

Spitfire MkXIV Dashboard

1/32 Instrument panel for Spitfire MkXIV (Tamiya + LFD)

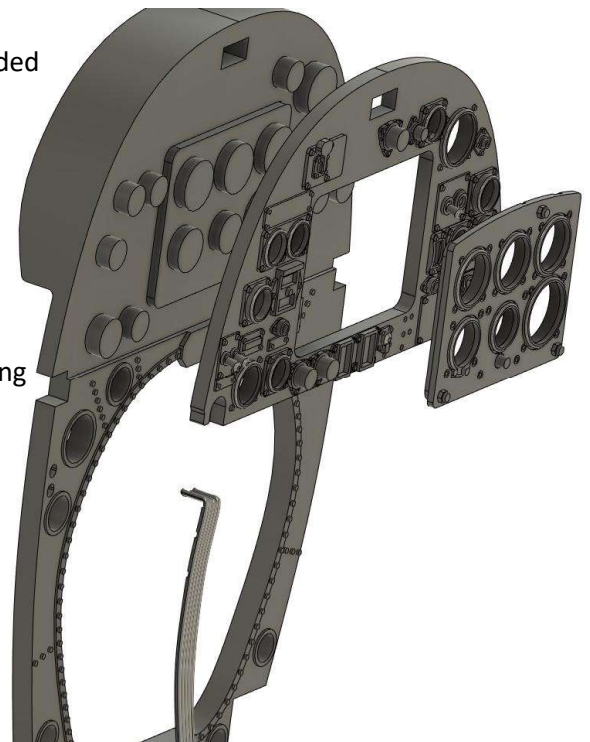
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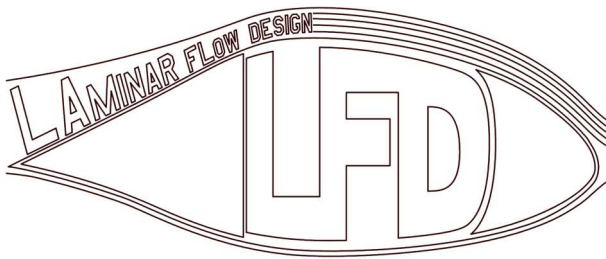


- Working with 3D printed parts.
 - Removal of the supports: Parts are printed into an enclosed cage that protects them in the different stages of production, transport and storage. Please cut the 4 pillars at their base on the corners and clean up the remaining mesh to access the parts. Then you can remove the parts from their support, starting by the most accessible on the sides and working your way to the center. Work support by support, using razor saw or new scalpel blade.
Avoid snapping the part off its supports as it could damage the part in the process.
 - Outer fuselage surfaces (ie: Sides of the cowling) might need Surfacer and sanding work for optimal result. Please try to avoid filling small rivets in the operation.
 - Don't "force fit" parts into assembly. Cured resin is very hard, but will break under pressure.
 - For accurate fitting, prefer trimming and sanding the plastic parts rather than resin. Plastic is easier to form and shape. But ultimately the choice is up to the builder.
 - Washing agent residues can remain on some surfaces, fine grid sand to get rid of them
- Preparatory work
 - Discard parts F28, R3, L13, L9, L10, a33, a34 (MkIXc kit, equivalent for other marks)
 - Remove the parts from their supports, best way is to remove the parts with their customized supports (the surroundings) from the horizontal supports (applies to the dashboard and central panel) then run a fresh scalpel blade along the part to weaken the customized supports and ultimately detach the part from it.

Congratulations, you have finished the preparatory work.

- Assembly:
 - Assembly sequence is quite straightforward, check picture for part placement.
 - The big handle goes in the lower frame hole, just under the panel (Check ref pictures)
 - The small handle is the O2 regulator control and goes in the upper left hole (Check ref pictures)
 - It is advised to use instrument decals to reproduce the dials (Anyz, Aircscale, other kit decals...) – Not Provided
 - Paint according to the reference picture provided.
 - Lower frame is interior green
 - Instrument panel is flat black,
 - LH Tubing is brass.
 - Add Placards per ref pics – Not Provided
 - Add compass (a-12+F21)
 - Assemble in lieu of part F28
 - Use the protruding rear side of the frame as a reinforcing lip to assemble the Griffon nose assembly





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- Reference pictures:
 - o Photos taken at the Spitfire Museum, Florennes Airbase (<https://www.museespitfire-florennes.be/>)

