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Airfix 2024 Product Range Overview

The Excitement is Building...

Brace for impact, the Airfix 2024 product range has finally landed! We are incredibly pleased to execute one of the brand's most ambitious sorties to date, announcing a range of exciting additions to this year's catalogue, whether your interests lie with WWII, the Cold War or modern subjects, this year's range aims to inspire existing and welcome new modellers to the fantastic world of scale modelling. Are you eagerly awaiting the new moulds to spread over your work bench? Here at Airfix, we promise a payload of products to fill the ranks of our 2024 range.

The Airfix Starter Set range has another introduction of new moulds. We're excited to introduce four newly tooled kits to the Starter Set range, starting with two new warbirds, the North American P-51D Mustang, and the Messerschmitt Bf109F-4, both in 1:72 scale. This year also showcases an airshow favourite, the Eurofighter Typhoon FGR.4 in 1:72 scale. For modellers looking into something a little 'different', we're introducing the RNLI Shannon Class Lifeboat in 1:72 scale.

Our Classic and Vintage Classic ranges continue to expand with newly designed kits, such as the 1:72 scale Boeing Chinook HC.1 and the 1:48 scale Bristol Bulldog Mk.II. We see some old favourites return in the form of Vintage Classic kits, the 1:72 Bristol 192 Belvedere makes a return to the range, the first time since 1996!

The Quickbuild range sees a new category of releases in the form of military vehicles, the new 1:35 scale Tiger I and Sherman Firefly. We have also introduced a new modern super car, the Lamborghini Huracán EVO.

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New Mould Starter Sets

The Airfix Starter Sets range is expanding; this year we have four new arrivals, all designed with the beginner in mind from the outset and usually contain fewer smaller parts than traditional Airfix Classic kits. All Starter Sets include acrylic paint, glue and at least one brush, everything needed to get started!

A55013 – 1:72 North American P-51D Mustang – This newly tooled Starter Set includes 31 parts, including a shadow stand to display the kit. The North American P-51D Mustang is viewed as one of the most iconic American fighters of the Second World War. Designed to an RAF specification, the Mustang was transformed once the Rolls Royce Merlin engine was installed. Its long range and excellent firepower made it a superb escort fighter, able to protect the bombers all the way to Berlin and back.



A55014 – 1:72 Messerschmitt Bf109F-4 – Featuring distinctive round wheel wells, this newly tooled Starter Set includes 30 parts and includes a shadow stand to display the kit. Of all the Bf109 variants produced, the 'F' variant marked the peak of development and was considered the best of the breed, unmarred by the 'lumps and bumps' of later variants.



A55015 – 1:72 RNLI Shannon Class Lifeboat

This impressive kit includes 54 parts moulded in grey plastic and a display stand to display the completed model, perfect for those looking to enter or restart the fantastic world of scale modelling. The newest class in RNLI Lifeboat service, designed with a service life of 25 years before a refit to extend the life for another 25. Meaning that this boat will be saving lives at sea for many years to come!



A55016 – 1:72 Eurofighter Typhoon FGR.4 – Viewed at airshows around the UK, this newly tooled Starter Set includes 43 parts, including a shadow stand to display the kit. Now a familiar sight in Britain's skies, the Eurofighter Typhoon is the RAF's current aerospace defender and whilst it entered service back in 2006 as a dedicated air superiority fighter, this fourth-generation combat aircraft has gone on to prove itself to be much more than this.



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New Gift Sets

Airfix Gift Sets are ideal for more advanced modellers and include glue, acrylic paints, and brushes.

Eighty years ago this year, the Allies launched the largest amphibious invasion ever seen on the 6th of June 1944, known as D-Day. The invasion of Northern France was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, the five aircraft included within the set depict the various types used on and around D-Day on both the Allies and Axis powers.



A50192 – 1:72 D-Day Fighters - To mark the anniversary, we are releasing the D-Day Fighters Gift Set, which includes 5 iconic aircraft that flew during D-Day, wearing the iconic D-Day stripes that were purposely painted for the operation. This set comes complete with a display stand that fits all 5 aircraft.

This set includes the following 1:72 scale kits:

- Supermarine Spitfire Mk.IXc
- North American P-51D Mustang
- Hawker Tempest Mk.V
- Messerschmitt Bf109G-6
- Focke-Wulf Fw190A-8

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A50193 – 1:72 Dogfight Double - North American P-51D Mustang & Messerschmitt Bf109F-4 - This Gift Set also includes two shadow stands to display the finished models on and is also perfect for beginner modellers. Utilising the new tooling of the North American P-51D Mustang and Messerschmitt Bf109F-4, we've paired these up to create a 'Dogfight Double' Gift Set. Representing the rapid development in fighter technology, the P-51D was now the main fighter used by the USAAF over Germany. The Bf109F-4 had long been obsolete and was being used by a training squadron.



A50194 – 1:72 Dogfight Double - Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc & Messerschmitt Bf109F-4 - This Gift Set also includes two shadow stands to display the finished models on and is perfect for beginner modellers. Utilising the new tooling of Messerschmitt Bf109F-4, we've paired this up with the 2020 release of the Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Vc Starter Set, creating a new 'Dogfight Double' Gift Set. The ultimate 'clash of the eagles' which came to represent the struggle for aerial supremacy during the Second World War was undoubtedly contested between Britain's Supermarine Spitfire and Germany's Messerschmitt Bf109, two of the most famous fighting aeroplanes in the history of flight.



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Classic Kits – New Moulds

As with every product range announcement, the most eagerly awaited category is the new moulds that we have to offer, increasing the benchmark of detail each time. Whether you have stepped up in the skill department of the scale modelling hobby or are an advanced builder, we are proud to announce the 1:72 scale Boeing Chinook HC.1 to our ever-growing fleet, including 171 parts. Also on the agenda, we introduce two other new aircraft, the 1:72 scale Consolidated B-24H Liberator and 1:48 Bristol Bulldog Mk.II.

A06023 – 1:72 Boeing Chinook HC.1 - A frequently requested kit in 1:72 scale – it was only a matter of time before we added the Boeing Chinook HC.1 to our growing fleet of rotary subjects. Although not a British design, the Chinook has become a firm favourite of the armed forces and airshow audiences, and even the RAF is the second largest operator of the Chinook. The Royal Air Force placed an initial order for 33 of these heavy lift behemoths in 1978, with No.18 Squadron taking the honour of becoming Britain's first operational Chinook unit in August 1981. These first helicopters were designated HC.1 (Helicopter Cargo Mk.1) and had hardly settled into service when events on the other side of the world required their first overseas deployment.



This 1:72 scale model features:

- 171 Parts
- 2 Schemes options
- Poseable rear door/ramp
- Detailed interior including all cabin seating
- Accurate representation of quilted surfaces in cockpit
- Winches and underside hook option
- Conical and EAPS intake filler options
- Composite rotors moulded with 'droop'

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A09010 – 1:72 Consolidated B-24H Liberator – The introduction of the 'H' model addressed the aircraft's vulnerability to frontal attack, something enemy fighter pilots had been exploiting since the B-24's introduction. This variant was the first to be manufactured complete with an electrically operated Emerson A-15 nose turret, but also introduced around 50 other modifications to make the Liberator a more combat effective aircraft. This was also the first variant to truly take advantage of America's capacity for mass production and it was claimed that Ford could produce Liberators faster than the USAAF could process them into service.



This 1:72 scale model features:

- 278 Parts
- 2 Scheme options
- First time the B-24H has had a dedicated new tool model at 1:72 scale
- Two versions of both the tail and mid upper turret
- Wheels up and down builds options
- Detailed interior and bomb load included

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A05141 – 1:48 Bristol Bulldog Mk.II – The Bristol Bulldog was one of the most important British aircraft of the inter-war period, when powerful biplane fighters unquestionably ruled the skies. Initially developed as a private venture by the Bristol Aeroplane Company, the Bulldog was the brainchild of accomplished aircraft designer Frank Barnwell, the man behind the successful Bristol F2B Fighter of the Great War. It was a light, all-metal and fabric covered fighter, powered by a 440 hp Bristol Jupiter engine.



This 1:48 scale model features:

- 120 Parts
- 3 Scheme options – including an RAAF option
- Subtly rendered fabric skin effect
- Multi part cockpit includes fuselage and framework, ammo bins and machine gun breeches
- Design based on exclusive access to 1000+ original Bristol drawings
- Details include camera gun, wing mounted generators, bomb rack and landing flare

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Classic Kits - New Parts and Schemes

A04067 – 1:72 Gloster Meteor F.8/FR.9 – Following on from the 2022 release and subsequent 2023 club kit release, this will be the first time the FR.9 and additional rockets is available on general sale. Additional parts include the FR.9 camera nose piece and rockets. The kit includes 2 schemes including an RAAF option.



Classic Kits - Re-Introductions with New Schemes

This year, we have several re-introductions returning to our range with new schemes.

- A01008B – 1:72 Messerschmitt Bf109E-4
- A01071C – 1:72 Supermarine Spitfire Mk.Ia
- A02041B – 1:72 Hawker Typhoon Mk.IB
- A04056A – 1:72 Westland Sea King HC.4
- A02106A – 1:72 de Havilland Tiger Moth
- A02052B – 1:72 Gloster Gladiator Mk.I/Mk.II
- A03091A – 1:72 Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-17F 'Fresco'
- A02017B – 1:72 Supermarine Spitfire PR.XIX
- A02103A – 1:72 Hunting Percival Jet Provost T.3/T.4
- A04021A – 1:72 Bristol Beaufort Mk.IA
- A05133A – 1:48 Curtiss Tomahawk Mk.II
- A04105A – 1:48 de Havilland Chipmunk T.10/1.20
- A05120C – 1:48 Messerschmitt Bf109E-3/E-4
- A1384 – 1:35 Cromwell Mk.IV/Mk.VI

Classic Kits – Re-Introduction with Original Schemes

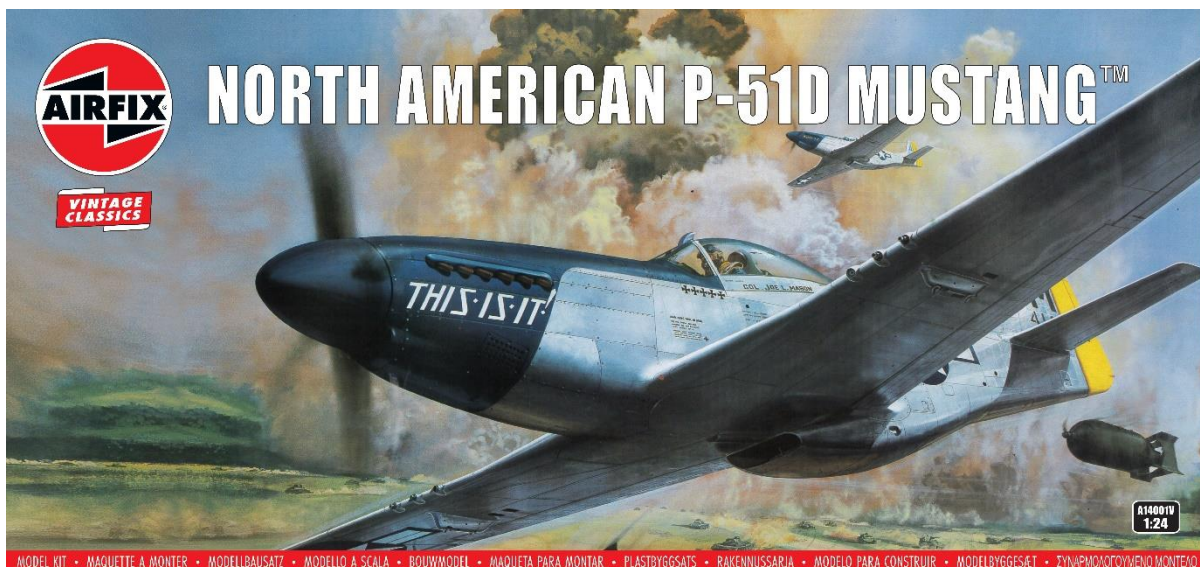
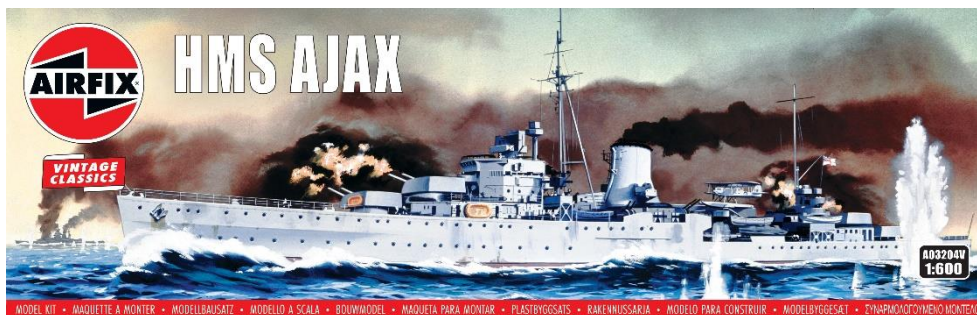
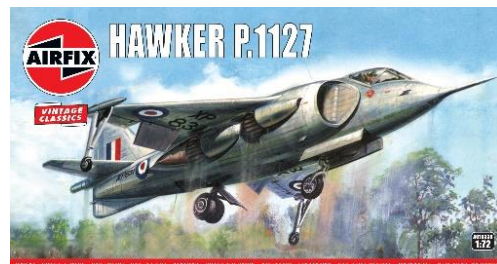
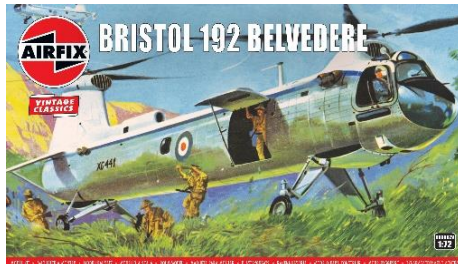
- A04003 – 1:72 Supermarine Swift FR.5
- A08016 – 1:72 Armstrong Whitworth Whitley Mk.V
- A07280 – 1:72 RNLI Severn Class Lifeboat
- A09183 – 1:48 Supermarine Walrus Mk.I

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Vintage Classic Kits

The Vintage Classic range sees many old favourites being reintroduced, many of which have not been seen in the range for several years.

Part Number	Scale	Description	First Released	Last Released
A00701V	1:76	Guards Band	1960	1968
A00702V	1:76	Guards Colour Party	1960	1968
A04011V	1:72	Handley Page Hampden	1968	2010
A01033V	1:72	Hawker P.1127	1963	2000
A03002V	1:72	Bristol 192 Belvedere	1959	1997
A14001V	1:24	North American P-51D Mustang	1973	2013
A03204V	1:600	HMS Ajax	1965	1996
A04210V	1:600	HMS Iron Duke	1970	2010



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QUICKBUILD

The Quickbuild range breaks new ground and introduces three new exciting introductions in the 2024 range. No paint or glue required, brick by brick, these easy-to-assemble, push together kits provide a fun construction challenge for all ages. Most Quickbuild kits include rolling wheels, moving parts and a sticker sheet. We have some exciting new moulds to our growing range, with even more functionality.

New Colours

- J6053 – Ford F-150 Raptor – Grey
- J6054 – Audi TT Coupé – Blue

New Tooling

J6058 – Lamborghini Huracán EVO – A firm supercar favourite, the Lamborghini Huracán EVO is powered by a 5.2-litre naturally aspirated V10 engine, providing an astonishingly fast 0-60mph in 2.5 seconds! Based on a 3D scan of the real car, this kit includes 45 moulded parts in orange, with rolling wheels and a sticker sheet to complete the exterior of the model.



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J6041 – 1:35 Tiger I – Our first ‘to modelling scale’ Quickbuild vehicle, this 1:35 scale Tiger I tank has maximum functionality for both display and playability with a traversing turret, working tracks and opening hatches. Featuring an astonishing 154 parts, moving tracks and a sticker sheet to complete the exterior of the model.



J6042 – 1:35 Sherman Firefly – Our first ‘to modelling scale’ Quickbuild vehicle, this 1:35 scale Sherman Firefly tank has maximum functionality for both display and playability with a traversing turret, working tracks and opening hatches. Featuring an astonishing 154 parts, moving tracks and a sticker sheet to complete the exterior of the model.



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