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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your BANDAI Hobby HGUC EFSF FF-X7 Core Fighter Mobile Suit Gundam Model Kit. This 1/35 scale kit accurately replicates the FF-X7 Core Fighter from the original Mobile Suit Gundam series, featuring intricate mechanical and surface details, including a detailed cockpit. The kit is designed for adult hobbyists and offers a rewarding building experience.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before beginning assembly. Your kit includes:

- FF-X7 Core Fighter plastic model parts (multi-colored runners)
- Four unpainted figures: Amuro Ray, Sayla Mass, a Pilot, and a Deck Crew member
- Marking decals for both Amuro's and Sayla's ships
- Instruction booklet (this document)



Figure 2.1: Assembled Core Fighter with included figures and accessories.

3. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please observe the following safety precautions:

- This product contains small parts and is not suitable for children under 10 years of age due to choking hazards.
- Exercise caution when using hobby nippers or craft knives, as they have sharp edges. Always cut away from your body.
- Keep plastic bags and packaging materials away from children to prevent suffocation.
- Dispose of waste materials responsibly.

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The FF-X7 Core Fighter model kit features snap-fit assembly, requiring no glue. However, a hobby nipper is essential for cleanly removing parts from the runners.

4.1 Tools Required

- Hobby Nipper (recommended for clean part separation)
- Tweezers (for decal application)
- Craft Knife (optional, for trimming excess plastic or fine detail work)

4.2 Assembly Steps

1. **Part Preparation:** Carefully remove each part from its runner using a hobby nipper. Trim any excess plastic (nubs) with the nipper or a craft knife for a smooth finish.
2. **Cockpit Assembly:** Assemble the cockpit section, paying attention to the detailed interior. The canopy is designed to open and close.

3. **Main Body Assembly:** Construct the main fuselage, wings, and tail sections by snapping the parts together according to the diagrams in the included visual guide.
4. **Missile Hatch:** Assemble the fourth missile hatch and integrate the missile components.
5. **Figure Assembly:** Assemble the four included figures. These figures are unpainted and can be customized.
6. **Decal Application:** Apply the marking decals to the designated areas on the Core Fighter and figures. Refer to the visual guide for precise placement. Allow decals to dry completely.



Figure 4.1: Example of snap-fit assembly using a hobby nipper.

4.3 Transformation to Core Block

The FF-X7 Core Fighter is designed to transform into the Core Block. Follow the specific instructions and diagrams in the visual guide to articulate the necessary parts for this transformation. Ensure all joints are properly aligned and secured in the Core Block configuration.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once assembled, your Core Fighter model can be displayed in various configurations.

- **Display Modes:** The model can be displayed as the complete FF-X7 Core Fighter or in its transformed Core Block configuration.
- **Cockpit Access:** The canopy can be opened to reveal the detailed cockpit interior and allow placement of the pilot figure.
- **Figure Posing:** The included figures can be posed and displayed alongside the Core Fighter.

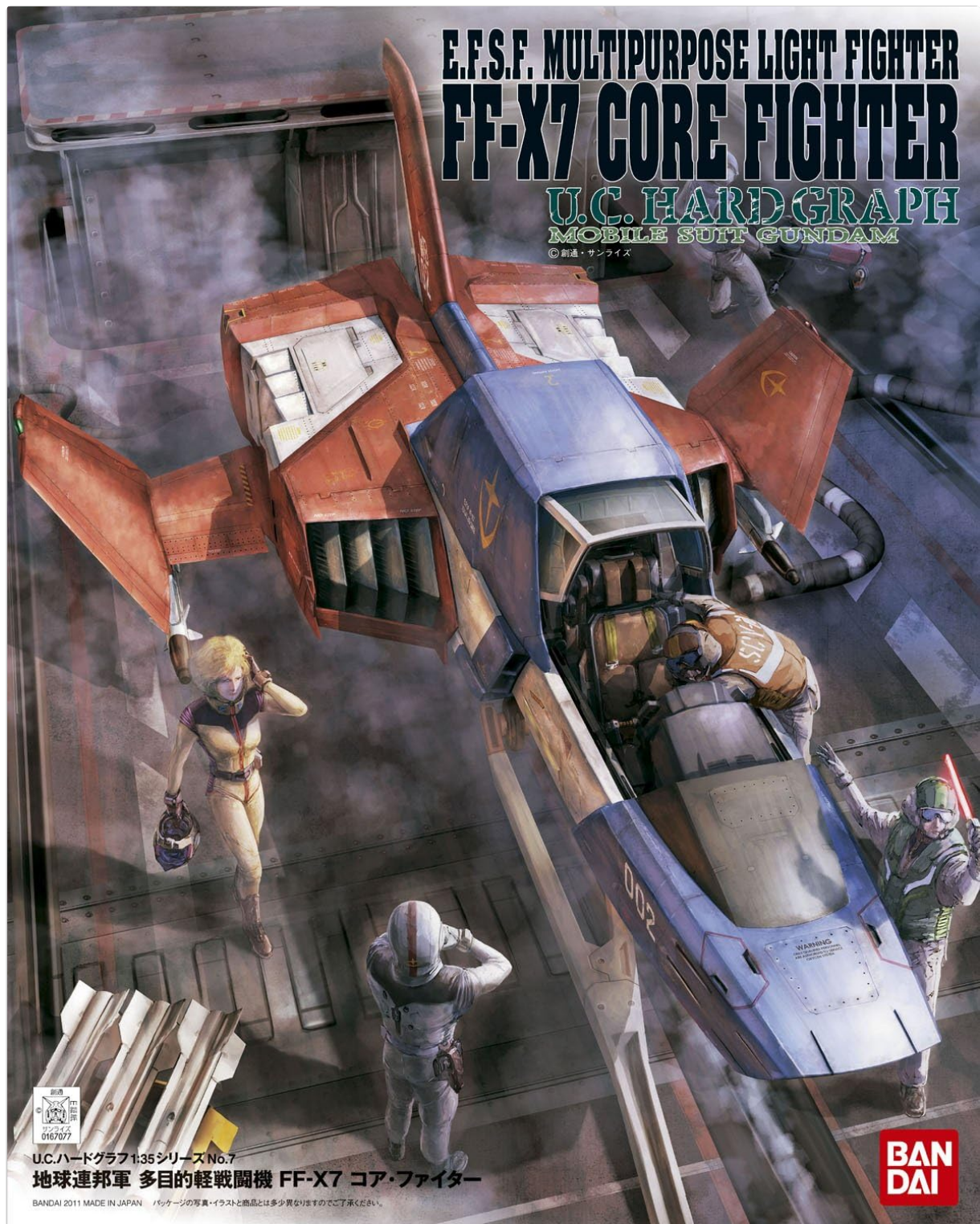


Figure 5.1: Detailed view of the Core Fighter model.

6. MAINTENANCE

Proper care will preserve the appearance and integrity of your model kit.

- **Cleaning:** Gently dust the model with a soft brush or a microfiber cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the plastic or decals.
- **Storage:** Store the model in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent discoloration or warping of plastic parts.
- **Handling:** Handle the model by its sturdy sections to avoid stressing delicate parts or joints.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues during assembly or display, consider the following:

- **Parts Not Fitting:** Ensure you are using the correct parts for each step. Check for any excess plastic (nubs) that may be preventing a proper fit and trim them carefully.
- **Loose Joints:** If a joint is too loose, a small amount of clear hobby cement or a thin layer of clear nail polish applied to the peg and allowed to dry can increase friction.
- **Decal Issues:** If decals are not adhering, ensure the surface is clean and dry. Use tweezers for precise placement and a cotton swab to gently press out air bubbles.
- **Missing Parts:** Double-check the runners and packaging. If a part is genuinely missing, contact the retailer or manufacturer's support.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	FF-X7 Core Fighter
Brand	BANDAI
Scale	1/35
Material	Plastic
Assembly Type	Snap-fit (no glue required)
Included Figures	Amuro, Sayla, Pilot, Deck Crew (unpainted)
Special Features	Transformable into Core Block, opening canopy, detailed cockpit, missile hatch with missiles, marking decals
Approximate Dimensions (L x W x H)	6 x 2 x 9 inches
Approximate Weight	16 ounces

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This product is a model kit and typically does not come with a manufacturer's warranty. For any inquiries regarding missing or defective parts, please contact the retailer where the product was purchased. For general product information or support, you may refer to the official BANDAI Hobby website or contact Bluefin Distribution Toys, the manufacturer, for assistance.

Note: Bluefin Distribution products are tested and comply with all U.S. consumer product safety regulations and are eligible for consumer support.