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Italeri 6434S

Italeri SWS with Demolition Team "Goliath" 1:35 Scale Model Kit

Model: 6434S | Brand: Italeri

Introduction

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Italeri SWS with Demolition Team "Goliath" 1:35 Scale Model Kit. The kit allows for the construction of a replica of the SWS half-track transporting a Goliath tracked demolition vehicle, accompanied by a demolition team. The Goliath was a specialized, wire-guided armored vehicle designed for the precise delivery of high-explosive charges against fortified positions during World War II. This model kit is intended for hobbyists aged 14 and above.



Image: The product box art for the Italeri SWS with Demolition Team "Goliath" 1:35 Scale Model Kit, displaying the SWS half-track, the Goliath vehicle, and several soldier figures.

Components List

Before beginning assembly, please verify that all components are present and undamaged. Refer to the kit's internal instruction sheet for a comprehensive list of parts and their corresponding numbers.

- Plastic sprues containing vehicle and figure parts
- Decal sheet for markings and insignia
- Clear parts for vehicle windows (if applicable)
- Instruction booklet with detailed assembly steps

Assembly Instructions

Follow the step-by-step instructions provided in the kit's dedicated instruction booklet. The following general guidelines apply:

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Clean any excess plastic (flash) with a hobby file or sandpaper.
2. **Assembly:** Use plastic cement to bond parts together. Ensure proper alignment before the cement sets. Work in small sections as indicated in the instruction booklet.
3. **Painting:** Apply primer before painting for better adhesion. Use appropriate model paints (acrylic, enamel, or lacquer) as recommended. Refer to the painting guide in the instruction booklet for color schemes.
4. **Decals:** Apply decals to painted and gloss-coated surfaces. Use decal setting solutions to help them conform to irregular surfaces and eliminate silvering.
5. **Finishing:** Apply a clear matte or satin coat to protect the paint and decals. Weathering effects can be added at this stage to enhance realism.

Always work in a well-ventilated area and use appropriate safety equipment, such as eye protection and a cutting mat.

Display and Handling

Once assembled, your model kit is a delicate display piece. Proper handling and display will ensure its longevity.

- **Display:** Place the model on a stable, flat surface away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity. Consider a display case to protect it from dust.
- **Handling:** Always handle the model by its most robust sections, such as the base or main chassis. Avoid touching delicate parts like antennas, machine guns, or figures, as they can break easily.

Maintenance

Regular, gentle maintenance will keep your model looking its best.

- **Dusting:** Use a soft, dry brush (such as a makeup brush) or a can of compressed air to gently remove dust. Avoid wiping with cloths, which can snag delicate parts or scratch painted surfaces.
- **Cleaning:** For stubborn dirt, a very lightly dampened cotton swab can be used, but test on an inconspicuous area first to ensure it does not affect the paint or decals. Avoid harsh chemicals.
- **Storage:** If storing the model, ensure it is placed in a sturdy box with soft packing material to prevent movement and damage. Store in a cool, dry place.

Troubleshooting

Common issues encountered during model kit assembly and potential solutions:

- **Parts not fitting:** Ensure all sprue gates and flash are removed. Dry-fit parts before applying glue. Minor sanding or trimming may be required.
- **Poor paint adhesion:** Ensure surfaces are clean and free of oils. Apply a thin coat of primer before painting.
- **Decal silvering:** Apply decals to a glossy surface. Use decal setting solutions to help them conform and eliminate air bubbles. Apply a matte or satin clear coat after decals have dried.
- **Broken parts:** Small parts can often be re-attached with super glue. For larger breaks, consider reinforcing with a small pin (pinning) if possible.

For specific issues not covered here, refer to the detailed instruction booklet included with your kit or consult online modeling resources.

Specifications

Brand	Italeri
Model Number	6434S
Scale	1:35
Recommended Age	14 years and up
Package Dimensions	14.72 x 9.61 x 2.44 inches
Item Weight	14.9 ounces
Manufacturer Part Number	6434

Warranty and Support

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