

HAWKER SEA FURY WHEELWELL

This detail kit was designed for the Hobbycraft Sea Fury kit. This has been on the market for some time now, and is a basically accurate, if somewhat crude, offering. This wheelwell, in conjunction with CD4802 Sea Fury Detail kit (which contains new, superdetailed prop and spinner, gearlegs and wheels, complete cockpit, drop tanks, tailwheel, hook, and underwing grills) will turn this rather drab Sea Fury into a real show stopper. As the Sea Fury was a beautifully made aircraft, and the fit of the panels was superb, the kit will also benefit from some overall sanding to cleanup the scribing. Real gluttons for punishment may want to fill in all the panel lines and rescribe them.

The Sea Fury wheelwell was crammed with plumbing and wiring, making for an interesting area. This was due to the fact that when the Tempest wing was modified for the Sea Fury, they removed the center section between the wheel wells (where all the plumbing ran), and butted the wheel wells together. This left the Engineers with no choice but to busy up the wells. The Sea Fury gearbays, as far as I can tell, were all painted the same color as the undersurfaces, namely Sky. Most of the plumbing seems to have been oversprayed after installation, however this is based on study of preserved examples. If anyone has any info, let me know. A dark grey wash applied after painting your kit wheelwell will pop out the wealth of detail. Also, drybrushing with a lightened shade of sky will add even more visual interest.

If Airfix or Tamiya takes pity on us and gives us a truly state of the art Sea Fury one of these days, this set will still be an excellent upgrade. There are plenty of aftermarket decals for the Sea Fury from War Eagle, Almark, Aeromaster and Ventura and Falcon Clearvax and Squadron both have excellent vac canopies for this subject. Thanks to Kerry Carlyle of New Zealand for the excellent master pattern.

Happy Modelling!

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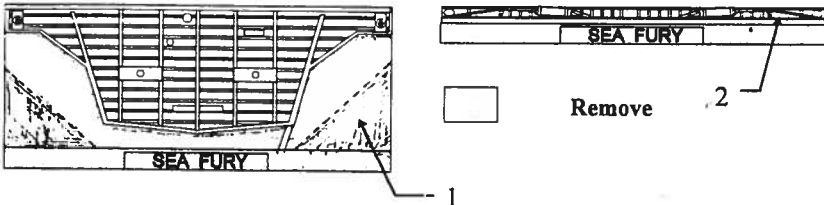


Fig 2

- I. Remove Plinths from parts as shown in diagrams above (Fig 1)
- II. Some plastic has to be removed from the inside of the kitset wing. See Diagram below (Fig 2)
- III. Glue Front face of wheel well (2) to the main part (1) as shown below in (Fig 3)
- IV. Insert Wheel Well assembly into bottom of wing

