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Model: VF-1S Valkyrie Roy Focker | Model Number: 161202

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for assembling, operating, and maintaining your Bandai Macross 1/72 VF-1S Valkyrie Roy Focker Variable Fighter Model Kit. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly to ensure proper construction and functionality.

This model kit is designed for enthusiasts aged 15 years and older, requiring precision and patience during assembly. The finished model is a highly detailed and accurate reproduction of the VF-1S Valkyrie, capable of transforming into its three distinct modes: Fighter, Gerwalk, and Battroid.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Keep small parts away from young children to prevent choking hazards.
- Use appropriate tools (e.g., hobby knife, nippers) with caution. Adult supervision is recommended for younger builders.
- Avoid applying excessive force during assembly or transformation, as this may damage delicate parts.
- Ensure proper ventilation if using paints, glues, or other modeling chemicals.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before starting assembly. The kit includes:

- Multiple plastic runners with molded parts.
- Poly-caps for joints.
- Decal sheet.
- Instruction booklet (Japanese, visual guide provided).

- Pilot figure (Roy Focker).



Figure 1: The product box art for the Bandai Macross 1/72 VF-1S Valkyrie Roy Focker Variable Fighter Model Kit. This image displays the model in both Fighter and Battroid modes, along with the "Variable Fighter" and "Variable System" logos, indicating its transformable nature. The box also highlights the 1/72 scale and features the Bandai logo.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Follow the visual instructions provided in the kit's instruction booklet. The assembly process is generally snap-fit, but some parts may benefit from plastic cement for added durability, especially if frequent transformation is intended.

Tools Recommended:

- Plastic nippers or side cutters for removing parts from runners.
- Hobby knife or craft blade for trimming excess plastic (nubs).
- Sanding sticks or fine-grit sandpaper for smoothing cut surfaces.
- Tweezers for applying small decals.
- Optional: Plastic cement, panel lining markers, paints for detailing.

Assembly Steps Overview:

1. Carefully remove parts from runners using nippers.
2. Trim any remaining nubs with a hobby knife and smooth with sandpaper.
3. Assemble sub-sections (e.g., head, torso, arms, legs, wings) as indicated in the manual.
4. Integrate poly-caps into joints for articulation.

5. Attach sub-sections to form the complete model.
6. Apply decals as desired for enhanced detail.

Note: The instruction manual primarily uses diagrams. Pay close attention to part numbers and assembly order.

OPERATING (TRANSFORMATION)

The VF-1S Valkyrie can transform into three modes: Fighter, Gerwalk, and Battroid. Transformation requires careful manipulation of parts. Refer to the kit's instruction manual for specific transformation sequences.

Transformation Modes:

- **Fighter Mode:** The aircraft configuration, optimized for atmospheric and space flight.



Figure 2: The Bandai Macross 1/72 VF-1S Valkyrie model kit displayed in its Fighter mode. This configuration represents the aircraft form, featuring swept wings, a streamlined fuselage, and the distinctive U.N.SPACY markings. The pilot, Roy Focker, is visible within the cockpit.

- **Gerwalk Mode:** An intermediate mode, combining elements of fighter and battroid, offering enhanced maneuverability and ground attack capabilities.



Figure 3: The Bandai Macross 1/72 VF-1S Valkyrie model kit in its Gerwalk mode. This transitional form showcases the aircraft's legs deployed, while the wings remain extended. This mode provides a balance between flight and ground combat, characteristic of the variable fighter design.

- **Battroid Mode:** The humanoid robot configuration, designed for close-quarters combat.





Figure 4: The Bandai Macross 1/72 VF-1S Valkyrie model kit fully transformed into its Battroid mode. This humanoid robot configuration is equipped with a gun pod and features articulated limbs, ready for ground combat. The distinctive skull and crossbones emblem of Roy Focker's unit is visible on the chest.

Important: Always handle the model with care during transformation. Some joints may be stiff initially; gently work them to loosen. Avoid forcing parts that resist movement.

MAINTENANCE

Proper care will ensure the longevity and appearance of your model kit.

- **Cleaning:** Dust regularly with a soft brush or compressed air. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Storage:** Store the model away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent plastic degradation or discoloration.
- **Joint Care:** If joints become loose over time, a thin layer of clear nail polish or a specialized joint-tightening solution can be applied to the ball joints or pegs to restore friction.
- **Repairs:** In case of breakage, use plastic cement designed for model kits to reattach parts.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Common issues and their solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Parts do not fit together.	Excess plastic (nubs) remaining; incorrect part orientation.	Carefully trim nubs; re-check the instruction manual for correct part placement and orientation.
Joints are too loose.	Wear and tear; manufacturing tolerance.	Apply a thin coat of clear nail polish or joint-tightening solution to the joint peg/ball. Allow to dry completely before reassembling.
Parts fall off during transformation.	Improper assembly; loose connections; excessive force.	Ensure all parts are securely snapped or cemented. Handle gently and follow transformation steps precisely. Consider cementing non-transforming parts if desired.
Decals do not adhere properly.	Surface not clean; improper application.	Ensure the surface is clean and dry. Use water for slide decals and a cotton swab to gently press out air bubbles. Consider using decal setting solution.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** BANDAI SPIRITS
- **Model:** VF-1S Valkyrie Roy Focker
- **Model Number:** 161202
- **Scale:** 1/72
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 12.4 x 2.8 x 15.5 inches (packaging)
- **Item Weight:** 1.41 pounds (packaging)
- **Recommended Age:** 15 years and up
- **Material:** Plastic

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Bandai model kits are manufactured with high-quality standards. Due to the nature of model kits, which involve assembly by the user, specific warranties on individual parts after assembly may vary. Please inspect all parts upon receipt before beginning assembly.

For missing or defective parts directly from the manufacturer, please contact Bandai customer support. Keep your purchase receipt and the product's packaging for reference.

For general inquiries or assembly assistance, you may refer to online modeling communities or instructional videos. While this manual provides comprehensive guidance, additional visual aids can be helpful for complex steps.

Manufacturer: Bandai

Website: [Bandai Hobby Official Website](#)