

Manufacturers

ID MODELS

c/o MHW Models,
Concorde House,
46 Haworth Road,
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Keighley,
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RAREPLANES/WARBIRDS

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TANDAIR MODELS

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AIR VAC

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BALD EAGLE COMPANY

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Kansas,
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COMBAT MODELS

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EAGLES TALON, INC.

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EXECUFORM

908 E Bluff Drive,
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California 93436,
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GRIFFIN

c/o Mail Call Models,
1525 W MacArthur Blvd 20,
Costa Mesa,
California 92626,
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HORIZON VACFORM

CONVERSIONS
c/o Airtec,
128 South Road, Enfield,
Cincinnati 06082,
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J & L AIRCRAFT MODELS

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NOVA MODELS

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FALCON INDUSTRIES

PO BOX 10-213,
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NEW ZEALAND.

1/32nd, 1/48th and 1/72nd scale.
Aircraft kits of popular types in big
scale. Also many conversion
packs for existing injection
moulded kits. Mostly WW2 and
modern.

Exclusively 1/72nd scale; the
pioneers! Worldwide — acclaimed
range of aircraft types. WW2,
post war and current also
Warbirds — a WW1 series now
well established.

1/32nd, 1/35th and 1/72nd scale.
Conversion kits for BAC Lightning,
Lee Grant Tank series and Revell
1/32nd Phantom.

Remarks

Exclusively 1/72nd scale. Releases
so far include Bell XI,
Bell X-1E (with decals) and
MiG 25 A/B/C. Good quality
instructions.

1/48th and 1/72nd scale. Mostly
WW2; includes fine 1/48th P40N
in range.

1/32nd, 1/48th and 1/72nd scale.
Popular US and German types of
WW2 and post war periods.
Include decal sheets.

Exclusively 1/72nd scale.
Japanese and Russian types plus
two Hansa Brandenburgs of
WW1.

Exclusively 1/72nd scale. All
American 'tween wars types;
military and civil rarities.

1/72nd and 1/144th scale.
Specialises in conversion kits for
1/144th scale airliners. Decals
included with most kits.

1/32nd and 1/48th scale.
Conversion kits for wide range of
types: German, Japanese, USA
and Russian — mainly WW2 but
some post war.

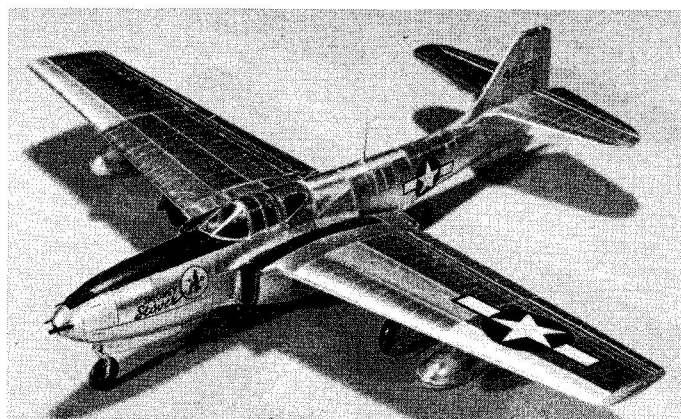
Exclusively 1/72nd scale. Some
WW1 types. Bulk of range US
pre war types. Decals included.

Exclusively 1/72nd scale. Large
subjects a speciality: Victor,
Vulcan, Tu 22, Northop XB-35
and Lockheed C141. Kits include
decals and white metal castings.

1/72nd and 1/48th scale aircraft
types — mostly Japanese and
German WW2 experimentals.

Remarks

1/32nd, 1/48th and 1/72nd scale
Wide range of subjects including
WW2 fighters/conversion sets,
plus 1/32nd WW1 Fokker
DVIII/EV.



So you want to build Vacforms?

asks Geoff Prentice

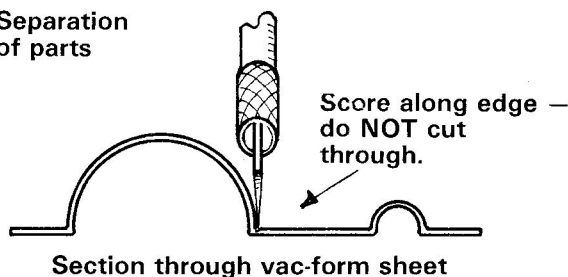
WHILE there can be no doubt that constructing a vacform model is more difficult, and requires different skills and more initiative, than building a conventional kit there is, in my view, no reason why the experienced kit builder should not adapt his technique and produce satisfactory replicas in this way. As has been said many times before, modelling is an *individual* art and there can be no hard and fast rules. In consequence it is only possible for me to highlight the problems to be overcome and to explain how I overcame them. In doing so I realise that some of my methods do not find favour with many other vacform builders. All I can say is that they work for me!

Preparation

Having bought your first vacform kit, ideally one of the smaller offerings from one of the better-respected sources, you realise at once that there are no quick results on offer. When you buy a normal kit you can fit the parts together at once, without glue, and get an impression of what the finished product will look like. Open a vacform pack and you will be faced by an enigmatic sheet, or sheets, of plastic with a series of bumps which require cutting and sanding before even such a basic reward as putting the fuselage halves together can be earned. It's all too easy to toss the whole thing into the store cupboard in despair. If you overcome this urge the next temptation is to hack out a couple of pieces and put them together. If you succumb to that you will just have made the job

Top, RAREplanes' Bell P59A Airacomet built by Sonny Dell of New York, USA.

Separation of parts



Bend up and down until part separates.

