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MODEL KIT REPORT

Historical Figures and Classic Cars

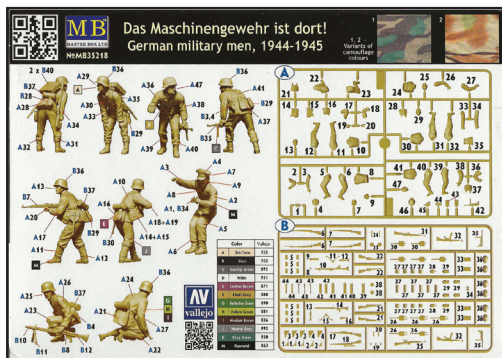
In this edition of the Model Kit Report, we'll look at some new modeling adventures in figure and classic cars kits.

New Master Box 1/24- and 1/35-scale figure kits from Stevens International feature a broad variety of subjects to appeal to modelers looking for something different. The figure kits can be built as stand-alone pieces or integrated into dioramas and vignettes.

Most of the kits are packaged with a color-printed outer sleeve and an inner corrugated box for the runners. Assembly and paint guides are on the back of the outer box. Two views of each figure help with part placements. The runners are crisply injected with minimal flash and mold lines. The parts have no locator pins, so fit and alignment might be a little tricky. The higher part counts make for sharper, clearer detail and greater accuracy. The color guides are for Vallejo and Lifecolor paints.



The 1/35 Das Maschinengewehr ist dort! features German Military Men, 1944 – 1945 (MB 35218). The phrase translates to, “The machine gun is there.” A German officer figure stands in the hatch opening with four fully out-fitted troopers on the back of the hull. More than 50 parts come on one



runner for the bodies of the figures and a second runner has ordnance and accessories. The weapons include two types of sidearms and seven types of submachine guns, rifles and assault weapons. Some rifles have scopes and bayonets. There are also two types of heavy machine guns in the mix. Ample gear includes binoculars, shovels, ammo magazines and boxes, canteens, smoke grenades and many other items. This figure set would make a great addition to an armor diorama.

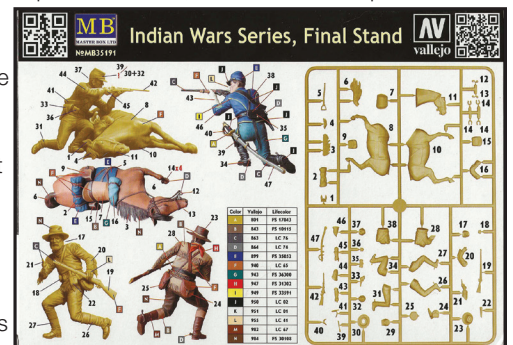


In the 1/35 Indian Wars Series, Final Stand box (MB 35191), 47 cleanly injected pieces come on one runner with parts for all three figures: US Cavalry trooper, scout and a fallen horse.

The trooper has a separate carbine, holstered sidearm, belt packs, shoulder strap lower section, and saber with separate tassel and basket for the hand guard. Additionally, there is a choice of a wide-brimmed Stetson-style hat

The scout figure has a separate rifle, wide-brimmed hat, belt pouches and canteen. His

pistol is injected in his right hand. The horse has separate bit pieces, horseshoes, ears, forelock, mane, tail, saddle, saddlebags, bedrolls and one stirrup for the top side. (Continued on page 24.)





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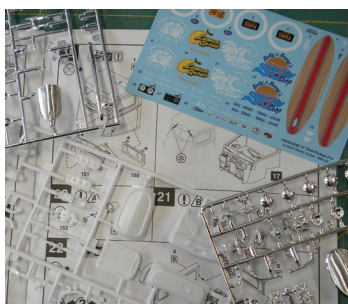
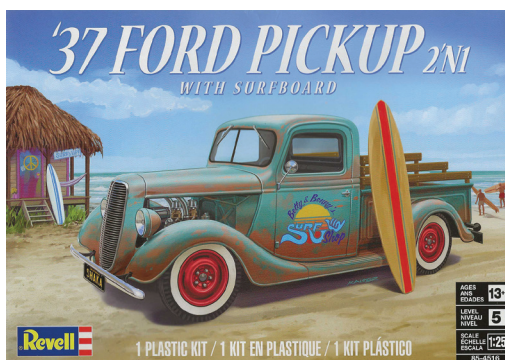


CLASSIC CAR KITS

Revell 1/25 classic car kits are available from Heartland Hobby Wholesale, HobbyTyme and Stevens International. These kits include vibrant, crisply printed decal sheets with instrument faces and lots of other markings and details specific to each version in the kits. They can also be customized with Gofer Racing detail parts and decals from Stevens International. Give your customers those options!

The 1/25 scale '37 Ford Pickup 2N1 (85-4516) kit with new parts is the latest upgrade of the original 1997 release. Several white runners, a chrome runner for each version, a clear runner and a clear red runner hold more than 200 parts. The cab and hood are bagged separately.

The hood can be built with either no side panels showing the hopped-up engine with many chrome parts or with side panels and a stock engine. The decal sheet includes logos for four different businesses, white sidewalls for the tires, and the top and bottom of the surfboard. There are also different tires for each version.



The new edition '69 Camaro SS 396 2N1 SS/RS (85-4525) has the style of the original 1990 release with newly tooled parts. More than 300 parts come on several runners including two chromed, one clear and one clear red. Chrome parts include different grills and other accents for SS or RS versions.

The many engine parts make for great detail. The undercarriage, suspension and exhaust systems are multi-part assemblies.

The engine and interior are similarly detailed. Decals include instrument faces, seat belts, three choices of 1969 license plates, white and black accent strips and two lettering choices for the tires. This kit

would go well with the Master Box MB 24082 Legendary '60s Girls featured in the May issue.

Tune in next month when we go microscopic with a science-related reissue from Atlantis! **HM**

