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Italeri 2826 A-4E/F/G Skyhawk 1:48 Scale Model Kit Instruction Manual

Model: IT2826

1. Introduction

Welcome to the instruction manual for your Italeri 2826 A-4E/F/G Skyhawk 1:48 Scale Model Kit. This kit allows you to construct a detailed replica of the iconic A-4 Skyhawk aircraft. This manual provides essential information regarding the kit contents, safety guidelines, assembly, painting, and decal application. For detailed, step-by-step visual instructions, always refer to the full-color assembly and coloring instructions included in your kit.

2. Safety Information

This product is intended for adult collectors over the age of 14. It is not a toy.

- **Small Parts:** This kit contains small parts which may pose a choking hazard. Keep out of reach of young children.
- **Sharp Tools:** Assembly requires the use of sharp tools such as hobby knives and clippers. Exercise extreme caution to prevent injury.
- **Adhesives and Paints:** Use model adhesives and paints in a well-ventilated area. Follow the manufacturer's safety instructions for all chemical products. Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation when working with paints and glues.

3. Kit Contents

Your Italeri 2826 A-4E/F/G Skyhawk model kit includes the following components:

- Plastic model parts to be assembled (on sprues)
- Full-color assembly and coloring instructions
- Decal sheet for decorations, including super decals for 6 versions (4 USA, 1 Israel, 1 Australia)

Note: A pilot figure is not included with this kit. Adhesives, paints, and tools are sold separately and are required for assembly.

4. Assembly Instructions

The assembly process involves careful handling of parts and precise application of adhesives. Always refer to the detailed, full-color instructions provided in your kit for specific part numbers, assembly sequences, and diagrams.

1. **Review Instructions:** Before starting, thoroughly read through the entire instruction booklet to understand the assembly steps and identify all parts.
2. **Prepare Parts:** Carefully cut each plastic part from its sprue using a hobby knife or clippers. Use sandpaper or a file to remove any excess plastic (flash) or sprue gates.
3. **Test Fit:** Dry-fit parts together before applying glue to ensure proper alignment and fit.
4. **Assemble Sub-assemblies:** Begin by assembling smaller components such as the cockpit, landing gear, and wings as indicated in the instructions.
5. **Join Main Components:** Once sub-assemblies are complete, join the main fuselage halves, attach wings, and other major components. Use model cement sparingly to avoid damaging the plastic.
6. **Detailing:** Attach smaller detail parts such as antennas, weapons, and external stores as the final assembly steps.



This image displays the packaging for the Italeri 2826 A-4E/F/G Skyhawk 1:48 scale model kit. The box art features a detailed illustration of the assembled A-4 Skyhawk aircraft, painted in a U.S. Navy livery, positioned on an aircraft carrier deck. The aircraft is gray with green and white checkered markings on the tail and red markings on the nose. The kit number '2826' and scale '1:48' are visible on the box.

5. Painting and Decal Application

Achieving a realistic finish requires careful painting and decal application. Refer to the full-color instructions for

specific paint schemes and decal placement for the 6 included versions.

1. **Surface Preparation:** Ensure the model surface is clean, dry, and free of dust or grease before painting.
2. **Priming (Optional):** Apply a thin coat of primer to help paint adhere better and provide a uniform base color.
3. **Painting:** Apply paint in thin, even coats. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying the next. Use masking tape for sharp color separations.
4. **Gloss Coat for Decals:** Once painting is complete and dry, apply a clear gloss coat over the areas where decals will be placed. This provides a smooth surface for decals to adhere to and prevents 'silvering'.
5. **Decal Application:** Carefully cut out each decal. Dip it in lukewarm water for a few seconds until it slides freely from the backing paper. Slide the decal onto the model, positioning it accurately. Use a soft brush or cotton swab to gently press out any air bubbles or excess water.
6. **Sealing Decals:** After decals are dry, apply another clear coat (gloss or matte, depending on desired finish) to seal them and protect the paintwork.

6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Italeri
Model Name	A-4E/F/G Skyhawk
Item Model Number	IT2826
Scale	1:48
Material	Plastic
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	10.43 x 0.39 x 0.39 inches (assembled model length approx. 21.3 cm)
Item Weight	10.6 ounces (0.3 Kilograms)
Skill Level	3
Number of Pieces	1 (referring to the kit as one item, not individual parts)
Recommended Age	14 years and up
Included Components	Plastic model parts, assembly and coloring instructions, decal sheet

7. Troubleshooting

Encountering issues during model assembly is common. Here are some general tips:

- **Parts Not Fitting:** Double-check part numbers against the instructions. Ensure all sprue gates and flash are removed. Gently sand or trim parts if necessary for a snug fit.
- **Decals Not Adhering:** Ensure the surface is clean and has a gloss coat. Use decal setting solutions to help decals conform to irregular surfaces and adhere better.
- **Paint Issues:** If paint is clumping or not covering evenly, ensure it is properly thinned and applied in multiple thin coats. Allow sufficient drying time between coats.
- **Missing Parts:** Carefully check all sprues and the box. If a part is genuinely missing, contact Italeri customer support.

8. Maintenance

Once your model is complete, proper care will ensure its longevity:

- **Cleaning:** Dust your model regularly with a soft, dry brush or a can of compressed air. Avoid using harsh chemicals or wet cloths, which can damage paint or decals.
- **Storage:** Store your model in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight, which can cause paint fading or plastic warping. Display cases can protect against dust and accidental damage.
- **Handling:** Always handle the model by its sturdy parts, such as the fuselage or main wings, to avoid breaking delicate components.

9. Support

For further assistance, missing parts, or specific inquiries regarding your Italeri model kit, please refer to the contact information provided on the Italeri packaging or visit the official Italeri website. Ensure you have your model number (IT2826) ready when contacting support.

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