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MODEL: TSM-6219

Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the assembly and care of the Trumpeter 1/350 F4J Phantom II Aircraft Set, designed for use with the USS Nimitz model. This kit allows for the construction of multiple F-4J Phantom II aircraft models at a 1:350 scale.

The set includes clear plastic parts for detailed aircraft construction. Please note that essential model building supplies such as glue and paints are not included in this kit. The finished models are accurate representations of military aircraft.



Image: Packaging for the Trumpeter 1/350 F4J Phantom II Aircraft Set, showing a depiction of the F-4J Phantom II aircraft.

Preparation and Setup

Before beginning assembly, ensure you have a clean, well-lit workspace. This kit is recommended for ages 14 and over due to small parts and the need for precision.

Required Tools and Materials (Not Included):

- Plastic model cement (glue)
- Hobby knife or sprue cutters

- Fine-grit sandpaper or sanding sticks
- Model paints (acrylic or enamel, suitable for plastic)
- Paintbrushes or airbrush
- Tweezers (for small parts)
- Cutting mat

Safety Precautions:

- Always use tools carefully to avoid injury.
- Work in a well-ventilated area when using glue and paints.
- Keep small parts away from young children to prevent choking hazards.

Assembly Instructions

Follow the detailed diagrams provided with your kit for specific part identification and placement. The following are general steps for assembling plastic aircraft models.

1. **Part Preparation:** Carefully remove each part from the sprue using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Trim any excess plastic (flash) with the knife or sandpaper.
2. **Test Fit:** Before applying glue, dry-fit parts together to ensure proper alignment and fit. Make any necessary adjustments.
3. **Gluing:** Apply a small amount of plastic model cement to the joining surfaces. Hold parts firmly together until the glue sets. Avoid using excessive glue, which can damage the plastic.
4. **Sub-Assemblies:** Assemble smaller components (e.g., landing gear, cockpit, wings) separately before attaching them to the main fuselage. The F-4J Phantom II models feature highly detailed parts, including clear canopies and folding wings, requiring careful assembly.
5. **Painting (Optional):** For best results, paint sub-assemblies before final assembly. Refer to historical references or personal preference for color schemes. Allow paint to dry completely between coats and before handling.
6. **Final Assembly:** Attach all sub-assemblies to the main body of the aircraft. Ensure all parts are securely fastened.
7. **Decals (If Included):** Apply decals according to the kit's instructions, using decal setting solutions if desired for a seamless finish.

The kit includes six F-4J Phantom II aircraft, allowing for a detailed representation on your USS Nimitz model.

Care and Maintenance

Once assembled, proper care will preserve the appearance of your Trumpeter F4J Phantom II models.

- **Cleaning:** Dust models regularly with a soft, dry brush or a can of compressed air. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, which can damage paint and plastic.
- **Handling:** Handle models by their bases or sturdy sections to prevent damage to delicate parts.
- **Storage/Display:** Display models in a stable, dust-free environment away from direct sunlight, which can cause fading or warping over time.

Troubleshooting

Most issues during model assembly can be resolved with careful attention to detail.

- **Parts Not Fitting:** Ensure all sprue gates and flash are completely removed. Lightly sand mating surfaces if necessary. Verify you are using the correct parts as per the kit's diagrams.

- **Glue Not Holding:** Ensure surfaces are clean and free of paint or grease. Use a plastic-specific model cement and allow adequate drying time.
- **Broken Parts:** Small breaks can often be repaired with plastic cement. For more significant damage, consider using a small amount of epoxy or super glue, being careful not to obscure details.

Specifications

Brand	Trumpeter
Model Name	F-4J Phantoms II
Model Number	TSM- 6219 (Manufacturer Part Number: TRU06219)
Scale	1/350
Material Type	Plastic
Number of Pieces	6 aircraft per set
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	6 x 5.5 x 1.5 inches (packaging)
Item Weight	95 Grams
Age Range	14+
Included Components	Plastic model kit parts
Additional Features	Highly detailed parts, realistic design, clear canopy, folding wings

Warranty and Support

This Trumpeter model kit comes with a**30-day warranty** against manufacturer defects. This warranty covers issues arising from manufacturing errors, not from improper assembly or handling.

For warranty claims or technical support regarding missing or defective parts, please contact the manufacturer, Stevens International, or your retailer within the warranty period. Keep your proof of purchase for any claims.

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