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Model: HSGS9130

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for assembling the Hasegawa 1/48 P-51D Mustang plastic model kit. The P-51D was a premier US fighter aircraft of WWII, renowned for its long-range capabilities and distinctive bubble canopy. This kit allows enthusiasts to recreate a detailed replica of this historic aircraft.

Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly. Adult supervision is recommended for younger builders. Tools, paint, and glue are sold separately and are required for assembly.

KIT CONTENTS

The Hasegawa 1/48 P-51D Mustang model kit contains 118 precision-molded plastic pieces. Key components include:

- Detailed cockpit parts: seat, floor, instrument panel, radio rack, and sidewalls.
- Ordnance options: bombs and two styles of drop tanks.
- Three-tube rocket launchers.
- Decals for three different aircraft versions.
- Illustrated assembly instructions.



Figure 1: Front view of the Hasegawa 1/48 P-51D Mustang model kit box, illustrating the aircraft in flight.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the step-by-step illustrated instructions provided within the kit packaging. General assembly principles are outlined below:

- 1. Preparation:** Carefully remove all parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Smooth any rough edges with a fine file or sandpaper. Identify all parts according to the instruction manual's parts diagram.
- 2. Test Fitting:** Before applying glue, dry-fit parts together to ensure proper alignment and fit. This helps prevent errors and ensures a clean build.
- 3. Sub-Assemblies:** Begin by assembling smaller sections, such as the cockpit, landing gear, and engine (if applicable), before joining major fuselage and wing components.
- 4. Adhesion:** Use appropriate plastic model cement sparingly. Apply glue to one surface and press parts together firmly until the bond sets. Allow sufficient drying time between steps.
- 5. Painting (Optional):** Many modelers choose to paint sub-assemblies before final assembly for easier access to detailed areas. Refer to the painting guide in your kit for recommended colors.



Figure 2: A fully assembled and painted Hasegawa 1/48 P-51D Mustang model, showcasing its detailed finish.

FINISHING AND DECALS

Once the model is assembled and painted, apply the decals to achieve the desired historical accuracy. The kit includes decals for three distinct versions of the P-51D Mustang.

- 1. Surface Preparation:** Ensure the painted surface is clean, dry, and smooth. A gloss clear coat can improve decal adhesion and prevent silvering.
- 2. Decal Application:** Cut out each decal carefully. Dip it in lukewarm water for a few seconds until it slides freely on its backing paper. Position the decal on the model using a wet brush or tweezers.
- 3. Setting Solutions:** Use decal setting solutions to help the decals conform to panel lines and irregular surfaces. Follow the product instructions for application.
- 4. Sealing:** After decals are dry, apply a final clear coat (gloss, satin, or matte, depending on desired finish) to protect them and unify the model's appearance.



Figure 3: Close-up of the finished model, showing the intricate decal work and overall finish.

CARE AND DISPLAY

To maintain the appearance of your Hasegawa P-51D Mustang model, follow these guidelines:

- **Handling:** Handle the model by its sturdy parts, such as the fuselage or wings, to avoid damaging delicate components like antennas or landing gear.
- **Cleaning:** Dust regularly with a soft, dry brush or a gentle air blower. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, which can damage paint and decals.
- **Display Environment:** Display the model in a stable, dust-free environment away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. These conditions can cause discoloration, warping, or decal degradation over time.

COMMON ASSEMBLY TIPS

Here are some general tips to enhance your model building experience:

- **Work Area:** Maintain a clean, well-lit, and organized workspace.
- **Tools:** Invest in quality modeling tools, including sprue cutters, hobby knives, tweezers, sanding sticks, and various brushes.
- **Ventilation:** When painting or using glues, ensure adequate ventilation to disperse fumes.
- **Patience:** Model building requires patience. Do not rush steps, especially drying times for paint and glue.
- **Reference Materials:** Consult historical photographs or diagrams of the P-51D Mustang for additional detailing and accuracy.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Hasegawa
Model Name	JT30
Item Model Number	HSGS9130
Scale	1/48
Number of Pieces	118
Material	Plastic
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	2 x 13.25 x 7.5 inches
Item Weight	9.6 ounces (271 Grams)
Manufacturer	United Model, Inc.
Recommended Age	10 years and up
UPC	079368835609, 885140195362, 743181555852
GTIN	04967834191303



Figure 4: Side view of the model kit box, displaying product specifications and barcodes.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific product warranty or direct manufacturer support for this model kit is not provided in the available product data. For assistance with missing parts or manufacturing defects, please contact the retailer where the kit was purchased or refer to the contact information typically found on the product packaging for Hasegawa Corporation.

Hasegawa Corporation contact information (as typically found on packaging):

HASEGAWA CORPORATION

YAESU SHIZUOKA 425-8711 JAPAN

MADE IN JAPAN



Figure 5: Detail from the model kit box, showing multi-language text regarding contents and manufacturer details.



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