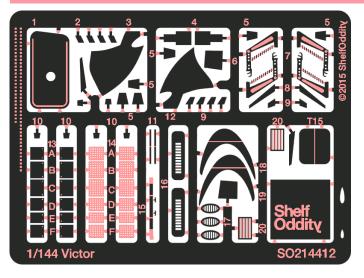
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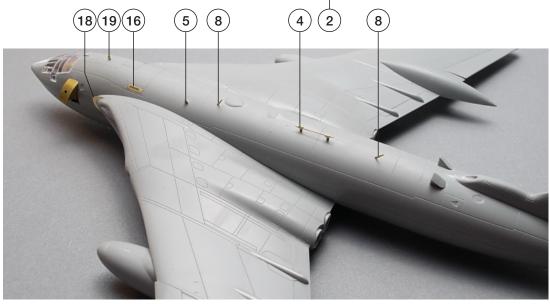


The model by Pit Road / GWH in 144th scale is crisp and full of details. Areas that we got used to expect to require additional detail treatment - speedbrake or gear doors turn out to be good enough out of box.

This set is designed to supplement external details. It is etched in 0.1mm brass. We strongly advise using additional reference photos, such as this excellent walk--around that can be found on this website. While we based this kit around B.2 variant, you can also use it to upgrade K.2 tankers.

Vents and aerials dominate the dorsal zone, including two versions of rod-type antenna (for proper length of rail use dotted lines on the left frame of fret; the rod can be made of 0.3-0.4mm brass tube or hypodermic needle). Broader section of supports (4) needs to be rolled to get a loop--hole for the rod. This aerial is not present on B.2 models. Two support seems to indicate earlier version. Front (8) blade aerial is only present on some SR.2 Victors.





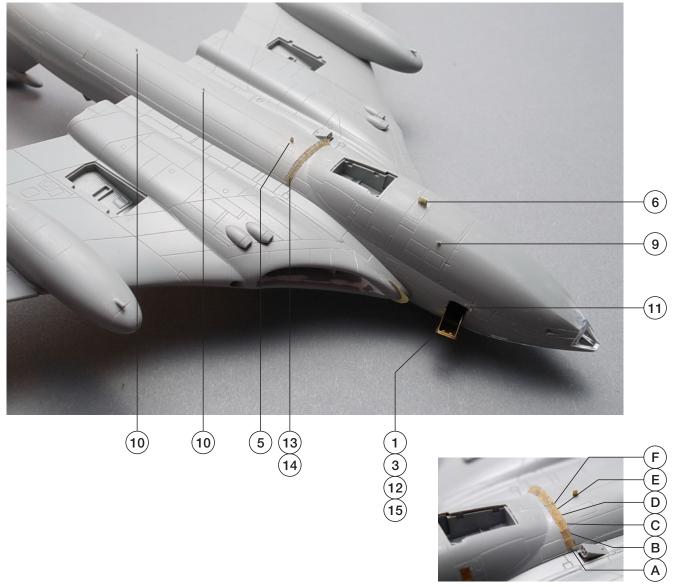
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All aerials have a small pin that strengthens the joint. Use 0.2-0.25mm drill bit.

Aerial (6) was present only on aircraft with Blue Steel capability.

Bomb bay aerodynamic deflectors, or "feathers" (13, 14) can be either solid or mesh. Check references which variant applies to specific airframe, though we could only spot mesh ones on SR.2 Victors. Attach them starting from centerline seam of fuselage (part F) working toward wing root area - it is easier to hide inaccuracies that way.

The handle (11) that opens crew hatch can be folded at straight angle and glued directly to existing protrusion on fuselage. You can also remove the protrusion, cut part 11 in half and insert it into 0.3mm hole drilled in appropriate position.



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Crew access hatch is 4-part sub-assembly. Start with... well... with part no.1, by giving it a proper shape. Part 3 and 12 go into etched grooves on the inside of the door. Finally, part 15, which gives the impression of depth, and also adds door locks. This needs to be U-shaped, Template T15 is here to help (a little).

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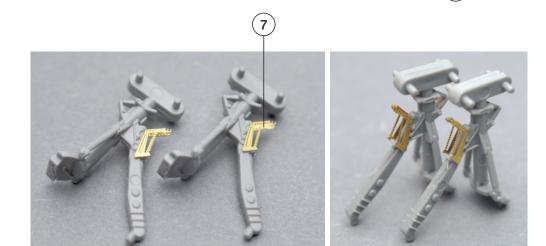
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There are tiny vents at wingtips. Shape part 17 using round file as template, and use the same file to deepen the recess.

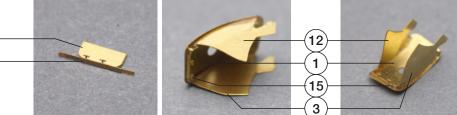
Additional vent (20) can be replaced on the right side of fuselage.

Undercarriage supplied by GWH is rather good. The only thing missing are dolly locks (part 7, two per each main u/c leg), that would be really hard to represent in plastic. Make sure you attach them detail side up. Other landing gear features are either invisible (Victor sits low on the ground, and most parts are obscured by gear doors) or good enough no to be bothered with.

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