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MODEL No. 7321 - INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Introduction

This instruction manual provides essential information for the assembly, care, and maintenance of your Zvezda 1/72 scale American Heavy Transport Plane C-130H model kit. This kit is designed for enthusiasts and requires careful assembly. Please read all instructions thoroughly before beginning assembly.

The kit contains 314 individual plastic parts for detailed construction. Tools, glue, and paints are not included and must be acquired separately. Refer to the included printed assembly instructions for detailed step-by-step guidance.

Safety Information

- **Small Parts:** This kit contains small parts which may pose a choking hazard. Keep out of reach of small children.
- **Adhesives and Paints:** Use glues and paints in a well-ventilated area. Follow the safety instructions provided by the manufacturers of these products.
- **Sharp Tools:** Assembly may require the use of sharp tools (e.g., hobby knives, clippers). Exercise caution and ensure adult supervision if used by minors.

Kit Contents

Your Zvezda C-130H model kit includes the following components:

- Plastic sprues with 314 parts
- Decal sheet for various markings
- Instruction Guide (printed)

The image below displays the typical packaging for the Zvezda C-130H model kit, indicating the contents and scale.



Figure 1: Zvezda C-130H Model Kit packaging, showing the product box and key details.

Setup and Assembly

Assembly of the Zvezda C-130H model kit requires patience and attention to detail. Follow the step-by-step instructions provided in the included printed guide. Ensure you have all necessary tools, such as plastic cement, hobby knife, sanding sticks, and paints, before you begin.

1. **Part Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or clippers. Clean any excess plastic (flash) with a hobby knife or sanding stick.
2. **Test Fit:** Before applying glue, always test fit parts to ensure proper alignment and fit.
3. **Gluing:** Apply plastic cement sparingly to the mating surfaces. Hold parts together firmly until the glue sets.
4. **Painting:** Painting can be done at various stages of assembly, as indicated in the instruction guide, or according to your preference. Refer to the guide for suggested color schemes.
5. **Decal Application:** Once painting is complete and dry, apply the decals. Use water to release the decals from their backing paper and carefully slide them onto the model. Use decal setting solutions for better adhesion and to conform to surface details.

The decal sheet provides markings for various versions of the C-130H, including USAF, RAF, Japanese, and Korean air forces. Choose your preferred markings before application.



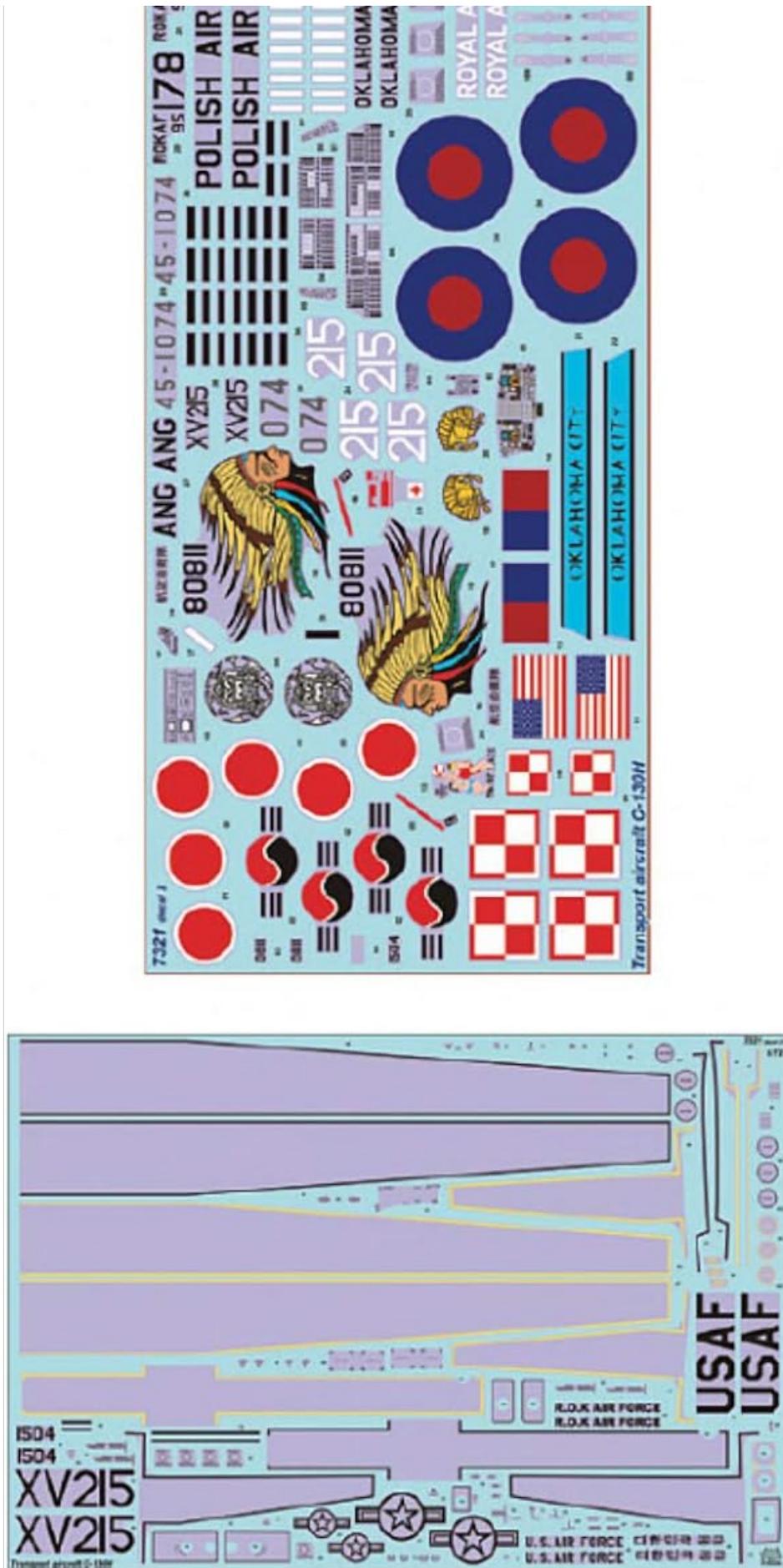


Figure 2: Decal sheet for the Zvezda C-130H model kit, offering various national and unit markings.

A completed model of the Zvezda C-130H is shown below for reference.



Figure 3: A fully assembled Zvezda 1/72 C-130H model, showcasing the detailed finish.

Operating (Display and Handling)

As a static display model, the C-130H kit does not have operational functions. Proper handling and display are crucial for preserving its condition.

- **Handling:** Always handle the model by its main body or sturdy sections to avoid damaging delicate parts like antennas, landing gear, or propellers.
- **Display:** Place the model on a stable, flat surface away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity to prevent material degradation and paint fading.

Maintenance

Regular, gentle maintenance will help keep your model in pristine condition.

- **Cleaning:** Dust the model periodically using a soft, dry brush or a can of compressed air. Avoid using liquid cleaners, which can damage paint or decals.
- **Storage:** If storing the model, ensure it is placed in a protective container to prevent dust accumulation and accidental damage.

Troubleshooting

Most issues during model assembly can be resolved by carefully reviewing the instruction guide and practicing patience.

- **Parts Not Fitting:** Ensure parts are correctly oriented and any excess plastic (flash) has been removed. Gentle sanding may be required for a snug fit.
- **Decals Not Adhering:** Ensure the surface is clean and smooth. Use decal setting solutions to help decals conform to irregular surfaces and improve adhesion.
- **Missing Parts:** Double-check all sprues and the box. If a part is genuinely missing, contact the manufacturer's customer support.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Zvezda
Model Number	7321
Scale	1:72
Aircraft Type	American Heavy Transport Plane C-130H
Material	Plastic
Number of Pieces	314
Approximate Dimensions (L x W x H)	22.05 x 12.01 x 16.14 inches (assembled)

Warranty and Support

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact the retailer where the kit was acquired. For technical support or inquiries about missing parts, please visit the official Zvezda website or contact their customer service department directly.