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Arma Hobby 1/48 Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIc

Poland's Arma Hobby is rapidly establishing itself as a member of the impressive cadre of top-tier East European kit makers.

Their new 1/48 scale Hurricane Mk.IIc is a beautiful kit, sporting some of the finest surface detailing I have ever seen. Much like its contemporaries from Arma, no detail is overlooked or too minor to

and the seat harnesses. I did think aftermarket seat belts would look better than the kit parts, so I used Eduard belts from my box of spare parts in this build.

Markings are provided for three different aircraft. The decals are good, but they require quite a bit of setting solution to get them to adhere over the surface details.

The English translation in the instructions is a bit rough, so ensure the appropriate parts are used for each aircraft option. There are extra parts for the tropical version, which has already been released. Drop tanks and a pair of 250-pound bombs are included, though the bombs do not apply to all of the aircraft options provided, and only the drop tanks are used for the night intruder version.

Thanks to Lightspeed Global for sharing this beautifully detailed and well-researched kit on a welcome subject. I hope Arma will also produce a Mk.IId tank-buster in the near future. **HM**

[Editor's Note: Please welcome Alfred Wong as one of our new writers for Model Kit Report, taking over for Tom Grossman, who served us well over the years. See more of Alfred's work at www.alfredsmind.ca or on his Facebook page.]



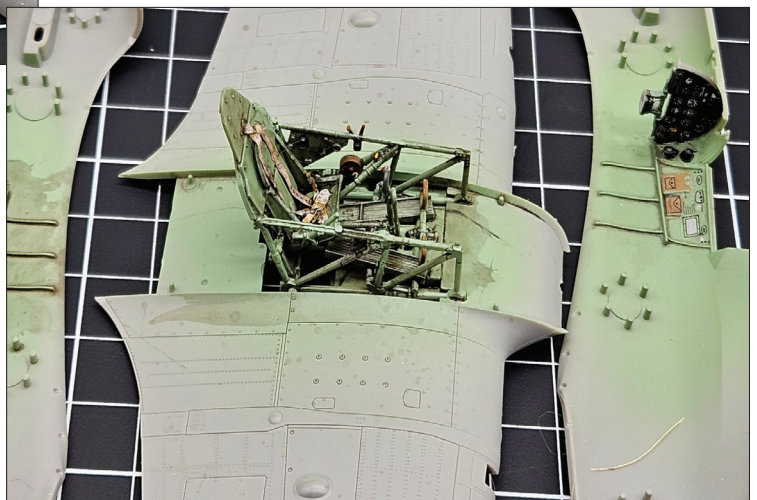
A little bit of clean up work results in easy-to-finish parts.

address. It's been more than 10 years since we've had a new 1/48 kit of the Mk.IIc Hurricane, so this edition really represents a generational advance in kit engineering.

The overall fit is exceptional, and it's noteworthy that Arma has taken great care not to require photo-etch parts, which sets it apart from the current practice. Everything you need to build and finish the model is included (minus glue and paint, of course), including painting masks for the canopy and wheels.

There are separate canopy sections for posing it open or closed, although I find the closed part is a bit odd in shape. The sprue gates are somewhat hefty for the wings and tail surfaces, making them a bit tricky to remove and clean up.

The cockpit and landing gear bay are intricately detailed, and decals are provided for the instrument panel



Ultra fine details without photo-etch makes the Hurricane a keeper.