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Italeri 1439S 1:72 Mc 202 Folgore Model Kit Instruction Manual

Model: 1439S | Brand: Italeri

Introduction

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for the assembly and care of your Italeri 1439S 1:72 Mc 202 Folgore plastic model kit. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly to ensure a successful and enjoyable building experience.

Safety Information

WARNING! Not suitable for young children. Contains small parts. Adult supervision is recommended for builders under 14 years of age.

Kit Contents

Your Italeri 1439S kit includes:

- Plastic construction kit components for one 1:72 scale Mc 202 Folgore aircraft model.
- Illustrated assembly instructions.
- Decal sheet for various markings.



Image: The Italeri 1:72 Mc 202 Folgore model kit box art, depicting two Italian Macchi C.202 Folgore fighter aircraft in a dynamic flight pose amidst a blue sky with white clouds. The aircraft feature camouflage patterns and national insignia.

Tools and Materials Required (Not Included)

The following tools and materials are essential for assembly and finishing but are not supplied with the kit. They must be purchased separately:

- Plastic model cement (glue)
- Hobby knife or sprue cutters
- Sandpaper or sanding sticks (various grits)
- Paints (acrylic or enamel, as desired for your chosen scheme)
- Paintbrushes or airbrush
- Tweezers
- Decal setting solution (optional, but recommended)

Setup and Preparation

1. **Workspace:** Prepare a clean, well-lit, and ventilated workspace. Protect your work surface from glue and paint spills.
2. **Review Instructions:** Carefully read through the entire assembly instruction booklet provided with your kit. Familiarize yourself with the parts and assembly sequence.
3. **Part Identification:** Identify all parts on the sprues according to the numbering in the instructions. Do not remove parts from the sprues until they are needed.
4. **Cleaning:** Wash plastic parts in mild soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and allow them to air dry. This removes mold release agents that can interfere with paint and glue adhesion.

Assembly Instructions

Follow the step-by-step or illustrated assembly instructions included in your kit. The general process involves:

1. **Part Removal:** Carefully cut parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or sprue cutters. Avoid pulling or twisting, which can damage parts.
2. **Part Cleanup:** Trim any excess plastic (flash) from the parts using a hobby knife or fine sandpaper. Ensure mating surfaces are smooth and clean for a good fit.
3. **Test Fit:** Before applying glue, dry-fit parts together to check for proper alignment and fit. Make any necessary adjustments.
4. **Gluing:** Apply a small amount of plastic cement to one of the mating surfaces. Press the parts together firmly and hold until the glue sets. Avoid using too much glue, as it can damage the plastic.
5. **Sub-Assemblies:** Assemble smaller components (e.g., cockpit, landing gear, engine) first, then integrate them into larger sections of the model.
6. **Main Assembly:** Join the fuselage halves, wings, and tail sections according to the instructions. Ensure all major components are aligned correctly.

Refer to the provided assembly diagrams for specific part placement and orientation.

Painting and Decals

Once the model is fully assembled, or at appropriate stages as indicated in the instructions, you can proceed with painting and decal application.

- **Painting:** Apply paint according to your chosen color scheme. Multiple thin coats are generally better than one thick coat. Allow each coat to dry thoroughly.
- **Decals:** Cut out each decal carefully. Dip the decal in lukewarm water for a few seconds until it slides freely on its backing paper. Position the decal on the model using tweezers, then gently slide the backing paper away. Blot excess water with a soft cloth. For best results, use decal setting solutions to help decals conform to surface details and eliminate silvering.

Display and Care

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your finished model:

- Display your model in a stable location, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity.
- Dust regularly with a soft, dry brush or a gentle air blower. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- Handle the model carefully, holding it by robust sections to prevent damage to delicate parts.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Solution
Parts do not fit together properly.	Ensure all flash is removed and mating surfaces are clean. Dry-fit parts before gluing. Lightly sand or trim areas causing interference.
Decals are "silvering" (showing a clear film edge).	Apply a gloss coat before decals. Use decal setting solution to help decals conform to surface details and eliminate trapped air.

Problem	Solution
Paint is not adhering or is peeling.	Ensure parts were cleaned to remove mold release agents. Apply thin coats of paint. Use a primer if necessary.
Small parts are lost or broken.	Contact Italeri customer support for replacement parts if available, or consider scratch-building replacements.

Specifications

Brand: Italeri

Model Name: 1:72 Mc 202 Folgore

Item Model Number: 1439S

Scale: 1:72

Material: Plastic

Recommended Age: 14 years and up

Product Dimensions (L x W x H): Approximately 4.84 x 10.24 x 6.5 inches (Box dimensions)

Assembled Length: 12.3 cm (4.84 inches)

Included Components: Plastic construction kit

Support

For further assistance, missing parts, or technical inquiries regarding your Italeri model kit, please refer to the contact information provided on the kit packaging or visit the official Italeri website. You may also consult online modeling communities for tips and advice.
Official Italeri Website: www.italeri.com

Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for this product are not provided in the available product information. Please refer to the manufacturer's official website or contact their customer service for any warranty-related inquiries.

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