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Model: #127 Shining Gundam

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for assembling and understanding the features of your BANDAI SPIRITS High Grade 1/144 Shining Gundam model kit. The Shining Gundam is a highly articulated plastic model kit from the Mobile Fighter G Gundam series, designed for snap-together assembly without the need for glue or paint.



Figure 1: Shining Gundam Model Kit Box Art

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Your Shining Gundam model kit includes the following components:

- Plastic runners with pre-colored parts for the Shining Gundam.
- Shining Finger effect parts.
- Beam sabers.
- Interchangeable head parts.
- Instruction Guide (Japanese, with visual diagrams).
- Sticker sheet for detailing.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Shining Gundam model kit is designed for easy snap-together assembly, requiring no glue. The parts are molded in separate colors, eliminating the need for painting to achieve the base appearance.

Recommended Tools:

- **Model Nippers:** Essential for cleanly removing parts from the plastic runners.
- **Hobby File/Sanding Sticks:** Recommended for smoothing out nubs left after cutting parts.
- **Fine Tweezers:** Useful for applying small detail stickers.
- **Gundam Marker (optional):** For inking panel lines to enhance detail.

Assembly Steps:

1. **Review the Instruction Guide:** Carefully examine the included visual instruction guide. Although the text may be in Japanese, the diagrams are universally understandable.
2. **Part Preparation:** Using model nippers, carefully cut each part from its runner. Ensure a clean cut to minimize stress marks on the plastic. Use a hobby file or sanding stick to smooth any remaining nubs.
3. **Follow Sequential Steps:** Assemble the model section by section as indicated in the instruction guide (e.g., head, torso, arms, legs, weapons). Pay close attention to part orientation.
4. **Apply Stickers:** Once sections are assembled, apply the provided stickers for additional detail. Use tweezers for precision.



Figure 2: Example of Model Kit Assembly

OPERATING AND FEATURES

The HG 1/144 Shining Gundam is designed with articulation to recreate dynamic poses from the anime. It features several iconic

accessories and transformation capabilities.

Key Features:

- **Shining Finger:** The kit includes translucent green effect parts to replicate the Shining Finger attack. These parts attach to the Gundam's hand.
- **Beam Sabers:** Two beam sabers are included, which can be held in the Gundam's hands.
- **Interchangeable Heads:** The kit provides different head parts, allowing for display variations.
- **Super Mode Transformation:** The Shining Gundam can convert into its Super Mode, which involves adjusting certain armor panels and potentially swapping head parts to reflect its powered-up state.



Figure 3: Rear View of Shining Gundam



Figure 4: Shining Gundam with Beam Saber



Figure 5: Shining Gundam in Action Pose



Figure 6: Shining Gundam Performing Shining Finger

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your Shining Gundam model kit, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Dust your model regularly with a soft brush or compressed air. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, which can damage the plastic or paint.
- **Handling:** Handle the model by its main body parts rather than delicate accessories or thin antennae to prevent breakage.
- **Storage:** Store the model away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent discoloration or warping of plastic parts.

- **Joint Care:** If joints become loose over time, a thin layer of clear nail polish or hobby-grade joint tightener can be applied to the ball joints or pegs to restore tightness.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter during or after assembly:

Problem	Solution
Parts do not fit together easily.	Ensure all nubs are completely removed from the parts. Check the instruction guide for correct part orientation. Do not force parts; gentle pressure should be sufficient for snap-fit.
Joints are too loose, model cannot hold poses.	Apply a thin coat of clear nail polish or a specialized hobby joint tightener to the male peg of the joint. Allow it to dry completely before reassembling. This adds friction.
Small parts (e.g., thruster covers, Shining Finger effect) fall off easily.	Some smaller parts may have a looser fit. Consider applying a very small amount of hobby cement to the connection point if permanent attachment is desired, or use a joint tightener for a removable but firmer fit.
Stickers do not adhere well or peel off.	Ensure the surface is clean and dry before applying stickers. Press firmly to remove air bubbles. For better adhesion, a clear topcoat (hobby-grade) can be applied over the stickers after they have set.

SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	BANDAI SPIRITS
Model Name	#127 Shining Gundam
Scale	1/144 High Grade (HG)
Material	Plastic
Assembly Type	Snap-fit (no glue required)
Paint Required	No (parts are pre-colored)
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	1 x 2 x 5 inches (assembled, approximate)
Item Weight	9.12 ounces
Included Accessories	Shining Finger parts, Beam Sabers, Interchangeable Heads

WARRANTY INFORMATION

This product is a plastic model kit and is typically sold without a manufacturer's warranty. Please inspect all parts upon receipt. If you encounter any missing or defective parts, please contact the retailer or distributor where the product was purchased within their specified return or exchange period.

SUPPORT

For further assistance or inquiries regarding your BANDAI SPIRITS model kit, please refer to the following:

- **Retailer Support:** Contact the store or online vendor from whom you purchased the kit for immediate assistance with order-related issues.
- **BANDAI SPIRITS Official Website:** Visit the official BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby website for product catalogs, news, and potential FAQs. (Specific URL not provided, general advice given).
- **Community Forums:** Online model building communities can be a valuable resource for assembly tips, customization ideas, and troubleshooting advice from experienced builders.

