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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for assembling the Tamiya 24373 1/24 scale Honda Prelude (BF1) plastic model kit. This kit allows enthusiasts to recreate the distinctive wide and low styling of the Honda Prelude (BF1) with high accuracy.

The completed model features a realistic interior with a horizontal base panel and a large LCD meter. The chassis and undercarriage are designed with a three-dimensional feel. A functional rear gate with a tailgate spoiler can be opened and closed, and the kit includes accessories such as suitcases to enhance realism.



Figure 1.1: The completed Tamiya 1/24 Honda Prelude (BF1) model, showcasing its detailed exterior.

2. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Tamiya 24373 Honda Prelude (BF1) is an unpainted plastic model assembly kit. Successful assembly requires careful attention to detail and the use of appropriate tools and materials.

2.1 Required Materials (Sold Separately)

- **Adhesives:** Plastic model cement or glue suitable for polystyrene.
- **Tools:** Hobby knife, side cutters, files, sandpaper, tweezers, paint brushes, airbrush (optional).
- **Paints:** Enamel or acrylic paints for detailing. Refer to the color guide in the kit's primary instruction sheet for recommended colors.
- **Thinners and Cleaners:** For paint and tool maintenance.

Note: This kit does not include adhesives, paint, tools, or batteries.

2.2 Assembly Steps Overview

1. **Part Preparation:** Carefully remove parts from the sprues using side cutters. Clean any excess plastic (flash) with a hobby knife or file.
2. **Sub-Assembly:** Assemble smaller components such as the engine, interior, and chassis according to the included instruction sheet.
3. **Painting:** Paint individual parts or sub-assemblies as indicated in the color guide. Allow sufficient drying time between coats.
4. **Decal Application:** Apply the included metal inlet markings for emblems and window mask seals. Use water or decal setting solution as needed.

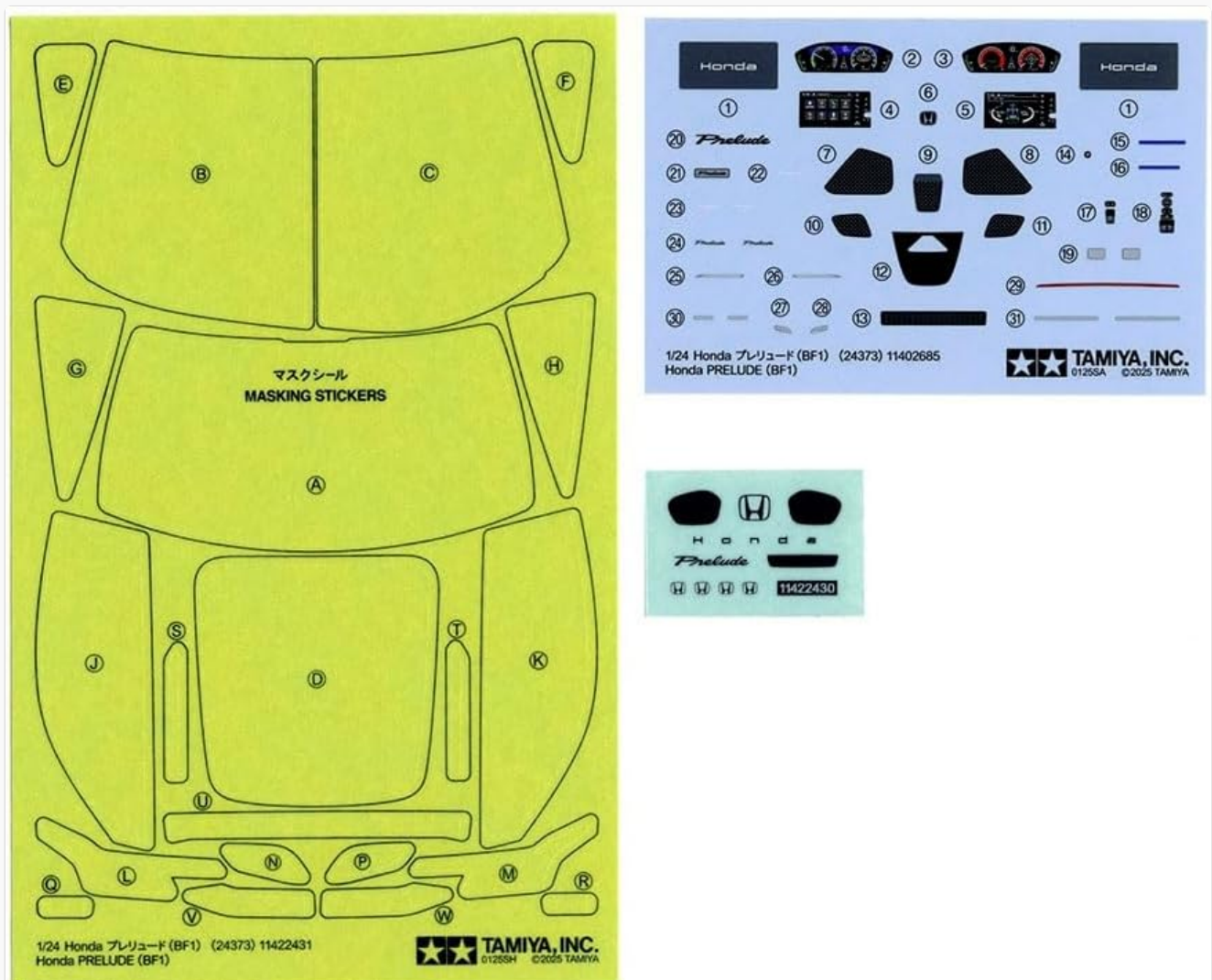


Figure 2.1: Included masking stickers and decals for detailed finishing.

5. **Final Assembly:** Combine the main sub-assemblies (chassis, body, interior) to complete the model.

Always refer to the detailed, step-by-step instruction sheet provided within the kit for precise assembly guidance.

3. FEATURES AND OPERATION

Once assembled, the Tamiya Honda Prelude (BF1) model offers several detailed features for display.

3.1 Exterior Details

- **Realistic Body:** The model accurately captures the wide and low profile of the Honda Prelude (BF1).
- **Tailgate:** The rear gate, equipped with a spoiler, can be opened and closed, revealing the detailed cargo area.



Figure 3.1: The functional rear tailgate in an open position, revealing cargo accessories.



Figure 3.2: Detailed view of the cargo area with included accessories.

- **Undercarriage:** The underside of the model features a detailed chassis and foot area, providing a three-dimensional representation.



Figure 3.3: Detailed undercarriage and chassis components.

3.2 Interior Details

- **Cockpit:** The interior features a horizontal base panel and a large LCD meter, replicating the modern design of the Prelude.



Figure 3.4: Detailed dashboard and cockpit area.

- **Seating:** The seats are accurately molded to reflect the vehicle's design.



Figure 3.5: Detailed front seats and interior layout.

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper care will preserve the appearance and integrity of your Tamiya model for years.

- **Cleaning:** Dust the model regularly with a soft brush or compressed air. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive cloths that could damage paint or plastic.
- **Storage:** Store the model in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading and warping. A display case is recommended to protect against dust and accidental damage.
- **Handling:** Handle the model by its base or sturdy parts to avoid stressing delicate components.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING (ASSEMBLY TIPS)

Encountering issues during assembly is common. Here are some tips for common challenges:

- **Parts Not Fitting:** Ensure all sprue gates are cleanly removed and check for any excess plastic (flash) that might obstruct fit. Dry-fit parts before applying adhesive.
- **Adhesive Issues:** Use the correct type and amount of adhesive. Too much glue can damage plastic or obscure details. Allow adequate drying time.
- **Paint Application:** Apply paint in thin, even coats to avoid brush marks or thick layers. Ensure proper ventilation when painting.
- **Decal Application:** If decals do not adhere well, use a decal setting solution. Ensure the surface is clean and smooth.
- **Missing or Damaged Parts:** Carefully check the kit contents against the parts list in the instruction manual upon

opening. Contact Tamiya customer support if parts are genuinely missing or damaged.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	TAMIYA
Model Number	24373
Model Name	Honda Prelude (BF1)
Scale	1/24
Completed Length	189 mm (7.44 inches)
Completed Width	87 mm (3.43 inches)
Completed Height	57 mm (2.24 inches)
Material	Plastic
Recommended Age	15 years and up
Paint Type Compatibility	Enamel/Acrylic
Included Components	Plastic model parts, decals, masking stickers, instruction manual

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific warranty terms for Tamiya plastic model kits is typically provided within the product packaging or on the manufacturer's official website. As this is an assembly kit, warranty generally covers manufacturing defects in parts rather than issues arising from assembly or painting.

For technical support, missing parts, or inquiries, please refer to the contact information provided by Tamiya in the kit's original documentation or visit the official Tamiya website.

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