

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA PHOTOETCH AND DECAL SET

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing ParaGrafix's photoetch & decal set for the Moebius Models Battlestar Galactica kit. This easy-to-use set provides additional detailing to an already fantastic kit, as well as giving the option to name your kit after one of the twelve original series (1978) battlestars.

If you are unfamiliar with working with photoetched parts, please see our written primer (<http://www.paragrafix.biz/instructions.asp>) or our video instructions (<http://www.paragrafix.biz/video-instructions-1.asp>).

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 an Etchmate 3C from Mission Models.

* We prefer a #17 Xacto chisel blade. For some smaller pieces you may need to use a thinner blade.

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

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.

Key

Kit part (plastic): **1**

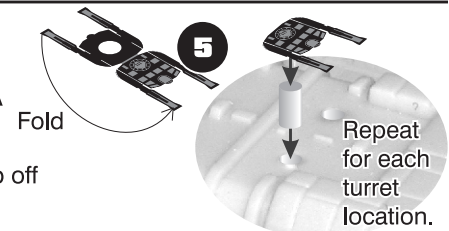
Photoetched part: **1**

Decal: **A**

Turrets

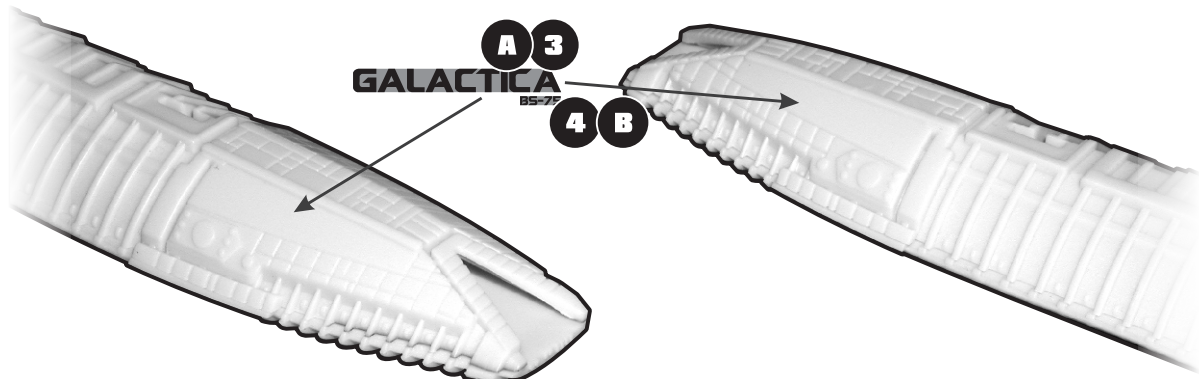
Replace kit parts 32 with etch parts 5. Fold as shown and glue the two halves together. A folding tool is not necessary. (Note that extra turrets are included.)

You can use some 3/64" (0.045", 1.1mm) plastic rod (not included) to raise the turrets up off the hull slightly. Insert the rod into the hole for the kit turrets.



Name Plates

Parts 3 and 4 (and decals A and B) are matched for Galactica, BS-75. The other names may be used with any of the provided number sets as there is no reference for them whatsoever. Note that the numbering is aligned to the right-hand side of the name on both sides of the ship.

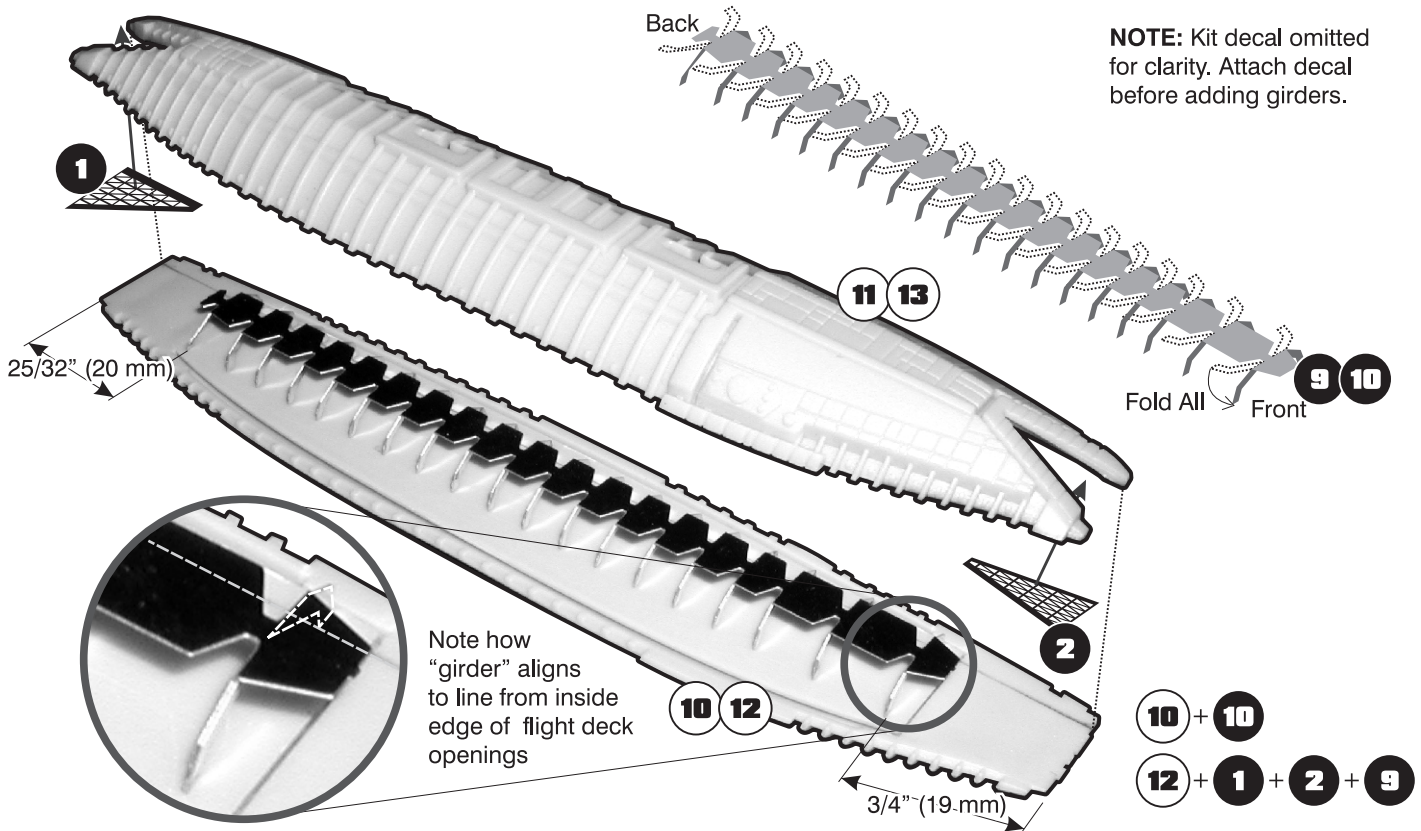


Flight Decks

Note that the museum windows (parts 1 & 2) are only applicable to Galactica herself, and not any of the other sister ships. Also, you can leave off the windows if you want to display Galactica in full combat readiness.

Etch part 9 is for the starboard (right) landing bay (kit parts 12 & 13). Etch part 10 if for the port (left) landing bay (kit parts 10 & 11).

Optional: Add Colonial One (optional - etch parts 6, 7 &/or 8) within a landing bay.



NOTE: Kit decal omitted for clarity. Attach decal before adding girders.

Note how "girder" aligns to line from inside edge of flight deck openings

DECAL INSTRUCTIONS

Decals are best applied to a glossy surface. Apply glossy paint or spray a clear gloss coating on your model before applying decals. Carefully cut out the decal from the sheet and, using tweezers, dip the decal into plain water for 5 seconds or until the blue backing changes to a darker blue.

WARNING: Leaving the decal in the water too long may result in the glue washing off the decal. Lay the decal on your work surface for 30 seconds, and then slide the decal off the backing paper into position on your model. Gently blot the excess water. Allow to dry. Once the decals have dried thoroughly, you can use a sharp knife to gently cut and remove the excess decal film. Apply a second coat of clear finish over the model to seal the decals.

A decal set may be used to help the decal conform to irregular surfaces and hides the decal film. This makes the artwork appear to be painted on the model, rather than applied by decal.

Another method used is to create an equal mixture of water and white glue (Elmer's). Using a brush, apply the mixture to the surface. While still wet,

apply the decal. The glue will help the decal adhere to the surface and will dry clear. Once dry, wet a Q-tip and remove any excess glue from the model and decal by brushing out from the center of the decal. Brushing into the center may cause the decal edge to lift.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

The JT-Graphics decals you have purchased are coated with Testor's Clear Flat Lacquer. Using an Enamel clear coat such as Krylon or Rustolium may cause damage to the decal.

A known fact is that you can apply lacquer over enamel, but not enamel over lacquer. Therefore, it is suggested that after applying the decals, you only coat (seal) your model with a lacquer clear coat to avoid damaging the decals. Acrylic enamel may not react to the lacquer, but it has not been tested. Another suggestion is to use a piece of the decals, (such as the JT-Graphics logo or an optional decal you do not plan on using) and test it. Apply your test decal to a painted surface similar to the one you will be applying to and test it against the clear coat you wish to use.

Besides using Testor's Clear lacquer as a sealer, you can also use Future Floor Wax as a clear coat.

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