

This conversion has been designed for use with the Hasegawa P2V-7 Neptune kit.

It allows both the early or later versions to be built as the aircraft had variations in nose and tail areas.

All parts included are resin. So please use with care and be aware of all of the dangers involved with working with this medium.

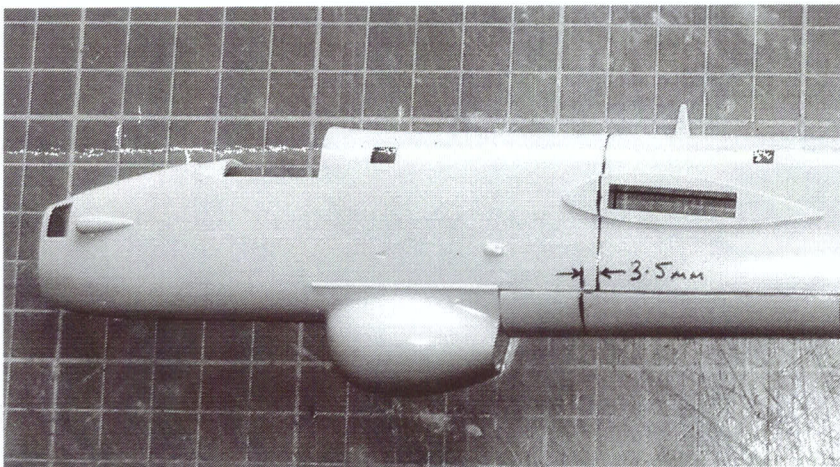
Use superglue or two part epoxy resin for construction and you we suggest the latter or white glue for adding the clear resin parts.

Stage 1:

Cut the forward fuselage off at the panel line located approx 115mm from the front of the nose. This is a staggered cut as shown on the photo. The lower cut being further forward.

To this the new resin fuselage sections need to be added. We suggest fitting each new forward fuselage to the kit half before assembling the entire fuselage. Also us strong plasticard tabs to help locate and secure the new resin parts.

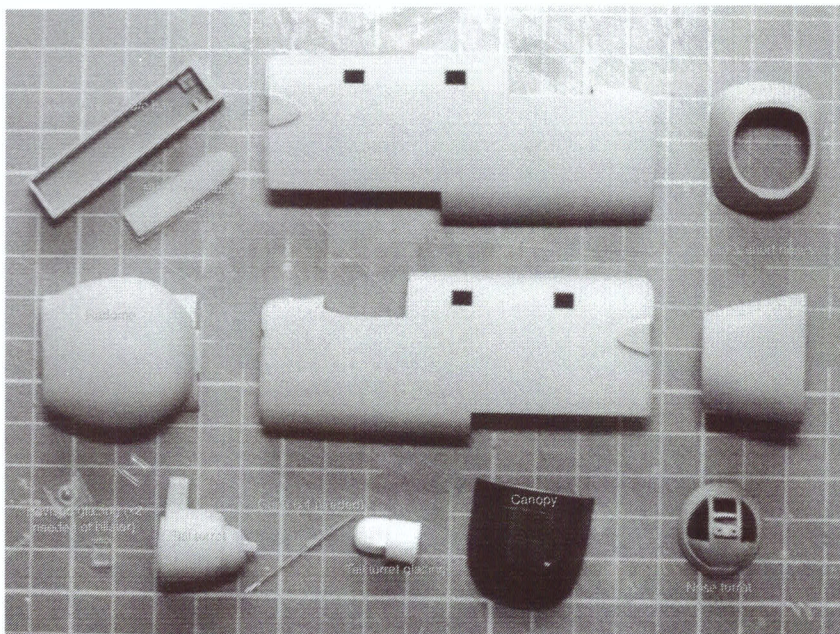
Do not assemble the fuselage halves until you have removed the tail section if building an aircraft with the rear turret, and added the lower fuselage plug.



Stage 2:

Once the new forward fuselage has been added the cockpit parts can be added from the kit and detailing done as suits. Also add the new nosewheel bays before assembling the fuselage halves. You may wish to add the new mid upper turret parts at this time also.

Deciding one which aircraft you are building determines which nose you use. There are two included. The longer one uses the same clear part as in the kit [part 86] but if you are building one with a nose turret then use the shorter nose part. And also add the turret too.



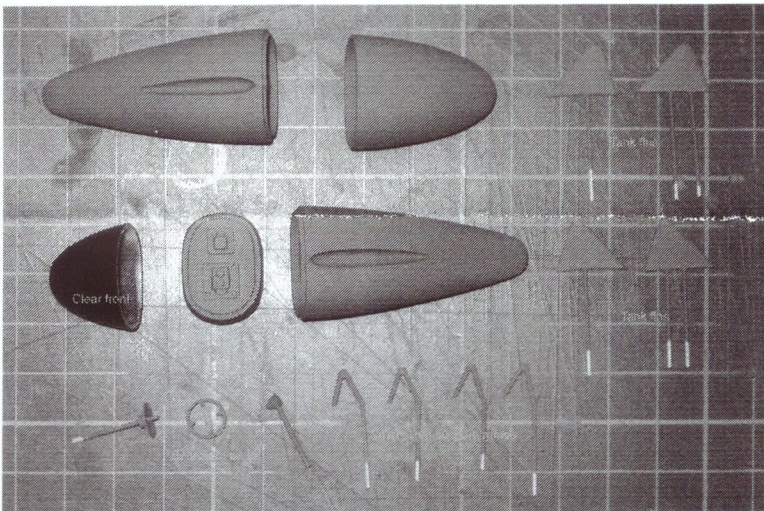
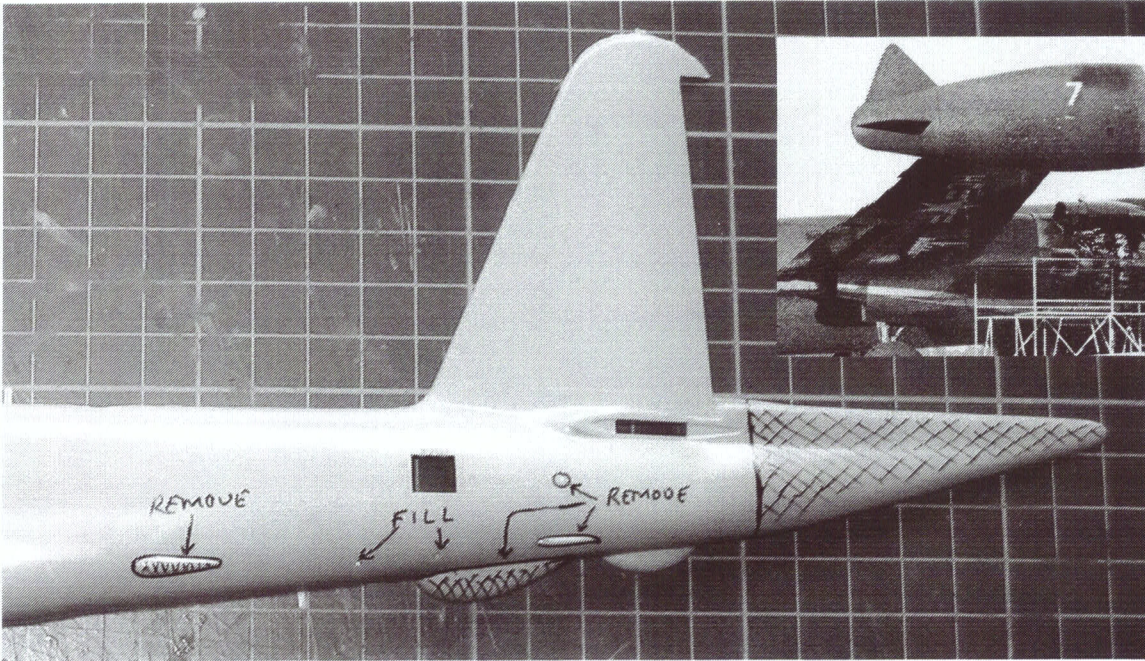
Stage 3:

The new radome can be added as well as the new canopy. We advise dipping the clear resin parts in products like Johnsons Kleer before assembly to give them an extra sparkle.

Rear turret shown on lower left of the photo.

Stage 4:

On the rear fuselage please remove or fill the areas shown on the photo. If you are building a Neptune with the later extended tail then please do not remove this section. Once you have removed the fairing from the lower fuselage add the resin plug included.



Stage 5:

The new wingtip tanks require a little care with assembly. The solid tank fits on the port wing and the one with the searchlight fits on the starboard one.

The four V shaped parts fit onto the forward solid section of the tank.

Then the circular ring fits on before the actual reflector part. Before finally the small part on the lower side of the reflector. Then add the clear nose.

Please use the photo below as a guide.

All tanks require the fins adding before adding to the wings.

We accept this is a tricky part of the conversion so take your time with this part.

Stage 6:

Complete the rest of the model as per the instructions.

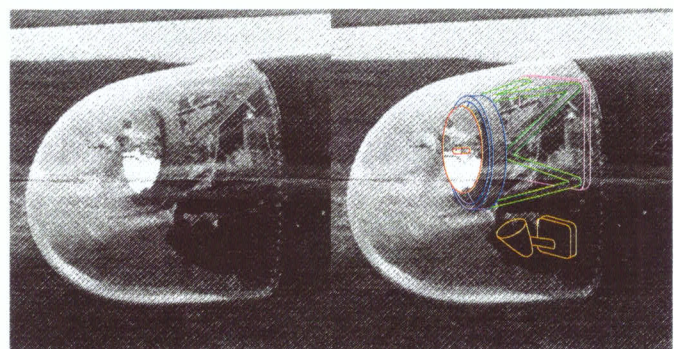
We have included a new resin mid upper turret as some releases did not include it. Also add the gun barrels to the front and rear turrets if you built an aircraft with those fitted.

We have a decal sheet for two US Navy aircraft in our decal range but we are aware other companies have also produced decals for this variant. Dutch Decal and Freightdog being two of them.

We strongly advise using good references such as:

P2V Neptune in Action
Neptune Warpaint No:51

There isn't a vast amount of information out there.



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