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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, care, and maintenance of your FALLER Trumpeter 1/350 Scale SS Jeremiah O'Brien WWII Liberty Ship model kit. The SS Jeremiah O'Brien is a historically significant Liberty ship, known for its role in World War II. This model kit offers a detailed representation of this iconic vessel.

Key features of this model kit include photo-etched parts for enhanced detail and hundreds of individual pieces for a comprehensive building experience. Please note that glue and paint are not included and must be purchased separately.



Image: A completed model of the SS Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship, showcasing its detailed structure and historical appearance.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Before beginning assembly, carefully read all instructions and identify all parts. Familiarize yourself with the components and the assembly sequence to ensure a smooth building process.

Preparation Steps:

- **Part Removal:** Carefully remove parts from their sprues using a hobby knife or clippers. Exercise caution to avoid damaging delicate pieces.
- **Cleaning:** Gently sand or file any excess plastic (flash) from the parts for a clean fit.
- **Test Fit:** Before applying adhesive, test fit parts to ensure proper alignment. Adjust as necessary.
- **Adhesive Application:** Apply glue sparingly. Excessive glue can damage the plastic and obscure fine details. Allow sufficient drying time between steps.
- **Photo-Etched Parts:** Handle photo-etched parts with tweezers. Bend and attach them according to the instructions for added realism.



Image: A section of the model kit's instruction sheet, showing assembly diagrams and decal application guidance.

Decal Application:

Follow these steps for applying decals to your model:

1. Cut the desired decal from the sheet.
2. Dip the decal in lukewarm water (approximately 60°C) for about 10-15 seconds until it can slide freely from the backing paper.
3. Carefully slide the decal from the backing paper onto the desired position on the model.
4. Gently press the decal into position with a soft, damp cloth to remove excess water and air bubbles.

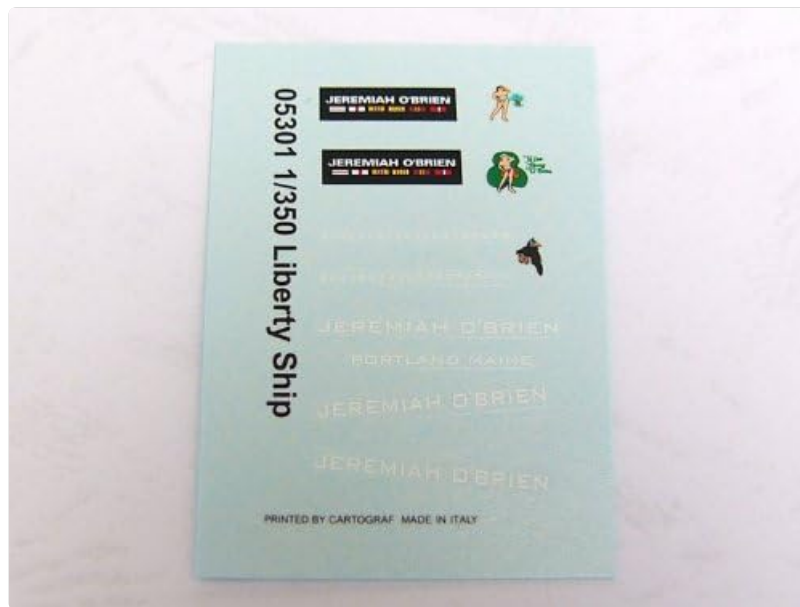


Image: The decal sheet included with the model kit, featuring various markings and ship names for the SS Jeremiah O'Brien.

OPERATING (DISPLAY AND HANDLING)

Once assembled, your SS Jeremiah O'Brien model is intended for display. Proper handling and display will preserve its condition.

- **Display Location:** Choose a stable, level surface away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity to prevent material degradation and fading.
- **Handling:** Always handle the model by its base or hull. Avoid touching delicate parts such as masts, rigging, or small accessories, as they can be easily damaged.
- **Movement:** When moving the model, support it from underneath with both hands to distribute weight evenly and prevent stress on individual components.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will help keep your model in pristine condition.

- **Dusting:** Use a soft, dry brush or a can of compressed air to gently remove dust from the model. Avoid using abrasive cloths or chemical cleaners.
- **Cleaning:** For stubborn dirt, lightly dampen a cotton swab with water and gently wipe the affected area. Do not immerse the model in water.
- **Storage:** If storing the model, place it in a sturdy box with soft packing material to prevent movement and damage. Ensure it is stored in a cool, dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Encountering issues during assembly is common. Here are some tips for addressing potential problems:

- **Poor Part Fit:** If parts do not fit together perfectly, gently sand or file the mating surfaces. Ensure all flash is removed. For larger gaps, model putty can be used to fill and smooth the area before painting.
- **Broken Delicate Parts:** Small, delicate parts can break easily. If a part breaks, use a small amount of plastic cement to reattach it. For very small or lost parts, consider scratch-building a replacement using plasticard or

stretched sprue.

- **Decal Silvering:** If decals show a 'silvered' appearance (air trapped under the decal), apply a decal setting solution to help them conform to the surface and eliminate air bubbles.
- **Paint Adhesion Issues:** Ensure the plastic surface is clean and free of oils before painting. A primer coat can improve paint adhesion and provide a uniform base.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	FALLER
Model Name	Trumpeter 1/350 Scale SS Jeremiah O'Brien WWII Liberty Ship
Model Number	TSM-5301 (Manufacturer Part Number: TRU05301)
Scale	1/350 Scale
Material Type	Plastic
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	15.36 x 2 x 5 inches
Item Weight	0.24 kg
Number of Pieces	Hundreds of pieces (Kit includes hundreds of pieces)
Additional Features	Customizability, includes photo-etched parts, and option for waterline or full hull version
Age Range (Description)	Adult

WARRANTY INFORMATION

This product comes with a **30-day warranty** against manufacturer defects. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from improper assembly, misuse, accidents, or modifications.

For warranty claims, please retain your proof of purchase and contact the retailer or manufacturer directly.

SUPPORT

For further assistance or inquiries regarding your Trumpeter 1/350 Scale SS Jeremiah O'Brien model kit, please refer to the following:

- **Manufacturer's Website:** Visit the official Trumpeter or FALLER website for additional resources, FAQs, or contact information.
- **Retailer Support:** Contact the retailer from whom you purchased the kit for product-specific questions or support.
- **Modeling Communities:** Online forums and communities dedicated to scale modeling can provide valuable tips, techniques, and solutions from experienced builders.

Always ensure you are working in a well-ventilated area when using glues and paints, and keep small parts away from children.

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