

Product guide

Step by Step



Tutorial

Metallic aircraft paneling with Model Wash

Applying a panel wash on metallic aircraft is always a great challenge for aviation modellers as the realistic metallic appearance of the airframe is the key to a successful model.

One of the great examples of a metallic airframe is the North American P-51 Mustang. Built entirely of different metals, it was often left largely unpainted with a bare metal finish. This makes it one of the most iconic aircraft of its time.

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1 Once the plane has been painted, it is important to protect it properly. To do this, apply two coats of Gloss Metal Varnish 77.657, allowing the first to dry for at least 24 hours before applying the second.



2 Begin by applying Model Wash Black 76.518 with a fine brush on the panels to be demarcated.



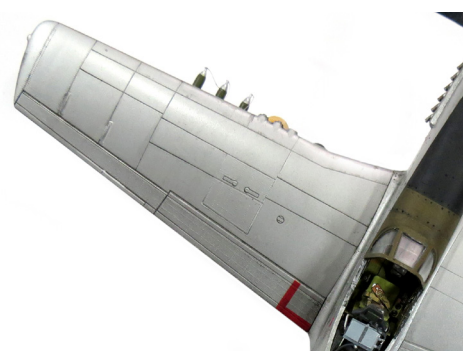
3 Let the wash dry for at least 20 minutes. It is important that it has dried completely to allow any excess to be easily removed.



4 Using blotting paper moistened with Airbrush Thinner 71.361, gently clean the areas affected. The use of cotton swabs is not recommended for this task as they are too abrasive.



5 If a rougher result is desired, use the same type of paper but moistened with water. Each panel is cleaned from the center to the edge.



6 On the left wing you can see the result. On the leading edge, especially with the first panel line, the excess wash has been removed with water. On the rest of the wing, Airbrush Thinner has been used to obtain a cleaner and neater result.