

Royal Navy Seaplane Dockside Base:

This kit features a 1/700 scale Coastal Command seaplane base with a dockside building, wharves, ground vehicles, water tower, two Short Sunderlands, a Fairmile motor launch, and a display base.

Packaging:

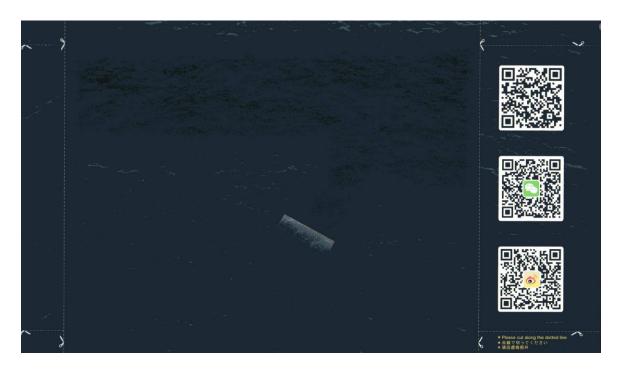
The kit comes in a box that opens at each end. The top features a painting of the base showing all components, the side of the box shows the contents, and on the box bottom is a water display base showing the bottom of the seaplane ramp. The kit comprises 101 parts on eight sprues, a decal sheet, and an etch sheet with 40 parts and 37 figures. The sprues for the Sunderland are moulded in slightly

frosted clear plastic, the rest of the sprues are moulded in medium grey. All the kit components are sealed in plastic bags, including the decals and the photo-etch sheet.





---- Box Art ----



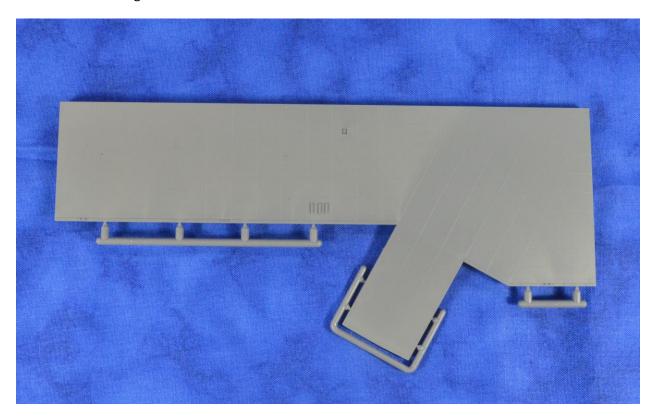
---- Display Base on Bottom of Box ----



---- Box contents ----

Sprue A:

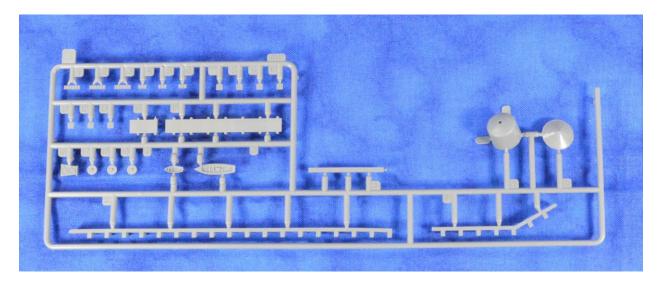
This is the main wharf for placing the buildings and vehicles on. It has large pattern squares moulded on to simulate a concrete pad, with bollards and brickwork along the front. The seaplane ramp slopes downwards to where it would meet the printed portion on the display base. There are locating points for the main building and water tower and chocks for one of the boats.



---- Sprue A – wharf ----

Sprue B:

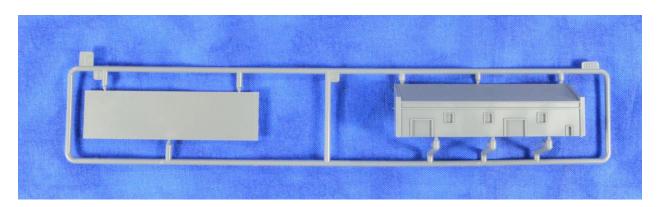
This sprue contains detail parts for the wharf: pilings, the top of the water tower and the outlet tube, two smaller wharf sections, two open boats, three mooring buoys, a small lattice work tower, and barrels and pallets. The larger boat is waterlined for sitting on the display base. The wharves and open boats feature wood planking, and the barrels have rims top and bottom with bands around the middle – quite amazing as they are only 1mm tall. The barrels are moulded in groups of 3 and 5, which will make gluing them down quite simple.



---- Sprue B - wharf detail pieces ----

Sprue C:

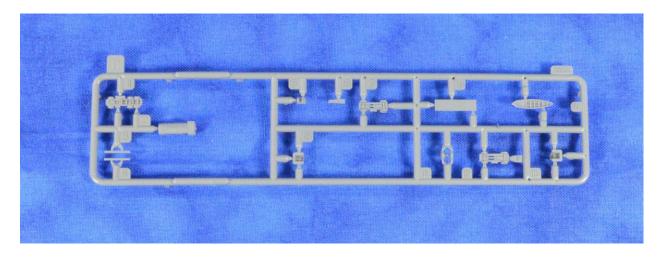
The wharf building is on this sprue, consisting of the building itself and a back piece. The building is detailed on all sides, with a corrugated roof, roller doors, recessed windows with individual glass panes, and a recessed door.



---- Sprue C - wharf building ----

Sprue D:

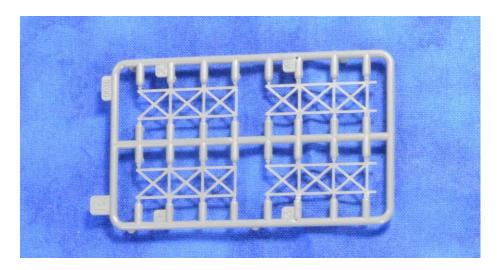
This sprue contains the vehicles and another open boat. There is a 4 piece tanker truck, a 4 piece truck and trailer that the open boat is carried on, and a 4 piece wrecker truck. Each truck is well detailed, with cab windows, grills, fuel tanks, and running gear; the open boat has detailed thwarts and deck planking.



----- Sprue D - vehicles -----

Sprue E:

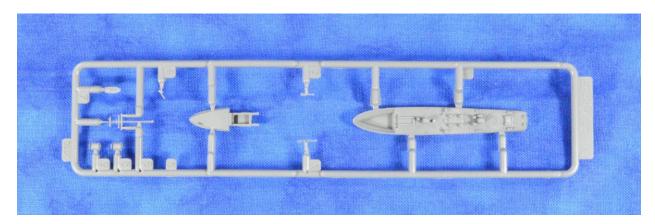
These are the 4 open lattice supports for the water tower.



---- Sprue E – Water Tower supports ----

Sprue GB44:

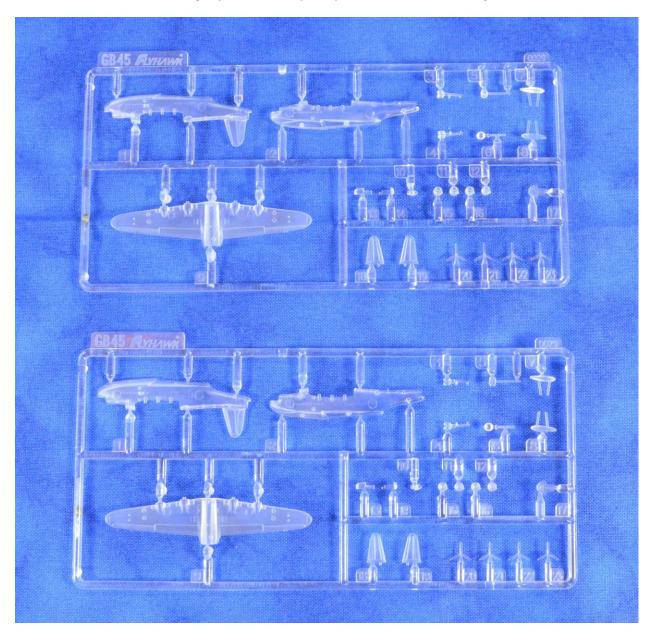
This sprue has the parts for the Fairmile motor launch. There are 9 pieces in all: main hull, forward deck, mast, boat, twin 0.303, and single 3pdr, 20mm, and 40mm cannons. The motor launch is 48mm long, yet is packed with moulded on detail: life rafts, wooden planking in the wheel house, bollards, ventilators, and deck gear. As there are no torpedo tubes, I believe this to be a Fairmile 'B'.



---- Sprue GB44 – Fairmile 'B' Motor Launch ----

Sprue GB45:

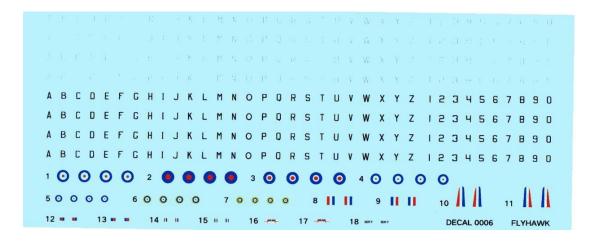
This sprue contains the parts for the Short Sunderland flying boat. Moulded in clear slightly frosted plastic, there are 23 parts: fuselage halves, wing, tail planes, optional landing gear, towing cradle, wing floats, bow, stern, and top machine gun turrets, cockpit windows, engines, and propellers. For those wishing to display the aircraft waterborne, there is a scribed line where the lower hull is to be cut off. These are large aircraft and have plenty of moulded on details: doors, portholes, panel lines, and elevators. There are two of these sprues included. The clear plastic is not the same as that seen from other manufacturers, but is slightly frosted – hopefully this will make it less fragile to work with.



---- Sprue GB45 – Short Sunderland----

Decals:

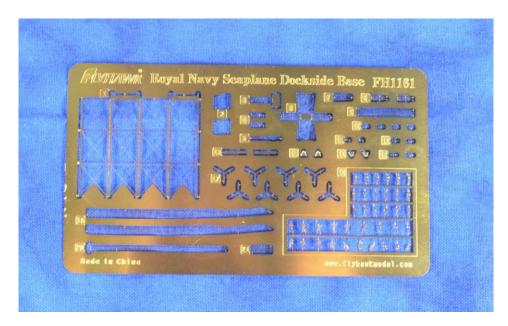
There is a very comprehensive decal sheet which is mostly for the aircraft; the modeller will be able to choose any squadron letters desired, with two colours to choose from. There is also a White Ensign for the motor launch



---- Decals ----

Photo-Etch:

A very comprehensive photo-etch sheet is also included. Replacement lattice and a ladder for the water tower, railings, 0.303in machine guns, and deflection tubing for the motor launch, a replacement lattice tower and ladder for the small plastic tower, machine guns and propellers for the Sunderlands, fenders for the fueling truck, and a replacement boom for the wrecker truck. There are also 37 figures in various poses.

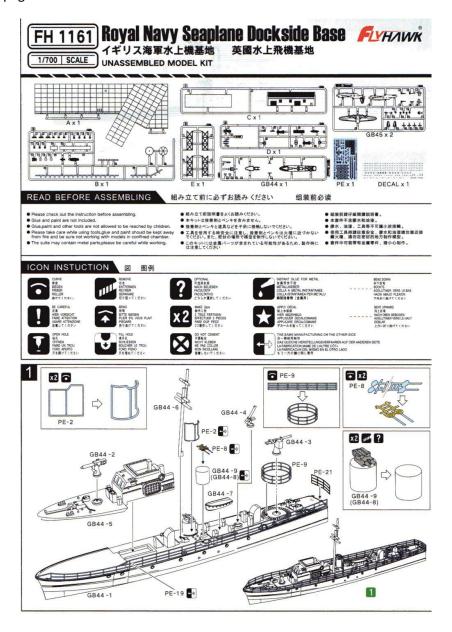


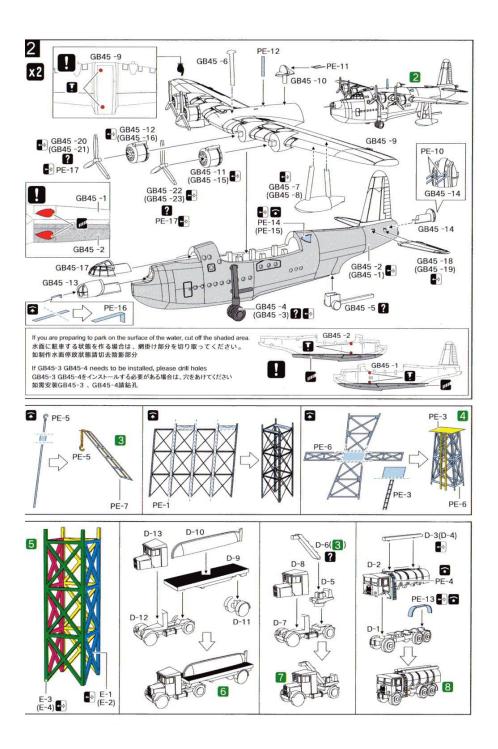
---- Photo-etch sheet ----

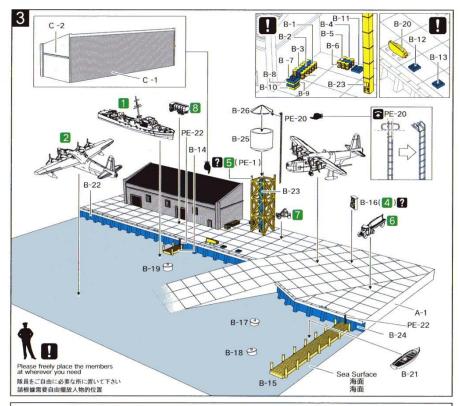
Instructions and Colour Guide:

There is a single double-sided instruction sheet in full colour. It contains a drawing of all the sprues included in the kit along with the decal and photo-etch sheets. There are 3 very clear and logical steps, well laid out with exploded views and sub-assemblies; modellers should have no problems understanding each step. Flyhawk uses colour coding to assist with placement of smaller parts and photo-etch; this is a very good feature which takes out a lot of guess work.

A colour guide is included in the instructions with paint references for the Mr. Hobby, Tamiya, and WEM Colourcoats ranges. The colours are clearly labelled which will allow the modeller to easily choose correct colours from a different range if necessary. Full colour painting and decal placement instructions are on the last page of instructions.







PAINTING & MARKING GUIDE

- Docal Application:

 1.Cut the pictures from sheet as needed.

 2.Dip the pictures in warm water for about 10 seconds.

 3.Hold the pictures in warm water ada gently slide the picture not be model.

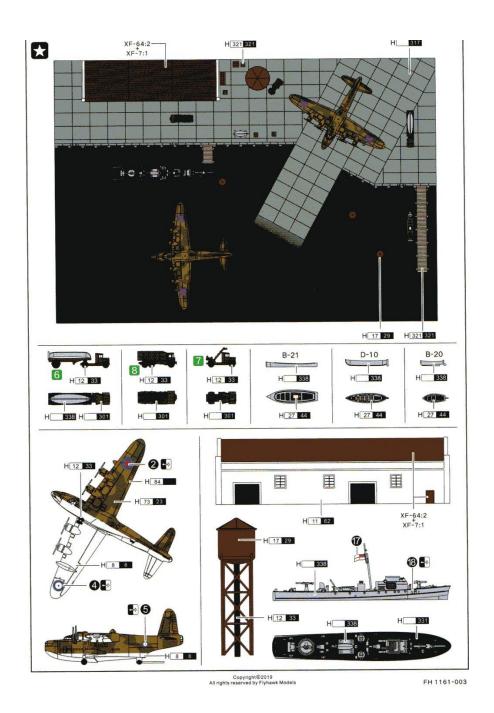
 4.Please move the picture to the proper position on model.

 5.Please gently press picture down with a soft cloth until excess water's out and no air bubbles.

- 塗装とラベリングの指示 デカールの使用方法 1.デカールから図案を切ります。 2.図案を書かい水の中で10秒浸します。 3.図案のボール紙を使って、図案を模型に移動します。 4.図案を適当な位置に移動してください。 5.差らかい布で水が乾燥するまで図案を押さえて、気泡を消します。

塗裝與標貼指示

	Color	色	颜色	Mr.Hobby	Tamiya	WEM Colourcoats
	Flat White	フラットホワイト	消光白	H 11 62	XF-2	C03
	Aluminum Metal Skin	アルミメタルスキンカラー	鉛金屬蒙皮色	H 8 8	AS-12	
	Dark Grey 507A	ダーク グレー507A	507A暗灰	H 331	XF-24	RN01
	Dark Sea Ash	ダークシーアッシュ	暗海灰	H 317	XF-54	Di-
	Light Grey 507C	ライトグレー 507C	507C淺灰	H 338	XF-2:10 XF-57:1 XF-66:1	RN03
	Dark Red	ダークレッド	暗紅色		XF-64:2 XF-7:1	
	Hull Red	ハルレッド	艦底紅	H 17 29	XF-9	RN19
	Light Yellow	ライトイエロー	淺黃色	H 321 321	XF-57	
	Wooden Deck Tan	ウッドン・タン	木甲板色	H 27 44	XF-78	C01
	Dark Green	ダークグリーン	暗綠色	H 73 23	AS-9	
	Flat Khaki Green	フラットカーキグリーン	消光卡其線	H 301	XF-51	
	Khaki Drab	ダークアース	暗泥土色	H 84	AS-22	
1000	Flat black	フラットブラック	消光黑	H 12 33	XF-1	C02



---- Instructions -----

Overall Impression:

This is quite a neat little kit, reminiscent of the Skywave sets that were released in the 1970's but with much more attention to detail and overall presentation. As you would expect from a Flyhawk kit the amount of moulded in detail on every component is spectacular. It is very well thought out and will assemble quite easily into an eye-catching diorama; it is worth seeking out just for the Sunderlands and the Fairmile motor launch. I am not aware if there are other diorama sets in the works, but Flyhawk also does a diorama set of U-48 in drydock which is equally impressive. This seaplane base set is 'Highly Recommended'.

Review kit courtesy of Flyhawk Models