

Star-Wars "Snowspeeder" - 1/35 scale

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Le "Snowspeeder" de la marque MPC - maquette plastique au... 1/35ème (environ) est plus que succinct. Aussi il va être amélioré et pour changer un peu, endommagé... Une bonne documentation est importante pour commencer... Surtout que je so...



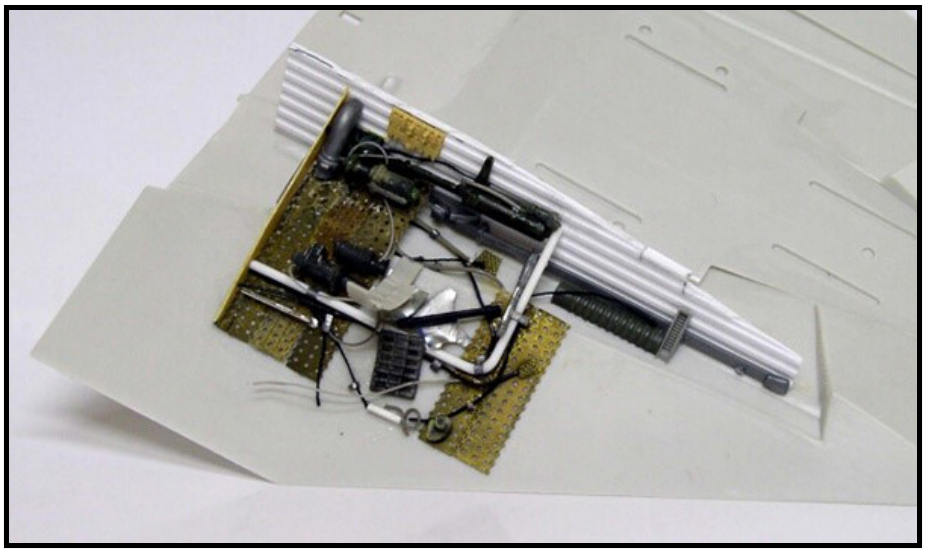




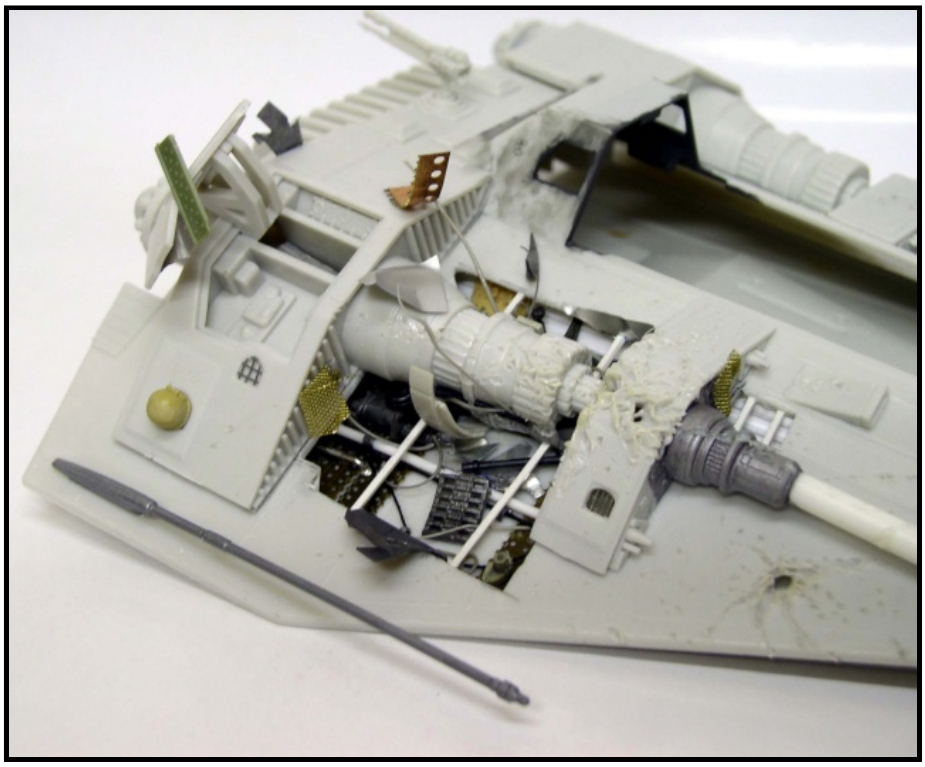
The "Snowspeeder" by MPC—a plastic model kit at a scale of... 1/35 (approximately)—is rather basic. So it's going to be upgraded and, for a change, damaged...



Good documentation is important to start with... Especially since I wanted to go into a bit more detail about the inside of the damaged barrel...

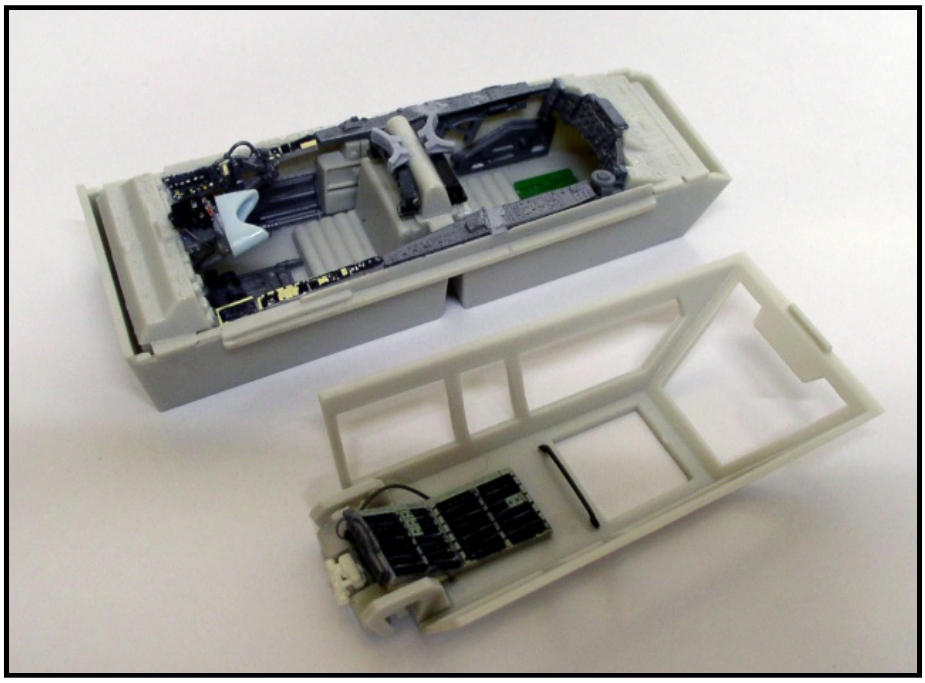


The first step after cutting out the parts—the pieces from the spare parts box will come in handy here. First, the lower wing is detailed, then the upper wing, and then the barrel...



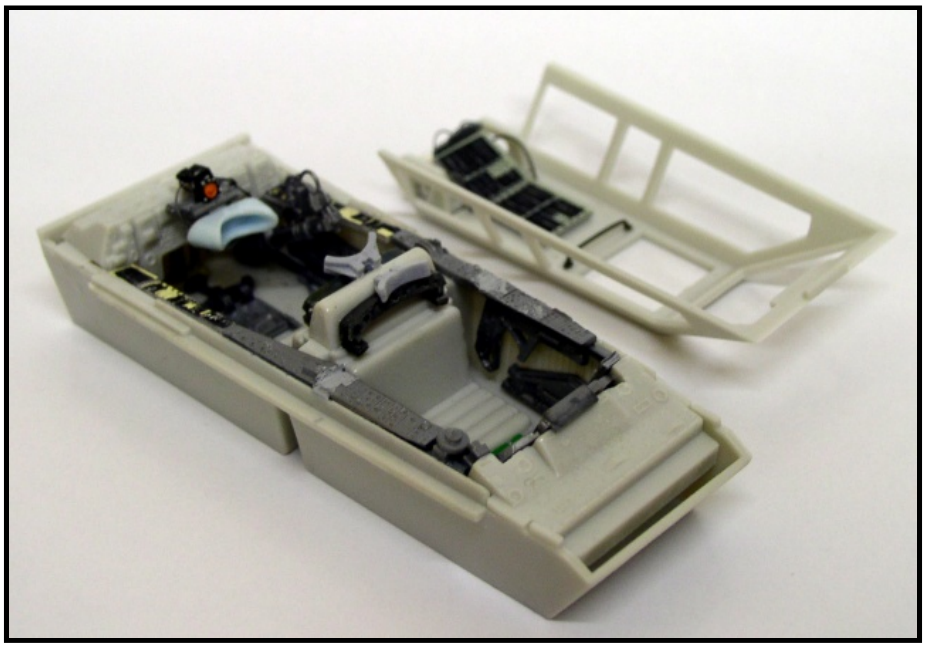
As the aircraft is in free fall, parts torn off by the high speed are stuck to the top...
The faded and rough-looking gun barrels are remade using Evergreen...

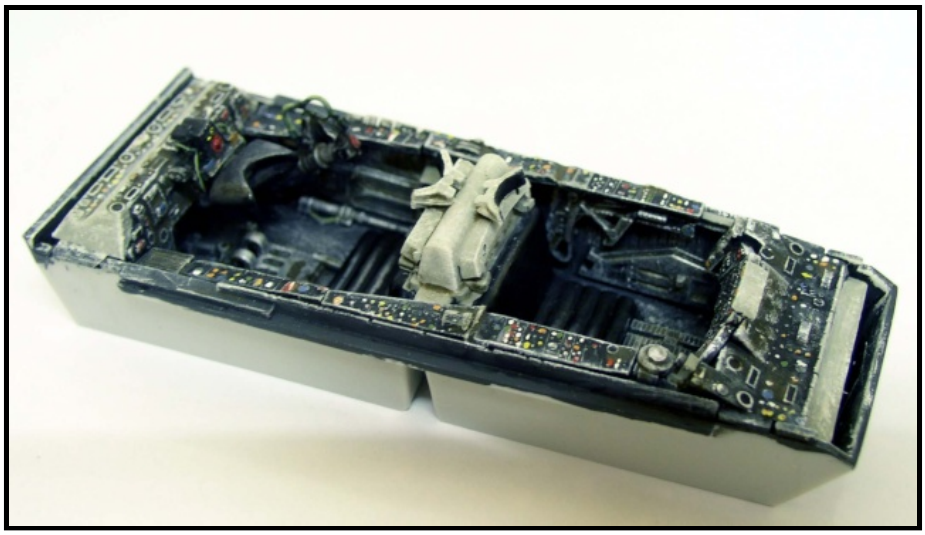
Cockpit

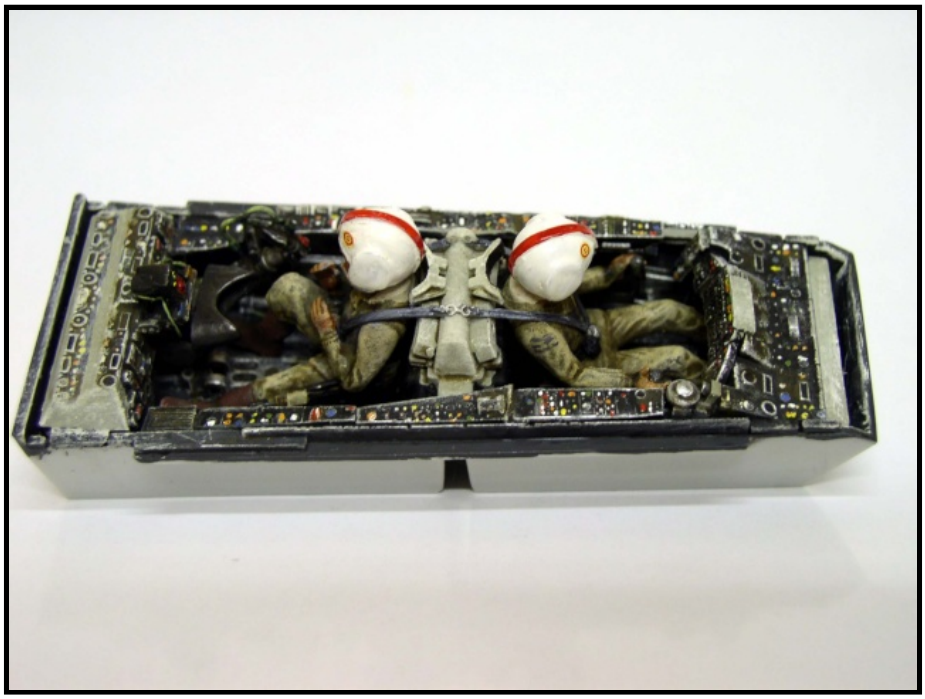


Let's move on to the cockpit, which is only very lightly detailed...

The goal wasn't to create an exact replica of the ship's interior like the "die-hard" Star Wars fans would want, but to make a realistic cockpit...



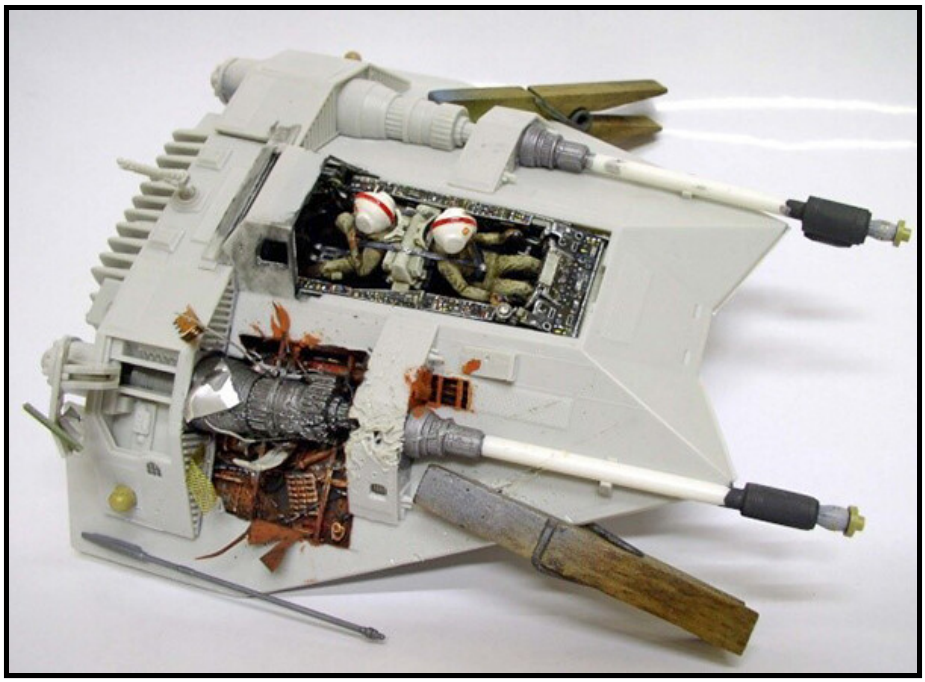


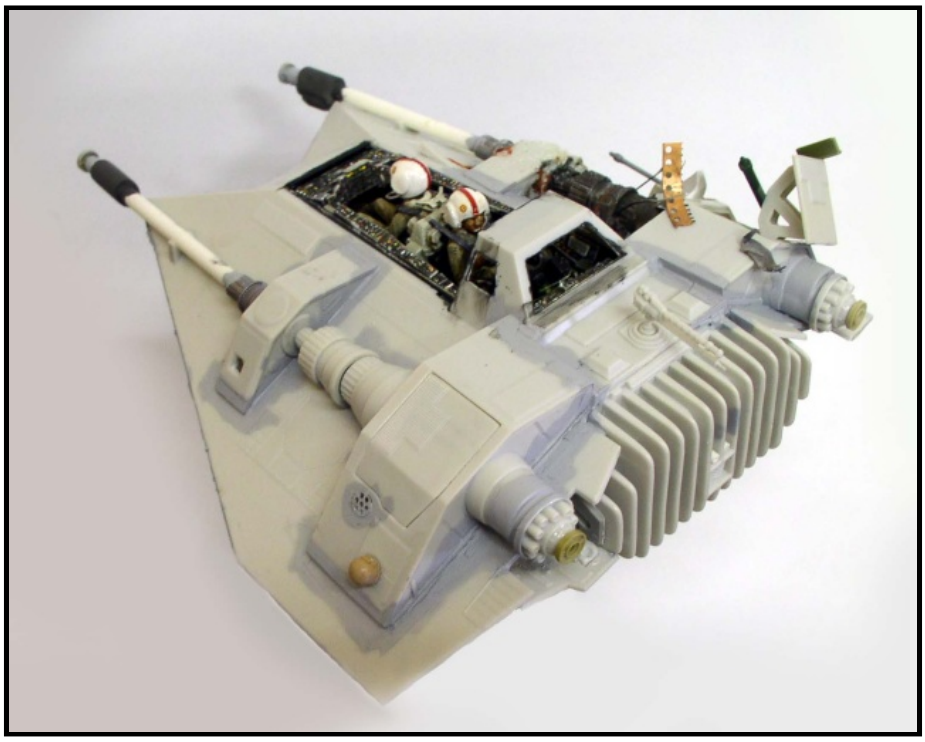


Aircraft instrument panels and gauges will allow for more realistic navigation and add depth...

The cockpit is painted and ready to be installed...Since the cockpit is a fake—and, by the way, the included pilots are "squashed" and unusable—others will be a better replacement...

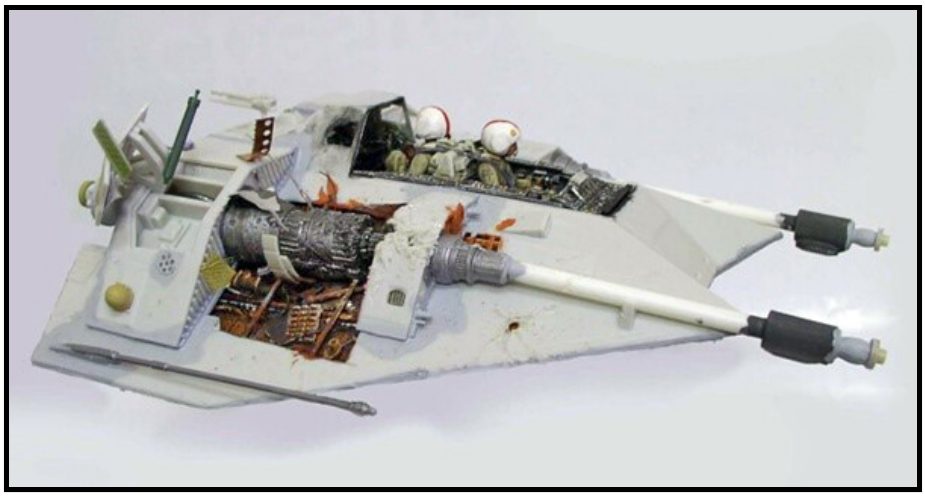
Tank crew helmets that have been slightly modified to resemble those from the movie will be used for the heads, while the bodies of German soldiers in winter uniforms will complete the set.

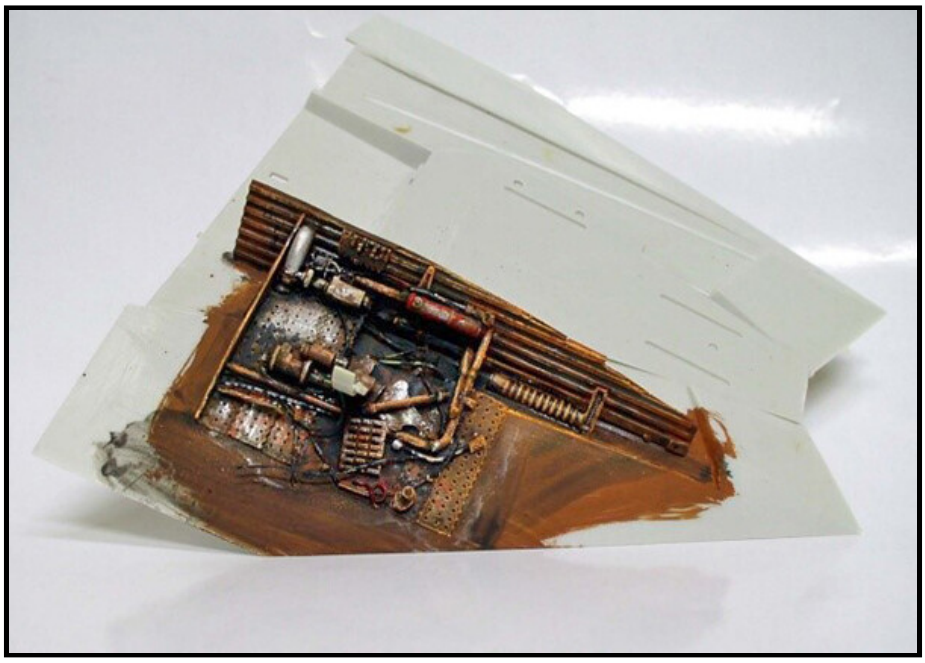




Glue together the two parts after securing the cockpit. The gun barrels are remade from Evergreen plastic...

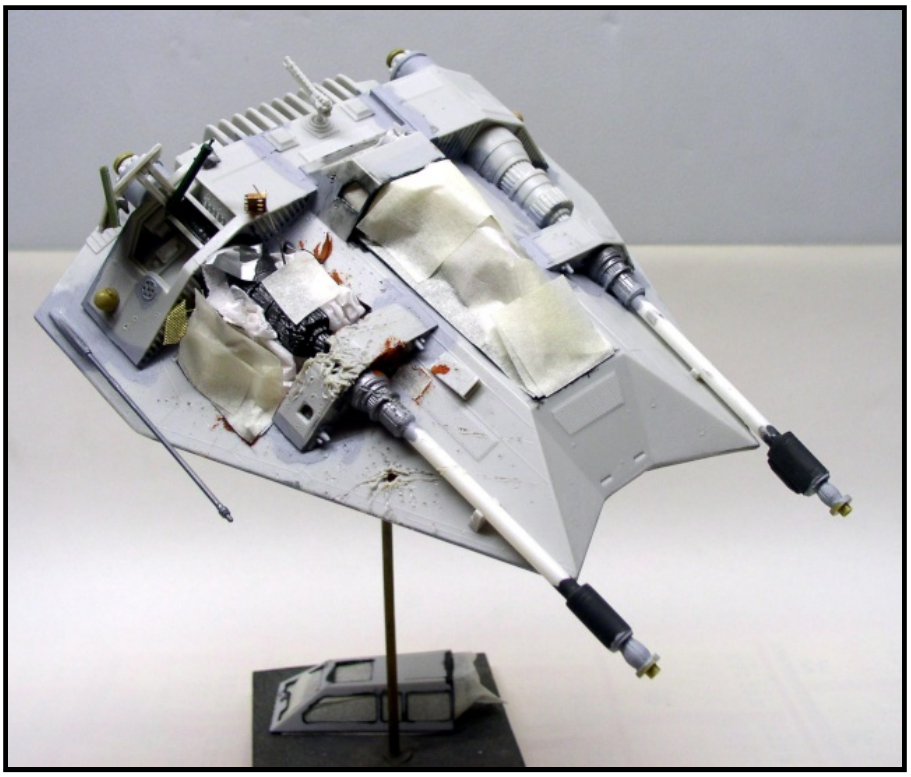
We check the glue joints, because the model is old, so it's not always easy to see where the pieces fit together... We make up for this by brushing on putty diluted with glue...



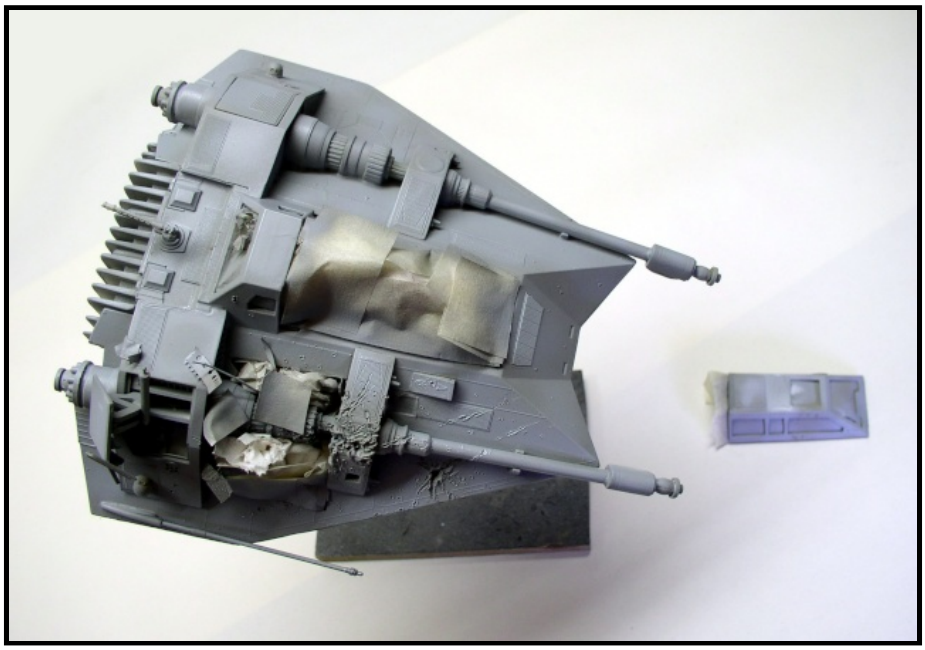


Everything is ready; we can start painting the exterior. The inside of the wing was painted before assembly to make things easier—see the "Patina" tutorial for the technique...

Painting



The cockpit and the damaged section are protected with body shop tape...



The model will be painted with a medium gray Humbrol (photo), followed by a lighter gray...



After applying the usual washes, the model is touched up with a brush using Windsor & Newton artist's oil to add highlights and the orange markings...



The painting is finished. Black pastel will be used to simulate smoke trails, and translucent green Tamiya paint will be used to represent the liquid leaking from the tank...



We add some airbrushed aquarium filter for the smoke, and the model is finished...



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