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Italeri Semovente M40 Da 75/18 Kit Instruction Manual

Model Number: IT7519

1. Product Overview

This instruction manual provides guidance for assembling the Italeri Semovente M40 Da 75/18 model kit. This kit allows for the construction of two 1/72 scale models of the WWII Italian self-propelled gun, featuring detailed exterior surfaces and simplified assembly for components like wheels and tracks. The kit is designed for model enthusiasts and is suitable for wargaming scenarios.

Key features include:

- Dual kit containing two models.
- Decals and painting guide for three distinct vehicle versions.
- 1/72 scale armor models.



Figure 1.1: Two assembled Italeri Semovente M40 Da 75/18 models displayed on a sandy surface, showcasing their detailed exterior and desert camouflage.

2. Safety Information

WARNING: SMALL PARTS. This model kit contains small components that may pose a choking hazard. Not suitable for children under 3 years. Adult supervision is recommended during assembly, especially for users under the manufacturer's recommended age of 15 years.

3. Package Contents

Upon opening the box, verify that all components are present and undamaged. The kit includes:

- Plastic sprues for two Semovente M40 Da 75/18 models.
- One sheet of water-slide decals.
- Instruction and painting guide.



Figure 3.1: The packaging for the Italeri Semovente M40 Da 75/18 kit, illustrating the contents and scale.

4. Assembly Instructions

This kit features a 'fast assembly' design with a reduced number of parts, making the construction process straightforward. Follow these general steps for each model:

1. **Part Preparation:** Carefully remove all plastic parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Smooth any rough edges or flash with a fine file or sandpaper. Identify all components for one model before beginning assembly.
2. **Main Hull Assembly:** Assemble the primary hull components. Ensure a secure fit and use plastic cement

sparingly to bond the parts. Allow adequate drying time.

3. **Track and Wheel Assembly:** Attach the simplified one-piece wheels and track assemblies to the hull. These are designed for ease of construction. Ensure they are aligned correctly.
4. **Superstructure and Gun:** Assemble the vehicle's superstructure and mount the main gun (75/18). Pay attention to the orientation of the gun barrel and any associated components.
5. **Detailing:** Add any remaining small details such as machine guns, hatches, or tools as indicated in the kit's specific instructions.
6. **Final Check:** Review the assembled model for any loose parts or gaps. Ensure all components are securely attached before proceeding to painting.

5. Painting and Decal Application

The kit includes a painting guide and decals to represent three historical versions of the Semovente M40 Da 75/18:

- Arête Armored Division, North Africa, 1943
- German Army service in Italy, 1943-1945
- Vittorio Armored Division, North Africa, 1943 (with alternate markings for four varied batteries and groups for Italian Army vehicles)

Refer to the included painting guide for specific color schemes and decal placement. For best results:

1. **Prepare Surface:** Ensure the model surface is clean, dry, and free of dust or grease before painting. A primer coat is recommended.
2. **Paint Application:** Apply paint in thin, even coats. Allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next.
3. **Gloss Coat (Optional):** A gloss clear coat can be applied before decals to provide a smooth surface, reducing 'silvering' of the decals.
4. **Decal Application:** Cut out each decal carefully. Dip the decal in lukewarm water for a few seconds until it slides freely from the backing paper. Position the decal on the model using tweezers or a brush. Gently blot excess water with a soft cloth.
5. **Setting Solution (Optional):** Use a decal setting solution to help the decal conform to surface details and eliminate air bubbles.
6. **Matte/Satin Coat:** Once decals are dry, apply a matte or satin clear coat to protect the decals and unify the finish of the model.

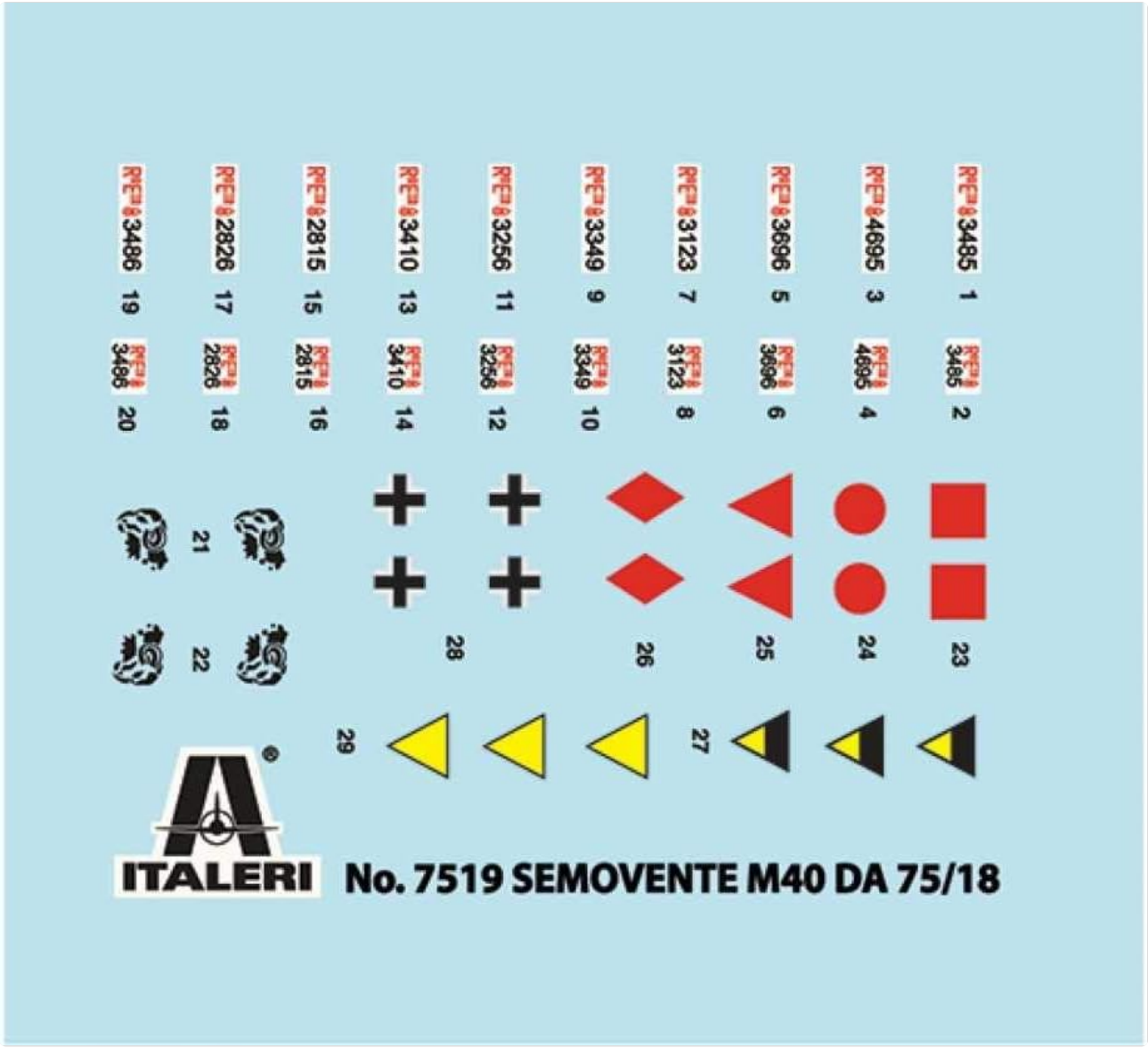


Figure 5.1: The decal sheet provided with the kit, featuring various national insignia and unit markings for different historical versions.

6. Specifications

Product Dimensions	2.69 x 1.2 x 1.01 inches
Item Weight	3.52 ounces
ASIN	B004TRXGRO
Item Model Number	IT7519
Manufacturer Recommended Age	15 years and up
Release Date	August 1, 2020
Manufacturer	ITALERI

7. Support and Contact

For further assistance, missing parts, or inquiries regarding your Italeri Semovente M40 Da 75/18 kit, please contact Italeri customer support through their official website or the retailer from whom the product was purchased. Please have your model number (IT7519) available when contacting support.

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