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Trumpeter 1:350 USS CVE-26 Sangamon Model Kit Instruction Manual

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, care, and maintenance of your Trumpeter 1:350 scale USS CVE-26 Sangamon model kit. Please read all instructions carefully before beginning assembly to ensure a smooth and enjoyable building experience. This kit is designed for adult collectors and experienced model builders.

2. Safety Information

WARNING! Not suitable for children under 3 years due to small parts. This product contains small components that may pose a choking hazard. Adult supervision is recommended during assembly. Always use appropriate ventilation when working with glues and paints, and follow the safety guidelines provided with those products.

3. Product Overview

The Trumpeter 1:350 USS CVE-26 Sangamon model kit allows for the detailed recreation of the historic escort carrier. This kit includes all necessary plastic parts for assembly. Additional materials such as plastic cement, hobby knives, and paints are typically required and sold separately.

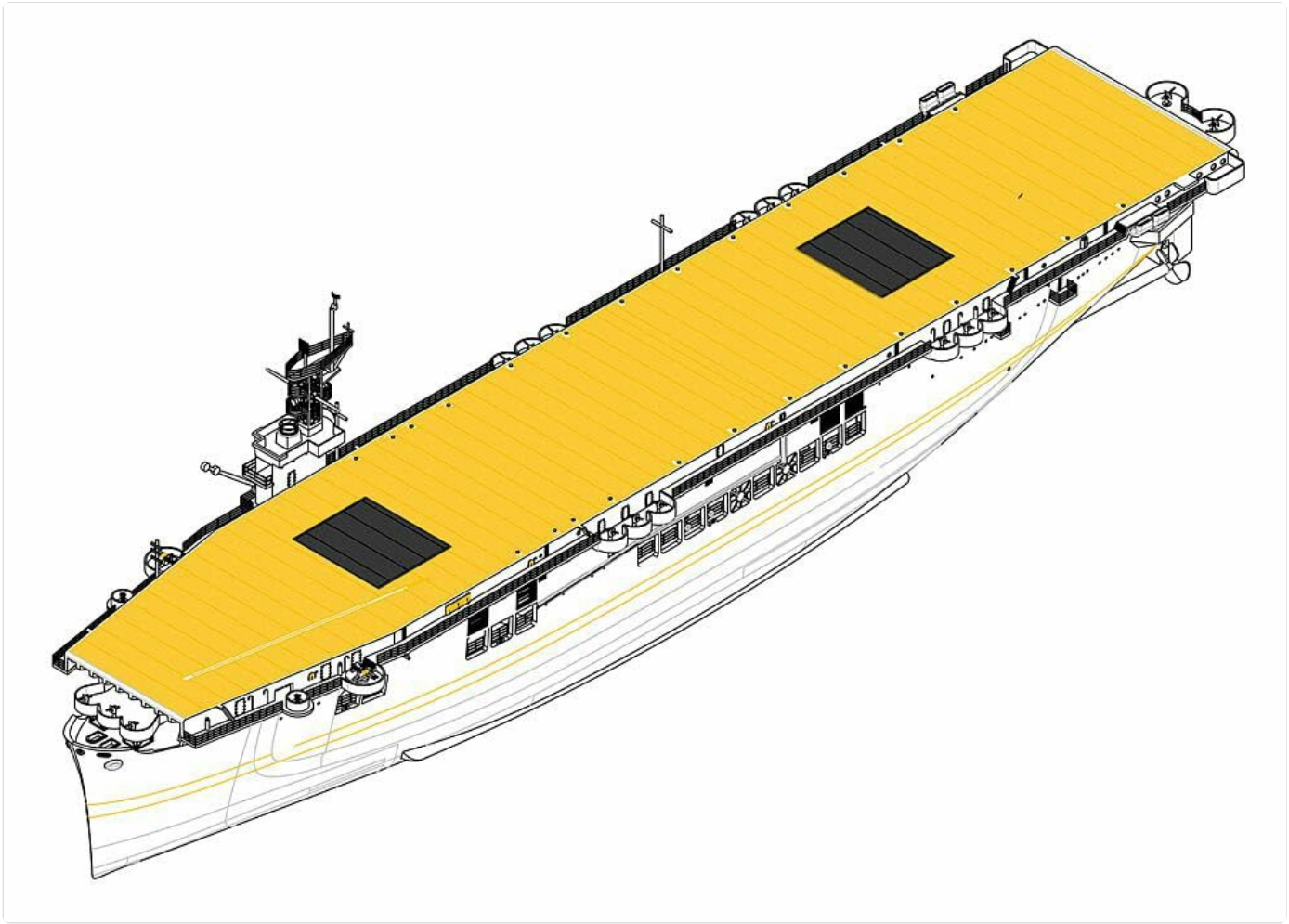


Image 1: Trumpeter 1:350 USS CVE-26 Sangamon Model Kit. This image displays the packaging or a completed model of the USS CVE-26 Sangamon, providing a visual reference for the product.

Kit Contents:

- One plastic model kit (unassembled)
- Instruction booklet (included in the box)
- Decal sheet (if applicable, for markings)

4. Assembly Instructions (Setup)

Successful model building requires patience and attention to detail. Follow these general guidelines in conjunction with the specific instructions provided within your kit box.

4.1 Preparation

1. **Read the Entire Manual:** Familiarize yourself with all steps before starting.
2. **Organize Your Workspace:** Ensure a clean, well-lit, and ventilated area.
3. **Gather Tools:** Essential tools typically include a hobby knife, plastic cement, tweezers, sanding sticks, and possibly small files or clippers.
4. **Inspect Parts:** Carefully check all sprues against the parts list in your kit's instruction booklet to ensure no parts are missing or damaged.

4.2 Assembly Steps

1. **Part Removal:** Carefully cut parts from the sprues using a hobby knife or clippers. Avoid pulling or twisting, which can

damage parts.

2. **Clean Up:** Remove any excess plastic (flash) from the parts using a hobby knife or sanding stick.
3. **Test Fit:** Before applying cement, always test fit parts to ensure proper alignment and fit. Adjust as necessary.
4. **Cementing:** Apply plastic cement sparingly to the mating surfaces. Hold parts firmly together until the cement sets. Refer to the kit's instructions for specific assembly sequences.
5. **Painting (Optional):** Many modelers choose to paint sub-assemblies before final construction. Refer to the kit's painting guide for recommended colors and schemes.
6. **Decals:** Apply decals according to the kit's instructions after painting is complete and dry. Use decal setting solutions for best results.
7. **Final Assembly:** Complete the remaining assembly steps, adding smaller details and delicate parts last.

5. Care and Display (Operating & Maintenance)

Once assembled, your USS CVE-26 Sangamon model requires minimal maintenance to preserve its appearance.

5.1 Cleaning

- **Dusting:** Regularly dust your model using a soft brush (e.g., a clean makeup brush) or a can of compressed air. Avoid harsh wiping, which can damage delicate parts or paint.
- **Avoid Liquids:** Do not use water, cleaning solutions, or solvents directly on the model, as these can damage paint, decals, or plastic.

5.2 Display

- **Stable Surface:** Display your model on a stable, flat surface to prevent accidental falls.
- **Environmental Factors:** Keep the model away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and high humidity, which can cause discoloration, warping, or material degradation over time.
- **Protective Case:** Consider a display case to protect the model from dust and physical damage.

6. Troubleshooting

Encountering issues during model assembly is common. Here are solutions to some frequent problems:

- **Missing or Damaged Parts:** If you discover missing or significantly damaged parts upon opening the kit, contact the retailer or Trumpeter customer support with your proof of purchase and a description of the issue.
- **Parts Not Fitting:** Ensure you have the correct parts for the step. Use a hobby knife or sanding stick to carefully trim excess plastic or adjust mating surfaces for a better fit. Test fit repeatedly.
- **Poor Cement Adhesion:** Ensure surfaces are clean and free of paint or grease. Apply cement sparingly and hold parts firmly until set. Allow adequate drying time.
- **Decal Silvering:** This occurs when air is trapped under the decal. Apply a gloss coat before decals, use decal setting solutions, and ensure the surface is smooth. Puncture tiny holes in the decal with a sharp needle and reapply setting solution if silvering occurs.

7. Specifications

Key specifications for the Trumpeter 1:350 USS CVE-26 Sangamon model kit:

Feature	Detail
Brand	Trumpeter
Model Name	USS CVE-26 Sangamon
Model Number	05369 (TRU05369)
Scale	1:350
Material	Plastic
Item Weight	0.59 kg
Age Range (Recommended)	Child, Adult (Suitable for ages over 14)
Included Components	One kit (unassembled plastic parts)

8. Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Trumpeter model kit, please refer to the documentation included in the product packaging or contact the retailer from whom the kit was purchased. Warranty terms may vary by region and retailer.

For technical support, inquiries about missing parts, or general assistance with your Trumpeter model kit, please contact Trumpeter customer service directly. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or the official Trumpeter website.

Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty or support claims.

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