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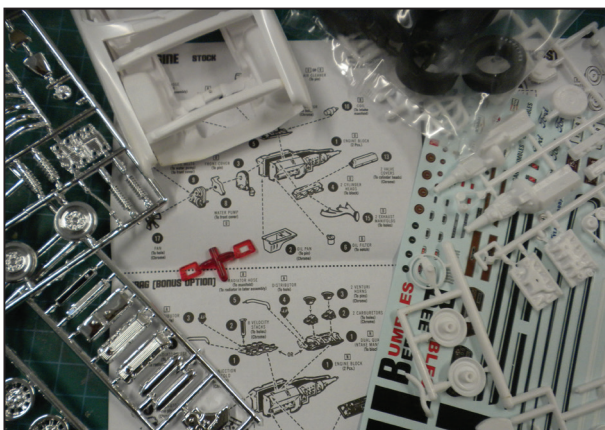
MODEL KIT REPORT

Hot Rods For Highways And Outer Space

In this edition of the Model Kit Report, we'll take a break from the Guillotine Build Log and look at four releases from Round 2 LLC, the collectibles and model company based in South Bend, Indiana. Round 2 prides itself on keeping an active pipeline of new releases, most of which are reissues of kits from beloved brands such as AMT, MPC, Lindberg and Hawk, as well as a stream of new kits from Polar Lights and the other brands. Here's a look at four kits Round 2 sent us for review.

AMT #1373/12 1/25 1969 Ford Galaxie

AMT produced several versions of the Ford Galaxie to reflect the changing styles over the decades. The popular 1969 version has been retooled, reboxed and enhanced with new parts. This version marks the 75th anniversary of AMT and includes an expanded decal set, including a wood-grain dashboard. It's a 3-in-1 kit as well, with options for stock, street or drag versions using optional features,



Instructions and parts for three different builds.

including stock or drag engine builds. The vintage-style box art builds on the nostalgic appeal.

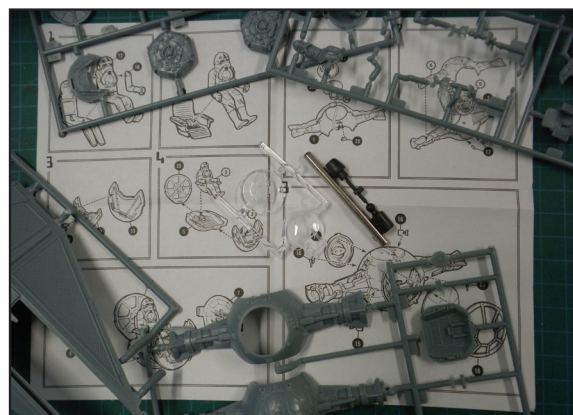
With lots of parts, builders have many options. Those options include a stock 428 engine, a 427 sonic fuel-injected engine with tube headers and a dual quad manifold. Included tires are either stock or wide hollow slicks. A roll bar and chromed Hurst shifter are options for a racing version. Decals include stripes and door art for Gary Bumbles' Galaxie drag racer, which may or may not have existed. Of course, the instrument panel, logos and other exterior and interior decals add to the kit's appeal.



Scratch the muscle car itch.

MPC #989/12 Return of the Jedi TIE Interceptor

The first version of this kit was issued in 1972. It's been retooled and reboxed since. This issue offers more dramatic box art and a new flight display stand with a ball joint to add to the display value. While it's a bit of guess-work with a sci-fi spaceship, the scale comes in around 1/51.



Prepare to chase the rebel scum!

The highly detailed parts are crisply and cleanly injected. The interior and pilot figure are of the same quality. Separate window frames make painting easy. Some washes will really make the surface details pop inside and out!



Laser pew-pew sounds not included.

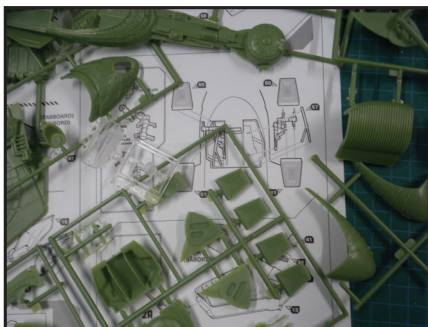
AMT #1400M/12 1/350 Star Trek III Klingon Bird of Prey

The Klingon Bird of Prey first appeared in kit form in 1993. Retooled in 1995, the kit has had several iterations with new parts. This latest upgrade includes landing gear with three options for wing orientation. Also included is a ball-jointed flight display stand.

Injected in green, the finished Bird of Prey could be built without painting and still look authentic. More advanced modelers will enjoy the level of detail and intricacy of the color scheme that makes for an involved painting adventure. A large paint diagram is included in the instructions to guide the endeavor. Tamiya colors are recommended. It wouldn't be a bad idea to encourage customers to open the box at the counter and get all the paints they need during the purchase visit.



Captain Kirk's nemesis flies again.



Remind customers to get paints.

AMT # 1211M/12 1/25 Snap Fit Turbo Custom 1979 Pontiac Firebird

I really like to see snap kits as they are good starting points for new modelers. This kit was originally issued in 1979 and reboxed in the 1980s. It now comes with new decals and a retooled body. This one also notes the AMT 75th anniversary on the shrink wrap.

Injected in two colors with separate exhaust and suspension parts, this snap kit will make a nice display piece with the included stickers or decals. A fair amount of interior detail can be presented as is or juiced up by a more experienced modeler. There's plenty of room to go from a basic snap kit to a respectable curbside display piece. After all, it's not what you start with; it's what you do with it!

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