

BR32016

P-51D Mustang Paper Tanks

Designed for the 1/32 Tamiya P-51D Mustang Series



The P-51 Mustang was fitted with long range drop tanks made from paper-mache, which was a non strategic material. The tanks were made for single use, as they started to decompose after a few hours of carrying fuel. The Tamiya kit tanks are accurately shaped, however the end caps are smooth while the real caps were rough and slightly scalloped. This set provides you a quick and easy fix.

The end caps need only a quick sanding to reduce the diameter of the casting plugs to allow them to fit better inside the kit tank center section. Fit, sand and check.

- 1. Before starting, note the position on the front and rear filler caps by marking lines on the tank center body.
- 2. Begin by carefully sawing off the nose and tail caps along the indicated panel lines.
- Glue the kit drop tank center body parts together and set aside to dry. Block sand the front and rear faces of the center body to assure they are flat.
- 4. Test fit the nose and tail caps. Attach with Cyanoacrylate or epoxy glue. Fill and sand seams when dry.
- 5. Paint per marking instructions. Remember the tanks were one use only, so should be pristine and not weathered.

Happy modelling,









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