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Model: HA5140 | Brand: HM Hobbymaster

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Hobby Master 1:72 Scale F:A-18E Dagger Diecast Military Aircraft Model (HA5140). This meticulously crafted replica is designed for collectors aged 14 and above, offering a detailed representation of a modern strike fighter. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, display, and care of your model to ensure its longevity and aesthetic appeal.



Figure 1.1: Overall view of the Hobby Master F:A-18E Dagger diecast model, showcasing its detailed construction and armament.

2. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Upon unboxing, carefully inspect all components for any damage. The model comes with several detachable parts for customization and display.

2.1 Unboxing and Inspection

1. Carefully remove the model and all accessories from the packaging.
2. Verify that all components are present: F:A-18E Dagger aircraft body, movable landing gear, two GBU-24 bombs, one extra decal sheet, and a display stand.
3. Inspect the model for any manufacturing defects or shipping damage. Contact customer support if any issues are found.

2.2 Attaching Components

- **Landing Gear:** The model features movable landing gear. Gently insert the landing gear struts into their designated slots on the underside of the fuselage and wings. Ensure they click securely into place for either a deployed or retracted position.
- **GBU-24 Bombs:** Attach the two GBU-24 bombs to the appropriate hardpoints under the wings. These are designed to fit snugly.
- **Decals:** The extra decal sheet allows for further customization. Follow the instructions provided on the decal sheet for application.
- **Display Stand:** If using the display stand, securely attach the model to the stand's mounting point on the underside of the fuselage. Ensure the model is balanced.



Figure 2.1: Side view of the F:A-18E Dagger model with landing gear deployed, illustrating attachment points for underwing ordnance.



Figure 2.2: Frontal view of the F:A-18E Dagger model, highlighting the attached GBU-24 bombs and detailed cockpit.

3. DISPLAY AND HANDLING

The Hobby Master F:A-18E Dagger is a display model designed for static presentation. While some parts are movable, it is not intended for active play.

- **Display Position:** Choose a stable, flat surface away from direct sunlight, excessive heat, or high humidity. The

included display stand can be used for an elevated presentation.

- **Movable Parts:** The landing gear can be positioned in either deployed or retracted states. Handle these parts gently to avoid damage. The cockpit canopy may also open on some models; operate with care.
- **Handling:** Always handle the model by its main fuselage or wings. Avoid gripping delicate parts like antennas, pitot tubes, or weapon pylons.



Figure 3.1: Top-down view of the F:A-18E Dagger model, illustrating the detailed panel lines and authentic markings for display.

4. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper care will preserve the intricate details and finish of your diecast model.

- **Cleaning:** Dust the model regularly with a soft, dry brush or a microfiber cloth. For stubborn dust, a slightly damp cloth can be used, but avoid excessive moisture, especially on decals. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** If storing the model for an extended period, place it back in its original packaging or a protective display case to prevent dust accumulation and accidental damage.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Avoid exposing the model to extreme temperature fluctuations or prolonged direct sunlight, which can cause fading or material degradation.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common minor issues you might encounter with your diecast model.

- **Loose or Detached Parts:**
 - If a small part (e.g., antenna, weapon) becomes loose, gently try to reattach it to its designated slot.
 - For parts that do not securely reattach, a small amount of model-safe adhesive (e.g., clear hobby glue) can be used sparingly. Apply with a toothpick.

- **Dust Accumulation:**

- Refer to the "Maintenance and Care" section for cleaning instructions. A soft brush is usually sufficient.

- **Model Instability on Stand:**

- Ensure the model is correctly seated on the display stand's mounting point.
- Verify the stand itself is on a flat, stable surface.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	HA5140
Brand	HM Hobbymaster
Scale	1:72
Aircraft Type	F:A-18E Dagger (Military Aircraft)
Material	Diecast Metal and High-Grade Plastics
Approximate Length	8.5 inches (21.6 cm)
Product Dimensions (Box)	10"D x 8"W x 3"H (25.4cm D x 20.3cm W x 7.6cm H)
Item Weight	1 pound (0.45 kg)
Included Accessories	Movable landing gear, 2 x GBU-24 bombs, extra decal, display stand
Recommended Age	14 years and above