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Model: TRU05359 | Brand: Trumpeter

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for assembling the Trumpeter TRU05359 1:350 scale German Tirpitz Battleship plastic model kit. This kit is designed for adult collectors and requires careful assembly, painting, and detailing to achieve the final representation of the historic battleship. Please read all instructions thoroughly before beginning assembly.

SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING! This product is not suitable for children under 3 years due to small parts which may present a choking hazard. This model kit is intended for ages 14 and over. Always use appropriate tools and adhesives in a well-ventilated area. Keep all parts and tools out of reach of small children and pets.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

The Trumpeter TRU05359 model kit includes the following components:

- One complete plastic model kit, including multiple sprues of plastic parts.
- Photo-etched parts for enhanced detail.
- Metal chain.
- Instruction booklet (this manual).
- Painting and marking guide.

Please inspect all contents upon opening the box to ensure all parts are present and undamaged. Contact customer support if any components are missing or defective.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Before starting, ensure you have a clean, well-lit workspace. Recommended tools include a hobby knife,

plastic cement, tweezers, sanding sticks, and paints suitable for plastic models.

1. Reviewing Components



Image: Detailed photo-etched parts and a length of metal chain, essential for adding fine details to the model.
Familiarize yourself with all the parts. The kit includes various plastic sprues, photo-etched parts for intricate details like railings and radar, and a metal chain. Identify each sprue and its corresponding parts using the included diagrams.

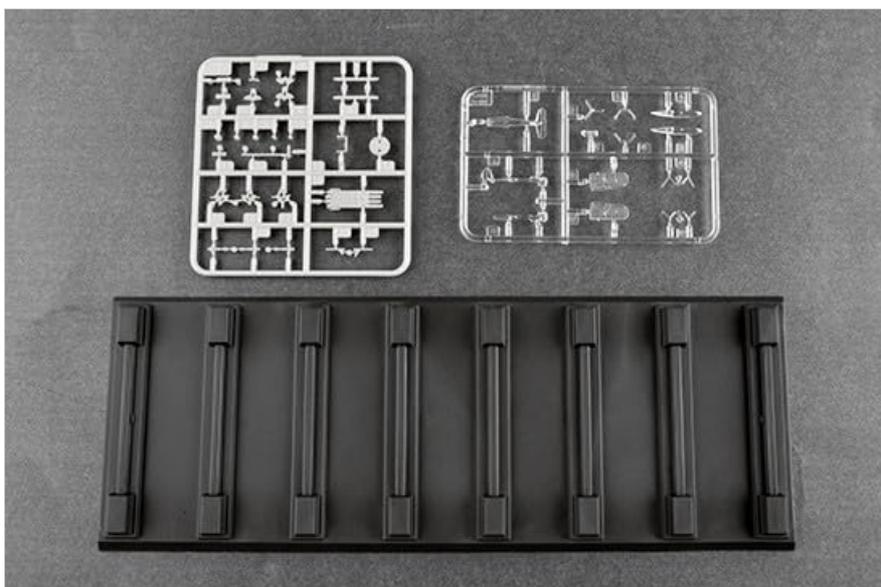


Image: Clear plastic parts, a grey plastic sprue, and the base for the display stand.
The kit includes clear plastic parts for windows or other transparent elements, standard grey plastic sprues for the main structure, and components for a display stand.

2. Hull Assembly

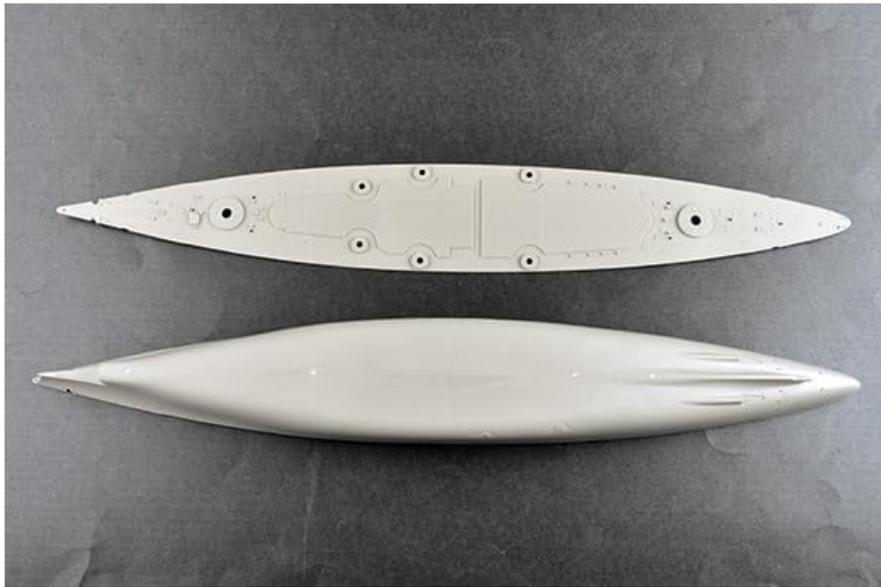


Image: The main upper and lower hull sections of the Tirpitz battleship model, ready for assembly.
Begin by carefully removing the main hull sections from their sprues. Clean any mold lines or excess plastic using a hobby knife or sanding stick. Test fit the upper and lower hull pieces before applying cement to ensure a precise join. Allow sufficient drying time for the cement.

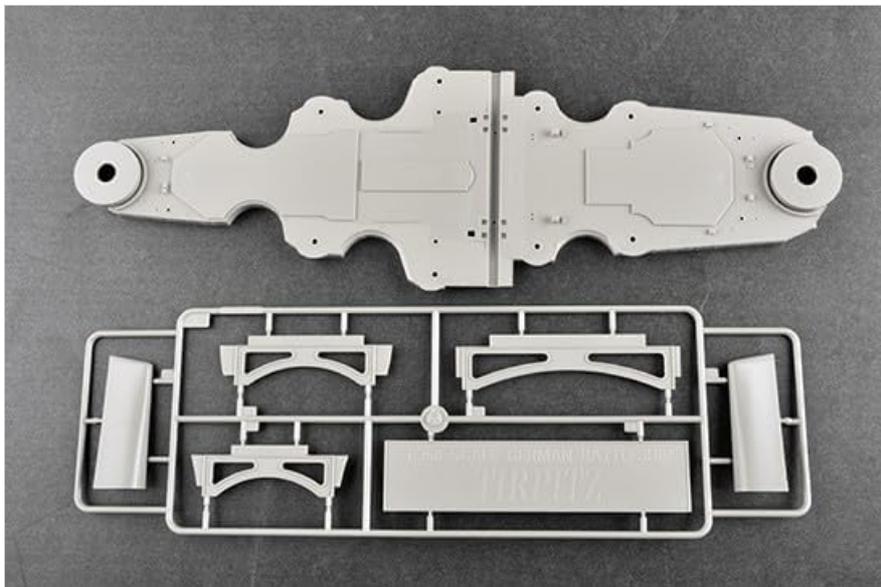


Image: A sprue containing the lower hull section and various parts for constructing the display stand.
Assemble the display stand components as per the instructions, ensuring a stable base for your finished model.

3. Deck and Superstructure

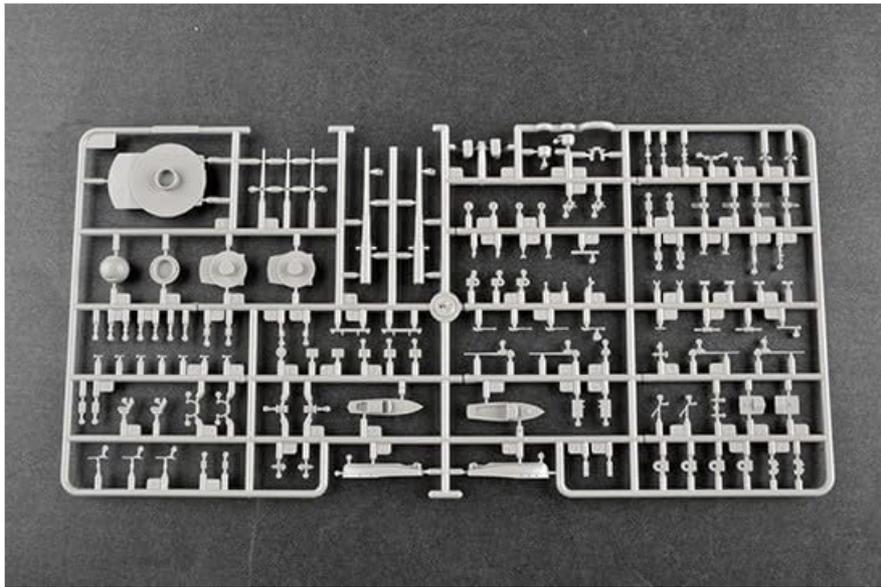


Image: A sprue containing numerous small and medium-sized parts for the deck and superstructure of the battleship. Proceed with assembling the deck sections and the various components of the superstructure. This includes turrets, masts, and other intricate details. Pay close attention to the assembly diagrams for correct placement.

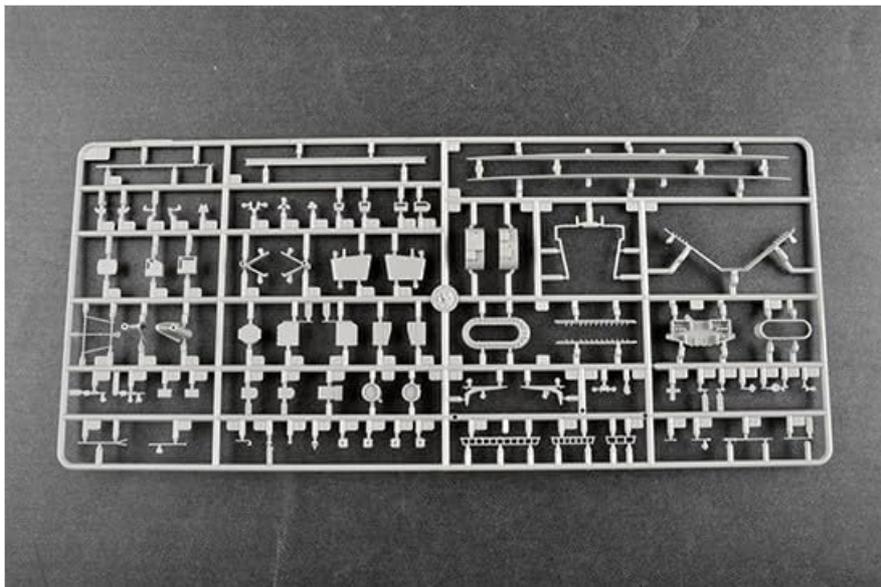


Image: A sprue featuring smaller detail parts such as lifeboats, cranes, and other deck equipment. Attach smaller details such as lifeboats, anti-aircraft guns, and other deck equipment. Use tweezers for precise handling of these delicate parts.

4. Photo-Etched Parts and Final Details

Photo-etched parts require careful handling. Use a sharp hobby knife to remove them from the fret and specialized photo-etch bending tools if necessary. These parts are typically used for railings, ladders, and other fine details that cannot be replicated with plastic molding.

5. Painting and Decals

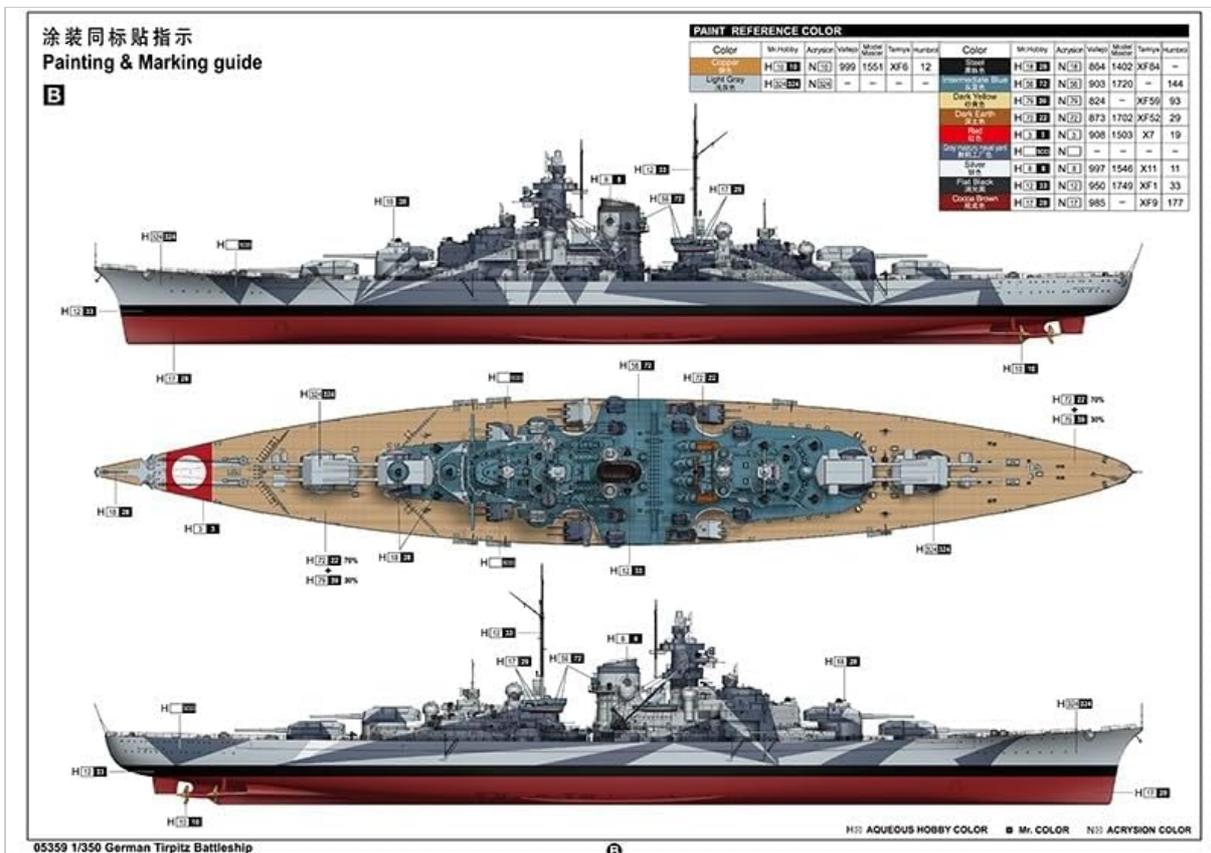


Image: The comprehensive painting and marking guide, illustrating color schemes and decal placement for the Tirpitz battleship.

Refer to the included painting and marking guide for recommended color schemes and decal placement. It is often easier to paint certain sub-assemblies before attaching them to the main model. Apply decals carefully using water and a setting solution for best results.



Image: An artistic rendering depicting the German battleship Tirpitz in an icy fjord, showcasing a potential finished appearance.

This image provides an example of the finished model's appearance, including camouflage and weathering, which can serve as inspiration for your painting process.

DISPLAYING YOUR MODEL

Once assembly and painting are complete, your Trumpeter Tirpitz model can be proudly displayed on its included stand. Choose a stable location away from direct sunlight, excessive heat, or humidity to preserve the model's finish and structural integrity.

MAINTENANCE

To maintain the appearance of your model, periodically dust it gently with a soft brush or a can of compressed air. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, as these can damage the paint and plastic. Store the model in a dust-free environment when not on display.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Parts not fitting:** Ensure parts are correctly oriented. Trim any excess plastic (flash) from the edges. Light sanding may be required for a snug fit.
- **Missing parts:** Double-check the sprues and packaging. If a part is genuinely missing, contact Trumpeter customer support with your kit details.
- **Decals not adhering:** Ensure the surface is clean and glossy. Use decal setting solutions to help them conform to irregular surfaces and adhere better.
- **Paint issues:** Ensure surfaces are clean and primed. Apply paint in thin coats to avoid obscuring details. Allow adequate drying time between coats.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand:	Trumpeter
Model Number:	TRU05359
Model Name:	German Tirpitz Battleship Model Kit
Scale:	1:350
Material:	Plastic, Metal (photo-etched parts)
Color:	Unpainted
Recommended Age:	14 years and up
Item Weight:	0.74 Kilograms
Included Components:	One kit (plastic sprues, photo-etched parts, metal chain)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for this model kit is not provided. For any questions regarding missing parts, defective components, or assembly assistance, please contact Trumpeter customer support directly. Refer to the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website for contact details.