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Model: USS Saratoga CV-3 (Kit No. 05607)

Brand: Trumpeter

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, care, and maintenance of your Trumpeter 1/350 scale USS Saratoga CV-3 Aircraft Carrier plastic model kit. This kit is designed for adult model enthusiasts and offers a rewarding building experience with a high level of detail.

The USS Saratoga (CV-3) was one of the first aircraft carriers of the United States Navy, serving from 1927 to 1946. This model kit accurately represents the vessel, featuring numerous parts and intricate details to recreate this historic ship.

2. KIT CONTENTS

Your Trumpeter USS Saratoga CV-3 model kit includes:

- Approximately 734 plastic pieces across multiple sprues.
- Decal sheet for authentic markings (e.g., "SARA", flags, aircraft insignia).
- Detailed instruction booklet (this manual).
- Photo-etched parts (if applicable, refer to the kit box for confirmation).

Note: Glue, paints, and modeling tools are **not included** and must be purchased separately. Refer to the instruction booklet for recommended paint colors and types.

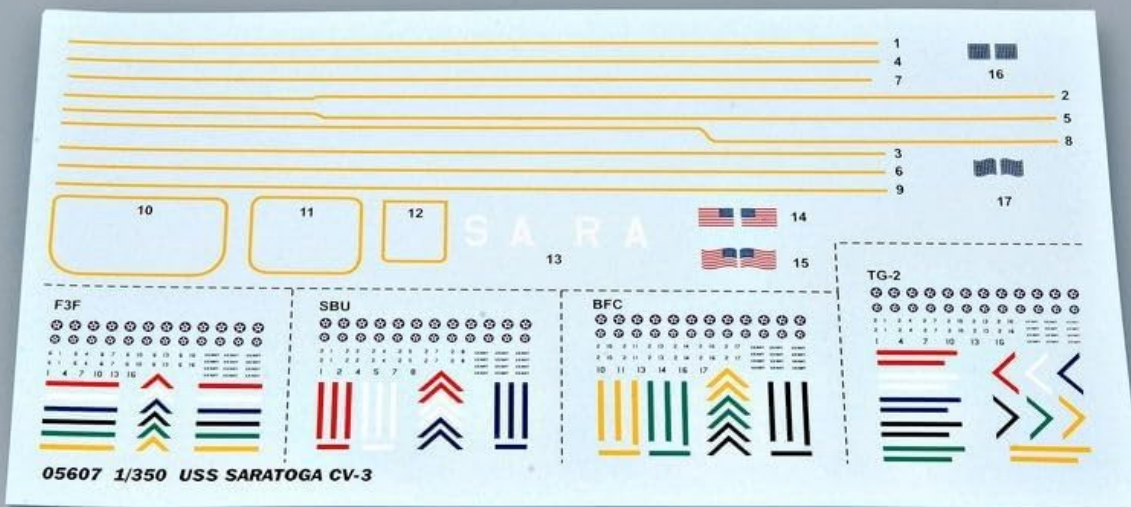


Image: Decal sheet for the Trumpeter 1/350 USS Saratoga CV-3 model kit, showing various markings including "SARA", flags, and aircraft insignia for F3F, SBU, BFC, and TG-2 aircraft.

3. SETUP AND PREPARATION

3.1 Workspace

Choose a well-lit, clean, and ventilated workspace. Protect your work surface with a cutting mat or newspaper. Ensure adequate space for all parts and tools.

3.2 Recommended Tools (Not Included)

- Plastic cement or super glue
- Hobby knife or sprue cutters
- Tweezers for small parts
- Sandpaper or sanding sticks (various grits)
- Small files
- Paints and brushes (acrylic or enamel, as per preference and kit recommendations)
- Masking tape
- Decal setting solution

3.3 Part Identification

Carefully review the parts layout diagrams provided in the main instruction booklet. Familiarize yourself with the part numbers and their corresponding locations on the sprues. Do not remove parts from sprues until they are needed for assembly.

4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the numbered steps in the main instruction booklet provided with your kit. This is a complex model with many small parts, requiring patience and precision. It is recommended for experienced model builders.

1. **Preparation:** Carefully cut parts from the sprues using sprue cutters or a hobby knife. Clean any excess plastic (flash) from the parts using a hobby knife or sandpaper. Test fit parts before applying glue.
2. **Hull Assembly:** Begin with the main hull sections. Ensure they align correctly before gluing. If building a full-hull model, attach the lower hull section. If building a waterline model, ensure the waterline plate is securely attached.
3. **Deck and Superstructure:** Assemble the flight deck and main superstructure components. Pay close attention to the alignment of these large sections.
4. **Detail Components:** Attach smaller details such as guns, masts, lifeboats, and aircraft. These often require tweezers and careful handling.
5. **Painting:** Paint components as indicated in the instruction booklet. It is often easier to paint certain sub-assemblies before attaching them to the main model. Allow paint to dry completely between coats and before handling.
6. **Decals:** Apply decals using water and a decal setting solution. Follow the decal placement guide in the instruction booklet. Ensure the surface is clean and smooth before application.
7. **Final Assembly:** Attach any remaining small parts and complete final touch-ups.



Image: A fully assembled Trumpeter 1/350 USS Saratoga CV-3 aircraft carrier model kit, showcasing its detailed flight deck, island superstructure, and aircraft. The model is displayed on a stand.



Image: A close-up view of the island superstructure and a section of the flight deck of the Trumpeter USS Saratoga model. Details such as lifeboats, deck equipment, and small aircraft are visible.



Image: A detailed view of the flight deck of the Trumpeter USS Saratoga model, featuring several biplane aircraft positioned on the deck, highlighting the scale and detail of the included air wing.

5. DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL

Once assembled, your USS Saratoga model can be displayed on its included stand (if applicable) or in a custom diorama. Choose a stable, level surface away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity to preserve the model's finish and structural integrity.



Image: An artistic rendering depicting the USS Saratoga CV-3 aircraft carrier sailing on the open sea, with several aircraft in flight around it. This image represents the ship in its operational environment.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- **Cleaning:** Dust your model 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 the model by its main hull or base whenever possible. Avoid touching delicate parts like antennas, masts, or aircraft.
- **Storage:** If storing the model, place it in a protective display case or a sturdy box to prevent dust accumulation and accidental damage.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

- **Parts Not Fitting:**
Ensure all sprue gates and flash are completely removed. Gently sand or file mating surfaces if

necessary. Do not force parts together, as this can cause breakage.

- **Glue Issues:**

Use appropriate glue for plastic models. Apply sparingly to avoid damaging plastic or obscuring details. Allow sufficient drying time.

- **Decal Silvering:**

Apply decals to a glossy surface. Use a decal setting solution to help the decal conform to surface details and eliminate air bubbles, which cause silvering.

- **Broken Parts:**

For small breaks, use super glue. For larger or structural breaks, consider reinforcing with a small piece of plastic rod or wire if possible.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Trumpeter
Model	USS Saratoga CV-3 (Kit No. 05607)
Scale	1:350
Material	Plastic
Number of Pieces	Approximately 734
Assembled Dimensions (L x W x H)	Approx. 31 x 5 x 5 inches (78.7 x 12.7 x 12.7 cm)
Recommended Age	Adult

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

9.1 Warranty Information

This product comes with a **30-day warranty** against manufacturer defects. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage resulting from improper assembly, misuse, accidents, or modifications.

9.2 Customer Support

For questions regarding missing parts, defective components, or assembly assistance, please contact the manufacturer or your retailer. The manufacturer for this product is Stevens International (distributor for Trumpeter in some regions).

Please have your model kit number (05607) and proof of purchase available when contacting support.