

TIE FIGHTER

Photoetch Set



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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing ParaGrafix's 1/48 scale TIE Fighter photoetch set. This set is intended for modelers of moderate ability, though experience with photoetched parts is required.

Key

Kit part (plastic): **1**

Photoetched part: **1**

Materials

In addition to the photoetch, you will also need scissors or a knife* to remove individual pieces from the main fret, a file to remove material left from cutting, and super glue (aka CA or cyanoacrylate). Additionally, to fold some pieces, you will need a pair of razor blades** or a specialty tool such as PhotoFold available from ParaGrafix.

* We prefer a #17 Xacto chisel blade.

** Extreme care must be taken when using razor blades. Risk of serious injury.

Raised Detail

Most of the photoetched parts for the exterior replace raised kit detail that must be removed. This may be done in whatever way you are most comfortable: sanding, filing, chiseling. Note that in most cases the surface does not need to be perfectly smooth as the photoetched part will cover some of the tooling marks – test fit the photoetch to avoid having tooling marks show.

Lighting Options

Unless otherwise noted, you can prep areas for lighting by removing plastic from areas where there are through holes in the photoetch. You can then backlight the photoetch. For best results, we suggest using Micro Kristal Klear from Microscale Industries (www.microscale.com) to fill the through holes. Use MKK even if you will be using the ParaGrafix decals PGX114, as this will give the decals some support. Alternatively, MKK can be tinted for different colored lights.

Installation Parts Order

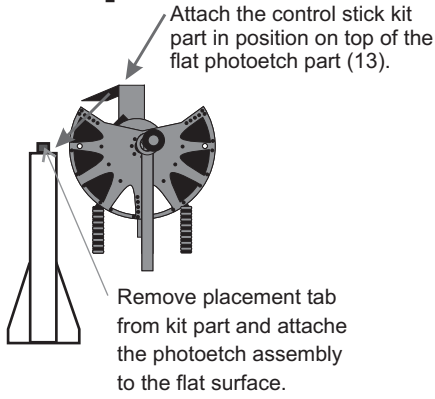
The installation steps are not in any particular order. You can complete them as you see fit to complement your kit construction order.

Please note that some details in the instruction drawings have been simplified.

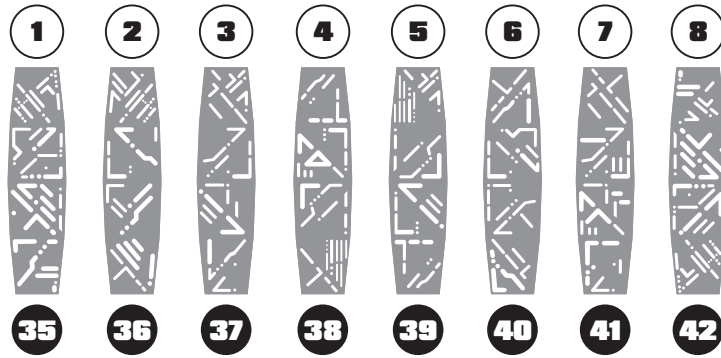
Folding and Subassembly Guide

10 **20** X4 **27** X3 **25** **1** **29** X8 (Reverse Side) **21** X6 Reactor Cover / Window **19** **12** X2 **5** **6** **3** **9** **31** **13** **8** **Optional:** drill a 1mm (0.04") hole in part 13 and align using 1mm rod. **Optional:** cut out the kit's instrument panel to provide additional visibility into the cockpit.

Cockpit

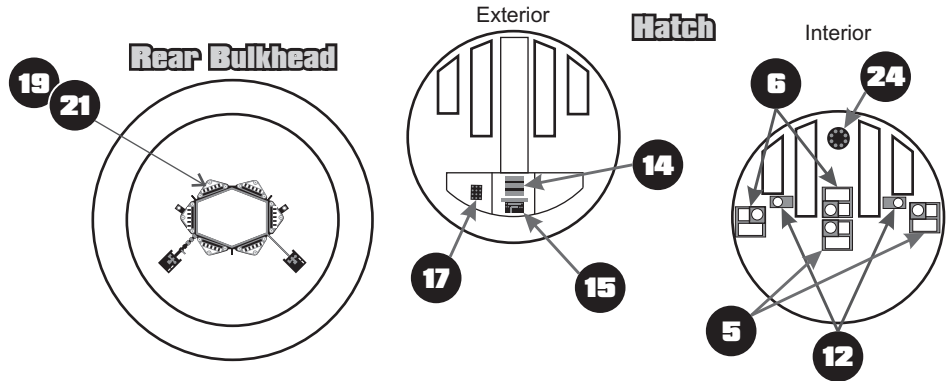
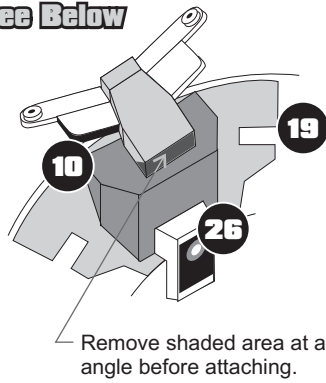


Kit Decal Numbers

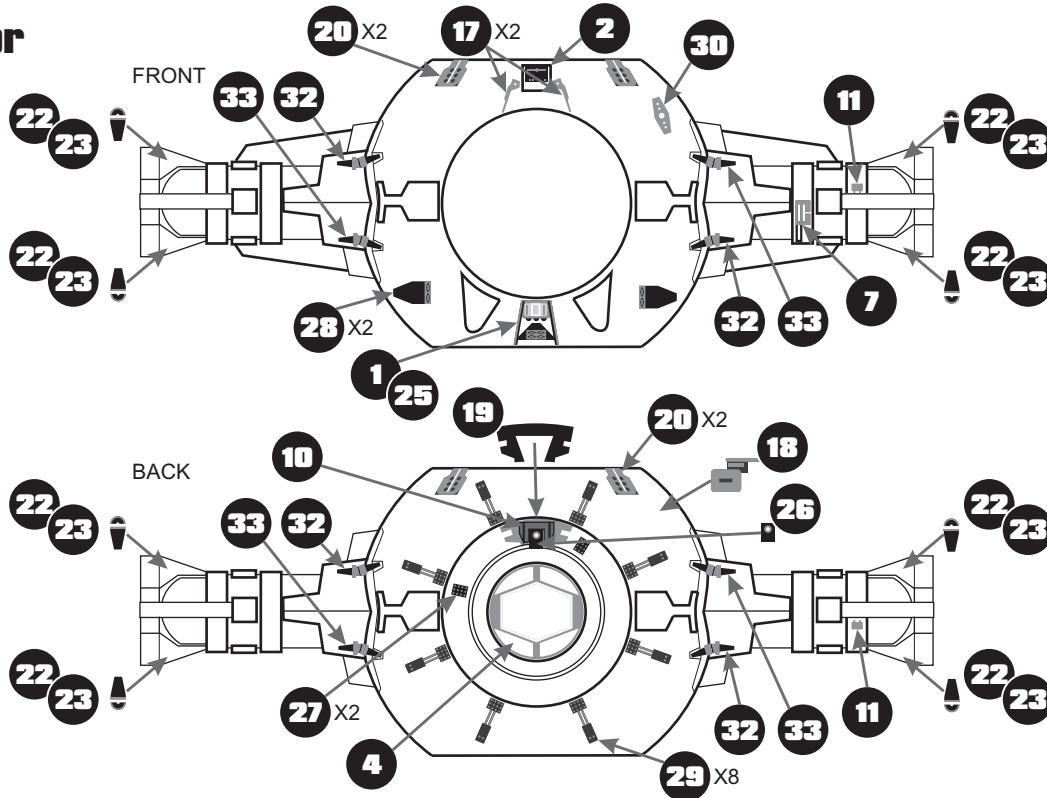


Photoetch Part Numbers

See Below



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