

Spitfire Mk.V/IX

Suggested kits:

Airfix 1/72 Mk.Vb

Heller 1/72 Mk.XVI

K-P 1/72 Mk.LF IXe

This canopy represents the main production Spitfire canopy. Note that most kits will need filling at the lower windshield line for the canopy to fit neatly. The sliding section is designed to overlap the rear piece, which may need to be trimmed, depending on the kit that is used. More detailed instructions on the use of the replacement canopy are given overleaf.

Best modelling references:

- *Spitfire in Action* (#39) (Squadron/Signal)
- *Spitfire Collection: MAP Plans Pack* (Argus Specialist Publications)



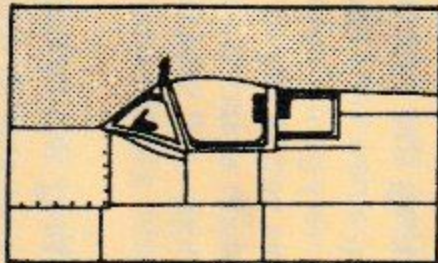
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REPLACEMENT CANOPIES

1/72 scale vac-u-form



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USE OF THE REPLACEMENT CANOPY

Trimming the canopy from the base:

Using a new knife blade, separate the canopy from the base by scoring very gently around the ledge molded at the bottom. Be sure to do this very lightly at first, since a heavy pressure could cause a slip which would ruin the canopy. Repeat lightly scoring around the canopy until it separates from the base. Smooth any rough edges with a light sanding using very fine wet-and-dry sandpaper.

Mounting the canopy:

The best glue for mounting the canopy to the model is PVA or white glue. This type of glue does not attack the canopy, dries clear, and can be used to fill any slight gap along the canopy edge. An alternative is cyanoacrylate glue or super glue. This is faster setting and stronger; however, it must be applied carefully, as the fumes can cause frosting of clear parts.

Painting the frames:

The best method for painting frame lines is to use clear decal strips painted in the proper color for the model you are doing. Paint part of a sheet of clear decal the proper color, and cut it into thin strips with a new blade and a straight-edge.

Recommended kits:

We have suggested kits as suitable for use with this canopy. These kits were suggested because they are regarded as the most accurate in this scale, and the canopy was designed to fit these kits. You can use the canopy on other kits, but we cannot guarantee that it will fit properly.