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Model: 1381 | Brand: Italeri

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly and finishing of the Italeri 1381 Mirage 2000C 1:72 scale model kit. The Mirage 2000C is a single-engine, delta-wing multirole fighter aircraft designed by Dassault Aviation. This kit represents the aircraft in its Gulf War 25th Anniversary livery. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly.



Image 1.1: Front view of the Italeri Mirage 2000C model kit box, showcasing the aircraft artwork and kit details.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: SMALL PARTS. Not suitable for children under 14 years. This product contains small parts which may pose a choking hazard. Adult supervision is recommended during assembly.

- Always use appropriate tools and follow safety guidelines.
- Ensure adequate ventilation when using paints, glues, and solvents.
- Keep all components and tools out of reach of small children and pets.

3. KIT CONTENTS

Before starting assembly, verify that all components are present and undamaged. The kit includes:

- Plastic model parts (sprues)
- Decal sheet
- Instruction booklet

Note: Glue and paints are not included in this kit and must be purchased separately.

4. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the numbered steps in the included instruction booklet for precise assembly. General steps include:

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Clean any excess plastic (flash) with a hobby file or sandpaper.
2. **Dry Fit:** Before applying glue, dry fit parts to ensure proper alignment and fit.
3. **Gluing:** Use plastic model cement sparingly. Apply glue to one surface and press parts together firmly. Allow sufficient drying time.
4. **Sub-Assemblies:** Assemble smaller sections (e.g., cockpit, landing gear, wings) before joining them to the main fuselage.
5. **Fuselage Assembly:** Join the fuselage halves, ensuring no gaps. Use clamps or tape to hold them while the glue dries.
6. **Wing and Tail Assembly:** Attach wings and tail surfaces, paying attention to alignment.
7. **Landing Gear:** Assemble and attach the landing gear components.
8. **Armament and External Stores:** Attach any missiles, bombs, or fuel tanks as per your chosen configuration.

Refer to the instruction booklet for specific part numbers and assembly sequences.

5. PAINTING AND DECALS

This kit offers options for different paint schemes, including those for the Gulf War 25th Anniversary. The instruction booklet provides black and white diagrams for paint schemes. For accurate color representation, it is recommended to consult online references or model painting guides.

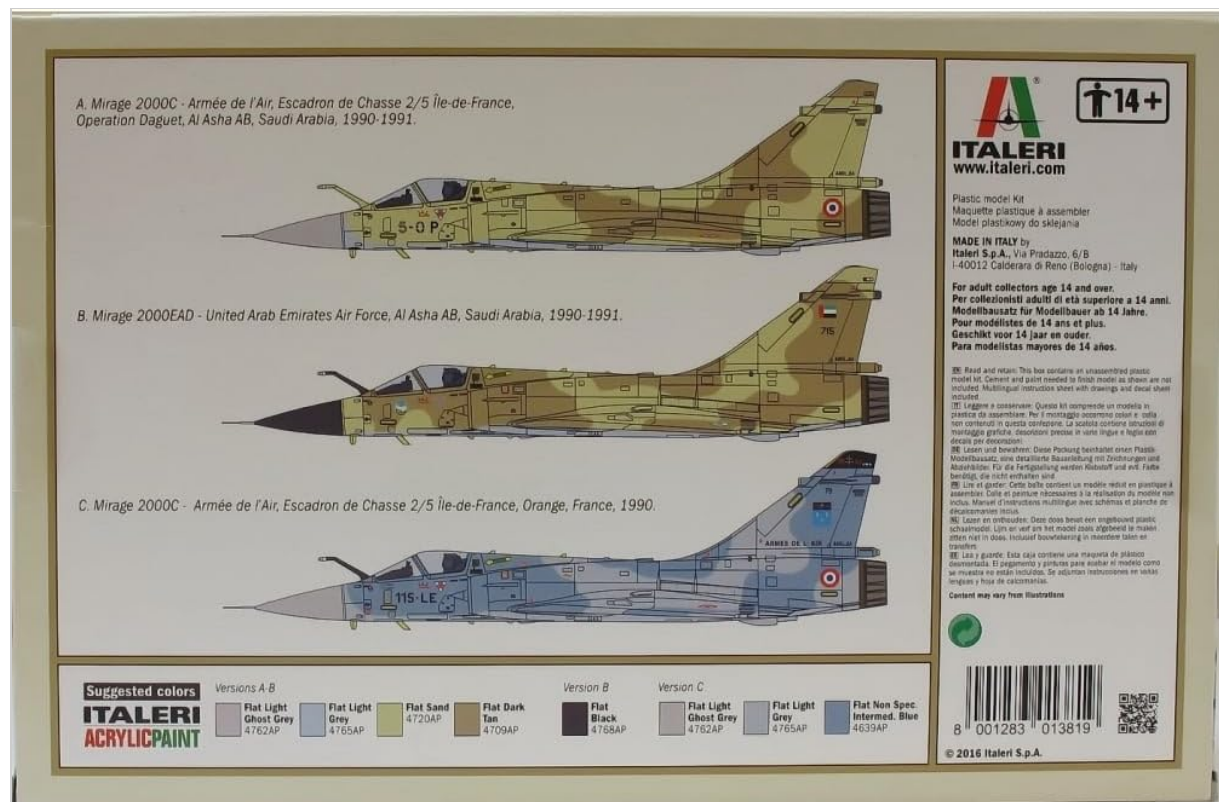


Image 5.1: Rear view of the model kit box, displaying three different paint scheme options and suggested Italeri Acrylic Paints.

5.1 Painting

1. **Preparation:** Ensure the model surface is clean and free of dust or grease. Apply a primer coat for better paint adhesion and a uniform finish.
2. **Base Coats:** Apply base colors according to your chosen scheme. Use thin, even coats to avoid obscuring details.
3. **Detail Painting:** Paint smaller details such as cockpit interior, landing gear, and weapon systems.

4. **Weathering (Optional):** For a realistic appearance, consider applying weathering effects like panel line washes, exhaust stains, or chipping.
5. **Gloss Coat:** Apply a clear gloss coat before applying decals. This provides a smooth surface for decals and prevents "silvering."

5.2 Decals

The kit includes a decal sheet with markings for various versions. Carefully cut out each decal as needed.

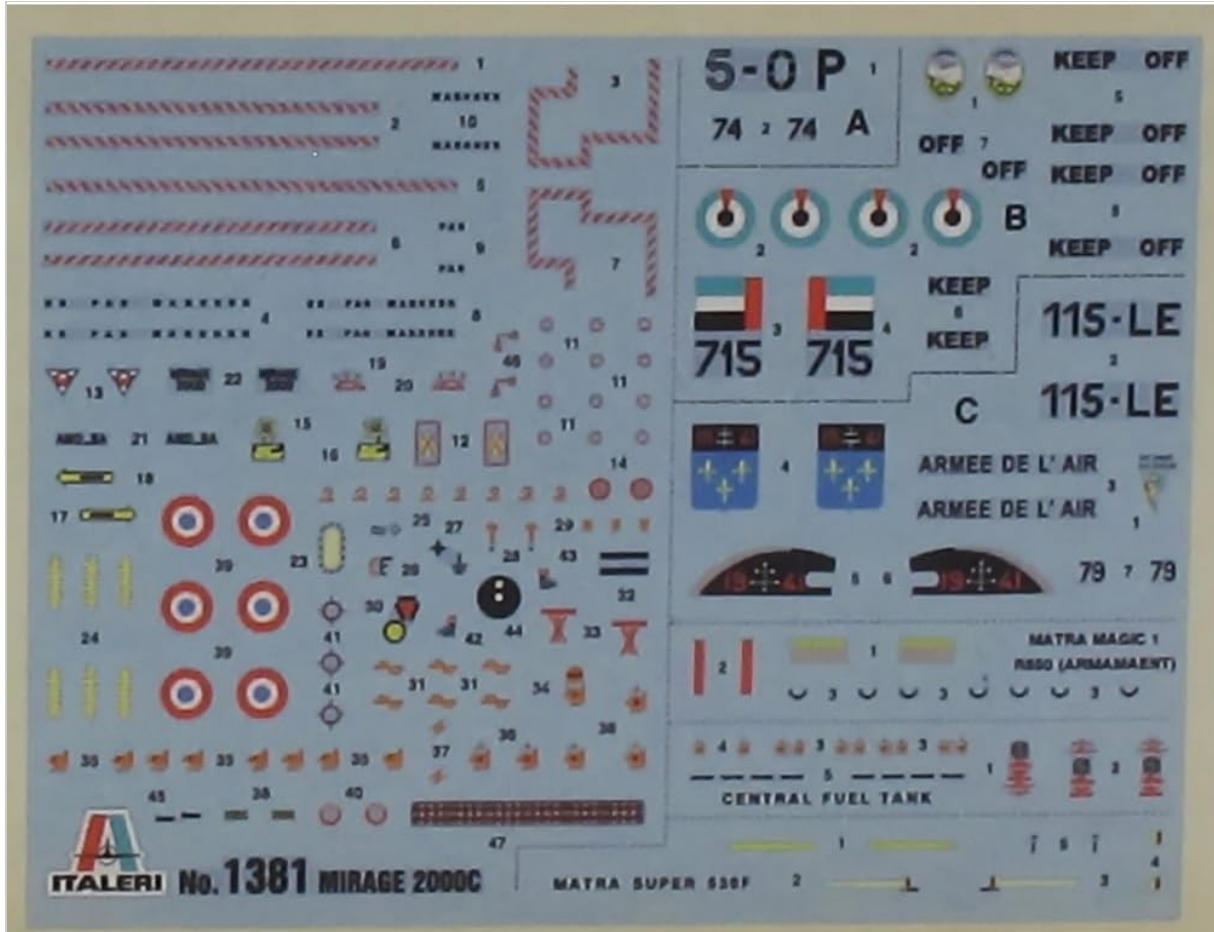


Image 5.2: The decal sheet for the Italeri Mirage 2000C kit, showing various national insignia, stencils, and aircraft numbers.

1. **Application:** Dip the decal in lukewarm water for a few seconds until it slides freely from the backing paper.
2. **Positioning:** Carefully slide the decal onto the model surface. Use a soft brush or cotton swab to gently position it.
3. **Setting Solution (Optional):** Apply a decal setting solution to help the decal conform to surface details and eliminate air bubbles.
4. **Drying:** Allow decals to dry completely.
5. **Final Coat:** Apply a clear flat or satin coat over the entire model to protect the decals and unify the finish.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Italeri
Model Name	MIRAGE 2000C
Item Model Number	1381
Scale	1:72
Material	Plastic
Recommended Age	14 years and up
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	19.9 x 0.1 x 0.1 inches (approx. 19.60 cm length)
Item Weight	0.07 Kilograms (2.6 ounces)
Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN)	8001283013819
Release Date	July 29, 2016

7. MAINTENANCE

Once assembled and painted, your model requires minimal maintenance. To preserve its appearance:

- Keep the model in a dust-free environment, such as a display case.
- Clean gently with a soft, dry brush to remove dust. Avoid using water or cleaning solutions, as these may damage paint or decals.
- Avoid direct sunlight exposure for prolonged periods, as this can cause colors to fade.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Common issues encountered during model assembly and their solutions:

- **Poor Part Fit:** If parts do not fit perfectly, use sandpaper or a hobby file to gently sand down edges until a snug fit is achieved. For gaps, use plastic putty.
- **Decal Silvering:** This occurs when air is trapped under the decal. Ensure a smooth, glossy surface before application and use decal setting solutions. Prick small bubbles with a fine needle.
- **Paint Issues:**
 - *Uneven Coat:* Apply paint in thin, multiple layers rather than one thick coat.
 - *Rough Texture:* Ensure the surface is clean before painting. Adjust paint thinning ratio and spraying distance if using an airbrush.
- **Broken Parts:** Small broken plastic parts can often be re-attached using plastic cement. For structural breaks, consider reinforcing with a small piece of plasticard or metal pin.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Italeri products are manufactured to high standards. For any missing or defective parts, please contact Italeri customer support directly. Keep your proof of purchase. Specific warranty details may vary by region; refer to the official Italeri website or contact your retailer for more information.

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