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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the Takara Tomy Transformers Masterpiece MP-12 Sideswipe action figure. The MP-12 Sideswipe transforms between a robot mode and a licensed Lamborghini Countach LP500S vehicle mode. Please read these instructions carefully before handling the figure to ensure proper use and to prevent damage.



Figure 1: MP-12 Sideswipe in Robot Mode with Blaster.

SETUP

1. Unboxing and Component Check

Carefully remove the figure and its accessories from the packaging. Ensure all components are present:

- MP-12 Sideswipe figure
- Blaster weapon
- Two piledriver accessories (may be pre-attached or separate)
- Rocket pack (may be pre-attached or separate)

2. Initial Inspection

Inspect the figure for any visible damage or manufacturing defects. Check joints for proper movement and ensure all parts are securely attached.



Figure 2: Detailed view of Sideswipe's robot mode head and chest, showing the Autobot insignia.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Transformation from Vehicle to Robot Mode

The MP-12 Sideswipe transforms from a Lamborghini Countach LP500S to robot mode. Follow these general steps, applying gentle pressure and observing the transformation joints.

1. Begin with the figure in vehicle mode.
2. Carefully separate the rear section to form the legs.
3. Extend the arms from the side panels of the vehicle.
4. Rotate and position the chest and head sections.
5. Adjust panels and tabs to secure the robot mode.



Figure 3: Sideswipe in Lamborghini Countach LP500S Vehicle Mode.

2. Transformation from Robot to Vehicle Mode

Reverse the steps above to transform Sideswipe back into his vehicle mode. Ensure all panels align correctly and tab into place for a seamless vehicle appearance.



Figure 4: Sideswipe in Vehicle Mode with Mounted Accessories.

3. Attaching Accessories

- **Blaster:** The blaster weapon can be held in either of Sideswipe's hands in robot mode.
- **Piledrivers:** The two piledriver accessories can be attached to Sideswipe's forearms in robot mode.

- **Rocket Pack:** The rocket pack can be attached to Sideswipe's back in robot mode or mounted on the roof in vehicle mode.



Figure 5: Sideswipe in Robot Mode with Piledriver Accessories.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

To clean the figure, use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe away dust and debris. For stubborn marks, a slightly damp cloth with mild soap can be used, followed by immediate drying. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, as these can damage the paint and plastic.

2. Storage

Store the figure in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Prolonged exposure to sunlight can cause discoloration and material degradation. Keep the figure in its original packaging or a display case to protect it from dust and accidental falls.

3. Handling Precautions

- Handle the figure by its main body parts, avoiding excessive force on smaller, delicate components.
- When transforming, apply even pressure and do not force parts that resist movement. Refer to transformation guides if unsure.
- Keep small accessories away from young children to prevent choking hazards.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. Stiff Joints

If joints are stiff, gently work them back and forth to loosen them. Avoid excessive force. A small amount of silicone shock oil (specifically designed for plastic models) can be applied to the joint pin, but use sparingly and wipe away any excess.

2. Parts Not Aligning in Vehicle Mode

Ensure all tabs are correctly inserted into their corresponding slots and that panels are fully collapsed or extended as required by the transformation sequence. Review the transformation steps carefully. Sometimes, a slight adjustment in one area can affect the alignment of another.

3. Paint Chipping or Scratches

Minor paint issues can occur with handling. To minimize this, handle the figure carefully during transformation and posing. For display, consider static poses to reduce wear.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand Name	Transformers
Model Name	Sideswipe MP-12
Model Number	MP-12 (4904810459972)
Manufacturer	Takara Tomy
Toy Figure Type	Action Figure
Character	Robot (Sideswipe)
Team Name	Autobots
Color	Red
Material Type	Plastic (PVC)
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	10 x 8 x 6 inches
Item Weight	9.92 ounces
Number of Pieces	1 (figure + accessories)
Recommended Age	36 months and up (Manufacturer Minimum Age)

Operation Mode	Manual Transformation
Additional Features	Rocket Pack, Quantum Reflex Processors (as per character description)



Figure 6: MP-12 Sideswipe (right) displayed alongside MP-10 Convoy (Optimus Prime, left). Note: MP-10 Convoy is sold separately.

WARRANTY & SUPPORT

Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for the Takara Tomy Transformers Masterpiece MP-12 Sideswipe are typically provided by the manufacturer or retailer at the time of purchase. Please refer to the documentation included with your product or contact the point of purchase for warranty terms and conditions.

Customer Support

For further assistance, inquiries regarding product defects, or missing parts, please contact Takara Tomy

customer service or the retailer from whom the product was purchased.

- **Manufacturer:** Takara Tomy
- **Brand:** Transformers
- **Online Resources:** Visit the official Transformers brand store or Takara Tomy website for product updates and support information.