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Model Number: 1376

## 1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

This model kit contains small parts and is intended for hobbyists aged 15 years and up. Keep all components and tools out of reach of small children to prevent choking hazards. Always use appropriate ventilation when working with glues, paints, and thinners. Read all instructions before beginning assembly.

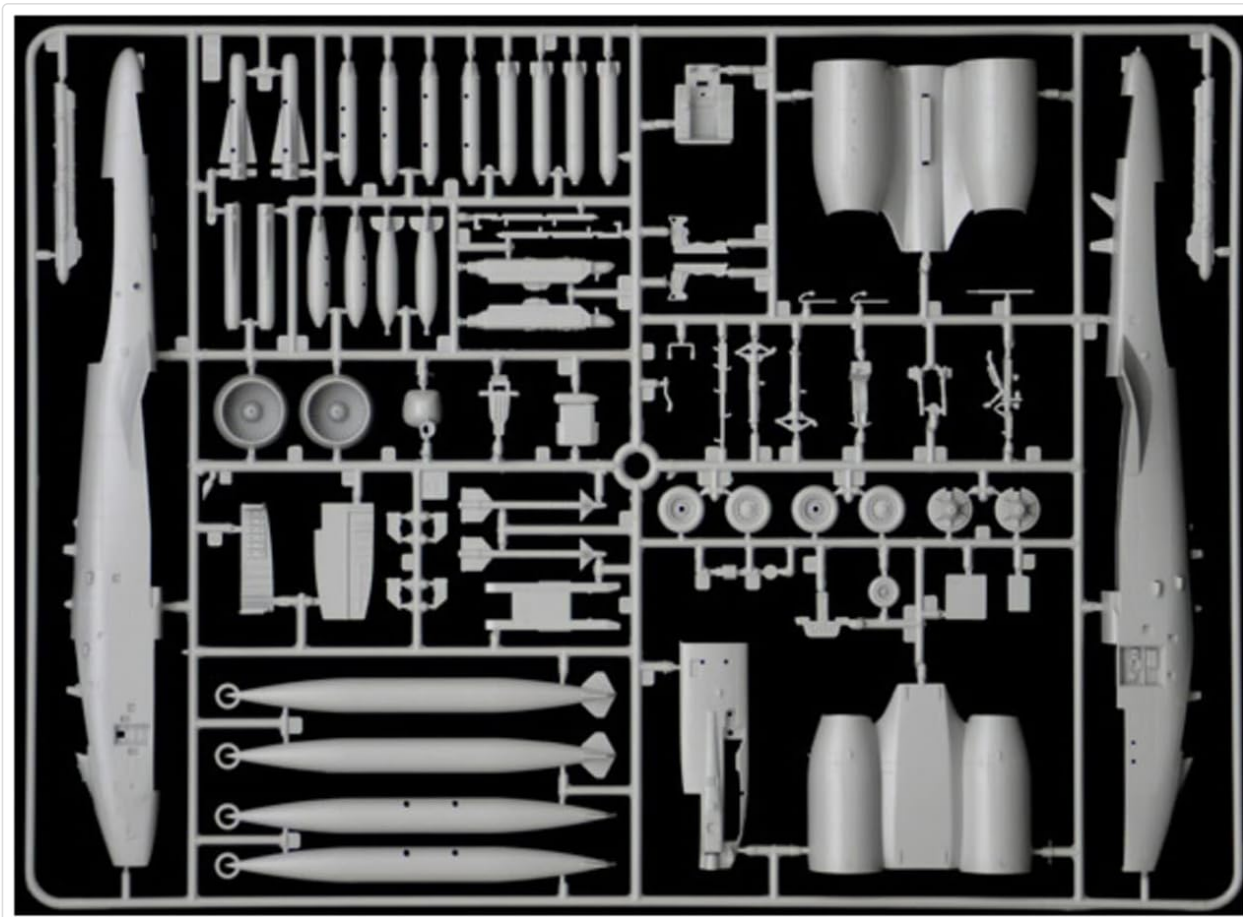
**WARNING: SMALL PARTS. Not for children under 3 years.**

## 2. KIT CONTENTS AND PART IDENTIFICATION

Before starting assembly, carefully check all parts against the provided parts diagram. Familiarize yourself with the different components and their corresponding numbers.



**Figure 2.1:** The product box for the Italeri 1:72 A-10 Thunderbolt II Gulf War model kit, showing the aircraft in flight with a desert background.



**Figure 2.2:** Overview of the plastic sprues containing all the individual parts for the Italeri 1:72 A-10 Thunderbolt II model kit. Carefully detach parts using a hobby knife or sprue cutters.

The kit includes:

- Plastic sprues with aircraft components
- Clear parts for canopy
- Decal sheet
- Instruction booklet

### 3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps carefully for optimal assembly. Refer to the diagrams in the physical instruction booklet for detailed part placement.

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove all parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Smooth any rough edges with fine-grit sandpaper or a modeling file.
2. **Cockpit Assembly:** Assemble the cockpit components (seat, control panel, pilot figure if included). Paint these parts before gluing them into the fuselage halves.
3. **Fuselage Assembly:** Join the fuselage halves, ensuring proper alignment. Use plastic cement sparingly. Allow adequate drying time.
4. **Wing Assembly:** Attach the upper and lower wing sections. Ensure the wing spars (if present) are correctly seated.
5. **Engine Nacelles:** Assemble and attach the engine nacelles to the fuselage/wings.
6. **Landing Gear:** Assemble the landing gear struts and wheels. Decide whether to build the model with landing gear extended or retracted.
7. **External Stores:** Assemble and attach the various external stores (bombs, missiles, fuel tanks) to the

wing pylons.

8. **Final Details:** Attach smaller details such as antennas, pitot tubes, and the canopy.

**Recommended Tools:** Hobby knife, sprue cutters, fine-grit sandpaper, plastic cement, tweezers, paint brushes, masking tape.

## 4. DECAL APPLICATION

The decal sheet provides markings for various aircraft configurations. Choose your desired markings before application.

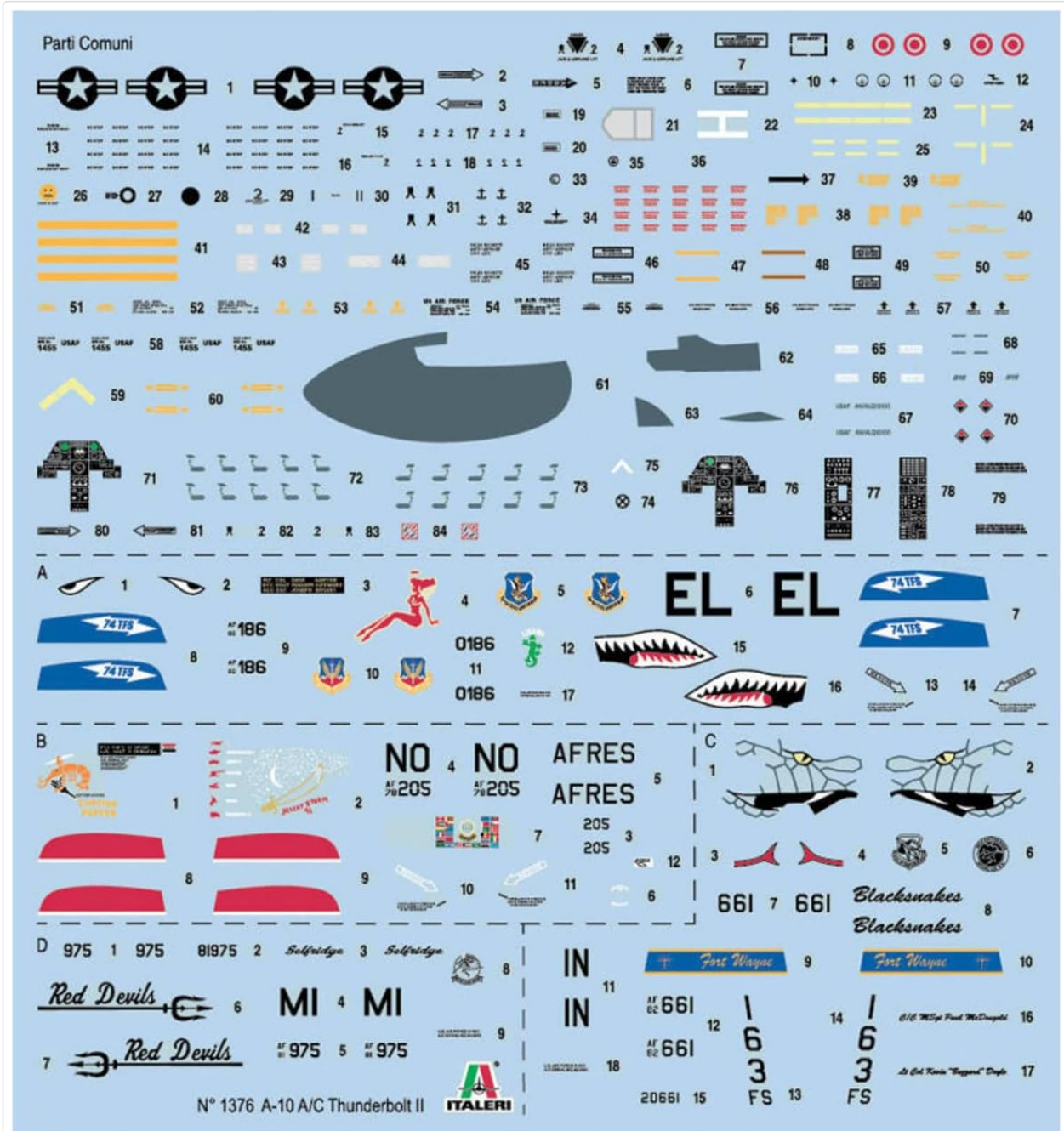


Figure 4.1: The decal sheet for the Italeri 1:72 A-10 Thunderbolt II model kit, featuring various national insignia, squadron markings, and stencils for different aircraft versions.

1. Ensure the painted surface is clean and dry. A gloss coat is recommended for best results.
2. Cut out the desired decal as close to the edge of the design as possible.
3. Dip the decal in lukewarm water for 10-20 seconds until it slides freely on its backing paper.
4. Carefully slide the decal onto the model surface.

5. Position the decal using a wet paintbrush or cotton swab.
6. Gently blot away excess water with a soft cloth or tissue.
7. Apply a decal setting solution to help the decal conform to surface details.
8. Allow decals to dry completely before applying a clear topcoat (matte or gloss, depending on desired finish).

## 5. PAINTING GUIDE

This kit is supplied unpainted. Refer to historical references or the box art for accurate color schemes.

Common colors for the A-10 Thunderbolt II include various shades of grey (e.g., Light Ghost Gray, Dark Ghost Gray) for the airframe, black for tires, and metallic colors for engine exhausts.

Always apply paint in thin, even coats. Allow each coat to dry thoroughly before applying the next. Mask off areas not intended for painting.

## 6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Italeri
Model Name	1/72 A-10 Thunderbolt II Gulf War
Model Number	1376 (Manufacturer Item Model Number: 510001376)
Scale	1:72
Material	Plastic
Color	Unpainted
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	22.6 x 17 x 10 inches (Box dimensions)
Assembled Length	226mm (approx. 8.9 inches)
Recommended Age	15 years and up
Included Components	Model Kit (plastic parts, decals)

## 7. DISPLAY AND MAINTENANCE

Once assembled and painted, your model can be displayed on a shelf or stand. To maintain its appearance:

- Keep the model away from direct sunlight to prevent fading of paint and decals.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Dust gently with a soft brush or compressed air. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive materials for cleaning.
- Handle the model by its sturdy parts (e.g., fuselage) to avoid damaging delicate components.

## 8. TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ASSEMBLY ISSUES

- **Parts not fitting:** Check part numbers against the instructions. Sometimes a small amount of sanding or trimming may be required due to manufacturing tolerances.

- **Gaps between parts:** Use plastic filler putty to fill any noticeable gaps after gluing. Sand smooth once dry.
- **Decals not adhering:** Ensure the surface is glossy and clean. Use decal setting solution.
- **Paint issues:** If paint is too thick, thin it slightly. If paint is uneven, apply more thin coats. Ensure proper drying time between coats.

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Italeri model kits are manufactured to high standards. If you encounter missing or defective parts, please contact Italeri customer support directly. Retain your proof of purchase. For further assistance or modeling tips, many online communities and forums dedicated to scale modeling can provide valuable advice.

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