



AIRFIX 1/72 SCALE MODEL CONSTRUCTION KIT SHORT STIRLING

The Stirling was the first of the R.A.F.'s four-engined heavy bombers to go into service in the Second World War. It was also the first bomber capable of carrying out large scale strategic bombing, carrying far larger loads than any preceding aircraft and although its achievements were overshadowed by the later Lancaster and Halifax, it played a major role in the early stages of the strategic bombing campaign against Germany. The aircraft was developed from the specification of a wing span of less than 100 feet, so as to fit a standard R.A.F. hangar and a runway of small length in those sections to be used for operations. From the outset the Stirling was designed for the purpose of carrying a large number of small bombs rather than a few large ones, were responsible for many of the design features which limited the Stirling's performance and eventual usefulness. The prototype Stirling first flew in May 1939 but was unfortunately destroyed when landing after its maiden flight. By the time the second prototype flew, Britain was already at war and the Stirling was in full production at Short Brothers and soon after, the Avro Aircraft Company Works at Birmingham. In May 1940, the first production Stirling I appeared and by August, the very few Stirlings available were beginning to replace the Wellingtons of No. 7 Squadron. On February 10th, 1941 Stirling of No. 7 Squadron carried out their first mission, a night attack against oil storage tanks at Rotterdam. Later that year, the first night raids were made and in April 1941 Stirlings began to be used on daylight raids without fighter escort. As the German defences became more efficient, night attacks against oil storage tanks and more defences and by early 1942, the Stirlings were being used on operations by night. On May 26th, 1942, the Stirling was the first of the four-engined heavy bombers to be used in a strategic bombing raid against the German coast. The Stirling was the first of the four-engined heavy bombers to be used in a strategic bombing raid against the German coast. The Stirling was the first of the four-engined heavy bombers to be used in a strategic bombing raid against the German coast.

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- CEMENT COLLE
- TRANSPARENCY FILM
- DO NOT CEMENT NE PAS COLLER NICHT KLEBEN
- ASSEMBLED SECTION ASSEMBLAGE
- ALTERNATIVE PARTS ALTERNATIVE PIÈCES WECHSELBAUEN



