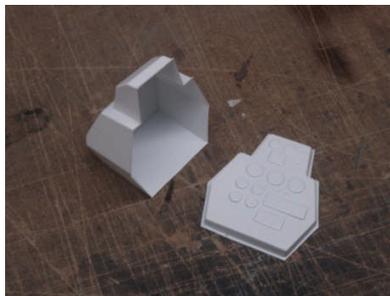


We start the cockpit with the pilots heads. there are three in the kit because without a good pair , we have no upgrade and it may be the most difficult step to do. Mark the half pairs to ensure a good match and wet sand the back of the halves until the plastic becomes thin and complete the cut with a hobby knife. Your progress can be checked by holding the plastic to a bright light. Apply model cement to the edge of one of the halves and align them where the neck meets the helmet. Allow the head to dry overnight before trying to smooth the seam.



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Trim the aft instrument panel "box" with the same steps as you did the pilots head halves. Leave a small flange around the aft instrument panel face to use as a depth guide during bonding. After the panel has dried overnight remove the flange . . guess

how, wet sanding. Lay a standard pencil on a flat surface to mark the trim line on the head rests, cut and bond scrap plastic to the provided recesses to add detail to the head rest.



While all that is drying ,trim the cockpit tub along the trim line (molded in the tub) Line the fuselage with sandwich plastic wrap to protect the foam and install the provided stick. Sand the inside of the cockpit tub at the glare shield for a good bond,

apply epoxy and install the tub. Magnets can be used to attach the aft end of the cockpit if they are placed at the peak of the hydraulic cylinder detail.





Use model cement to bond the head rests in place then paint the tub and aft instrument panel with flat black, tape off what you want to leave black, glare shield, floor, instrument panels. The rest of the details are accomplished with a paint brush or by scratching the plastic too make fine white

lines. For an instrument glass face look, the instrument recesses can be filled with 30 min. epoxy.



spray the pilots heads with gloss paint for a shiny helmet and add the other details with a paint brush. A short piece of automotive wire is used to make the oxygen hose. the hose is fastened by stripping the wire

and spreading it out after it has been passed through a drilled hole.

Note this method will require the bottom of the pilots heads to be sanded away for accesses. Be careful not to remove too much. The pilots heads can be positioned by removing some of the pilots collar. facing straight forward however is a perfect fit. Use model cement to attach the heads and after it has dried smear some silicone around the joint from the bottom to ensure they stay.





Rough sand the bond joint area between the canopy and cockpit tub to ensure a good joint. Line the fuselage with sandwich wrap to protect the foam like you did before , install the cockpit Tub and rough trim the canopy so it will fit over the assembly. Use a sharpie marker to mark the canopy trim line starting at the top front and back. This will

allow the canopy to rest in place and allow a more accurate rim line along the bottom. Use epoxy to attach the canopy to the cockpit tub. We suggest using JB weld for this bond due to its thicker consistency.

Tape off the canopy, apply gray primer then paint to suit. periwinkle blue is a good color match for the stock fuselage. Any type of paint is compatible with the canopy however paints that have strong odors should be applied with light coats to the white plastic.

