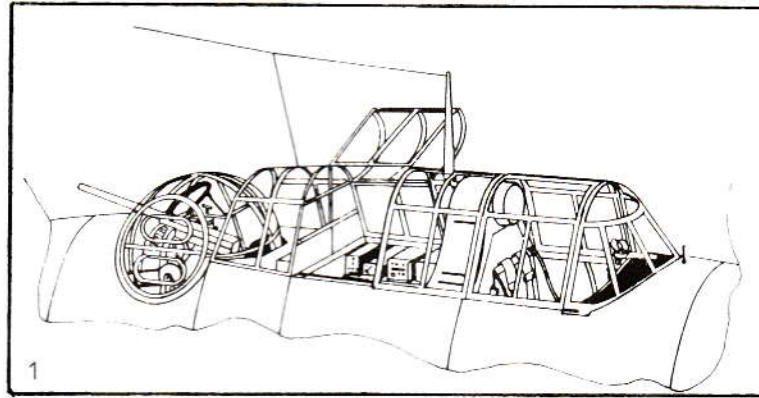


FALCON Clear-Vax



1/72 SCALE CANOPY SET NO. 1 - U.S. NAVY WORLD WAR II



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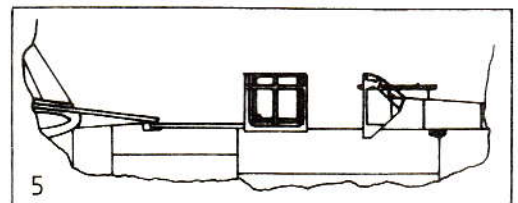
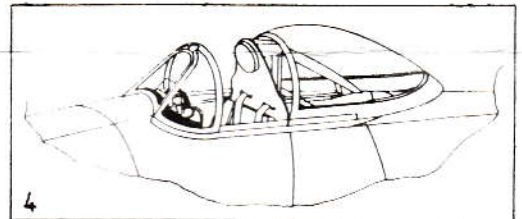
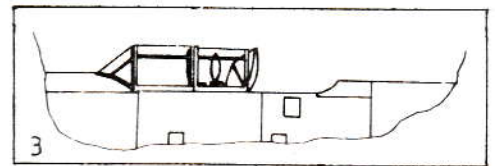
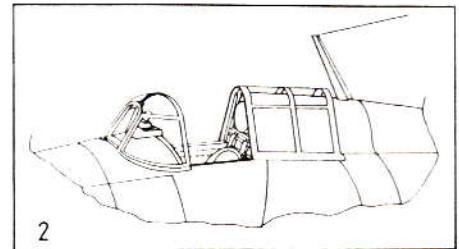
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ASSEMBLY NOTES

Cut the desired canopy, complete with base, away from the rest of the sheet. To separate the canopy from the base, carefully score around the edges with a very sharp modelling knife or scalpel. Any rough edges can be cleaned up with fine grade wet and dry sandpaper. The canopy is best attached to the model with PVA or white glue. Cyanoacrylate glue can also be used but must be used sparingly as large amounts tend to cause frosting on the clear areas. The best way to achieve crisp frame lines is by attaching pre-painted strips of decal film where required. It will be necessary to undercoat the frame lines marked on the canopy as decals need a painted surface for best adhesion.

1. Gruman TBF/M Avenger: Suggested kit - Airfix TBM. Points to note on the drawing are the hinged centre section and rear bulkhead. This canopy can be used with the Frog kitset with some trimming needed around the windshield base. To fit the turret canopy, cut the base off Airfix part number 15. 4mm from the bottom and fit the Clear-Vax piece to the base. Use the kit lower gun turret transparency and side windows. Best reference for the Avenger is Aero Series Vol. 21.
2. Gruman F4F Wildcat: Suggested kit - Frog F4F-3. The drawing shows an F4F canopy fully open. Note that a small piece will need to be added to the rear of the sliding part. The moulding process prevented this area being represented faithfully. The Airfix and Revell kits can also be used but the spine of the Revell kit will need thinning down for better accuracy.
3. Gruman J2F Duck: Suggested kit - Airfix J2F-6. The side view shows the rear canopies in stowed position. The wing struts and rigging have been omitted for clarity. Use the kit side windows. Reference - Air Enthusiast No. 23.
4. Gruman F8F Bearcat - Recommended kit - Monogram F8F-1. The drawing shows the canopy open. Note that some early Bearcat lacked the rear bracing frame of the monogram kit canopy.
5. Curtiss SBC Helldiver: The side view shows the sliding parts opened and "turtleback" down. The struts and rigging are omitted for clarity. The Clearvax parts will fit both the Heller and Matchbox kits but some modification will be needed where the windshield fits. Suggested Reference - Scale models, January 1981.
6. Curtiss SOC Seagull: The side view shows the rear canopies in stowed position and "turtleback" down. The wing struts and rigging are omitted for clarity. The parts are suited to both the wheeled and float plane versions from Hasegawa. Suggested reference Profile No. 194.



7. Curtiss SB2C Helldiver: Suggested kit - Airfix SB2C-4/5. The drawing shows a SB2C-3 cockpit area with "turtle-back" down and rear MG's deployed. The canopy set includes the clear section behind the pilot's canopy for the -3 version. The kit will need modifying to fit this piece. Use the kit part for the rear-most clear section. Note that what appears to be a frameline at the front of the windshield is the internally mounted armour-glass panel. The framelines have been deliberately omitted from the pilot's canopy to offer the choice of modelling the -5 version. Suggested Reference - Squadron Signal in action No. 54.
8. Douglas TBD Devastator: Suggested kit - Airfix TBD-1. The side view shows the canopy in the fully open position. Best reference is Aero Series No. 23.
9. Douglas SBD Dauntless: Suggested kit - Airfix SBD-3/5. The side view shows an SBD-5 cockpit with gunners canopy in stowed position and twin 30 calibre MG's deployed. Best reference - Squadron Signal in action No. 64.
10. Vought OS2U Kingfisher: Recommended kit - Airfix OS2U-1/3. The side view shows the pilot's canopy open and rear canopy stowed. Suggested reference - Profile 251.
11. & 12 Vought FU-1 & F4U-1A/D:
 Recommended kits - Hasegawa F4U1 and F4U-1D.
 The side views show the canopies in the open position. Note that the front of the sliding sections do not sit parallel with the rear of the windshields. Note also that the F4U-1A sliding canopy had a frameline running across the top as shown. The F4U-1D did not. Best reference is Squadron Signal - F4U Corsair in colour.

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