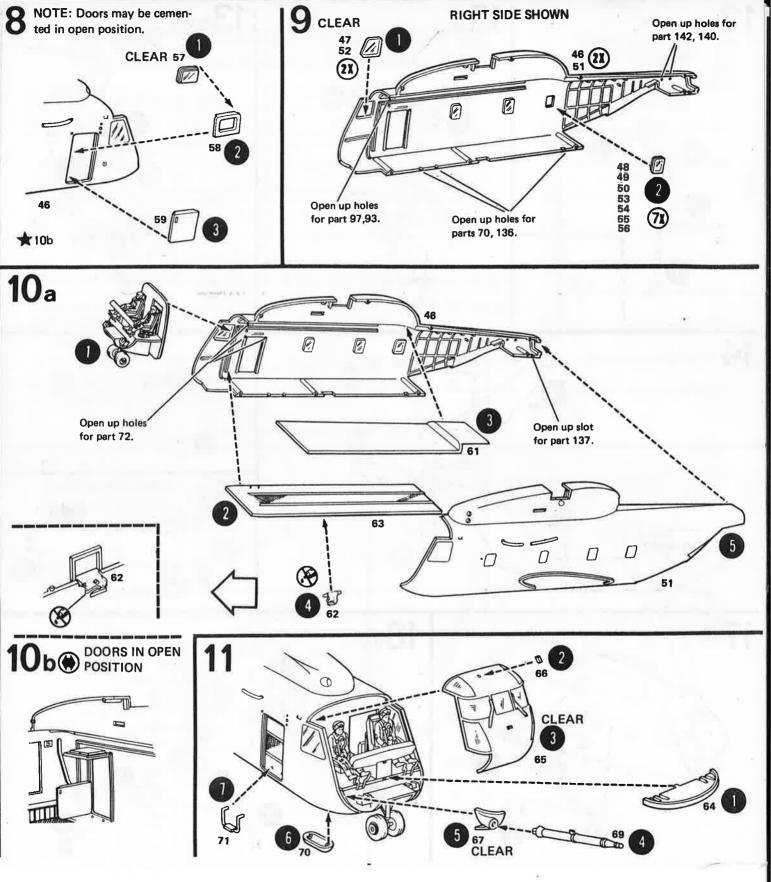
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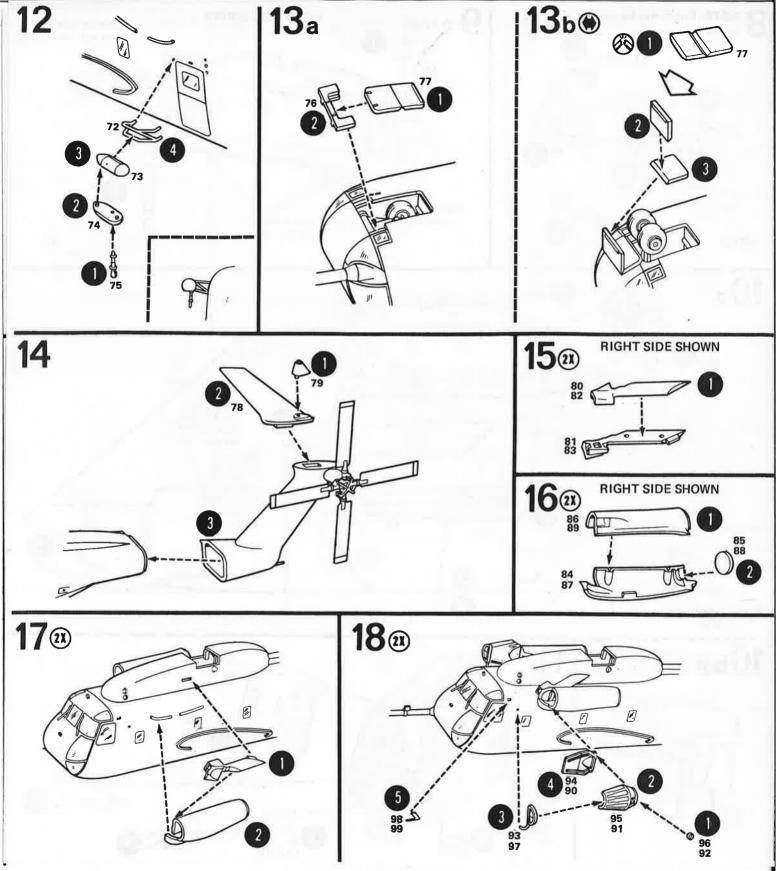


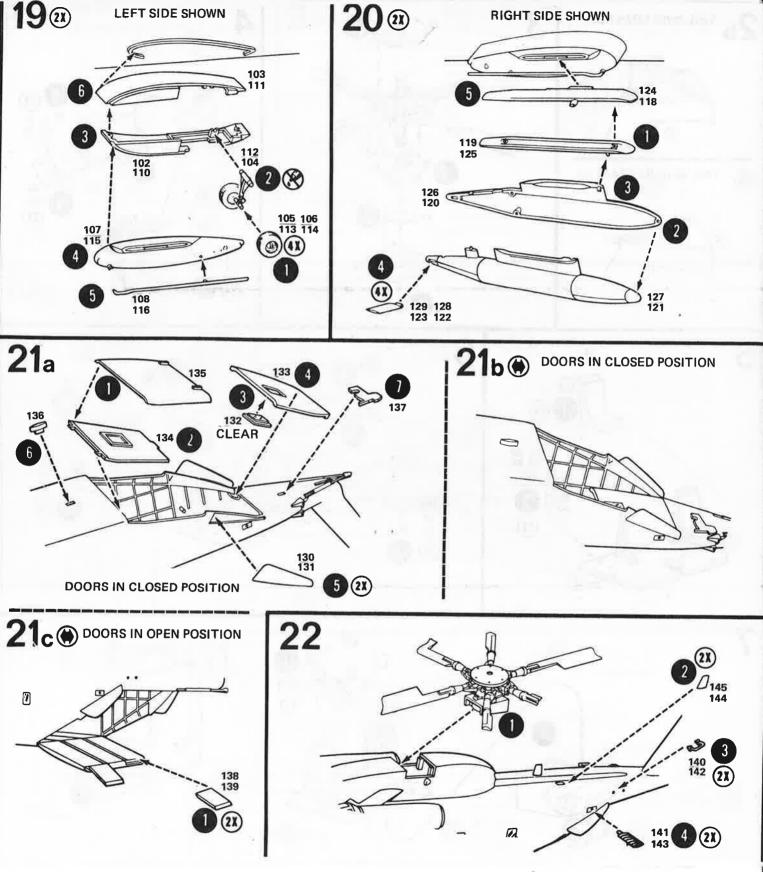
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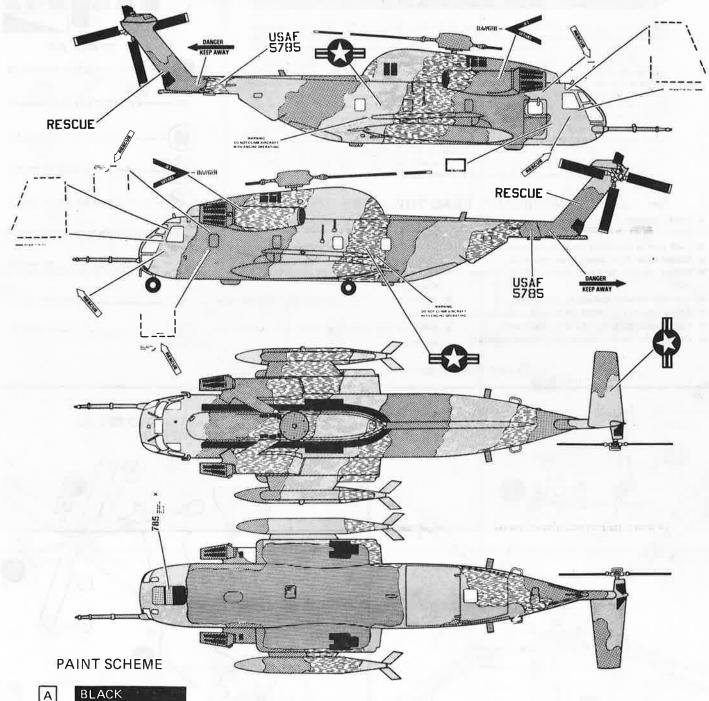






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LT, GREY

O.D. GREEN

LT. BROWN

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G

DK. GREEN

F ZINC CHROMATE

FLESH

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SILVER

USE FLAT PAINT

YELLOW

SEE BOX COVER FOR REFERENCE