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### Italeri A-10C Blacksnakes 2725S 510002725

# Italeri A-10C Blacksnakes Model Aircraft Kit 2725S / 510002725 User Manual

1:48 Scale Plastic Model Kit

## Introduction

This manual provides essential information and guidance for the assembly and finishing of your Italeri A-10C Blacksnakes 1:48 scale model aircraft kit. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly. This kit is designed for modelers aged 14 years and up.




Image: The product box for the Italeri A-10C Blacksnakes 1:48 scale model aircraft kit, displaying the aircraft illustration and kit details.

## Safety Information

**WARNING: SMALL PARTS. Not suitable for children under 3 years due to choking hazard.**
Always use appropriate ventilation when working with paints, glues, and solvents. Keep all modeling materials out of reach of small children and pets. Exercise caution when using sharp tools such as hobby knives and tweezers.

## Kit Contents

Your Italeri A-10C Blacksnakes model kit includes:

- Plastic sprues containing all aircraft components.
- Clear plastic sprue for canopy and lights.
- Decal sheet for various markings and insignia.
- Instruction booklet (this manual).

## Required Tools and Paints

Successful model assembly requires specific tools and paints, which are not included in this kit. Refer to the images below for recommended items.

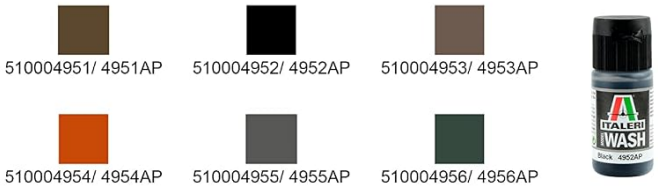
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## Benötigte Farben / Paints required




## Optionale Alterungsfarben / Washings:




| Art. Nr. | Bezeichnung |
|---|---|
| 510004763 | IT Acrylfarbe Möven Grau matt 20ml |
| 510004768 | IT Acrylfarbe Schwarz matt 20ml |
| 510004746 | IT Acrylfarbe Mittelgrau matt 20ml |
| 510004650 | IT Acrylfarbe Hellblau glänzend 20ml |
| 510004605 | IT Acrylfarbe Rot glänzend 20 ml |
| 510004681 | IT Acrylfarbe Metallgrau matt 20ml |
| 510004678 | IT Acrylfarbe Silber glänzend 20ml |
| 510004729 | IT Acrylfarbe Euro I Dkl.Grün matt 20ml |
| 510004721 | IT Acrylfarbe Insignia Gelb matt 20ml |
| 510004709 | IT Acrylfarbe Dkl.Braun/Tan matt 20ml |
| 510004728 | IT Acrylfarbe US Braunoliv matt 20ml |
| 510004696 | IT Acrylfarbe Weiss glänzend 20ml |
| 510004762 | IT Acrylfarbe Hell Ghost Grau matt 20ml |
| 510004761 | IT Acrylfarbe Dkl. Ghost Grau matt 20ml |
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| Weitere Farben: | (F.S. = Federal Standard) |
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| 510004951 | IT Dunkelbraun (Acryl Model Wash) |
| 510004952 | IT Schwarz (Acryl Model Wash) |
| 510004953 | IT Oiled Earth (Acryl Model Wash) |
| 510004954 | IT Rost (Acryl Model Wash) |
| 510004955 | IT Grau (Acryl Model Wash) |
| 510004956 | IT Dunkelgrün (Acryl Model Wash) |
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Image: A chart detailing the required paint colors (Art. Nr. 51000xxx) for the Italeri A-10C model, including specific shades like Möven Grau Matt, Schwarz Matt, and various other acrylic paints and washes.

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### Empfohlenes Werkzeug / Recommended Tools

### Werkzeuge / Tools:

| Art. Nr. | Bezeichnung |
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| 510003990 | ITALERI Plastikklebstoff m. Pinsel 15ml |
| 510005049 | ITALERI Acryl-Verdünner 60 ml |
| 510050814 | ITALERI Präzisions Pinzette, gerade (1) |
| 510050815 | ITALERI Werkzeug-Set Plastik-Modellbau |
| 510050822 | ITALERI Profi-Bastelmesser mit Klingen (6) |
| 510050825 | ITALERI Ersatzklingen spitz (5) #50822 |
| 510050826 | ITALERI Maskierfilm-Rolle 3mm x 18m (2) |
| 510050827 | ITALERI Maskierfilm-Rolle 6mm x 18m (2) |
| 510050829 | ITALERI Schneidunterlage Mat A 230x160mm |
| 510050831 | ITALERI Handbohrer mit 5 Bohrer |
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### Klebstoffe / Cement:



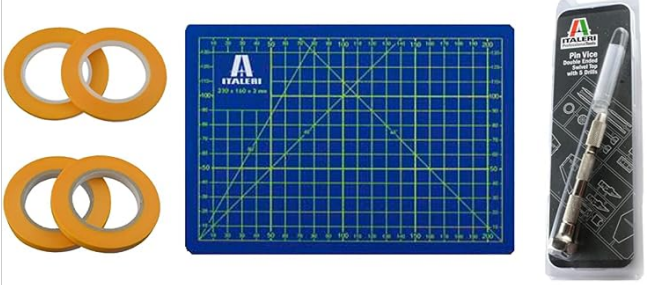




Image: A display of recommended tools for model assembly, including plastic cement, acrylic thinner, precision tweezers, hobby knives, masking tape, a cutting mat, and a hand drill with bits.

## Setup and Assembly

Follow these general steps for assembling your model. Refer to the detailed diagrams within the physical instruction booklet for specific part placement and order.

1. **Part Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Clean any flash or mold lines with a sanding stick or fine-grit sandpaper.
2. **Sub-Assembly:** Begin by assembling smaller components such as the cockpit, landing gear, and engine nacelles. Ensure proper alignment before applying adhesive.
3. **Main Assembly:** Join the fuselage halves, attach wings, and then integrate the sub-assemblies. Use plastic cement sparingly to avoid damaging the plastic surface. Allow sufficient drying time for each step.
4. **Clear Parts:** Attach clear parts like the canopy using a clear-part-specific adhesive to prevent fogging.
5. **Weapons and External Stores:** Assemble and attach the various weapons and external fuel tanks as desired.

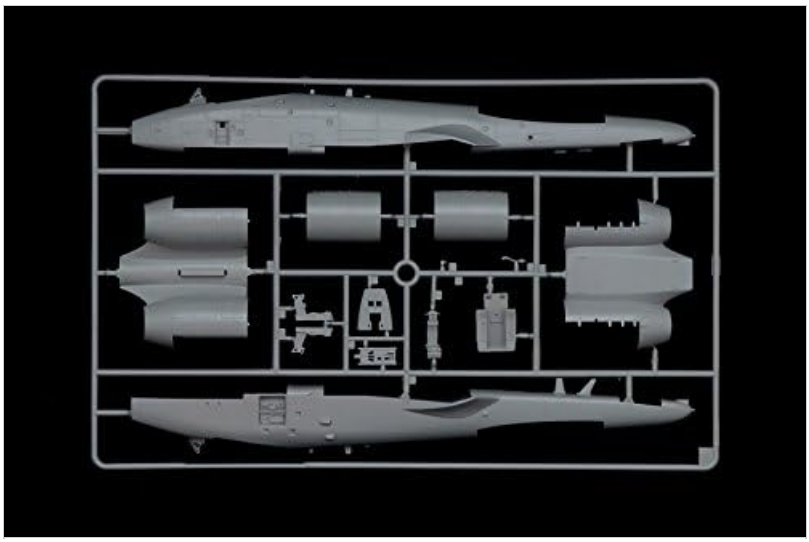


Image: A plastic sprue containing the main fuselage halves and other structural components of the A-10C aircraft model.

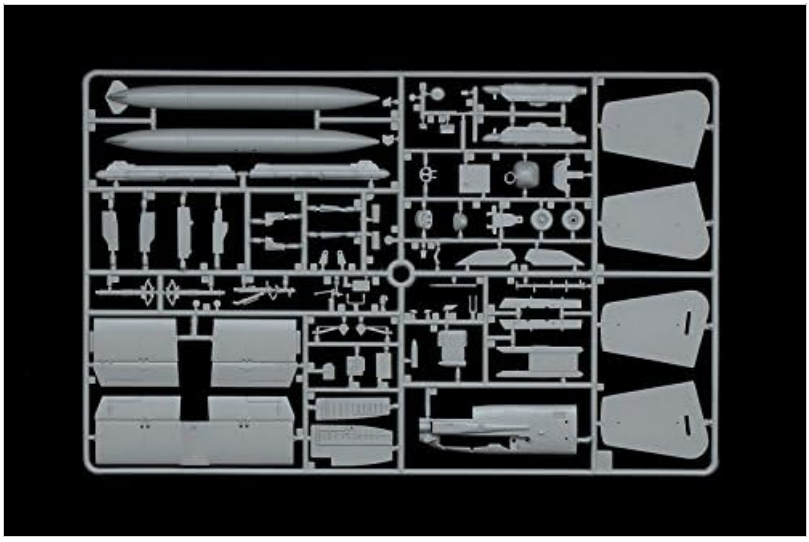


Image: A plastic sprue featuring an assortment of smaller detail parts, including various weapons and landing gear components.

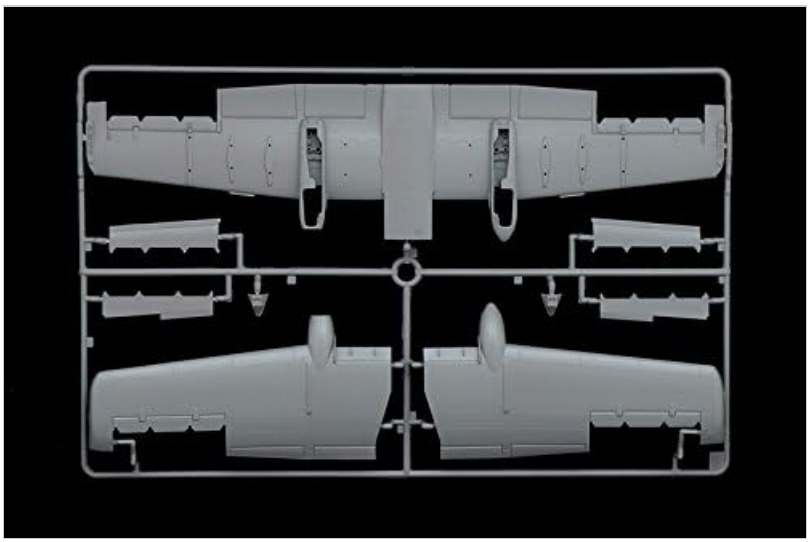


Image: A plastic sprue containing the upper and lower wing sections of the A-10C model aircraft.

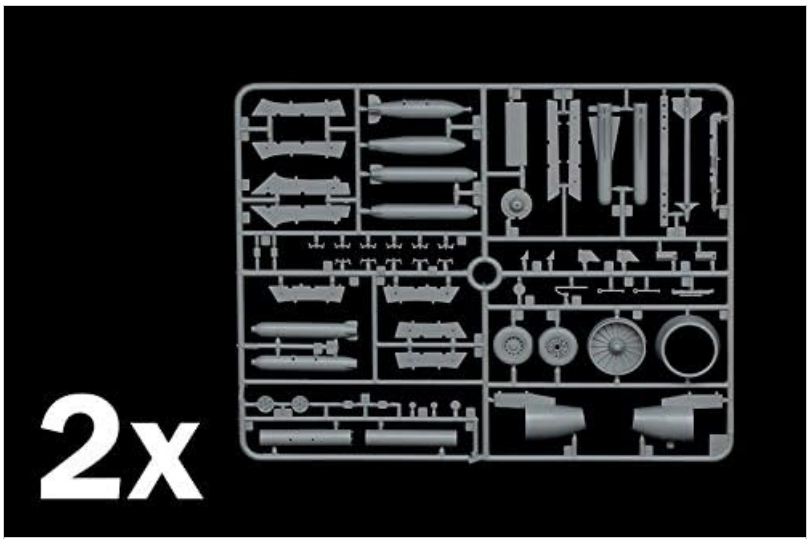



Image: A plastic sprue, provided twice in the kit, containing engine components, wheels, and additional weapon ordnance.

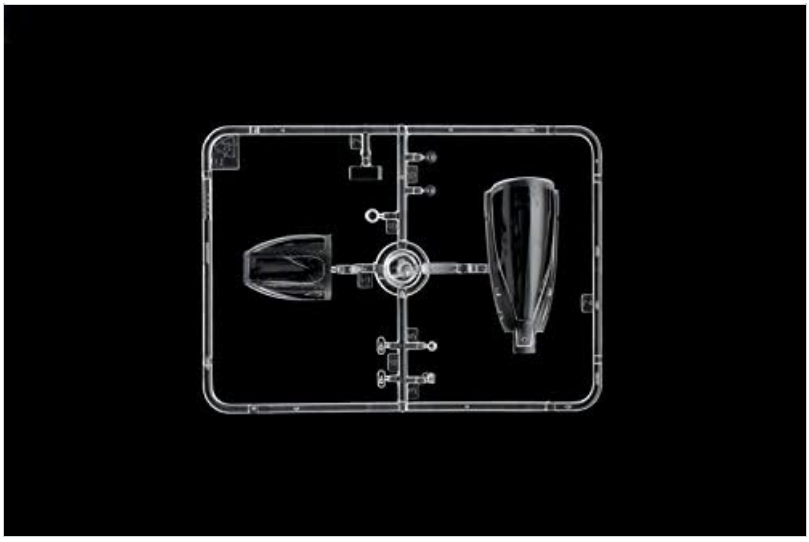


Image: A clear plastic sprue containing the canopy and other transparent parts for the model aircraft.

## Painting and Decaling

After assembly, prepare the model for painting. Apply primer, then follow the recommended paint scheme. Once paints are dry, apply decals according to the provided guide.

1. **Surface Preparation:** Ensure the model surface is clean and smooth before painting.
2. **Painting:** Apply paints in thin, even coats. Refer to the paint guide for specific color placement.
3. **Decal Application:** Cut out each decal, dip it in water, and slide it onto the model. Use decal setting solutions for better adhesion and to conform to surface details.



Image: A diagram illustrating various decal and paint scheme options for the A-10C Blacksnakes model, including markings for the 163rd FS "Blacksnakes", 107th FS "Red Devils", and 190th FS "Skullbangers".

## Maintenance

Once completed, your model aircraft requires minimal maintenance. Keep it in a dust-free environment to preserve its finish. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent fading of paints and decals. Handle the model carefully to prevent breakage of delicate parts.

## Troubleshooting Common Issues

- **Poor Part Fit:** If parts do not fit perfectly, gently sand or trim the edges. For larger gaps, use plastic filler or putty.
- **Decal Silvering:** This occurs when air is trapped under the decal. Apply a gloss coat before decaling and use a decal setting solution to help the decal conform to the surface.
- **Paint Issues:** If paint appears uneven or thick, ensure it is properly thinned and applied in multiple thin coats rather than one thick coat.

## Specifications

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| **Brand** | Italeri |
| **Model Name** | A-10C BLACKSNAKES |
| **Item Model Number** | 510002725 |
| **Scale** | 1:48 |
| **Material** | Plastic |
| **Item Dimensions (L x W x H)** | 33.8 x 0.1 x 0.1 inches (approx. 338mm length) |
| **Item Weight** | 1.3 pounds (0.59 Kilograms) |
| **Recommended Age** | 14 years and up |
| **Special Feature** | Highly detailed 1:48 scale model aircraft, 30 mm gun GAU-8, extensive armor, advanced weapon systems, U.S. Air Force association, Gulf War use, and 'Blacksnakes' designation |

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