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## TAMIYA 14034

# Tamiya 1/12 Suzuki GSX750S Katana Model Kit Instruction Manual

Model: 14034 | Brand: TAMIYA

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the assembly of your Tamiya 1/12 scale Suzuki GSX750S Katana plastic model kit. The Suzuki GSX750S Katana, first introduced at the 1983 Tokyo Motor Show, represented a significant design evolution, featuring a retractable headlamp, Full Floater rear suspension, Positive Damping Fork (PDF), and a 77hp DOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder engine. This model kit allows for the detailed recreation of this classic motorcycle. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly.



Image: The packaging for the Tamiya 1/12 Suzuki GSX750S Katana model kit, displaying the finished motorcycle on the box art.

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Verify that all components listed below are present in your kit before starting assembly:

- Plastic parts for the Suzuki GSX750S Katana model (various sprues)
- Vinyl tubing (for throttle cables and brake lines)
- Synthetic rubber tires (front and rear)
- Metal coil spring (for rear suspension)
- Detailed engine and cooling fin components
- Instruction manual
- Decals and painting masks (if included)

## FEATURES

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The Tamiya 1/12 Suzuki GSX750S Katana model kit includes the following key features:

- 1/12 scale plastic model assembly kit.
- Retractable headlight mechanism, designed to operate like the actual motorcycle.
- Detailed inline 4-cylinder DOHC engine with accurately reproduced cooling fins.
- Solid synthetic rubber tires featuring realistic tread patterns for both front and rear wheels.
- Functional rear suspension utilizing a metal coil spring.

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

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This model kit is rated Skill Level 4 and is recommended for ages 14 and up. Assembly requires glue, paint, and various modeling tools (not included). Follow the detailed diagrams and step-by-step instructions provided in the included printed manual for optimal results.

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove all parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or nippers. Smooth any rough edges with sandpaper or a file.
2. **Painting:** Refer to the painting guide in your manual for recommended colors and apply paint to individual parts before assembly where indicated. Allow paint to dry completely.
3. **Engine Assembly:** Begin with the engine block, attaching cylinders, cooling fins, and other intricate components as shown in the diagrams.
4. **Frame and Suspension:** Assemble the motorcycle frame, then attach the front fork assembly, including the Positive Damping Fork (PDF) components. Install the rear suspension with the metal coil spring.
5. **Body Panels and Details:** Attach the fuel tank, seat, and other body panels. Connect the vinyl tubing for throttle cables and brake lines.
6. **Wheels and Tires:** Mount the synthetic rubber tires onto the wheel rims.
7. **Final Touches:** Apply decals according to the placement guide. Ensure all parts are securely attached.

For best results, use Tamiya brand glues and paints, which are specifically formulated for plastic model kits.

## MAINTENANCE

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Once assembled, your Tamiya model requires minimal maintenance to preserve its appearance:

- **Cleaning:** Dust the model regularly with a soft brush or a can of compressed air. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

- **Storage:** Store the model in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading or warping of plastic parts.
- **Handling:** Handle the model carefully to avoid accidental damage to delicate parts.

## Safety Information

Please observe the following safety precautions during assembly:

- **Small Parts:** This kit contains small parts that may pose a choking hazard. Keep out of reach of small children.
- **Sharp Tools:** Use hobby knives and nippers with extreme care. Always cut away from your body.
- **Adhesives and Paints:** Use model glues and paints in a well-ventilated area. Avoid inhaling fumes. Follow the manufacturer's safety instructions for all chemical products.
- **Age Recommendation:** This product is recommended for individuals aged 14 years and up.

## Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues during assembly, consider the following:

- **Part Mismatch:** Double-check the part numbers against the instruction manual diagrams. Some parts may look similar but have subtle differences.
- **Loose Fit:** Ensure all connection points are clean and free of paint or excess plastic. Apply a small amount of glue for a secure fit.
- **Missing Parts:** Carefully re-examine the sprues and packaging. If a part is genuinely missing, contact Tamiya customer support.
- **Painting Issues:** Ensure surfaces are clean and dry before painting. Apply thin, even coats to avoid brush marks or uneven texture.

## Specifications

Brand	TAMIYA
Model Name	GSX750S
Item Model Number	14034
Scale	1:12
Material	Plastic
Approximate Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	1.97 x 11.42 x 7.48 inches
Item Weight	5 ounces (0.31 Pounds)
Number of Pieces	1 (referring to the kit as a single item, not individual parts)
Recommended Age	14 years and up
Special Features	Retractable headlight, inline 4-cylinder DOHC engine with cooling fins, solid synthetic rubber tires with tread pattern, metal coil spring rear suspension

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For any questions regarding this Tamiya model kit, including missing parts or assembly assistance, please contact Tamiya customer support directly. Specific warranty details may vary by region; refer to the packaging or Tamiya's official website for the most current information.

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