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Model: 35203

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the assembly, painting, and care of your Tamiya 1/35 German Jagdpanther Late Version Tank Plastic Model Kit (Model 35203). The Jagdpanther, a formidable German tank destroyer from World War II, is accurately reproduced in this highly detailed static display model kit. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly.



Figure 1: Completed Tamiya 1/35 German Jagdpanther Late Version Tank model, showcasing its camouflage paint scheme and a commander figure.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: This product contains small parts and is not suitable for children under 16 years of age. Adult supervision is recommended for younger builders. Always use tools safely and in a well-ventilated area. Keep glues, paints, and thinners away from open flames and out of reach of children. Avoid inhaling fumes. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses and gloves, when handling sharp tools or chemicals.

3. KIT CONTENTS

The Tamiya 35203 1/35 German Jagdpanther Late Version Tank Plastic Model Kit includes:

- Plastic parts for one 1/35 scale German Jagdpanther Late Version Tank.
- Decals for various markings.
- Assembly instruction booklet.
- One tank commander figure.

Please verify all parts are present and undamaged before beginning assembly. Refer to the parts list in the included instruction booklet.

4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the detailed step-by-step diagrams provided in the separate instruction booklet included with your kit. The following are general guidelines:

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or nippers. Clean any flash or mold lines with a hobby file or sandpaper.
2. **Dry Fitting:** Before applying glue, dry-fit parts to ensure proper alignment and fit. This helps prevent errors.
3. **Adhesion:** Use plastic cement specifically designed for styrene models. Apply sparingly to avoid damaging the plastic or obscuring details. Allow sufficient drying time for each section before proceeding.
4. **Sub-Assemblies:** Assemble major components (e.g., hull, turret, tracks) as sub-assemblies before combining them into the final model. This often simplifies painting.
5. **Tracks:** The kit includes rubber tracks. Ensure they are properly aligned and secured. For individual link tracks (if applicable), follow the specific instructions for assembly.

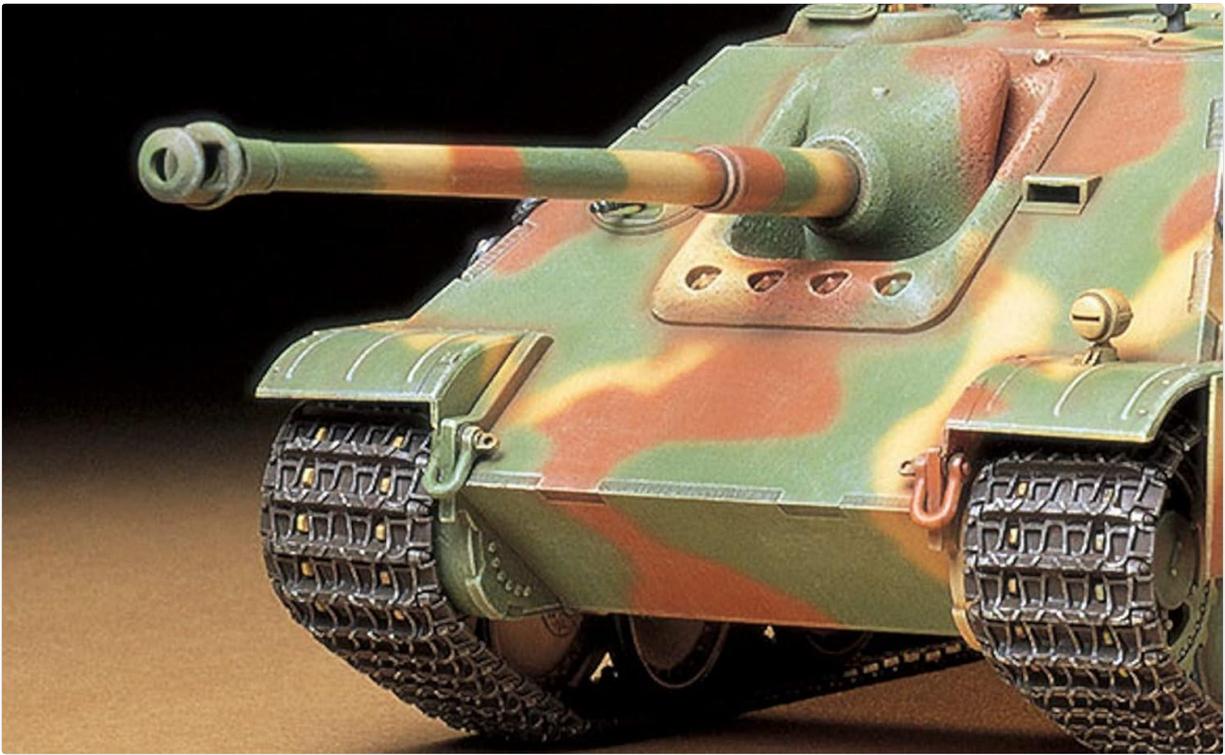


Figure 2: Detailed front view of the Jagdpanther model, showing the 88mm gun and track assembly.



Figure 3: Upper hull detail with the commander figure positioned in the open hatch.

5. PAINTING AND FINISHING

Painting is a crucial step to bring your model to life. Refer to the painting guide in your kit's instruction booklet for recommended colors and camouflage patterns.

- **Cleaning:** Before painting, wash the assembled model with mild soap and water to remove any grease or mold release agents. Allow it to dry completely.
- **Priming:** Apply a thin, even coat of primer. This helps paint adhere better and provides a uniform base color.

- **Base Coats:** Apply base colors in thin layers. Multiple thin coats are better than one thick coat, which can obscure details.
- **Detail Painting:** Use fine brushes for small details, such as tools, machine guns, and the commander figure.
- **Decals:** Apply decals after the paint has fully dried. Use decal setting solutions to help them conform to the model's surface and eliminate silvering.
- **Weathering (Optional):** For a realistic appearance, consider weathering techniques such as washes, dry-brushing, and pigments to simulate dirt, rust, and wear.
- **Top Coat:** Finish with a clear matte or satin top coat to protect the paint and decals.



Figure 4: Side profile of the Jagdpanther model, illustrating the camouflage and mounted spare track links.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your completed model:

- **Dusting:** Regularly dust the model with a soft brush or compressed air to prevent dust buildup.
- **Handling:** Handle the model carefully, avoiding excessive pressure on delicate parts.
- **Storage:** Store the model in a display case or a location away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity to prevent fading, warping, or damage to paint and decals.
- **Cleaning:** For stubborn dirt, gently wipe with a slightly damp cloth. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Common issues encountered during model building and their solutions:

- **Parts not fitting:** Ensure all flash and mold lines are removed. Dry-fit parts before gluing. If necessary, gently sand or trim parts for a better fit.

- **Gaps between parts:** Use plastic putty or stretched sprue to fill gaps. Sand smooth once dry.
- **Paint peeling or not adhering:** Ensure the model surface is clean and free of oils. Use a primer before applying paint. Apply paint in thin coats.
- **Decal silvering:** Apply decals to a glossy surface. Use decal setting solutions to help them conform and remove air bubbles. Apply a matte or satin clear coat over the decals once dry.
- **Broken parts:** Small parts can often be re-attached with plastic cement or super glue. For structural breaks, consider reinforcing with a small pin.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	TAMIYA
Model Name	1/35 Ger. Jagdpanther Late Version Tank Plastic Model Kit
Model Number	TAM35203
Scale	1/35
Material	Plastic
Theme	Military
Recommended Age	16 years and up
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	15.13 x 9.63 x 2.38 inches
Item Weight	1.04 pounds (470 Grams)
UPC	798525363860, 885162988201

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information, missing parts, or technical support, please refer to the contact details provided in the original packaging or visit the official Tamiya website. Tamiya products are known for their quality, and direct manufacturer support is typically available for product-related inquiries.