

The Whirlwind is an extensively developed version of the American Sikorsky S.55 and many marks have been produced for use by the Fleet Air Arm, the Army, the R.A.F., and civil operators all over the world; such

adaptability shows how rugged and versatile the Whirlwind is.

Later versions of the Whirlwind have had the piston engine replaced with a more powerful free turbine giving a

greatly increased performance.

This model is of the mark which is the forerunner of them all and represents one of the Search and Rescue aircraft carried by H.M.S. Protector, the exploration ship of the Royal Navy which operates in the barren and frozen areas of the Antarctic. Her helicopters are in constant use ferrying men, stores and sometimes Husky dogs between areas of the Antarctic.

the ship and various lonely outposts. (This aircraft has flown more than 1100 hours.)

The strength and reliability of the aircraft is essential to the Fleet Air Arm crew of pilot, observer and aircrewman

who must fly over trackless waste of ice and snow.

The engine is a 600 h.p. Pratt and Whitney Wasp which gives a maximum speed of 109 m.p.h. at sea level. The range is 435 miles, loaded weight 7,800 lbs., rotor diameter 53 feet, and length 41 ft. 8 ins.

Ask for other AIRFIX models in this series

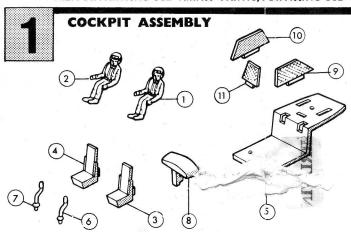
PLEASE OPEN CAREFULLY — INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

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1/72 SCALE MODEL CONSTRUCTION KIT

AND H.A.R. MKI

PAINT ALL DETAILS AND LET DR N.B. FOR PAINTING USE "AIRFIX" PAIN Y BEFORE ASSEMBLING (SEE SECTION 4)
TS, FOR FIXING USE "AIRFIX" POLYSTYRENE CEMENT



It is recommended that the instructions and exploded view are studied before assembly. If it is wished to paint internal details such be done before assembly. as the crew and cockpit interior, this should

Cement pilot and co-pilot (1, 2) to seats (3, 4).
 Cement tab on seats into cut-outs in

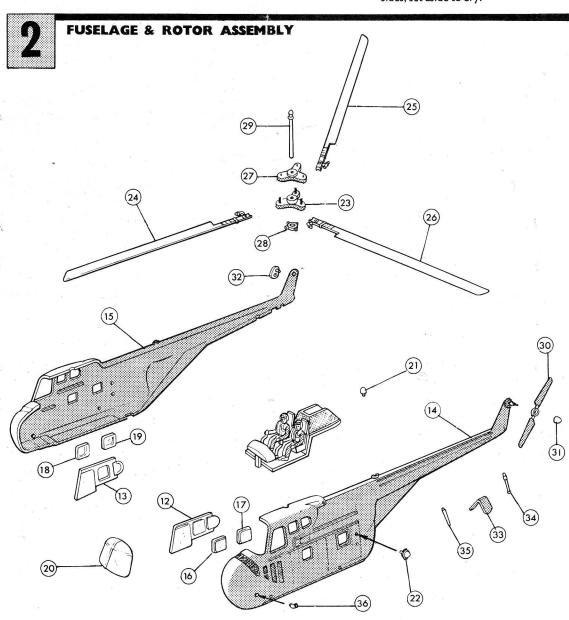
step of cockpit floor (5).

Locate and cement control columns (6, 7) into locating holes in front of

pilots.
Cement tab on control console (8) into cut out in front of cockpit floor, step above floor.

Cement tabs on gearbox housing sides (9, 10) into side slots in cockpit floor.

Cement tab on gearbox housing front (II) into forward slot in cockpit floor and to front edges of gearbox housing sides, set aside to dry.



- Cement large upper port and starboard window trans-parencies (12, 13) to inside of port and starboard fuse-lage halves (14, 15). Apply cement carefully to window surrounds only.
- Similarly locate and cement the four port and starboard lower windows (16-19).
- 9. Locate and cement cockpit floor assembly onto ribs in starboard fuselage half, then cement fuselage halves together, at same time locating and cementing cockpit floor onto ribs in port fuselage half.
- Locate and cement front window transparency (20) into front of fuselage.
- 11. Locate and cement beacon transparency (21) to top and
- rear of fuselage.

 12. Locate and cement radar reflector transparency (22) 18. Cement tail stabilizers (33) into locating slot beneath fuselage, after first painting rear of reflector blue.

 13. Insert locating pins on lower rotor housing half (23)

 14. Cement tail stabilizers (33) into locating slot beneath fuselage.

 15. Cement tail skid (34) into rear locating hole beneath fuselage to rear of tail stabilizers.
- through locating holes in ends of rotor blades (24-26) 20. and cement protruding ends of pins into recesses in upper rotor housing half (27). Set aside to dry. 21.
- 14. Carefully cement slide control ring (28) over locating

- hole on top of fuselage. Ensure correct location by inserting rotor pin (29) fully. Remove pin and allow to dry, keep cement from rotor pin.

 When dry, insert, DO NOT CEMENT, rotor pin through rotor housing, slide control ring and into fuselage location. Check rotor blades revolve freely. NOTE: rotor pin is detachable.

 Insert locating pin on tail through hole in boss on tail
- Insert locating pin on tail through hole in boss on tail rotor blade (30). DO NOT CEMENT, then carefully cement tail rotor blade retainer (31) onto protruding end of locating pin. Check tail rotor revolves freely. Locate and cement upper locating pin on tail rotor (32)
- gear box (32) into locating hole in starboard side of

- Cement radio antenna (35) into locating hole beneath fuselage forward of tail stabilizers.

 Cement locating pin on exhaust (36) into locating hole in port side of fuselage.

