

Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

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Battlefront WWII has hooked me on WWII gaming again, and I would like to start collecting 15mm Soviets (44-45). I was wondering if folks could make a recommendation on which miniature line they like best. The main considerations for me are accuracy/detail, price, and availability. It seems there are really four main suppliers: Quality Castings, Battlefront/MilMini, Peter Pig and Old Glory. I like the models of the first two. They both seem to be true 1:100 scale (QC may be a little big) and generally are accurate and detailed. OG seems out of scale; their miniatures seem large. I have never been able to find any PP models, but I understand they are expensive but very detailed. Can anyone add any additional opinions or advise on what to get? I will probably will start by collecting a T34/85 Brigade with IS-2 and ISU-152 support. Thanks, Mark

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [James Baker](#) (---.cox.rr.com)
Date: 01-13-01 18:56

Most of my vehicles are QC and Battlefront. I like these better than OG, but this is just personal preference. QC models generally require more assembly, but the result is nice. The Resin cast BF models paint up quite nicely. I don't have much experience with PP vehicles other than jeeps and the Maus (the jeeps are quite good, the Maus doesn't have much detail on it but the actual vehicle didn't either). I have been getting a lot of Peter Pig infantry from Brookhurst hobbies. The PP and Battlefront infantry are quite compatible in both casting style and size. OG infantry is similar in size to PP and BF, but their casting style is quite different (the OG are more detailed but often have more flash and are harder to paint). QC infantry is consistently of a smaller size than the other 3, but you can make coherent units out of it to differentiate between maneuver elements.

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [Mark Stricker](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 01-13-01 19:59

Thanks for the info. I also noticed your recommendations for using the 10mm figs with the 15mm ranges. The current Perrin Miniature line looks like it is off to a good start, but it currently is fairly limited. Does anyone know if the 12mm Minifig line is currently available, and if so where you can get them? I'm also not sure of the quality/accuracy of either of these lines. Anyone know of any pics/reviews on the web?

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 01-14-01 02:49

I don't have much problem mixing PPig with OG and BF and I have a liking for PPig but this is simply personal preference- they are very paint friendly which helps when you have little time and eyesight battered by 20 years of 6mm :(

On the vehicle side it is very much horses for courses- but if you want to scare your opponent have a look at the Panthers and JagdPanthers on the PPig website.

lastly - don't buy BF JS2s or JSUs at the moment - there seems to be a scaling problem and there is a general recall of the KVs which I suspect will transfer to the JSs as well as soon as the new models are available - then buy them - the JSU152 is a must for

getting German infantry out of holes.

Ken

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.cache.pol.co.uk)
Date: 01-15-01 14:59

I second Ken's comments on PP and BF - PP's latest offerings are VERY nice, though their earlier offerings could sometimes be a little ropery and I'm still not over-keen on the figures (which DO fill the odd gap in my collection, but remind me of 'Ghost-Face' in 'Scream!'). I do like their Soviet exploding dogs though :-). Their Humber Scout Car is simply beautiful and comes festooned in a random variety of stowage, which saves on stowage packs.

I find BF great for smaller AFVs, but their larger stuff seems to suffer from a 'reduced-scale-to-fit-the-box' syndrome. My Skytrex KVs are almost TWICE the size of the BF equivalent, while Churchills, Tigers etc suffer similarly! The examples of BF stuff I've seen in the UK have also suffered from poor quality control, though a recent order of T70s and SiG 33 Bisons was PERFECTLY cast (have they improved, or are these just unpopular models?).

By the way, 'Command Decision' vehicles are designed by Skytrex, while Old Glory do the infantry. It's a great shortcoming of the range that OG's infantry (like many of their 15mm ranges) suffer from poor standardisation in design - the Germans are great, while the Brits are awful - the desert war stuff was even worse.

Mark

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 01-16-01 03:07

That PPig generic face is great! - Ive painted so many over the years now that it is pretty much happens in my sleep. I agree about Old Glory though - the Japanese were very disappointing and the range just petered out - the casualties were all retreats of the various infantry figs. My other reason for avoiding OG is their packaging policy - I do not need 50 LMGs - ever, even though the nominal figure price is reasonable, I end up with literally a hundred spares if I use them.

Ken

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

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Date: 01-16-01 08:23

Minifigs 12mm range is certainly available in the UK. At present they cover German, Russian, American, British and Italian. They are just starting a web site: miniaturefigurines.co.uk and there is a more international one: minifigs.com. There is a picture of some figures on the uk site. I've got Germans, Americans and Russians and can certainly recommend them.

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.cache.pol.co.uk)
Date: 01-16-01 16:31

I must say that wargaming WW2 in 15mm is reminding me of when I started wargaming (1/300th WW2 & 15mm Napoleonics) in the mid-80s: no one company did everything (as many seem to do now in those departments), and it was always great fun to look around for the best models - I'm re-living my youth (if only in this area!) :-)

All right Ken, I take back the 'Ghost-Face' jibe. Having just painted up some PP Razvedchiki and British sappers - they are absolutely superb. I may have been jaded by the British paras I bought two years ago and was very disappointed with. One thing you can say about PP - they certainly have improved over the years (unlike OG, who seem to get worse!).

I don't care what you say though; Skytrex tanks are THE BEST ;-)

(yah boo, sucks to you!)

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.cache.pol.co.uk)
Date: 01-16-01 16:31

Right, anyone else for an intelligent debate?

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [Mark Stricker](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 01-16-01 21:38

Well Skytrex may make the best 15mm vehicles in the UK, but we can't get them in the US. Here they are cast by OG (a least I don't think they import them). The OG vehicles I have purchased probably had nice detail at one time, but now the casting quality is terrible which results in a very poor model. I'm not sure if I was just unlucky or what?

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.cache.pol.co.uk)
Date: 01-18-01 09:56

Hmm, interesting. I THINK Skytrex and OG actually import each others' stuff - I'll have to ask Skytrex. I too have noticed some poor casting quality - almost always in the big sellers such as British Sherman IIs & T34s. It seems to be the same problem that I suffer with Battlefront miniatures - the popular models don't seem to have their moulds changed often enough.

However, having recently received a consignment of 'unusual' types (Crusader AA & OP tanks, Somua S35s & M3 White Scout cars), I have to say that they are absolutely wonderful. I also like the packaging policy on the Crusaders, in that there are two twin 20mm turrets, one 40mm turret and one normal tank turret (for use as the OP version with dummy gun) - they do a similar thing with their Stugs, in that they include four gun type/mantlet options in the pack.

Mark

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)

Date: 01-18-01 12:21

Yes this more "intelligent" approach to packaging is an improvement - the packaging of Firefly bits in with the new Shermans is a big leap forward - but I repeat - who wants 50 LMGs? (or even 50 2"mortars?). PPig are scheduling a new set of platoon level WW2 rules as "coming soon" and they are going to repackage some infantry into platoon packs with the relevant bits and correct proportions of kit, as well as some "characters". If OG had this option they would have killed off the opposition 5 years ago.

Ken

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Re: Recommendations on 15mm Soviet Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.cache.pol.co.uk)

Date: 01-19-01 09:00

Absolutely - having just painted up a Soviet Tank Corps, I used Peter Pig heavy weapons throughout, despite the fact that I actually preferred the CD figures - there was no way that I was going to shell out for 50 Degtyarevs when I only wanted 18 for the entire corps! The same, as you said, holds true for PIATS and 2" mortars - as for 4.2" mortars, where you only need two models per armoured division...

10mm, 12mm, 1/200 compatibility

Author: [Matt Fensome](#) (---.uea.ac.uk)
Date: 03-08-02 14:04

I had a quick search and couldn't find anything specifically on this, but apologies if I'm covering earlier ground . . .

As a 10mm player, it can be difficult to get hold of some of the more obscure vehicle types. However, there seem to be several similar but different scales also around; Minifigs 12mm, 1/200 etc. So my question is this: how compatible are the three scales? Has anyone got experience of lining up examples from all of them and comparing size? I'm sure there are many others who are thinking of starting in 10mm and would benefit from this shared knowledge.

Thanks,

Matt F.

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Re: 10mm, 12mm, 1/200 compatibility

Author: [Gregg Radtke](#) (207.108.15.---)
Date: 03-09-02 22:29

We use the 10mm; usually Perrin Miniatures and Pendraken but minifigs will work, the 12mm is slightly larger but will work. My recommendation would be if using a mix do so by units etc. For infantry use all 12mm in one unit or all tanks are 10mm not a mix of both. Of the 1/200, haven't purchased anything of that scale rating - Railroad N scale buildings work well.

Gregg R.

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Re: 10mm, 12mm, 1/200 compatibility

Author: [Chuck Hamack](#) (---.nwc.alaska.net)
Date: 03-13-02 22:45

Hi Matt,

For Infantry the mix is not to bad. The 1/200 are a little smaller than the 10mm. The 12mm Infantry work ok with the 10mm as long as you don't put them on the same stand. The 1/200 do not work at all with 12mm.

For Armor use one and only one scale. This is where you can really see the difference. I use the 1/200 because thats what I started with. But I recommend strongly that you don't mix the vehicles. I just don't think they mix well. Take the Shermans in all three scales and putthem down on the table top and you will see a major differance

Ditto for the guns. The scales are not very compatable.

I like the 10mm Perrin infantry better than the 1/200 and now I use only the 10mm Infantry. For vehicles I stick with the 1/200 because the skytrex range is so large. If I went with 12mm I would only use the 12mm's.

I hope this helps,
Chuck Hamack
Anchorage, Alaska

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Re: 10mm, 12mm, 1/200 compatibility

Author: [Matt Fensome](mailto:---@uea.ac.uk) (---.uea.ac.uk)

Date: 03-15-02 06:43

Gents,

Thanks for the info, I'm sure it will prove useful for others as well. Interesting point made by Chuck (nice Alaskan name there fella) about using different scales for infantry and vehicles. After all, they're just representations, so why not? Personally, I like the idea of 54mm infantry support for 15mm tanks!

Might even make the ground scale fit too . . .

Matt F.

(Norwich, England)

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Re: 10mm, 12mm, 1/200 compatibility

Author: Steve Walker (194.168.183.---)

Date: 03-15-02 11:53

I was told that Minifigs are actually 10mm (which is 1/160) and that 12mm was a marketing ploy to get us to use them! I don't have any Minifigs infantry, but the vehicles seem compatible with Pendrakens. Pity the US light trucks are way too narrow though.....

Steve(Saes of Wales)

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Re: 10mm, 12mm, 1/200 compatibility

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Date: 03-23-02 13:17

Minifigs are true N-gauge and are not referenced as a mm scale in their catalogs or website. N-gauge is 1/160th scale and if you really want to put a mm scale to them then are 11.5mm. It is best to refernce the Minifig line as N-gauge or 1/160th since they are not 10's or 12's.

Chris

New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 03-09-02 18:11

Praise be!

Skytrex have finally got off their collective bums (butts for my friends over the water) and released a 15mm Staghound (CD 116) and an AEC (CD 143) - both £5 each. I suspect Old Glory (Skytrex's partner in the 'Command Decision' label - Skytrex does the vehicles and OG does the figures, in case you didn't know) will continue to market them in packs of 3, despite the fact that 3x AECs is about as much use as a condom machine in the Vatican (they are cheaper that way, though - tanks, not condoms).

They've also brought out a Humber LRC (CD 142 - 2 for £5), which, following hot on the heels of Battlefront Miniatures' release of the same thing just goes to prove the old saying that 'you wait hours for a bus an then two come along at once'!

For those of us who like supernumary vehicles that do sod-all in BF other than look pretty and bump up the HQ strength (Me? Cheat?!), they've also brought out the following:

CD 124 Dorchester ACV (£6) (used in British/Commonwealth Armoured Division/Brigade HQs & some Armoured Car Regt HQs)
CD 144 Cromwell ARV (£6)
CD 362 Bergepanzer III (£6)

Some other useful new models that I don't believe are done in 15mm elsewhere are:

CD 356 Quad 20mm 'Flakvierling'
CD 357 Flakvierling on Sdkfz 7/1
CD 358 37mm Flak on Sdkfz 7/1

(Perhaps worth adding these to the next card release?)

Other new releases include Challenger, SU-76, Brummbaer, Sturmtiger, Centaur, Jagdpanzer IV, StuG IV, Pz III (E & F), Wespe & Wirbelwind, but as these are already covered by other manufacturers I won't dwell on these.

Mark

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Re: New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [Craig Burnett](#) (144.139.9.---)
Date: 03-16-02 04:53

.depends on the colour of the condom..

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Re: New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [Rob Atkinson](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 03-19-02 14:35

I'd recommend Battlefront miniatures armoured cars as they are cheaper and look better than the Skytrex ones. Available from www.tinsoldieruk.com

My British Tank brigade are all BF miniatures and friends have commented on how nice the models are compared to their own Skytrex stuff.

Rob

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Re: New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 03-19-02 16:39

Hi Rob,

Hmm, the problem is that BF don't yet do a Staghound, an AEC or a Humber Mk IV Armoured Car, hence my excitement at getting some toys to play with. I agree though that BF's Humber LRC is beautiful!

Cheers,

Mark

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Re: New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (---.nhc.navy.mil)
Date: 03-20-02 08:10

I think it's a good bet that we'll include a Humber LRC card in the Blitzkrieg Supplement.

Mark

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Re: New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 03-20-02 11:02

Hi Mark,

You'll need the LRC for the desert war anyway, so you might as well hang on til then if you need the card space. A Sherman Crab would be nice though!

Mark

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Re: New British Armoured Car Models

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 03-23-02 10:55

Mark,

There is a pressing need for a Churchill III/IV (6pdr) card as well (use the same card for both marks). It's up on the prototypes already.

Mark

Technical Scale Question

Author: [Craig Burnett](#) (---.prem.tnms.net.au)
Date: 03-13-02 04:48

Forum:

Have a BF Stormovic - great model. Wingspan 5.25", nose-tail 4.5".
Also have a QRF Stormovic - great model. Wingspan 4.5", nose-tail 3.75".

Which is 15mm?

This is not a trick question. I would like to know which is in actual scale. Side by side two totally different things, separate no matter.

Craig

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 03-13-02 12:47

Neither

112-3m length 38 ft 2 5/8th inches or 11.65m. At 1:100 this means 11.65cm or 4.6 inches.
Span 47ft 10 3/4 inches or 14.6m = 14.6cm or 5.75 inches

I spoke to Geoff about this a long time ago - or at least the Yak that QRF does - they are consistantly small, but on the other hand as you say they are nice "wargamers" models and the range is growing. My BF Sturmi threatens to erase all opposition, not to mention punch a hole in the table, if it falls off it's stand, so there is merit in having it small. I suppose it makes no odds as long as you keep them apart. We use 1:144 aircraft for our 10mm Nam games due to availability, but I dont think it works w 15mm.

Ken

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 03-14-02 01:52

ps - forgot to add that the BF Sturmi looks superb

Ken

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (---.nhc.navy.mil)
Date: 03-14-02 07:16

Ken,

Does your comment about 1/144th scale aircraft for Vietnam include helicopters? If so, where did you get them?

Mark

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 03-14-02 13:40

Mark,

Revell do the Huey 'Hog' and Cobra in 1/100th, as well as a Super Sabre and a Mi-24 Hind A if you're interested. Peter Pig always used to keep a stock of them and did crews, door-gunners etc for the Huey.

Mark

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 03-15-02 12:52

Re Choppers\1:144 - no - we have dozens of Hueys from Pendraken - they do a Loach as well, so we use them.

Ken

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [Craig Burnett](#) (144.139.9.---)
Date: 03-16-02 04:51

SWINES!

Send me those choppers!
Thanks anyway regarding the Stormi - got the gist.

CRB

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Re: Technical Scale Question

Author: [Victor Graulau](#) (---.quantico.usmc.mil)
Date: 03-19-02 13:35

I have a few Roskoff 1/100 scale Hueys and one CH-53. If you can find these kits they are very nice. There was another company that made some 1/100 scale Huey Gunships. but I forgot the name. I intend to use these for Israeli troops. I have also accumulated some of the old Tamiya kits such as the MiG 19 and 21, and a few Dassault Mirage III's and the F-4 Phantom.

basing miniatures

Author: [Loris](#) (---.25-151.libero.it)
Date: 03-31-02 13:56

In the BF manual they say that the "right" basing for infantry 15mm is 1 1/8"x7/8" (maybe 3cmx2cm), but the miniatures in the cards and in the photos on the rulebook are different, maybe 3cmx3cm..
And i'can't put an HMG on a 2x3 base...

I'm Wrong? (i based HMG on 3x3 bases)

hi loris

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Re: basing miniatures

Author: [rob atkinson](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 03-31-02 15:35

Hi

At our local club all of the BF players have based 2 figs on a 3cmx3cm base. All HMG and morters are also on this base size. Vehicles are based on a base just slightly bigger than the vehicle and the same system is used for weapons. The baseing looks fine and as everyones is the same size then they all fit in. I suppose that as long as each element has the correct number of bases then the base size doesn't matter that much as long as they are not too large.

Hope this helps

Rob

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Re: basing miniatures

Author: [Doug Knoop](#) (---.mdo.net)
Date: 03-31-02 17:52

I have all my infantry on 1"x1" bases (25mmx25mm) and larger support weapons on whatever fits, usually 1.5" by 1.5". I don't base vehicles.

I am generally fighting against opponents who are similarly based or an old CD player with 1.5"x1" bases and it seems to work out just fine.

I chose 1 inch steel due to their availability and magnetism.

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Re: basing miniatures

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (---.proxy.aol.com)
Date: 03-31-02 19:56

We've never been persnickety about base sizes, particularly because gamers bring troops already based for other systems. I based most of the troops and guns that Rich and I game with, and although the depth varies as necessary, the frontage is consistently 1 1/8". The figures in the card photos were based to be photographed and are not examples of what we normally play with.

Mark

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Re: basing miniatures

Author: [Michael Turner](#) (---.nipr.mil)
Date: 04-01-02 04:03

We have allowed various sizes as all have been with an 1/8 to a 1/4 of an inch of each other. The common practice in KC has been to base infantry 1" x 3/4" and crew served weapons on a 1" x 1". As 1" is the common frontage, no one so far has even bothered to worry about it.

Mike T.

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Re: basing miniatures

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 04-01-02 05:40

General consensus seems to be go with what you feel is reasonable. My group are all on 3cmx3cm - or something close because we started with our Crossfire figures. We tend to have 3 figs to a base, which makes it a bit more expensive but I think looks better. The important point to note is that all measurement is from the aim points on the base, not the base itself, so base size is rarely an issue.

Ken

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Re: basing miniatures

Author: [LJ Morgan](#) (---.arsoc.army.mil)
Date: 04-01-02 10:09

I base all my infantry (15MM) four soldiers to a stand. If the stand has an lmg or anti tank rifle than that is what I use it for. It is alot more expensive especially when you use peter pig but it looks really good. I use three men for a crews such as anti-tank guns and mortars but usually two for panzershrecks and hmgs. The bases are usually 20mm by 30mm or 20mm by 40mm. I do not base tanks but I do base open top vehicles with crews hanging out of them to prevent people from knocking the figures out. I use casualty figures based one per stand instead of the paper chits and two figures wounded and running away for broken morale. It looks better. LJ Morgan

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Re: basing miniatures - 20mm

Author: [chris leach](#) (---.ucfv.bc.ca)
Date: 04-11-02 17:52

Hi All:

Just to show how flexible one can be, we base our 20mm models on 60mm frontage bases so that they are more proportional to the large vehicles, allow for more modelling possibilities and represent the still linear disposition of WWII units. Three regular infantry, one hvy weapon, or a couple of figs to denote command are glued to the bases. We use a 1.5 increase in distances. The games work very well and look great.

Cheers,
Chris

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Re: basing miniatures - 20mm

Author: [Loris](#) (---.25-151.libero.it)
Date: 04-13-02 03:18

[humor on]

I'm trying to base all my figures on a single base 6 footx4foot, so i can play the game without moving 'em!!!!

[Humor off]

Ok, but the only thing that i can't untestand is why a base 2x3 on the manual when you can't put the HMG or a prone figure on it....

Wasn't the game playtested?

Loris

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Re: basing miniatures - 20mm

Author: [Craig Burnett](#) (144.139.11.---)

Date: 04-14-02 00:48

Loris,

Base your figures how it suits yourself. The basing in the book is for a guide. The aiming point is what is important - so even if your bases are dissimilar to an opponent, there should be no difference with infantry and crew-served HW. Vehicles could be different.

We do this:

Our 15mm scale figures are based on the book-recommended 20mm sized bases. Some blokes still base their vehicles, though I ripped all mine off soon after the first game of BF I played. We use template 'A' and template 'B', which matches the stand sizes. Depending on the size of the table, we either stick with the 1" is actually 1", or use the '1.5' ground scale.

Chris Leach's method with 20mm figures as mentioned above is a bloody good idea - something I think worth stealing for 25mm later this year - hope you don't mind Chris. I've done a couple of BF demo games, but have come to the conclusion that 25mm or bigger scale would be the better way to go for demonstration games. With up to a battalion on one side, mostly infantry and tank/assault-gun company or platoons, it has to look good.

Cheers,
CRB

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Re: basing miniatures - 20mm

Author: [chris leach](#) (---.ucfv.bc.ca)

Date: 04-16-02 15:11

Hi Craig:

I have been wondering about a 25mm infantry/support weapons option too. Has anyone tried this? BF ranges are pretty intimate even when doubling for 25mm - does the bigger scale make this look goofy? I don't know if I can resist the ICON WWII fellows.....

Cheers,
Chris

Perrin Minatures 10mm Help

Author: [Rodger Williams](#) (---.btinternet.com)
Date: 04-19-02 09:28

Does anyone know if this company has a UK outlet? I've mailed them but there is no response. Aslo, if anyone has 10mm Chariot or Pendraken, how do Perrin compare?

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Re: Perrin Minatures 10mm Help

Author: [Gregg Radtke](#) (207.108.15.---)
Date: 04-20-02 15:23

From what I can tell (and I have mini's from all three plus minifigs) is that Perrin and Chariot are the same. I have US bazooka teams ordered from both and they look to be out of the same mold. Hope this helps. Unfortunately I think Perrin in the US has a larger selection, don't know why. Gregg

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Re: Perrin Minatures 10mm Help

Author: [rob atkinson](#) (---.server.ntl.com)
Date: 04-22-02 13:31

I have some of the pendraken stuff and it is very nice, they have just re done some of their moulds and resculpted some bits. I don't know how they compare with the other figs, but I like them....

Cheers
Rob

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Re: Perrin Minatures 10mm Help

Author: [John Magnifico](#) (
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I have both. Pendraken is a bit Larger. Perrin has a bit more variety in poses. Pendrakens WWII weapons on the us are a bit under detailed. Not badly done just should have been up to there Uk and German line thats all. I The Sherman tank I bought from Pendraken is noticeably larger then the Skytrex models of the same tank. The Pendraken Mortars and Crew are boring. Hope this helped.

Best 10mm WWII?

Author: Steve ()
Date: 07-12-02 23:43

minifigs seems to have the largest selection. I bought some of their figs when they first came out and I wasn't too happy with the way their h/t's looked. I also remember they had very poor tracks on the tanks. The Panther tracks just didn't fit and the marj IV tracks had spaces between the wheels. Are any of these fixed? and what do you people think of them?

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [Steven James](#) (144.138.162.---)
Date: 07-13-02 11:22

Steve, the Panther has been redone. I am not sure what you mean by "spaces between the wheels" on the Mark IV. I only use Minifigs and have a great respect for them, as do others when they see my collection on the table. Plus the range is greater than any other company. A good number of the Minifigs have been redone.

Cheers

Steven

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 07-13-02 14:15

Pendracken are the infantry of choice - I have not seen any recent Minifigs but their original vehicles were pretty lousy. (IMHO)

Ken

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [Steven James](#) (144.138.162.---)
Date: 07-15-02 01:24

Ken wrote: I have not seen any recent Minifigs but their original vehicles were pretty lousy. (IMHO)

I am always being asked when I use my Minifigs 10mm range if they are GHQ. I have not met one person who on seeing them isn't impressed. Are you sure they were Minifigs you saw? Someone earlier on this list had Minifigs confused with Skytrex.

Minifigs 10mm are designed by a new designer. He is not associated with the old Minifigs 15mm range.

Cordially

Steven James

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 07-15-02 01:41

Hi Steven,

I'm somewhat confused, as the Minifigs range I've seen is advertised as 12mm?! When they first came out about three or four years ago, I have to say I agreed with Ken - I didn't like their modelling at all and there were quite a few mistakes in the range. At the time, similar criticisms could also be levelled at Battlefront Miniatures 15mm. However, I haven't seen their models for a couple of years, and I understand that (as with Battlefront Miniatures) a lot of the Minifigs range has now been remodelled. Battlefront have improved their quality in leaps and bounds over the last year or two, and I'm glad to hear it sounds as though Minifigs have done the same.

cheers,

Mark

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [Steven James](#) (139.134.57.---)

Date: 07-15-02 09:44

Mark wrote: I'm somewhat confused, as the Minifigs range I've seen is advertised as 12mm?

You are correct Mark. It is 12mm.

Mark wrote: ! When they first came out about three or four years ago, I have to say I agreed with Ken - I didn't like their modelling at all and there were quite a few mistakes in the range.

They have redone anything that was a problem and are redoing or have redone those little individual wheels into a one piece casting so two wheels are joined by an axle and this makes it easy to fit into place.

Mark wrote: Battlefront have improved their quality in leaps and bounds over the last year or two, and I'm glad to hear it sounds as though Minifigs have done the same.

If it wasn't for Minifigs 12mm range I would not have bought the Battlefront rules or bothered with WWII gaming. Since I have put on games using the Minifigs I have without encouraging them, caused a number of 15mm players to change to Minifigs and buy the Battlefront rules. So that can't be too bad can it?

Cheers

Steven

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 07-15-02 10:54

Hi Steven,

Glad to hear it - the more ranges that are out there, the better it is for all of us. more BF players, more competition, more choice. Good news all round. Now if we could only persuade someone to market Quality Castings 15mm in the UK...

All the best,

Mark

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Re: Best 10mm WWII?

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()

Date: 07-15-02 11:30

Mark,

Be patient. They're coming. :-)

I know that BH has reps in the UK.

Mark

Micro-armor

Author: [Joe LePard](#) ()
Date: 08-26-02 20:05

I have a question for those that play with microarmor. Do you use centimeters as the book suggests or do you use the 10 or 15mm bases etc.
Thanks

Joe

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Re: Micro-armor

Author: Tony K ()
Date: 08-27-02 12:39

A friend and I have played a couple of games with micro armor. We prefer to use the 15mm stat's, ranges and arty templates..

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Re: Micro-armor

Author: G Lyle ()
Date: 09-02-02 15:02

I go the easy route, inches work just as well, its easy, and gives the board a more realistic look.then even the larger scales with a lot less effort then converting the scales..

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Re: Micro-armor

Author: [Dan](#) ()
Date: 10-19-02 14:35

I assume that the infantry and gun bases follow the 15mm guidelines. How do you base your vehicles to account for the smaller scale of the these?

Dan

15mm Shermans and StuGs

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) ()
Date: 09-18-02 17:50

Greetings

Has anyone got any views on the best manufacturer in 15mm of Shermans and StuGIIIIG/StuH42? My options in the UK appear to be (a) Skytrex/Old Glory, (b) Quick Reaction Force, (c) Peter Pig (Shermans only), (d) Quality Castings, (e) Battlefront.

Battlefront seem (from the price at a trader on Saturday) the most expensive at GBP 5.50 compared to GBP 5 for Skytrex and PP and GBP 4.50 for QC and QRF.

Thanks in advance.

Edward

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Re: 15mm Shermans and StuGs

Author: [Dan](#) ()
Date: 09-19-02 01:04

The stores in my area generally carry OG, QC and BF lines. I'm partial to Quality Castings and Battlefront. I find OG castings to be less crisp and blemished, except for their newer releases. I'm partial to QC and BF.

I'm more of an eastern front fanatic, so I'm less knowledgeable about Shermans, however both QC and BF Shermans seem accurate in detail.

As for StuGs and StuHs...both QC and BF are quite nice models. The drivers armoured visor cover on the QC StuG and StuH is undersized, but at this scale most people won't notice. The BF model has two inaccuracies: (1) the MG shield for the loader is mounted upside down; and (2) the two armoured air intake ports for the transmission (at the front of the hull) should be deleted. Other than that, it's quite accurate. As for OG, their StuG (F/G Variant) for their Command Decision line depicts the F version only.

Dan

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Re: 15mm Shermans and StuGs

Author: Tony K ()
Date: 09-19-02 12:28

I very much like the OG StuG III F model. Some of the rest of their stuff is good others not so good. I recently bought a bunch of battlefront shermans, both US and british versions, from Tommy Gunner. I don't have them painted yet but the base models are very nice. I don't worry so much about them exactly matching the actual vehicles at these scales.

I have bought alot of QC models in the past and the only one I didn't like was the Cromwell. The model has been redone since I bought mine, so it should be better.

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 09-19-02 14:02

I hope no one minds me posting this here - it seems appropriate to Edward's question. I did a comparison a while back (15.06.02) on the 15mm Shermans on the discussion group -

here it is - the only difference since then is the increase in Battlefront Prices.

Ken

"When I was looking at the 6Pdrs I got to wondering about the other models around. Out of curiosity I asked around our group about who used which models, and found that basically we all use a mix of manufacturers. A bit more investigation showed that there were a fair mix of the current manufacturers out there, so I begged a model or so off various members to compare. Here are my resulting thoughts on the current batch of Shermans. Please remember that a) this is simply my opinion - nothing more or less, and b) I could compare models where I could physically get hold of them. If your favourite manufacturer is not mentioned this simply means I could not find a friend with a model to look at. I didn't include any photos because I am technically inept, and also as the models were painted by different people it would be unfair to those with a more professional paint job. Here, as far as I can make out, are the models that I got to compare at:

BF M4A1 mid production cat code W21 A001

BF M4A3 mid production cat code W21 A006

Peter Pig M4 + appliqué + stowage Range 8 pack 232

Skytrex \ Old Glory M4A1 code CD200B

Skytrex \ Old Glory M4A3 code CD220

Ok actual dimensions of a M4A1 are (h)2.74m, (l) 5.84m, (w) 2.66m as taken from Eric Grove's "WW2 Tanks" - which means that the model M4A1 should be 2.74 x 5.84 x 2.66 cm in 1:100 scale. Both the M4A1 models are within 1 mm if these, all measurements just using my failing eyesight and a ruler. In fact the turrets are at first glance as close to identical in shape and size as to be interchangeable, although the Skytrex turret does not seat into the BF hull due to the way it is cast. Hurrah! I hear you say, I can mix the two models in my units without the result looking strange. Not quite. Although they share the same overall dimensions, the BF hull is shorter (less tall?) than the Skytrex one, and the Skytrex turret is shorter than the BF one. None of my books gives the height to the hull deck but I have a 1:100 drawing and compared both to it, and shock - neither was a match. This is not an exact science, and it could be down to the person who assembled the models, but if push comes to shove I think the BF one looked the more correct, the Skytrex one looked a little squashed, but it may be me. The Skytrex model has the narrow early (M34?) gun mount, the BF one the later wide mount.

As to detail - both were very good, but the Skytrex model had better definition in the track-work, and both suffered from bad mould lines on the tracks, the Skytrex model also had a visible mould lines on turret and hull which the BF model does not - a production advantage of resin I suppose.

Cost - UK prices pulled off web sites today - Skytrex £5.00, BF Sherman from Tin Soldier UK £3.75, although there has been a recent price rise announced by BF which may not as yet have fed through.

Of the two I would choose BF, but in an ideal world I would really like the BF turret on the Skytrex hull. Dear Santa.....

OK - now the M4A3s. I am including the Ppig one here as I suspect that is what it is.

Dimensions taken from "US Military Vehicles of WW2" by EJ Hoffschmitt & WH Tanton IV (no less), quoted in inches but converted to metric by me by multiplying by 2.54 and dividing by 100.

L = 5.91m H = 2.72m W = 2.62m, which is confirmed by <http://www.onwar.com/tanks/usa/fm4a3.htm> or as near as I care.

All three models are correct to within 1mm for length and width, height is different - the Skytrex model and BF models seem to use the same turret as the M4A1, so the comments as above apply. The Ppig turret is marginally wider and higher than both, and as the hull is the same height as the Skytrex hull, this gives a slightly "beefy" look to the Ppig model, although still at or around 27mm (2.7m) tall. One obvious difference is the Ppig gun barrel is visibly wider than the others, with the Skytrex and BF models being about 1mm at the muzzle, Ppig has gone for 2mm, and this adds to the previously mentioned impression of bulk. The same applies to the commander's .50cal, which is included on the BF model but supplied separately in the others - you would have to work at it to break the Ppig .50 cal, the others much less so.

Detail. All three are well detailed, the Ppig model the detailing seems more "caricatured" or emphasised, but at the expense of sharpness of detail. Both metal models suffer from mould lines to the hull and to a lesser extent to the turret. Both the Ppig and BF models have crew stowage, the Ppig one is strewn with bits, the BF one less so, although I understand that how much stowage you get depends on which BF pack you pick up as there are quite a few. The Skytrex models are clean of stowage other than bracket mounted spades, tools etc.

Costs as for the M4A1s for BF and Skytrex, Ppig M4 w stowage and appliqué is £5.00 from Peter Pig. As to which I would choose - it would be between Ppig and BF - the Skytrex one looks squashed because of the turret. As to which - then that is a far harder decision. If you are ham fisted or have clumsy mates, or like your tanks to look hefty, or don't like resin, then Ppig is your man - dropping this M4 will result in a dent to your floor or a badly bruised foot, but the model will probably survive intact. If you don't mind resin, find "over-scaling" a problem and cost is a factor then BF is worth a good look.

I would not think of mixing the two in the same unit, although the BF and Skytrex possibly could at a pinch, especially if the Skytrex ones were given added stowage to draw the eye away from the turret height.

For the record my Shermans are BF, for the simple reason that I picked up 10 beautifully painted and detailed M4s for £25.00 at a recent Bring and Buy. Lucky bugger me J .

BF website is <http://www.battlefront.co.nz/>

Ppig is at <http://www.peterpig.demon.co.uk/>

And Skytrex is <http://www.skytrex.com/>

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Richard Harris](#) (
Date: 09-20-02 11:33

Hi,

Recently purchased a load of vehicles from Skytrex at Colours last weekend, they do a pack of 5xStug 111G (GE-13) and 2xStuH 111G (GE-14) for the sum of £30 per pack. Good value for 7 models, not exactly as you are after, but useful models to have anyway. Skytrex pack ref. CDRF18.

Good luck

Richard

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Phong Nguyen-Ho](#) ()
Date: 09-20-02 12:34

I have bought shermans and stugs from all manufacturers. The OG shermans and stug IIIs are very good. Battlefront does not make good stugs; the tracks don't fit well with the hulls. QC has a beautiful stug but I don't think their shermans are as nice in terms of track detail and ease of assembly as the OG.

Phong

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 09-20-02 14:07

Richard mentions the OG\Skytrex "Rapid Fire" packs - some of these are pretty good value, although you can end up with some strange vehicles - AEVs and the like. Well worth a look, esp as they include infantry in some. Skytrex are also packaging infantry in SQUADS! . God help us - we may no longer have to buy 50 2" mortars. If they had done this 5 years ago they would totally dominate the market by now - thankfully in the long view they did not.

Ah well

Ken

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Black Bull](#) ()
Date: 09-21-02 05:59

If you buy Battlefront Sherman Fireflies be careful as some of them were never built - the Sherman IIC or were never used by the British - Sherman IVC some of the latter were built for the US but it is unknown if were used in combat or ever allocated to units.

BB

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Robert Patrick](#) ()
Date: 09-23-02 05:44

About 80 M4A3's converted to Fireflies were received by US army and at least one unit received them don't know if they were used in combat though.

(In Italy in 1945 555th Armoured Battalion had

1 Med Co- 17pdr
1 Med Co- 75mm
1 Med Co- 76mm
1 Lt Co - M5s)

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Arrigo Velicogna](#) ()
Date: 09-23-02 13:18

I have BF Sherman and Stug and if the Sherman look very good the stug (I have just prepared a STUG Battery today aren't they best models. The schurzen are very bad and if you can adapt the track to fit the schurzen appearance cannot be improved.

In the past I have had six OG/skytrex 76mm sherman but I have sold them because they are too flat for my taste.

Arrigo Velicogna

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Rob Atkinson](#) (
Date: 09-23-02 14:01

I have a mixture of OG/Skytrex Peter pig and QC Shermans.

IMHO the OG ones are a bit flat in appearance, the QC lot are nice but the tracks are awful (I have found this with their other tracked models). The Peter pig Shermans are by far the better looking, though they are a little bit chunkier looking (think Britannia Miniatures in 20mm).

I have had BF and Skytrex Stugs and have got rid of the BF ones as they are poor models and are small in comparison to other makes. The Skytrex Stugs go together much better and look better.

Hope this helps
Rob

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Black Bull](#) (
Date: 09-23-02 17:53

Hi Robert yes I know about the 555th but their fireflies were M4 and M4A4 not M4A3 source Joe Demarco's research of battalion records via Mark Haywards Firefly website. Interesting unit for those who push US units.

BB

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Re: 15mm Shermans (longish)

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) (
Date: 09-24-02 17:07

Gentlemen

Thanks very much for all the input much appreciated. I'll let you know in due course what I get and how it looks.

Edward

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Re: 15mm Shermans

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (
Date: 10-05-02 04:31

Quality Castings now available in the UK from Battle Honours - dunno what price as yet

though, but they are at Derby (hooray) and I am not (boo)

ken

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Re: 15mm Shermans

Author: rob atkinson ()
Date: 10-05-02 11:34

Quality casting sin the UK are £4.50 each vehicle.....They are attending Fiasco II in November Ken. Ade was doing a deal of buy 5 get one free.....some of the kit is very nice but I find that the track units are too thin for the model....

Hope this helps

Rob

Up the Pool

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Re: 15mm Shermans

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 10-06-02 01:43

That is great news!

Mark Hayes sent me some carriers and I was just about to ask him to get me some more - now I don't have to bother him! A quick review follows:

QC are the only people to do a Lloyd in 15mm, which is essential for dragging those 6pdrs and 4.2" mortars around. QC's Lloyd is a nice, one-piece casting but suffers from no internal detail - some crew and stowage comes in very handy.

They also do a number of different Universal Carrier variants:

Universal Carrier MkII: a very nice model with all the internal detail (even the gearstick and separate bipods for the Brens!). Very fiddly to build but the end result is very good. My only real quibble is that the mudguards don't sit correctly. Warning - it is A LOT smaller than the oversized Skytrex/OG model if you already have those (as I do) - ok as long as you don't mix them in the same ME!

MG Carrier: as above, though bizarrely, Battle Honours include a Bren instead of the Vickers MMG (the instructions show a Vickers, so I assume QC had it right in the first place, but it has since been arsed up by BH)!

HQ/OP Carrier: as above, with radio set and Bren.

3-inch Mortar Carrier: the best of the lot - beautifully cast with all the mortar ammo racks in place.

Enjoy!

Mark

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Re: 15mm Shermans

Author: nigel.perry@dsto.defence.gov.a ()
Date: 10-07-02 02:12

That's odd? My newly arrived BH/QC MMG carriers had vickers guns. They are a lot closer in size to the BF carriers, but seem higher. All the same, I shall be mixing them in my ME's.

Nigel Perry

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Re: 15mm Shermans

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 10-07-02 11:20

Hi Nigel,

I assume it was just an oversight - I wasn't that bothered anyway, as it can always be assumed that the MMGs are dismounted. I haven't seen the BF carriers, but the Skytrex one is A LOT bigger and I wouldn't mix them.

Cheers,

Mark

miniature 15mm buildings

Author: jd ()
Date: 10-03-02 22:15

where can i find affordable, detailed, and various geographical buildings
not necessarily all those qualities in one product

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Re: miniature 15mm buildings

Author: [Doug Knoop](#) ()
Date: 10-03-02 23:11

Dollar stores.

And check the painting forum, there is a recent thread on this very subject.

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Re: miniature 15mm buildings

Author: [Mark Anderson](#) ()
Date: 10-04-02 11:50

I think the best building are from Musket Miniatures, their WWII line is great. Eastern front and Western front building are available. the building come with removable roofs and floors, they also have a destroyed version for each building.
MA

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Re: miniature 15mm buildings

Author: [Mark Anderson](#) ()
Date: 10-04-02 11:50

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MA

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Re: miniature 15mm buildings

Author: [Doug Knoop](#) ()
Date: 10-04-02 13:25

Musket does make great buildings, if you can afford them. I put some on my national annual gift day request edict.

But at ~\$1 a building those cheapo discount store ones do nicely, and they smash up wonderfully!

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Re: miniature 15mm buildings

Author: jd ()
Date: 10-04-02 17:41

thanx fellas



BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Vor](#) (162.116.29.---)
Date: 10-14-02 17:45

The management of BF 15mm wants to hear some constructive criticism of their models. If there is anything you think looks awkward, you can find the manager's email on the 15mm thread on www.theminaturespage.com

I'm working on my notes now.

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Bob Koffman](#) ()
Date: 10-16-02 12:31

They are the best. Thanks

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Arrigo Velicogna](#) ()
Date: 10-16-02 12:34

With the exception of the Stug III.....

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) ()
Date: 10-16-02 14:58

While we're on the subject of Battlefront 15mm does anyone know if Tin Soldier UK - who are meant to be the UK stockists - are still active - their website doesn't seem to have been updated since 10 July, they're still showing the old prices and I couldn't get hold of them on the phone last few times I tried - beeped like an answerphone with no message.

I'd like to try out BF vehicles even at the steepish new price but don't feel like paying postage.

Incidentally Battle Honours UK has finally got the QC stuff on their website - I chased Adrian Deacon and coincidentally it appeared about the same time. Skytrex's new Rapid Fire packs and squad packs advertised in WI hadn't made it onto their website by this morning.

Edward

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Black Bull](#) ()
Date: 10-16-02 17:57

Tin Soldier are still active spoke and bought at Derby last week, supplies from BF are said to be variable. I understand BF have been re-organizing the company that may be the problem.

BB

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) ()
Date: 10-16-02 18:52

Black Bull

Thanks - that's good to know. I'll drop them a letter.

Edward

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Jim](#) (205.158.100.---)
Date: 10-19-02 08:54

The vast majority of my armies are Battlefront. Only two gripes on vehicles: the Sherman Calliope and the Dozer. Unlike all your other vehicles (which are usually fairly quick to assemble), they took me 3-4 times as long because of piece fit. I would have cast the dozer blade with the armiture, then glued the armiture to the treads. The Calliope does not stay put together: the weight of the lead puts too much strain on the glue.

One gripe on infantry: helmets. In your DAK infantry, everyone's got a helmet on. Same thing with the Italians. Even your late war German packs have an overabundance of helmets. Any chance of getting a few bareheads and soft hats?

JR

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 10-19-02 15:01

We don't do the miniatures, just the game. The Battlefront Miniatures line is produced by Battlefront Miniatures of New Zealand (there is in fact a long story as to why the names are the same-we were going to do a coordinated release 5 or 6 years ago but the business deal fell apart).

To complain about the miniatures go to www.battlefront.co.nz :-)

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) ()
Date: 10-21-02 01:17

Hi guys,

Any complaints or criticisms, drop me a line at Battlefront Miniatures. Your feedback is welcome.

Just to re-iterate James post, Battlefront the miniatures company is a differant entity to Battlefront the authors of the Fire & Fury site.

Cheers!
Matt@battlefront.co.nz

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Jim](#) (63.90.61.---)
Date: 10-24-02 09:27

Sorry. I know you are different companies. I was just getting into the spirit of the question posed on the board: feedback on a line of miniatures that is frequently used to play Battlefront.

Is the intent to refrain from commentary on subjects related to the game? There is a lot of other content on this site that uses the names of other manufacturers, publishers, etc.

Just curious :-)

JR

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [john redmann](#) (206.145.54.---)
Date: 10-24-02 16:33

First I want to say the BattleFront miniatures are the best, I have dozens of them and 99% of them are fantastic. As this is a critique however, I must say that I had a few problems with their Stug IV model. The tracks were poorly cast and mold squished. I needed the StuG IVs for a unit I was doing, so I ended up raiding some of the Battlefront PzKw IV kits I had lying around as the tracks from those kits were far superior. The schurtzen are not quite right as well and I ended up scratchbuilding new ones from plastic card. Finally none of the models had the saukopf mantlet, so I redid them with putty.

Cheers,
John

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) (
Date: 10-24-02 17:16

Hi Jim,

I think you are suggesting we refrain from comment 'not' related to the game.

No I don't think thats the case. I like to respond to peoples concerns about our models, a good chunk of which relate to older product, but occasionally something new comes out of the woodwork.

I don't play Battlefront WWII, but I've heard from and spoken to enough gamers to know its popular and plays well. The joint venture with us here in Battlefront NZ was well before my time. Perhaps we are both overly concious of the potential for gamer confusion between Battlefront the game and Battlefront the miniatues company.

I like that people like our models enough to use them in preferance when playing their preferred rules system. I think that makes discussing frustrations (& hopefully occasional good points) a valid topic for the forum. I don't think James would disagree.

Cheers! Matt@battlefront.co.nz

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) ()
Date: 10-24-02 17:24

Sorry Jim, In looking at your latest post I realised I never actually answered this one!

When we re-do the Sherman dozer (won't be for a wee while yet) we will look at that as an option. The Calliope, I glued mine together with 5 minute epoxy resin. In fact I use this on all my vehicles, particularly the tracks. It sets like rock and is ideal for the job.

Helmits kind of define a 15mm model when looking at them on the tabletop. Most helmet shapes are quite distinctive and troops in combat invariably had thier helmets on. Rear area troops, artillery crews, etc, generally we are a little free-er with bare heads & in a couple of cases shirtless (new 25 pdr crew). This is some of our logic at least, but nothing is fixed in stone.

Cheers! Matt@battlefront.co.nz

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) ()
Date: 10-24-02 17:28

Hi John, we are on the verge of releasing new Stug IV's...

When you get a spare moment drop onto our web-site www.battlefront.co.nz and check out the news section. The Stug IV news will be up in the next week or so.

Cheers! Matt@battlefront.co.nz

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: Rob Herrick ()
Date: 10-24-02 18:02

Dumb q, I know - but what happened to all of your French Miniatures? I'm looking at building 21st Panzer for Normandy (need something for my Canadians to shred heh :-)) and I wanted to use your superior French Souma S35 and Hotchkiss H39 tanks, but your website catalogue doesn't show them. What happened?

Thanks

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) ()
Date: 10-24-02 18:11

Still got them, send me an email direct with details of what you are after.

They are not up, only because we are/were looking at attacking on a broad front with limited resourses. I dropped the French range as being superflous in the meantime. The intention is to get them up before Christmas.

If you know what you want however, just drop me a line. We have stock & molds and certainly will not turn away a sale!

Cheers! Matt@battlefront.co.nz

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Re: BattleFront 15mm vehicles

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 10-24-02 23:33

L'Armee de Francais "dissed" toujours. C'est la guerre. :-)

Mark

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Battlefront Minis Painting guide

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 10-25-02 06:54

By the way, no matter which rules system you end up using---Fire and Fury's Battlefront:WW2 :-), Battlefront's Flames of War :-|, or something else :-(--- I recommend that you check out Matt's site for the new pages on how to prepare and paint miniatures. His new Flames of War rulebook also has excellent sections on painting, preparing terrain and a comparative color guide for paints from different manufacturers.

Also, you can order directly Battlefront New Zealand. As your not-so-humble webmaster just received a bunch of Italians from them, I can attest to the speed of their service.

Australians Rumours

Author: [Nigel Perry](#) (
Date: 11-18-02 17:50

Hi,
a number of threads have each been discussing sources of 15mm Australians, or other Commonwealth troops, suitable for the Pacific Theatre. To make it more easily visible to all I've decided to put my rumours in a new thread.

Anyway, I've just been given permission from Eureka Miniatures to reveal a 'strong rumour' to the effect that they will be releasing a line of 15mm WWII Aussies in the new year.

It is intended to eventually cover all weapon types (Vickers guns 3" mortars etc). I've seen a couple of prototype figures dressed for the Pacific, (no gaiters, floppy hats, not much kit etc). I understand some poses suitable for early desert war (Bardia) are under way.

If things keep on schedule, a formal release should be announced in January.

Nigel Perry.

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Re: Australians Rumours

Author: [terry haney](#) (
Date: 11-18-02 18:06

Thanks Nigel.

Hvae you or anyone else seen the QRF Australian figures. I looked at pictures on their site, www.quickreactionforce.co.uk and was not impressed.

I'm not fmailiar with Eureka MInis, are thry 15mm, do they have w website?

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: Australians Rumours

Author: Rob Atkinson (
Date: 11-19-02 06:51

Eureka website is
www.eurekamin.com.au/

Hope this helps
Rob

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Re: Australians Rumours

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (
Date: 11-19-02 10:46

I have some of Eureka's WWI Australian Light Horse. I am very pleased. Lots of detail and well-proportioned. I'm looking forward to the WWII figs.

Mark

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Re: Australians Rumours

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 11-19-02 12:50

Moving this up to the proper thread from 'New Scenario'.

Terry,

Haven't heard from John what figures his are in the pics for the cards. However, if you go to:

<http://www.oldglory15s.com>

click on Quality Castings 15mm
click on Britain (under WWII and Modern)
scroll down past 'Post WWII' there will be a listing for 'Infantry'

There will be a listing for Australians with good pictures of the figs.

Hope that helps.

Steve

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Re: Australians Rumours

Author: [Nigel Perry](#) ()
Date: 11-19-02 18:05

My recollection of the two figures I have seen is that they are closer to the CD or PP figures than to QC.

IIRC, the sculptor is the same as for the WW1 light horse figures.

Nigel Perry.

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Re: Australians Rumours

Author: Paul Beccarelli ()
Date: 11-22-02 18:16

Nigel, this is really good news. I have been painting up QC figures but they are too small and they don't really fit in with anything else I got. You have made my day.

I e mailed Battle Honors and asked them when they were going to upsize the QC range as I had heard stories about it. I got a reply that they have just started with the German figures and they hope to finish all figures within the next year.

Figures - PPig

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 11-27-02 21:39

Peter Pig figures are regularly recommended by forum readers. Do you order direct from PPig or go thru Brookhursts Hobbies?

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: 1 ()
Date: 11-28-02 02:34

Terry,

You have to order from Brookhurst Hobbies.

Matt

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 11-28-02 08:04

Hi Terry,

You don't have to - you can just order them straight from the UK if you prefer. In fact I remember someone saying on the forum a while back that with some companies (it might have been Peter Pig), Brookhurst's price markup was so steep that it was actually cheaper to order direct from the manufacturer.

Mark

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 11-28-02 15:51

Just to give some more options...

Another site for Peter Pig figs is A.T.A.K. miniatures out of NJ. Looks like the prices are about the same as Brookhurst, and they don't seem to have as large of selection on line, though I know they carry them all, as I've picked up a lot of packs from them at Historicon and Cold Wars.

<http://www.nerc.com/~atak/>

And yet another is Saber's Edge Hobbies and Games in Canada. All prices are in Canadian \$, but they have a link to get the exchange rate right on the site. Looks to be about the same prices as A.T.A.K. and Brookhurst.

<http://www.sabersedge.com/>

I just ordered some from Brookhurst yesterday, and will try to note when they come in to give an idea on their responsiveness, with consideration for the Holiday.

C ya,
Steve

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: matt laing ()
Date: 11-28-02 18:49

I tried to place an order directly to Peter Pig and they said I had to go through Brookhurst. This was just a few weeks ago. Maybe you have to know someone.

Matt

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 11-28-02 20:41

Thanks everyone, good info.

How do the PPig figures match/blend with OG and Battlefront figures ?

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 11-28-02 22:16

Hi Terry,

PP figs are slightly smaller than OG, but they're good figs, and the size difference will generally only be noticeable if you mix them on the same stand. They're a great way to go for weapons/supporting units (i.e. HMGs, mortars, bazookas, etc.), unless you want a bag of 50 bazooka men from OG.

C ya,
Steve

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: Paul Beccarelli ()
Date: 11-29-02 05:57

Terry, I prefer Peter Pig figures over anything else available and they mix in very well with Battlefront and Old Glory figures. I order from them directly and their service is excellant.

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Phong Nguyen-Ho](#) ()
Date: 11-29-02 15:14

You can order directly from PPig--at least in Canada we can.

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: matt laing ()
Date: 11-29-02 20:45

Well how do you do it. Do you call them, E-mail them, or send a snail mail order? As I said I tried calling them but was told that I had to go through Brookhurst.

Matt

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 12-02-02 21:36

Just an FYI to my earlier post...

Received my PPig figs from Brookhurst today. Pretty good considering I ordered them the night before Thanksgiving.

Steve

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Julie Goddard](#) ()
Date: 12-05-02 05:03

Thank you all for the comments about our figures.

I cannot supply direct to you in the US - but if Brookhurst Hobbies are ever out of a product I can put a parcel in the next shipment to be counted as reserved stock which is then rerouted to you by the store.

Just ask if I can be of any further help.
Julie

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 12-05-02 13:53

Good point to bear in mind - if Julie knows what you want she will parcel it up for you to include in the Brookhurst shipment. I know Brookhurst have had a bit of stick in the past but between Larry and Julie they will get what you want.

Oh and Julie likes chocolate :)

Ken

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Re: Figures - PPig

Author: [Jeff Hancock](#) ()
Date: 12-05-02 17:38

Too bad the PP vehicles (which are very well done) are so expensive in the US. For example, a Panther is listed as US\$12+, which is twice the cost of an OG/Skytrex Panther

(US\$6) and 1.7 times the cost of a Battlefront Panther (US\$7). I use the PP figures for some units, but the US prices for vehicles are just too much for my budget.

Such is life!

Jeff

British Models Question

Author: [Jeff Hancock](#) ()
Date: 12-07-02 14:35

Who manufactures the Carden Lloyd carrier in the Bristh Late War Card No. BR-32? Is it the Quality Castings carrier or the QRF carrier?

How about the Bedford QLT on Card No. BR-44 - is it Battlefront, Quality Castings, or QRF?

Regards, Jeff

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 12-07-02 17:02

Carden Lloyd - Battle Honors (formerly Quality Castings)
Bedford QLT - Battlefront

Mark

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Jeff Hancock](#) ()
Date: 12-07-02 20:55

Mark:

Have you seen QRF's Lloyd carrier and Bedford QLT? Just wondering how they compare.

Regards, Jeff

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 12-07-02 22:22

Jeff,

No, I haven't. In general, I rate BH/QC higher than QRF, although the latter's are much better now than their early castings. I have no idea when these vehicles were made in the line.

Mark

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 12-08-02 13:12

Hi Jeff,

I'm afraid I wasn't at all impressed with the QRF Lloyd Carrier (NB not the Carden-Lloyd - that was a different pre-war beastie) when I saw it - and that was their display model! QRF's recent stuff is very nice - particularly the remodelled South African stuff

I recently bought from QRF for Mr Hayes. QRF assured me at the time that they were shortly going to remodel the WW2 line - I can't wait, cos they do the only Tetrarch in 15mm, but the current mould has had it.

The QC Lloyd isn't bad - very nice track detail in fact - and it's a one-piece casting, unlike their Universals, which are a real pain to stick together but very nice. However, the QC Lloyd has no internal detail apart from the engine - it looks like a tracked trailer in fact! I've added internal stowage, crew etc to mine from my 'spare bits' box.

Mark

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) (
Date: 12-08-02 14:57

Just a quick note on the Battlefront QLT, Evan has recently redone the model.

We needed a new master & Evan decided the QLT long wheel-base which was used primarily as a troop carrier, was more appropriate. Its certainly a heck of a lot bigger!

We still havn't got a Lloyd carrier yet...

Cheers! Matt@battlefront.co.nz

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Jeff](#) (
Date: 12-08-02 22:18

Thanks for the update, Matt. Any chance of an image of the new Bedford QLT on the website?

Regards, Jeff

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Matt Stevens](#) (
Date: 12-09-02 02:03

I'll look into it, we are only putting up painted models in the catalogue pages & photo's are growing quite fast. The platoon we have painted up here though, would not do the model justice, having battled thier way across the tabletop a few times ...

I'll see if we can organise a new painted QLT to go up & let you know on this thread.

Cheers! Matt

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [Darren Norton](#) (
Date: 12-10-02 16:41

The only manufacturers I have found that produce the Carden Loyd Carrier is Quality Castings.

With reference to the Bedford QLT, do not use the Battlefront 3-ton Bedford as that is not a QLT. Here the only manufacturers for a range of Bedford trucks is QRF. However,

they are currently looking at redoing their moulds, as they have a fault with the resin section of the kit.

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [evan allen](#) (
Date: 12-10-02 17:36

not true any more Darren the Battlefront QLT has been remastered (the original should have been captioned QLD anyway) and is now a true representation of said vehicle. A new image will be soon up on the BF website.

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Re: British Models Question

Author: [evan allen](#) (
Date: 12-12-02 23:29

there is now an image of the remastered Battlefront Bedford QLT truck on the Battlefront website.

Evan

BF Ground scale question

Author: terry haney ()
Date: 01-07-03 16:45

For those BF gamers using 20mm, do you multiply the ground scale and all measurements by 1.5 as recommended in the rules ?

I would appreciate all comments.

Thanks,

Terry

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Re: BF Ground scale question

Author: Edward Sturges ()
Date: 01-07-03 17:58

Terry

Although the rules specify only a slightly larger base size I've multiplied everything up by about 1.5 - effectively to the 1 inch = 25 yards/metres scale.

Edward

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Re: BF Ground scale question

Author: [Stephen Fleming](#) ()
Date: 01-07-03 22:59

We play Battlefront in 20mm and use the 1.5 multiplier. We made our own "extended" rulers so we can use the rules and cards as printed.

Stephen

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Re: BF Ground scale question

Author: Steve Burt ()
Date: 01-08-03 05:51

Just to be different:

We play with 20mm and leave the ground scale unchanged. It works fine (and saves having to have a huge table for larger actions).

We've done the same for ACW Fire & Fury for years without problems, so it seemed natural to do it for Battlefront.

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Re: BF Ground scale question

Author: Eric Feifer ()
Date: 01-08-03 08:49

One member of our group plays in 15mm later war and I use 20mm for the Blitzkrieg. I use stand sizes close to those in the rule book for 20mm figures and use home-made 1.5" rulers similar to Stephen Fleming. It's not bad for the early war weapon ranges.

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Re: BF Ground scale question

Author: [Dave Choat](#) ()
Date: 01-08-03 11:33

Works the other way too, use microscale and keep the same ground scale. Less crowded feeling to me.

Dave

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Re: BF Ground scale question

Author: [Steve Curtis](#) ()
Date: 01-08-03 21:29

My group plays with 15s using the 20mm measurements. The tanks don't look so crowded this way. I made my own cards and charts with the ranges changed.

Using 6mm figures and microarmour

Author: [Elmar](#) (193.81.1.---)
Date: 01-24-03 02:17

Does anyone use 6mm figures and microarmour (e.g GHQ)?
And if so how are your experiences?

Regarding scenarios : In the rules it is said to exchange all inch measurements for cm if using 5-6mm , what about scenarios?
e.g a playfield is said to be 6foot to 2.5 foot - would that be 72cm to 30cm?

thanks a lot for your help

Elmar

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Re: Using 6mm figures and microarmour

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (
Date: 01-24-03 02:21

Hi Elmar,

Yes, that's the idea!

Welcome to the forum.

Mark

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Re: Using 6mm figures and microarmour

Author: [Mike Baulch](#) (
Date: 01-24-03 21:17

Our group use micro armor with both scales. If we're short on space, we use the cm equal an inch scale (or 40yds) and if we have the room, use the regular scale (1 inch equals 40yds).. Looks real nice with the regular scale.

Mike

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Re: Using 6mm figures and microarmour

Author: [Joe LePard](#) (
Date: 02-05-03 21:10

What I like to do is play that each inch actually is a half inch. I've marked up rulers and number each half inch. I think that cm is just too small.

Joe

Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (193.81.1.---)
Date: 02-06-03 09:31

In the rulebook it's said that if you use 6mm figures you just exchange inch with cm. That's fine as the ratio is 2.5 - 1inch=2.54cm and 6mm:15mm is 1:2.5 So far so good, but when it comes to terrain/board sizes i just can't imagine this is correct. Like 6feetx4feet should be 72cm x 48cm - this looks so small. Also if you use the 5/8 to 1/2inch bases.

If anyone is playing with 6mm - 1/285 AFV's please help me with this problem!!!!

Thanks
Elmar

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (
Date: 02-06-03 10:08

Elmar,

Many of those who game BF in 6mm say that they prefer the 15mm ground scale. That's what I would do if I were into that scale.

Mark

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: Tony K (
Date: 02-06-03 16:07

We play early war scenarios in 285th Elmar. I really prefer to use the 15mm scales as it looks and "feels" better. I think I did base all my inf on the 5/8 to 1/2 inch bases 2-4 inf per stand (2 if it had a hvy weapon like a mg or mortar)

If my friends and I didn't have such a large investment in 15 mm late war I would do it in 285th as well.

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (
Date: 02-07-03 11:14

So if you use 15mm groundscale you as well use the inch measurements for moving firing etc?

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: Tony K (
Date: 02-07-03 14:10

Yes we do. Everything moves, shoots, and does los using inches on the same scale as 15mm figures. I would have to look at the arty templates to remember which size templates we use. I think I liked the feel of using the same arty templates as recommended for 15mm as well. Having spent 9 years as an arty officer I am for anything that makes my arty do

better :) You might try the same scenario a couple of times. 1 time use the 15mm arty templates, the other use the 6mm templates and see which feels better for you. I have played with guys that felt the larger templates were too harsh.

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (193.81.1.---)
Date: 02-07-03 15:38

I was thinking about the templates today and in my opinion it would be a sensible thing to use the 15mm templates.

The reason for me to think so is the command radius rules. If you would use the cm-templates you would have the chance to spread your units according to the 15mm ranges and still get the command bonus but the area covered by the arty would be pretty small. That seems a bit gamey - what do you think?

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 02-08-03 02:28

Our intention was for the same scale measurements and templates to be used together. As all measurements are made to and from an aiming point, so the effects in changing scale should be minimal. Besides, one of the reasons many people like to game 6mm using the 15mm ground scale is because the visual aspect looks better. Allowing players to get away with putting their units closer together because the templates are smaller, IMHO, defeats the purpose.

Mark

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 02-08-03 05:22

If you go this way, you might want to use 15mm size bases for your infantry. You can put more 6mm figures on a stand so they don't look "lonely". The actual ground scale in 15mm is 1:1440. 15mm figures are scaled about 1:100, and 5-6mm figures about 1:300 (1/285 qualifies as "about"). Thus 6mm are only about 4-5 times as big as actual scale as compared to 14-15 times as big for 15mm. The only reason I don't use 5mm any more is that I can't see them with my old eyes.

:-)

It also is sometime hard to distinguish different kinds of infantry.

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (193.81.1.---)
Date: 02-11-03 04:57

Hi Mark,

what basesize would you suggest to use for the 6mm figures?
Given the fact i'm using 15mm scale?
And what influence in gameplay does basesize really have?

Thank you
Elmar

As you might have noticed i'm an absolute beginner

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 02-11-03 06:33

The base sizes for the various scales are listed in the rulebook and here:
<http://www.fireandfury.com/faq/faqBasing.shtml>

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (193.81.1.---)
Date: 02-11-03 07:04

Thank you for the answer but the problem for me was : when i'm going to use the 15mm scale for the 6mm figures shall i use the 15mm basing or the 6mm basing.I would think i should use the 15mm bases.
And the other thing is : what influence does the basesize really have?

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 02-11-03 07:26

It doesn't depend on the size of the figures you use, but on the range scale in which you play the game. If you go with 15mm range scale, you want to use inches as the base unit of measurement, 15mm base sizes, and the mid-size artillery templates (B for large, C for small). The 6mm figures are small on this size base, so you probably need to put 5-6 on the base instead of the 2-3 15mm figures that you would use if using 15mm figures. As described above, 6mm figures in this scale are much closer to actual ground scale. However, the battlefield will take up more room on the tabletop than if you were playing strictly 5mm scale. You might want to base your 5mm vehicles in this scale.

If you go with 5mm as your base range scale, you use centimeters as the base unit of measurement, the small artillery templates (D for large, E for small), and the 5mm base sizes as described. In this scale the battlefield itself is smaller.

The base sizes, artillery templates, should all be consistent with your basic unit of measurement. For example, if you used 15mm size artillery templates with the 5mm base sizes and centimeters as your unit of measure, you would be making the artillery too powerful. Similarly, when using inches as the unit of measure, using the D and E templates would make artillery too weak and using 5mm base sizes would allow you to put too many troops in an area of the battlefield.

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (193.81.1.---)
Date: 02-11-03 08:48

Thank you for your explanation James , made the things clear for me.

Elmar

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: Tony K (
Date: 02-12-03 16:25

I used the 6mm bases for my figures but everything else in 15mm. The first time someone bunched up their inf and got crushed by the 15mm arty templates taught us to use the proper dispersion. I think it looks better with the 6mm inf bases and using inches and the 15mm arty templates. Doesn't feel as crowded.

If I decide to use the 15mm bases its easy to mount the 6mm base right on the 15 mm base, add a couple inf or some extra terrain. I see your point on consistency though James.

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Elmar](#) (
Date: 02-12-03 17:23

I decided now to do a compromise : i'm going to use the 10mm bases with my 6mm figures (as i'm using Adler figures 4 of them fit just right on the 10mm base) but using the 15mm ranges.

Thanks for all your support and advice.

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [George Anderson](#) (208.17.195.---)
Date: 03-04-03 12:38

I currently game in 15mm with a limited force, but am looking to go down to 5mm due to cost and space.

The discussion of using the 15mm gaming surface with the 5mm figures is interesting, but I'm curious if anyone here actually games using the 5mm scale battlefield as well, and would like to know how that works out.

Its easy to find a 60cm x 72cm playing surface, but a lot tougher to find a 5'x6' spot!

Also, on the subject of using the 5mm on the 15mm scale battlefield. Do those of you that play that way use the 15mm scale buildings, trees, etc, or do you use 5mm scale features?

Thanks,

George

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Mike Baulch](#) (
Date: 03-05-03 23:32

George,

I started out with microarmor back in the bad old days (using Tractics and WRG, of all things), so I've never used 15mm armor. Generally, my group uses the 15mm ground scale, if we have enough room or the scenario is small in scope, but for larger actions, we use the 5mm ground scale. (The visual effect of using microarmor with the 15mm ground scale is verrrry impressive). For terrain, we use 5mm features for both scales and have had no problems.

I'm in the same boat you're in: once upon a time I had access to a garage with a 6'x10'

gaming board. Now, living in a 1 bedroom apartment, I have to make do with a fold-up 4'x6' board that fits over my living room coffee table. (Hey, if ya gonna game, ya do what ya gotta do!)

Mike

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [George Anderson](#) (208.17.195.---)
Date: 03-06-03 12:14

Mike,

Thanks for the reply! I'm very tempted to switch to the 5mm figures now. Save a bunch of \$\$\$! I'm also really hyped on seeing how the board looks with the 15mm ground scale.

As to the 5mm ground scale that you sometimes have to use, do you find having a very small surface (in area) to be a problem, or to be too crowded?

Thanks!

George

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [Mike Baulch](#) (
Date: 03-07-03 00:57

Actually, we haven't run into any real problems. When using 1cm = 40yds with microarmor models, the ground scale/model scale is about the same as using 1"= 40yds with 15mm models. Of course, it can get a little tight if you have a bad case of "fat fingers"! Generally, we use the 1cm=40yds scale in those wide-open- spaces type of battles (the vast steppes of Russia, for example) and not for the Bocage. One caveat: if you use the 1"=40yds scale with microarmor, you can crowd a lot of troops together; which makes for a perfect artillery target!

Mike

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: [George Anderson](#) (208.17.195.---)
Date: 03-07-03 11:50

Thanks Mike!

Sounds like its wise not to bunch up.

I was thinking about that last night. The larger (15mm) ground scale with the smaller troops has advantages but at cost. You can pack more troops into a CC attempt for example, but risk being too bunched for artillery.

George

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Re: Terrain for 6mm figures and 1/285 AFV

Author: Tony K (66.210.107.---)

Date: 03-08-03 10:56

When we do microarmor I use 285th scale buildings.

We very rarely put trees on the board as they are more trouble than use. I went and bought some outside matt carpet - green and cut it up to represent cleared trees. I put some lichen on some of that and use that as either woods with underbrush or just thicket or brush terrain. Not as aesthetic but more functional.

Figures Manufacturers

Author: [Whitey](#) ()
Date: 04-03-03 06:56

Hi,
I'm just another Battlefront:WWII virgin and I'd like to have your views on the pro's and con's of the many different figure manufacturers - for 20mm scale to be specific. Does anyone use the Airfix plastic type ;-) or all you all "metal" gentlemen (and ladies) ?
Cheers
Whitey

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 04-03-03 07:30

Hi Whitey,

Have a look at 1/76th, take a look at www.ab-figures.demon.co.uk - they are by far the best (though a little bit pricey) - they also do Cromwell Models vehicles, which are amazing one- two- or three-piece castings, requiring practically no assembly (and very reasonably priced).

Cheers,

Mark

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 04-03-03 07:31

Hmm, my above posting doesn't make sense - you get the idea though? I'm half asleep, sorry! :o(

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: Eric Feifer ()
Date: 04-03-03 11:44

I use and like Figures, Armor & Artillery figures. I have used the plastic figures in the past to mount units to try a period before spending money on a "permanent" lead army. I've never been happy about how paint jobs last on the pliable plastic figures. Maybe I just play with a ham-handed group. 8^)

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: matt laing ()
Date: 04-03-03 11:45

Whitey,

Pros and cons, well I can only give you my opinion.

Battlefield Miniatures (formerly Drews Militia) look nice although I have never seen

them in person.

<http://www.battlefieldminiatures.co.uk/>

Brittania miniatures are good, kind of chunky though. The legs look kind of odd on some poses. I have a large collection of Brittania Germans and Russians. Brittania also has a good selection of vehicles and guns too.

<http://www.britanniaminis.com/>

Dixon has always made a nice range of figure. Dixon has a modest range of 20mm WW2 figures. I have not seen them.

<http://www.dixon-minis.com/>

FAA has a fairly large range. I generally like these figures. Some individual figures are more stocky than others.

<http://www.figuresarmourartilleryusa.com/>

SHQ has an extensive range of figures and vehicles. IMO, SHQ figures are the best although I only own Brittania, FAA, and SHQ miniatures. SHQ figures are well proportioned in the body as well as weapons, no cartoon guns here.

<http://www.shqminiatures.co.uk/>

I own several Brittania vehicles, 2 T-34s and 2 Pz Mk IVs. I highly recommend them but I can't compare them to other manufacturers.

Matt

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [chris](#) ()

Date: 04-03-03 15:42

Hi:

Generally I agree with Matt. I love Britannia and have a large number of their vehicles and figures. They are robust and are definitely the kind of figures that one has an opinion on. The infantry weapons are big, wargame friendly and cast in few pieces. e.g. German HMGs are one piece castings. I consider this a dream and they really stand out on the table top. SHQ are nice models but, in my opinion, they are too delicate. I handle my models very carefully, but I still prefer Britannia to most other manufacturers. The heavy folds in the figure sculpting really supports both a black undercoat or white/wash technique of painting.

For veicles I again really like Britannia for the same reasons noted above. That said, the Raventhorpe Ready to Roll range is superb, is cast in very few parts (trucks are one piece castings) and unlike Cromwell are truly very reasonable. Mark, I am surprised that you think that Cromwell is reasonably priced; they are more expensive than both Britannia and Raventhorpe. Skytrex make nice metal kits although some of the early models are a bit rough - hit or miss and the price is quite high. SHQ make beautiful models but again there are more parts than any of the other manufacturers noted above.

Anyway, just a couple of thoghts. I will be receiving an order from Frontline on Monday, so I will issue a review. These really are cheap resin kits; lets hope my order was not a false economy.

Cheers,
Chris

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: Eric Feifer ()

Date: 04-03-03 16:38

To add to confusion:

<http://www.msu.edu/user/storto/afv.htm>

This is a site for 1/76 & 1/72 scale models. It has completed kits and lots of links to manufacturers.

To fill out some odd spaces MMS are nice but expensive vehicles. They are available from Brookhurst Hobbies (and probably some others).

<http://www.brookhursthobbies.com/>

I also like Scale Model Accessories from England. Lot's of nice odd stuff again.

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 04-03-03 17:54

Hi Chris,

I wasn't going to get into 'my model's better than your model', but as you've started it...

Well to be charitable, there's a reason some stuff is cheaper than others... I'm afraid that Cromwell is miles ahead of Raventhorpe in terms of quality, accuracy and scale. I defy anybody to hold the two makes of the same vehicle model next to each other and say that Raventhorpe is better. That's my opinion - sorry if you don't like it. I'll stand by my earlier comments.

One area where Cromwell does fall down though, is that it provides some items such as AAMGs as resin-cast pieces and are therefore very brittle - a lot of vehicle crew and accessory packs by various people though come with such things included, so we've never found it a problem.

I was selling Cromwell stuff on a trade stand at Bovington last year, alongside MMS and some others - the Cromwell stuff was FAR cheaper than MMS and co and was infinitely more robust for wargaming. the price is/was roughly comparable to SHQ, but have the advantage of hardly any assembly (and no bits dropping off later). I have never bought Britannia or Raventhorpe, so have no idea what they price at.

I do like Skytrex's and particularly SHQ's vehicles (I find the detail on SHQ's figures excellent, but the anatomical accuracy takes a back seat behind the accuracy of weapons, equipment and uniform). I'm afraid I'll have to go against the groundswell opinion though, and say that I don't like Britannia. While they've got an interesting range and cover a lot of items not covered elsewhere, I'm afraid I just don't like their design. Scale, proportion and anatomy just don't appear to exist in the Britannia universe.

It's just a shame we can't import pictures into the forum...

Jim? ;o)

Cheers,

Mark (ducks!)

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()

Date: 04-03-03 20:31

I mainly game in 15mm, but I have about 10 - 20 packs of 20mm IT Figures of Japanese and Marines, and believe they look very good.

I cannot do any real comparisons, the only other 20mm figs I've looked at were Raventhorpe for their Wake Island figures, and was rather disappointed.

<http://www.wargames.co.uk/Traders/ITfigures/itfigures.html>

C ya,
Steve

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [Stephen](#) (
Date: 04-04-03 00:52

Like Chris, I prefer Britannia figures and vehicles (which is good, as we game together). The bulk of my collection is from Britannia, although I do have some Ready-to-Roll and RAFM guns and vehicles.

I purchased several late-war Red Army packs from FAA-USA last year and I was not happy with their quality. FAA seems to differ by range; their early-war French and late-war Germans are much better castings.

I have a few plastic kits to round out the collection - AFV's such as Ostwinds and Wirblewinds that are harder to find in metal/resin. I have found that Hasagawa kits fit best with my Britannia vehicles, especially if you add metal crews to the plastic kits.

One of these days, Chris and I hope to take photographs of one of our games and send them in.

So, my answer to Whitey would be to go with Britannia.

Stephen

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: Steve Burt (
Date: 04-04-03 03:56

There's nothing wrong with plastic; most of my stuff is plastic, with 20mm metals for those things I can't get in the plastic sets.
Properly undercoated, the paint stays on fine.
For mixing with plastic, Raventhorpe and Britannia are not so good - the figures are very chunky. SHQ mix perfectly with plastic, and I prefer them for that reason.
Some of their models are tricky to assemble and a bit delicate, though.

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [Whitey](#) (
Date: 04-04-03 07:01

Cheers Lads,
Thanks for all the info - plenty to keep me busy with this weekend !!
Whitey

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Re: Figures Manufacturers

Author: [chris leach](#) ()
Date: 04-05-03 14:09

Hi Mark et al:

I was simply stating my preferences regarding models, not stating that 'my models are better' than anyone else's. Indeed, I totally concur that preferring Britannia is a company that requires a certain taste in figures and painting style - bold. These little guys really stand out and have a unique character. The issue of figure design is one that I am interested in since I game in 25/8 mm usually and there has been a certain trend of homogeneity, namely towards the Foundry style. I am pleased to see that even the Perry's have toned this down in their own company. I have preferred figures that show flare and character over strict anatomical correctness or accuracy. I enjoy painting and the overall impression that a wargame display imparts. For example, I prefer Connoisseur and Elite Napoleonics over Foundry in spite of the fact that in most measurable ways the latter are superior.

Anyway, getting back to WWII models, Cromwell are fantastic models. Are they wargame friendly????? Are they cheap? Compared to MMS yes, but compared to wargame oriented models, no. On a wargame table does Britannia make a great impression and survive handling? Yes.

Just a last shot...
Cheers,
Chris

ps. Isn't there a different forum for this topic (a rhetorical comment... :^)

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Re: Figures Manufacturers (and Frontline models)

Author: [chris](#) ()
Date: 04-10-03 14:56

Just had a chance to re-read my last post....sorry for the terrible grammar and poor spelling. My three year old AND wife were trying to get my attention while I was writing. I am not sure which was worse!:

Cheers,
Chris

p.s. I just received a wide variety of the Frontline resin models in 20mm. I was very pleasantly surprised. Although they are clearly marketed for wargame use and do not constitute 'fine scale models' like MMS, these models were clean and nicely designed if somewhat simple. With some additional detail added (or not) these are great little models and I will certainly buy many more of them. The price and service were great too. Indeed, the Frontline models were packaged better than any other resin models I have ever received.

battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: jonathan ()
Date: 04-04-03 00:08

just curious ya'll:
i have approximately 80 15mm vehicles nearly all are BattleHonors or Command Decision, neither of the gameshops near me carry the BattleFront range nor have access to it by order. I am just curious if it is worth the effort to get some sample by mail of these vehicles or if the differences in detail are so minor that i should just continue frequenting and supporting my local game shop. Also how is Peter Pig in relation both in quality and scale, or are the differences here also minor.

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Tankie](#) ()
Date: 04-04-03 06:50

Jonathan,
I've looked at all these ranges and you've definitely got the best. Quality Castings or Battle Honours come out top, IMO, then Command Decision. Battlefront however has some good rarities that the other manufacturers don't bother with - eg a Sherman flail tank or German SPs built onto French R-35 chassis. Peter Pig castings are chunky and less crisp than Quality Castings - once again they have some items that others don't do, eg resin cast knocked out AFVs of various types.
regards
Mark

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: Tony K ()
Date: 04-04-03 12:32

I used to buy only QC but now I buy mostly Battlefront and Command Decision for my British. Battlefront has a greater variety of figures in inf and vehicles than the others. I find QC infantry to be smaller than all the rest though not too significantly. I have mostly Essex for my Germans.

I would agree that QC vehicles are the best looking though BF has become much better of late. A lot of the QC vehicles I bought right before they became BH didn't fit together real well.

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: jonathan ()
Date: 04-04-03 23:22

ok one other thing:
can the Peter Pig afv's of a army be on the table together with BH and CD minis of that same army or are the differences in scale too much to look right?

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 04-05-03 00:08

The PP seem a little bigger to me, but I have no problem using them with my BH/QC, CD,

or BF figures.

Mark

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()

Date: 04-05-03 04:56

I actually prefer PeterPig because they are chunky, and "wargamer proof". They tend to go together very well and are usually flash free which makes for fewer headaches when assembling - a useful factor if you are buying a few. For heavy tanks I like the models to look the part as well, so the slight "overscaling" is actually a bonus. IMHO their Panther is about the best around - it has suitable "gravitas". They have just released their Tiger 1, which will be another large impact on my wallet.

I suppose it is horses for courses. I dont mix manufacturer between models, so for instance all my T34s are PP, my PzIVs are OG, my Shermans are BF.

Ken

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Tankie](#) ()

Date: 04-05-03 10:17

Ken,

I agree with you that the Peter Pig Panther is a very nice miniature. I've seen the one with zimmerit and cammo netting on the barrel and it looks good. They are, like you say, chunky, with barrels being far thicker than scale. That makes them survivable, but a little cartoon-ish. I also agree that sticking to one version of a particular vehicle is the way to go. I have some Peter Pig Bren carriers and they are crisp castings, went together nicely and are very robust. If I want any more Bren carriers, I will doubtless buy them from Peter Pig.

regards

Mark

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [loris](#) ()

Date: 04-10-03 14:50

For the Infantry i think the last productions of Bf are great...

The PP have strange heads and visages...i don't love 'em too much, but all my Brit Paras are PP...

Loris

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()

Date: 04-14-03 11:45

I have not seen that many QC models as I am based in the uk and they are new here, but I have to say I think they are no better than BF or OG\Skytrex, some individually are excellent, others less so, and the few modern models I have seen - specifically the Shilka and Ontos were easily beaten by QRF.

Not sure where this leaves you ther than stick with what you like and damn the rest.

Ken

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Victor Graulau](#) ()

Date: 04-16-03 16:51

A fair amount of the Castings like the Ontos and the ZSU-23-4 are older castings dating some 20 yrs. Like the old M-48 and the M-60. QC and BH have improved the lot over the last several years. Like the M-26 Pershing and the Centurions or even the SdKfz 251's. Emphasis was placed on the WWII line, so Older castings were replaced by newer better detailed models. While some of the "Cold War" era castings were subject to replacement when there was some interest in a period, for example Arab-Israeli conflicts 1956-1982. With some exception to the Soviet armored vehicles. The Shilka being one of them.

Note: Availability of QRF And Skytrex castings are rather difficult to acquire. Our "stockists" in the US have a limited selection of vehicles. Sktrex and OG seem to have a difference of opinion on what the US Wargamers want. Maybe some of you over there could explain to those at Skytrex, "When we want M48A2c's we don't want one or two, we want and buy NINE or TEN if not more." If I want a M-60A1, I want to have a Batallion's worth of M-60's . This applies to most of us over here! We are dying for good M-113's, M60's, M48's and we tend to be extremely impatient for these things.

I don't want to sound off like this, I like Skytrex 15mm products, but it would be nice if they (Skytrex) would be a bit more accomodating to the fellows across the pond!

Thanks and back to the show!

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()

Date: 04-17-03 00:03

Well said, Victor. I have to believe that the market for moderns is going to get better in the US.

BTW, if any manufacturer is reading this, I want a 15mm Peugeot sedan for my Iraqi forces. I need several for my "Mad Max meets the Thundering Hurd" scenario. ;-)

Mark

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Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()

Date: 04-17-03 13:04

I saw GHQ have a Mujahadin \ Taliban unit pack in 1:285th scale. Without wishing to get into the "ethics" questions, some of the blood has'nt even been spilled yet, let alone dried. Maybe it is old age getting to me. Maybe it is the fact that it is "us" that will be sharing the bleeding. Strange, because I have had no qualms about playing modern games before.

However, if you want to play games based on current events could I recommend Peter Pigs AK47 range - they do 2 different Toyota pick ups and a Merc for a start.

Ken

Re: battlehonors,command decision/battlefront

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 04-17-03 16:16

Sorry, Ken. I guess its too early to make jokes about, too. I'll be more circumspect.

Mark

10mm Figures

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 06-19-03 16:32

Would appreciate all opinion/comments on Pendrakens 10mm WWII & WWI figures.

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: [Nigel Maddaford](#) ()
Date: 06-20-03 03:44

These are the figures I am using for my Battlefront forces. I purchased their WWII British & German army packs which provided me with virtually all I need for a full battalion of each. The figures are well cast requiring only a small amount of cleaning up. There are not many different poses which is not a problem for me as there are no silly poses and I like having a uniform appearance on each base. I use a much simpler painting method with these than with larger figures. I always used to spend far too much time picking out all the details on 15/20mm figures, cutting down the limited time I have for gaming. I am using the 15mm base sizes (3 figs/base) as IMHO this looks much better, they were far too cramped up on the 10mm ones & the HMG teams are too deep anyway. Only a few tanks purchased so far but those and what I have seen at shows are good. I cannot give any comparisons to other ranges as I only have Pendraken at the moment.

I highly recommend these figures as they give me more figures on the same playing area as 15mm, cheaper and I can get them to the table quicker. I am so impressed with them that I will be using 10mm for all periods from now on.

regards,

Nigel

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 06-20-03 19:04

Thanks Nigel,

What side of the pond are you, and where do you get the Pendrakens?

You mentioned "simpler painting method" could you elaborate?

I'm planning WWI East Africa with them.

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-22-03 03:32

I like Pendraken's 10mm as well - the infantry are excellent and the range is growing

constantly. I use them for Vietnam

Ken

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: [Nigel Maddaford](#) (
Date: 06-23-03 03:20

Terry,

I,m in England and I picked my Pendraken figures up at the Tunbrigde Wells show in february, but they attend quite a few shows, they were at Salute for instance.

On the painting side with larger figures I would do several layers of shading and highlighting, paint in all the details. This meant if I did a large number of figures at a time it became a bit of a chore and building an army painfully slow. With 10mm I just paint the main colour give it a black wash, one drybrushed highlight, then block in weapons, faces etc. Not super detailed but does the job. I suppose I could have done this with 15/20mm but to me it did not look right, in 10mm it's great. Now I can paint a company in an evening, if I tried that with 15/20mm I would get fed up half way through and not come back to them for a week or two. I use a grey undercoat by the way, I have tried black but did not like it and the paints I use are artist acrylics which are more vibrant than the hobby colours I used before. Brighter colours seem to work better on smaller figures.

I hope this answers your questions. I cannot comment on their WWI range though. But if they copare with the WWII stuff I would say go for it and you will have your forces ready for the table in no time.

regards

Nigel

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: Patrick (
Date: 06-24-03 18:41

I got some Fallshirmjaeger and Tiger tanks to "test the waters" And I'm hooked already it's now 10mm all the way for me now (and 28mm for Skirmish games) ...

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: [John Magnifico](#) (
Date: 06-25-03 11:05

Pendraken is a very fine line for 10 mm They are the largest of the line's followed by Wargames South, then Perrin and Mini fig's (they call them 12 mm but they are a bit smaller then Pendraken's 10 mm), Bren gun and Finally Skytrex. Warrior makes a very limited line of figures only. The Pendraken vehicles are excellant again a little bigger then Perrin and much bigger then skytrex. The 20 mm AA barrels are a bit short though. I suppose you could beak it off drill in and relace with a brass rod or wire to get the proper length.

Just picked up some wargame south infantry very nice real good poses but I snapped off a couple of head/s when I tried too make some minor poisture adjustments, must be more careful. They make the only Japaneese and US paratrooper in 10 mm. A tad more expensive then Pendraken but worth it I believe.

Bren gun is really a 1/200 figure but fit's Ok with Pendrakens 10 mm Vietnam war. They also distribute a very nice Vietnam scenery item's , Village and temple piece's.

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Re: 10mm Figures

Author: Steve Walker (194.168.183.---)
Date: 06-26-03 04:42

10mm is the way to go.

There is a new range of resin german vehicles from Dragon CanDO "pocker armor" available in some model shops. They are 1/144 and are superbly finished and painted. The first set is Tiger 1's and there are six variants priced at £3.50 apiece. Panthers, Jagdpanthers, Elefants, Konigstigers, Jagdtigers, PZIII's and Ivs are all to come. They are superb. Not quite 10mm, but they are so damned good that I don't care!

Steve of Wales

skytrex 1/200

Author: [Richard Harris](#) ()
Date: 06-19-03 18:43

Hi.

Anybody out there got any information on the Skytrex 1/200 range of figures?
In your opinion are the castings of good quality? Accuracy?
Looking through their range they seem to have a comprehensive collection and at a good price as well !

All input gratefully received.

Richard

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Re: skytrex 1/200

Author: [Stephen Uden](#) ()
Date: 06-20-03 15:00

All my British, Russians, Germans and Americans are Skytrex. They have a wide range, the models are well detailed and they are well priced. You can order online and while delivery isn't particularly rapid (~2 weeks), they are pretty reliable.

I'm not the person to comment specifically on accuracy, but they seem to accord well with illustrations and pictures that I've seen.

I don't think you can go too far wrong.

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Re: skytrex 1/200

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-22-03 03:34

It is a while since I saw their range but I was unimpressed - they may have since improved but Wargames South and Pendraken were both much better IMHO.

Ken

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Re: skytrex 1/200

Author: [John Magnifico](#) ()
Date: 06-25-03 11:17

I believe skytrex was one of the early companies in the 1/200 slash 10 mm range.

Their line is rather large and they have things that you can not get anywhere else. But their infantry is a bit small they measure just under 9 mm from bottom of base to top of helmet and the vehicles are also small. Some of their guns don't look like the weapons they are supposed to. The German 37mm looks more like a Czech 47mm. Also the T-34/76 looks wrong. But that said their prices are low and for the price only they have the only game in town.

How to get figures made!

Author: [Brian Porter](#) ()
Date: 09-16-03 13:28

Hi everyone,

I'm not sure if it has been mentioned here or not, but Eureka Miniatures in Australia has a great service called 100 Club (25mm) and 300 Club (15mm).

Basically, people suggest figures that they would like to see made. Nic Robson (owner) adds the information to the areas of the website labeled 100 club & 300 club.

You can go to the site browse the listing and then order as many of the figures that you want. You will have to go through the checkout process. Never fear, Nic will not charge you for any figures until they are actually made.

When the orders for figures total 150 for 25mm figures (100 club) and 300 for 15mm figures, Nic will email you to verify that you are still interested in the figures. If so the item will go into production and eventually we get our orders. Again Nic will not charge anyone until the order is actually shipped.

I have had a number of figures made and it is a great service. My only complaint is that it sometimes takes a while to get items to 150 or 300 figures ordered. Hence my selfish reason for posting here. Hurry to the Eureka website and order more stuff!!!!

<http://www.eurekamin.com.au/>

I asked for 15mm:

WW2 Japanese Cavalry
WW2 Vickers Crossley Armored Cars
WW2 USMC 1917 helmet (early)
WW2 USMC Sun helmet (early)

25mm:

WW1/Russian Civil War Czech Infantry
Post WW1 Polish Infantry
Post WW1 German Civilians (Freikorps)

There are many other listings and feel free to contact Nic and suggest more! They will make at least 4 25mm Variants and I think 7 15mm Variants.

Brian Porter

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Re: How to get figures made!

Author: Matt ()
Date: 09-16-03 22:01

It really is a very unique service. And his figures are very nice too. I've been very tempted to show my support for the 100/300 clubs the only thing stopping me is money.

Matt

At Last! An Airborne 6pdr!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 11-08-03 13:41

Yes Gents,

At long last, a model manufacturer has realised that an airborne 6pdr is badly needed! Peter Pig have recently released a model and at £3 a throw is pretty good value (to think PP used to be WAY more expensive than their competition!).

In case you're wondering, the airborne 6pdr had a narrower axle and gunshield and lacked the secondary gunshield, as well as other less noticeable differences. It was also used by the US Airborne forces (wherever you read '57mm' in a US Airborne TO&E, this actually refers to the British Airborne 6pdr), which makes it doubly useful.

I have a few on order and will provide a review soon.

Mark

PS Peter Pig have been very busy lately - also producing a nice range of StuGs, British late war snipers and 1940 Frenchies.

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Re: At Last! An Airborne 6pdr!

Author: [Tankie](#) (
Date: 11-14-03 04:36

Mark,

I've waited several days for someone to pop up and share your excitement on this topic. Alas nobody has....

Don't worry, I'll be buying a couple too ;-)

M

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Re: At Last! An Airborne 6pdr!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) (
Date: 11-14-03 06:16

LOL ;o)

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Re: At Last! An Airborne 6pdr!

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (
Date: 11-14-03 12:49

Just waiting for the AB Morris to tow the 17Pdr - when he gets that RMD will explode

:0)

Ken

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Re: At Last! An Airborne 6pdr!

Author: [Tankie](#) (
Date: 11-14-03 17:27

Ken,

If you mean the 'convertible' Quad, I believe Quality castings already do it.

regards

Mark

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Re: At Last! An Airborne 6pdr!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 11-14-03 18:30

BOOM!

CAS airplane model

Author: terry haney ()
Date: 12-04-03 20:48

Ok, I've surfed the net looking for airplanes for my WWII BF games. Never realized how popular the collecting of jet airliners is.

Anyone reccomend a source for WWII airplanes that work for 15mm?

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Mark.Hayes](#) ()
Date: 12-04-03 22:42

Terry,

Type diecast models into your search engine, and you will find a large number of websites that sell suitable airplanes. You can also find plastic kits at <http://www.rollmodels.com>

Quality Castings and QRF also make airplanes in 15mm.

Mark

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Mark.Hayes](#) ()
Date: 12-04-03 22:44

Oh! You could also ask Roger to scratch build some for you. <G>

Mark

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 12-04-03 23:15

Terry,

I bought some die cast ones at Historicon for about \$10 each. They're very clean and nicely done. They are the Postage Stamp Series done by Model Power. There's usually two paint schemes of each plane. One for \$10, one for \$20. Not sure why there is a price difference, other than maybe availability, as the \$20 seem to have the more popular paint scheme.

Below is a link to a website that carries them. You can click on each plane's description and see the picture.

<http://www.aikensairplanes.com/modelpwr.htm>

Steve

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Peter Landry](#) (
Date: 12-05-03 00:34

Hi guys,

Try http://www.hobbylinc.com/diecast/prods/v_brands.htm

Lots to see here. I use the Postage Stamp planes Steve mentioned. Really nice.

Pete

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [James Baker](#) (
Date: 12-05-03 05:16

Also try Schmid (see the links page), who carry a nice line of resin cast models, including an HS-129

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: Roger Kumferman (
Date: 12-05-03 11:31

Depending on how much time and effort you're willing to expend there is a further option besides those listed above - plastic models. Back in the 1960s, 1/96 to 1/100 were not uncommon scales for model aircraft. A Japanese company called Marusan made a fairly extensive line of 1/100 scale kits, the molds for which were eventually purchased by UPC which then marketed the line under their "Pocket Series" label. A few of these molds were then used by Eldon in a series they called "Matchbook" (the kits came in packaging that resembled a giant matchbook). Of course, by the standards of today's kits, these models are rather crude; however for wargaming purposes they are very suitable. Aircraft in the series included P-38L, P-40N, P-47N, P-51D, F6F-5, Spitfire V, A6M-5, Me-109G, FW-190A, Ju-87B, and many more, including some 1950s and 1960s jets.

A German company named Faller also made some 1/100 kits in the 1960s. These included an Me-109E, He-111, DFS-230 Assault Glider, and others (Faller still exists and makes a wide range of buildings and accessories for model railroading, but not these aircraft anymore).

Where to find these kits? On E-bay of course. Search for model kits under any/all of the following keywords: 1/100; Marusan, UPC, Eldon Matchbook, Pocket Series, Faller. As with anything on E-bay, prices vary - you'll have to shop around, but I've seen these kits go for as little as \$2-3.00.

If you have a very good hobby store in your area, you may want to check it out, especially if it carries old, out of production kits. It's doubtful you would find any of the Marusan/UPC/Eldon kits there, but you might find a few more modern kits: A Japanese company called Doyusha recently made (still makes?) a series of WWII Japanese aircraft in 1/100 scale - these kits are very good quality. Also, the American company Lindberg recently made (still makes?) a boxed set of 4 fighters in 1/96 scale (possibly using the old Marusan molds, the models are crude) - including an F4U-5, F6F-5, F-80 Shooting Star (for Korea) and an F7U Cutlass.

As a last ditch, you could scratchbuild a model. Certain aircraft just aren't available anywhere (e.g. a Vultee Vengeance dive bomber to support the 14th Army in Burma). If you really want one, its possible to make it yourself. You will need a good 3-view scale

drawing (which may need to be enlarged/reduced to 1/100 scale). Use Paperclay (an air-drying modeling compound) to form a rough fuselage; when dry it can be cut/sanded to exact shape. Vertical and horizontal tail surfaces can be made from proper thickness plastic sheet, cut and sanded to shape, and attached to the paperclay fuselage with super-glue. Wing surfaces can be made the same way. The FM-2 Wildcat and SBD Dauntless pictured in the Prototype Cards section were made using this method.

The advantages of using plastic or resin model kits/scratchbuilding are weight and appearance. The heavier weight of the diecast or white metal aircraft can make them top-heavy when placed on a stand to "fly" over the wargaming table. Also, building and painting the kit yourself allows you to give it the exact markings you choose.

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [bruce henderson](#) (
Date: 12-05-03 15:52

I find 1/144th (Realmwerks - through True North) work very well in this scale. I find the 1/100 stuff way too large. Advantage of Realmwerks is the wide availability of decals and the ability to custom design your packs and your decals. Lots of choice for CAS models from early war on - possible new releases are Spotter planes PO-2, Piper, Storch.

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: terry haney (
Date: 12-06-03 16:42

Thanks everyone for the info. I found the Model Power, Postage Stamp series at a local HobbyTown USA. Got Stukas for Early War, Hurri MK II for Burma and Corsairs for PTO. All \$9.99.

Terry

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: terry haney (
Date: 12-06-03 22:25

Duh, senior moment. What's the best way to mount these planes??

Terry

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Arrigo Velicogna](#) (
Date: 12-13-03 13:16

Guys,

the modelpower planes where sold in italy in a partwork by Del Prado Edition at 7 euros !! (comprised the 20\$ paint schemes)...

Arrigo

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 12-13-03 22:39

Being that the Colletion Armour inventory is drying up real fast, your best 2 bets are Schmid, as mentioned (he was the supplier of 15mm AC to QC before it went to BH). Schmid has everything you need for ground attack,

and German ebay:

<http://listings.ebay.de/plistings/list/all/category31112/index.html?from=R4>

I've had some bad dealings with 1 particular German trader, but most have worked very well. I would highly recommend the vendor: 'Meisterpoeff'

he has alot of stuff, and he is set up to receive your money in the states. I like him alot. I got a nice Faller Ju-88 in 1/100. Also a Ju-52, & C-47

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 12-14-03 16:15

Terry,

Did you decide on a way to mount your planes? I have to admit I haven't mounted mine, yet. No need for them on the Kokoda Trail.

We had a group that played Blue Max with 1/72nd models that we mounted on antennas by drilling a hole in the bottom of the fuselage, and put a small piece of brass tubing inside to hold the end of the antenna. Not sure I want to try that with die cast, though.

Steve

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Re: CAS airplane model

Author: terry haney ()
Date: 12-14-03 17:23

Steven,

Not mounted yet. A 1/8" wooden dowel or brass rod fits nicely in the holes foe their display stand. I'm not sure about a base. I want one that is heavy enough to prevent the model from falling over, but not take up too much table space.

Theie display bases are ok, but are only 3-4" high.

Terry

10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [Ian Croxall](#) ()
Date: 12-12-03 18:57

I have some 1/200th Skytrex - and for some variety in infantry poses - I was thinking of getting some of the 10mm Perrin miniatures.

Their add describes them as "true 10mm - 1/160th N Scale". The Skytrex figures are 10mm foot to top of head. Are these two manufacturers compatible?

Anyone have both that they describe a comparison?

Thanks
Ian

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: Richard Harris ()
Date: 12-13-03 08:06

Ian,

I have the same sort of problem. I want to mix a variety of makes, to make up for the fact that some models are missing in some of the ranges. I also would like an idea as to the different sizes in ranges quoted as " 10mm ". I don't want obviously different size models mixed about on the table-top. I hope that somebody with a good knowledge of the different makes can give us a lead on this. I am in the UK but am willing to purchase models from the US if this will give my 10mm forces that uniform look.

Looking forward to some help

Richard

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [Brian](#) (213.40.3.---)
Date: 12-13-03 10:24

There is a definite difference in the sizes, 10mm is much more chunkier and much bigger. I have 1/200 scale and 10mm do NOT mix.

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [Ian Croxall](#) ()
Date: 12-13-03 11:04

Thanks Brian.

By "chunkier" - do you mean the infantry? - How about the vehicles - are they compatible?

Ian

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [Arrigo Velicogna](#) ()
Date: 12-13-03 13:11

I have some Skytrex 1/200 and Bren Gunner 10mm and Minifig 12 (to paint for customer...) and if the vehicles are fo different size the infantry is the same size...

Arrigo

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [Stephen Uden](#) ()
Date: 12-13-03 13:21

The vehicles do not generally mix either. I added a few "True 10s" to my Skytrex collection and they stood out like a sore thumb. I ended up giving them to my son. The two scales are distinctly different and while you may get away with it in some combos, you will usually not. Its a nuisance to be limited in the choice of supplier in this way, but there it is.

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) ()
Date: 12-13-03 16:37

Greetings

I think you will find that the 10/12mm ranges are significantly newer than 1/200 and are (a) not really compatible (b) better on the basis of looking at Skytrex 1/200 versus Minifigs/Pendracken 10/12mm stuff.

Edward

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: Patrick R ()
Date: 12-15-03 19:09

Perrin, Minifigs, Pendracken and Chariot/Noble are generally compatible with each other. Perrin are slightly smaller than the others, so mixing is up to your tastes. They are all considered N scale or 160/150th.

Skytrex is much smaller.

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Re: 10mm vs 1/200th

Author: [andy](#) ()
Date: 12-22-03 08:56

1/200 and 1/160 are different scales.
They do not mix at all well.
I use 1/160.

Pendracken mostly, also chariot/perrin and minifigs.
Of these I prefer pendracken for infantry.

Minifigs vehicles I bought are cast out poor quality metal and there are a lot of parts to build each. Chariot are cleaner and crisper but quite a number of inaccuracies on early stuff - although I understand at least perrin are redoing some of these.
Pendracken are slightly rough and ready vehicles but paint up OK. Cheaper and little to

no assembly make em winners.
Minifigs infantry are detailed but spindly.
The chariot infantry I have was unusable.
Pendracken are chunkier.

Hungarian AFV models

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 03-06-04 11:34

QRF has now release a full line of Hungarina AFVs in 15mm. They are working on infantry, also. I haven't seen any pics yet, but their last several vehicle castings have been very nice, if a little large. Our links page has a link to their website.

Mark

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Re: Hungarian AFV models

Author: [MudCrab](#) ()
Date: 03-06-04 20:10

Hi Gang,

I have been buying a fair few QRF models over the counter the last couple of weeks. A biggish delivery turned up at our friendly local supplier and we have all been going 'new stuff - ooo ooo.'

Their range is interesting and a little varied in quality. The gun crew figures I have seen have not impressed me although one of my mates picked up a PzI SiG 33 and was very happy with the poses on his crew.

As for size, the PzI SiG was visually bigger then the Battlefront(nz) PzI model but the Al3MkI (the square turret as used in France) compares well in size with my Battlefront Al3MkIV (angled turret - Dessert) and having just run the scale rule over them, they both seem to be pretty much true scale 1:100.

On the down side you will probably have to spend more time cleaning up your models then you might be used to with Battlefront stuff. I got my Al3 yesterday and probably spent about 3 hours fiddling with it with knife and files to get the fit nice and clean up the flash. The detail however is nicely raised and should paint up very nice with a bit of effort.

I have also been corresponding with them (name drop name drop) over the week over a few issues and have they have been VERY polite, helpful and friendly.

Craig

20mm Battlefield and distances

Author: Mike ()
Date: 03-04-04 06:03

Do people using 20mm with BF use the 1.5 times change to distances?

I have figures based on 30mm squares and was wondering if the 15mm distances would still work ok?

thanks

Mike

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Re: 20mm Battlefield and distances

Author: [Eric Feifer](#) ()
Date: 03-04-04 08:48

Mike,

I use the 1.5X convention for my 20mm troops. It just looks better given the scale. I think it is also more appropriate with the 20mm artillery templates.

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Re: 20mm Battlefield and distances

Author: Steve Burt ()
Date: 03-04-04 09:13

I use the 15mm distances with my 20mm troops (which are on 30mm squares). It works fine, and keeps the table size down to manageable proportions. I also use the 15mm artillery templates. What can I say; I'm a bad person ;-)

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Re: 20mm Battlefield and distances

Author: Mike ()
Date: 03-04-04 11:07

Thanks for the comments. I haven't played a game yet, but I'll try out the 15mm distances - they do seem to make the table manageable.

thanks

Mike

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Re: 20mm Battlefield and distances

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 03-04-04 12:43

I use 30mm squares with 15 mm - no problems

Ken

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Re: 20mm Battlefront and distances

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 03-04-04 12:43

I use 30mm squares with 15 mm - no problems

Ken

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Re: 20mm Battlefront and distances

Author: [Chris Leach](#) ()
Date: 03-04-04 14:42

We use the 1.5 increase and made special rulers with range bands etc. It works very well. We play on 6/12 tables.

Cheers,
Chris

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Re: 20mm Battlefront and distances

Author: [Eric Feifer](#) ()
Date: 03-04-04 16:39

That's a good point Chris. You couldn't imagine the grateful look on the guys faces first time I told them we were going to use the 1.5X measurements and I said that I made special rulers. Otherwise they would have been bewildered. 8^)

All the other guys in my circle have 15mm figures. My figures are a 20 year accumulation that was originally started for skirmish gaming.

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Re: 20mm Battlefront and distances

Author: [Steve](#) ()
Date: 03-04-04 21:44

I use the 1.5X for 15mm and love the look. It does away with the tank "parking lots". I also created my own version of the cards, with pics of my minitures, using the 1.5 measurements.

15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Big Mark](#) (
Date: 05-01-04 15:36

I finally got the courage to order from Skytrex directly, and see if they were better than the Old Glory product here in the US.

All I can say to the American is, give Skytrex a chance. Genuine Skytrex tanks have far fewer, if any, defects you might find in OG. Plus, they give more variant parts in their kits, whereas OG simplifies & only gives the basic variant. Plus, more different types of T-34's are available from Skytrex, than OG.

I don't think many Americans order direct from Skytrex, but it is worth it. After all, OG tanks will soon be \$7 in the US, minimum 3, whereas you can get 1 (in case you don't want 3) from Skytrex for just less than \$10.

Shipping was 10 pounds, and was fast too.

Very very nice T-34's.

cheers to Skytrex,

Mark

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Richard Lawrence](#) (
Date: 05-05-04 07:36

Mark,

I would like to add that if you ask Skytrex they will supply an optional turret (at additional cost) they charged me £1.50 (\$2 approx) per turret. I bought 10 x T34/85s models and 10 T34/76 turrets only. Hope this useful information

Regards

Richard

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Paul Bernardino](#) (205.147.195.---)
Date: 05-05-04 10:22

Do the sktrex tanks suffer from mold burnout like the OG ones?

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Big Mark](#) (162.116.29.---)
Date: 05-05-04 18:52

Richard, I am a bit confused. Why would you want 76 turrets for an 85 chassis?

Ohhh! I see. You are being thrifty, just swapping the turret when you need a different tank. Clever.

Paul, comparing my OG & Skytrex models, I can see that the same defects are present in

both. However, the Skytrex is not as amplified as the OG; thus they appear quite minor.

Take for example a flash line. You may have a very minor line in the Skytrex product, but it is usually much worse in the OG. I guess the rumors of OG not maintaining the molds as well as they should may be true.

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Big Mark](#) (162.116.29.---)
Date: 05-05-04 18:55

BTW, the Skytrex 41/42 model is actually a very specific model, depicting a variant made at the Leningrad factory which added additional armour plates to the turret & chassis front. So, it's much more than a simple 41/42.

All I can say is, Skytrex does nice T-34's, & I'm one picky bastard.

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Peter](#) ()
Date: 05-05-04 21:04

I am still looking for a good 15mm ChTZ (Cheljabinskij Tankovij Zavod), version of the T-34/76 with a partially cast turret. Is Skytrex making any of those?

Peter

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 05-05-04 21:49

Peter, I have alot of books on the T-34. If you can point me to a picture, I can tell you.

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 05-05-04 22:02

Peter, by any chance do you mean the 'Uralmash' turret? If you look at the side, there is a middle dip in the bottom of the turret. If you mean this one, the answer is no.

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Peter](#) ()
Date: 05-06-04 00:04

That's the one. Ahhh well. Thanks Mark.

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Re: 15mm T-34's, a nice surprise

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 05-06-04 10:31

Peter, you may not be out of luck. I just remembered, I recall seeing this variant on the Battlefront website. Now, they have taken all their T34's off, I guess to prepare for their new east front module. Rumor has it that they have redone their T34's. Maybe it will be there when they put them up again.

Peter Pig French

Author: terry haney ()
Date: 05-26-04 16:49

Anyone seen the new PPig motorized French infantry? Are they uniformed differently, or would they be used later in WWII?

Thanks,
Terry

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Re: Peter Pig French

Author: [ken](#) (217.206.27.---)
Date: 05-27-04 09:01

Dear Terry

They are wearing the 1940 motorised troops uniform with leather helmet - quite a lot different to standard infantry.

Ken

Battlefront: Scales?

Author: [Jay Arnold](#) (65.160.140.---)
Date: 06-14-04 12:51

Hi, I'm interested in getting into WWII gaming and was wondering what scale the figures and units used in Battlefront are. I gather from other posts that the figures generally used are 15mm, but are 6 or 20 used? Also, what operational scale is it? Does 1 tank equal 1 tank and a stand a team/squad or does a tank represent a platoon and a stand a platoon?

Thanks,
Jay

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Re: Battlefront: Scales?

Author: Patrick R ()
Date: 06-14-04 13:07

I use 10mm for BF. It's a nice interim scale where you get good detail, fairly cheap and you can still identify your models without squinting.

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Re: Battlefront: Scales?

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 06-14-04 13:13

Jay,

Welcome to the period. For answers to your questions, go to the bottom of this page and click on the link labeled "Description."

Mark

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Re: Battlefront: Scales?

Author: [Steve Burt](#) ()
Date: 06-15-04 04:43

I play battlefront with 20mm figures, but I don't 'scale up' as recommended in the rules; I just play with the 15mm scales - works well.

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Re: Battlefront: Scales?

Author: [chris](#) ()
Date: 06-15-04 23:44

We use 20mm and do increase ranges by 1.5; looks great!. I think it actually looks a lot better for 15mm too.

BF WWII is a good game for 20mm since it handles infantry well and games need not be too large to be entertaining. I think that a lot of the scenarios on the site are too big and gives the wrong impression. My buddy did the First Day in Hell scenarios and thought they were excellent even though they are very small. I really like doing Rapid Fire scenarios in BF WWII -- they are a good size and work well.

Cheers,
Chris

Skytrex Challenger

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-29-04 12:14

Just put together a Skytrex Challenger (card BR18), and I thought there were a few interesting bits that people may be interested in.

Firstly, the good bits - pretty much flash free, and dimensionally + proportionally seems good.

Now the not so good.

Big mould line around the turret. Being a metal casting you will always get mould lines, but in this case the turret is very high and this makes the mould line stand out more than normal. I always drybrush so I am worried how this will look, so I'm hanging stowage around the turret to mask it.

Missing bit. - not a part of the model, but a part of the tank itself. Before being shipped to France there had been some problems highlighted with the exposed turret ring - as much the amount of water it shipped as possibility of jamming if hit. To help get around this they fitted a strake around the front of the turret. It is pretty obvious in all the photos. The Skytrex model does not have this feature. Interestingly enough when QRF were making their version of the Challenger Chas mentioned that one of the delays was that they had also missed it, and had only picked up the problem when comparing the master to photos - apparently it did not appear on the plans they had. Makes you wonder if Skytrex are working to the same plan.

So all in all not too bad and not too hard to fix, but QRF did it better IMHO.

Ken

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Re: Skytrex Challenger

Author: [MudCrab](#) ()
Date: 06-29-04 22:58

Thanks Ken,

I was thinking I needed a Challenger or two as I have always liked the Armoured Recce units the Brits fielded. I was about to mail order a Skytrex one and then more or less on a whim picked a QRF one up over the counter instead.

Nice to that for ONCE I didn't buy a lemon :P

Craig

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Re: Skytrex Challenger

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 06-29-04 23:08

Mold lines on turrets are common. The best way to fix is to hold a razor perpendicular to the turret, & scrape the line away.

Sometimes this will cause collateral damage & take out some wanted detail feature. So, leave the line, and after the drybrushing, take a small brush & drybrush the line with a darker color to subdue it.

mark (I'm a big Skytrex fan)

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Re: Skytrex Challenger

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-30-04 02:50

Mark

I usually like Skytrex for vehicles - crisp and sharp detail, and they make up about half my vehicles, but the last three models I have bought from them all had what I would call "missing" elements.

The Challenger is missing the strake as mentioned above, the Mobelwagon was missing the whole of the front panel where the drivers position is, and the AVRE had the wrong top hatches.

All these are failures in the design of the model, not simply missing components - ie insufficient research. Skytrex is not alone in this sometimes, but they do seem to have a problem here.

It must be me, I'm either too picky or plain unlucky but when I get the damned things home and start to build them these things stick in my mind.

Ken

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Re: Skytrex Challenger

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 07-02-04 00:03

No, it's not just you; a problem with Skytrex is that they have a deaf ear to customer feedback. It's a shame, because they have such great potential.

I bought some of their new M48's, and I can tell you that they are really doing their nicest work now.

Flames of War 15mm Bases for Battlefront

Author: Greg Crutchfield ()
Date: 09-04-04 15:56

An observation:

I recently tried the Flames of War rules and found them overly simplified, however, their plastic command bases (which you can buy separately) measure 1" by 1-1/4." This is the recommended size for 20mm troop stands in the Fire and Fury Battlefront WWII rules , but I think that it is also a good base size for 15mm troop stands as well. These plastic bases are widely available and have the rounded corners - which is much better than the sharper sheet metal bases that I am currently using.

Is it ok to use 1-1/4" x 1" bases for 15mm troop stands? Any comments?

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Re: Flames of War 15mm Bases for Battlefront

Author: [Jim Baker](#) ()
Date: 09-05-04 14:59

As long as everyone uses consistent base sizes you will be OK. The only decision to make is whether you use the 15mm or 20mm artillery templates. If only your infantry is based this way you can use the 15mm without too much problem.

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Re: Flames of War 15mm Bases for Battlefront

Author: [MudCrab](#) ()
Date: 09-05-04 23:17

Hey Greg,

don't forget to fully paint the bases cause those grey edges look really shite.

Most of our group use them. They are a convenient size to fit 3 figures and since Battlefront (nz) basically throw them at you then why not use them.

Some of the other guys in our group like using the next biggest size to mount guns on. Personally I think they are slightly too big and don't really look right but that might be just me.

cheers

Craig

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Re: Flames of War 15mm Bases for Battlefront

Author: Doug Knoop ()
Date: 09-06-04 08:46

You don't really have to worry about having the same size base.

I've played games with 4 or 5 different base sizes for basic infantry and it didn't make any difference. You just have to play with gentlgamers of good humor and fair play, little other adjustment is necessary.

During one of these games some players were prattling on about the base size being

reflective of squad tactical doctrine, that nonsense was stopped with a hurled something or other.

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Re: Flames of War 15mm Bases for Battlefront

Author: Greg Crutchfield ()

Date: 09-06-04 21:16

Thanks - I'm going to use the command bases for FFBFWWII troop stands and the next base size up for guns (like the german 7.5cm infantry gun for example).

I am in the process of basing up US Airborne and German Fallschirmjager for an infantry-heavy scenario I'll call "Eagle versus Adler" - somewhere in Normandy. I'm still looking for a real battle to base the scenario on.

using 25mm units

Author: [Jason](#) ()
Date: 09-19-04 11:02

Ive got an extensive collection of WWII 72nd scale 25mm but most homegrown rule set have had a lot of short comings, I bought the battlefront rule set and like the way it is organized and the adaptability seems good as well. Just wondering if anyone else is using 25mm or am I wasting my time and should switch to 20mm.
Please advise thanx
Jason

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Re: using 25mm units

Author: [Steve Burt](#) ()
Date: 09-20-04 04:59

Well, I use 20mm, which is 1:72 scale.
25mm is about 1:60 scale
I run 20mm games with Battlefront leaving distances unchanged.
I see no reaasn why you couldn't use 25mm, but you'd need to double distances and use the big artillery templates (and you'd need to tack your figures onto bases, assuming they are all single based)

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Re: using 25mm units

Author: [Eric Feifer](#) ()
Date: 09-21-04 07:22

I thought 25mm was the equal of 1/72. Both should be figures one inch high. I thought 20mm was the equal of 1/87.

This doesn't change Steve's answer. I too game in 20mm using the extended scale. My collection of vehicles includes 1/72 models as well. It all looks fine on the table.

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Re: using 25mm units

Author: [Steve Burt](#) ()
Date: 09-21-04 09:54

25mm figures are 25mm base of foot to eye, which means they are about 28mm tall, so about 1:65 scale.
25mm to top of head is what they used to call 25mm figures back in the 70s.....

Misc figure questions

Author: [Kurt Kramer](#) ()
Date: 01-08-05 12:13

Several questions about some less common figures or troops.

Has any one used the Peter Pig Sikh turban heads to convert basic British Infantry?

Other than Quality Castings/Battle Honnors does anyone make Italian 15mm atrs and what is the quality of the Quality Castings Italian atrs figures?

Since no one appears to make Italian motorcycles in 15mm what is the best replacement?

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) ()
Date: 01-08-05 13:40

Greetings

I've played around with some Indian heads for 14th Army figures not for 8th Army.

Cannot immediately think of another 15mm ATR manufacturer - they were not all that common. Haven't seen QC Italians I'm afraid.

I think Battlefront do motorcycles - at least there are some listed in their Italian Company HQ pack.

Regards

Edward

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: [Kurt Kramer](#) ()
Date: 01-08-05 13:53

I appreciate your response Ed

How did the heads work? Where you happy with the way they looked and did they matched the bodies?

I may be mistaken but it was my understanding that the transport morcycles used by the Italians had a side car and that the ones in the Batlefront comand pack were w/o side car. Do you know if either of these understandings is incorrect?

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: [Matt Laing](#) ()
Date: 01-08-05 15:52

I think most of the Italian stuff has been withdrawn for re-mastering in anticipation of their upcoming Italian supplement. However, I just came back from my local hobby store and while I am not interested in Italians at present (read, didn't take a real close look) I did see a pack that did contain motorcycles and it wasn't the hq pack. It is...

IT-400 Moto Guzzi Motorcycle w/ Rider & Passenger (x4)

Don't know if it has side car or not or whether it will be re-released/is still available. You may still be able to get them if you give Wayne at BF an E-mail, he is very helpful with special orders.

I haven't seen QC Italians either but the figures I have seen and from other discussions it appears that the newly resculpted QC figures are very similar to the Command Decision range (Old GLory) of figures.

Matt

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: Nigel Perry ()

Date: 01-08-05 19:48

Eureka miniatures have just released some 15 mm Italians. Bersaglieri and Folgore (SP ?) I think. I can't remember the figure poses and Nic tells me they will not be going up on the web site for another two weeks. The paras look quite good when painted, they tempted me to get a company or two.

I have a number of 15 mm WWII Eureka figures and find that they match the size of PP figures quite well. I find the QC figures to be noticeably smaller than PP, OG or Eureka, including the resculpted poses.

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: Nigel Perry ()

Date: 01-08-05 19:57

While I think of it, the Eureka WWII Pacific theatre Australians have been released. Alas they will also not be added to the website for another two weeks. Best to look after Jan 26 (Australia Day) as Nic will be at CANCON that weekend.

The figures match the PP 14th army range quite well, so you can flesh out your units with more poses now. There are a number of variants for everything, and include hat and helmet wearing figures. There are a number of weapons not available from PP, including a figure armed with US model flamethrower, AT rifle and several armed with Owen SMG. There are at least 6 hat wearing and 4 helmet wearing riflemen, a couple of Bren gunners, 2" and 3" mortars. IIRC, they will be available individually rather than as packets.

Nigel Perry.

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()

Date: 01-09-05 01:27

The QC/BH Italians currently available are the old castings, and are not very good. The line is scheduled to be resculpted, along with the French and Japanese, this year (early, I believe). If you make a phone call, or drop them an e-mail, make special mention of the motorcycles. I'll do the same, and maybe we can make sure they include them, if their not planning to already.

Mark

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: [stefano](#) ()
Date: 01-11-05 04:58

Camelot, an italian shop, have produced italian miniatures in 15 mm.
This is the site

<http://www.camelotgames.it/>

They are better correct then battlefront miniatures and good quality.....and price interesting!!

I hope that's useful for you

Bye

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Re: Misc figure questions

Author: [Kurt Kramer](#) ()
Date: 01-12-05 15:47

Stefano - Your message implies that you actually own some of these figures. Are you happy with the castings? If so, I am willing to try a small order based on your recommendation.

Per translation program -

Stefano - il vostro messaggio implica che realmente possediate alcune di queste figure. Siete felici con i pezzi fusi? In caso affermativo, sono disposto a provare un piccolo ordine basato sulla vostra raccomandazione.

Micro Armor and Battlefront

Author: [Robert Brown](#) ()
Date: 01-17-05 14:05

Anyone gaming Battlefront using Micro Armor, 1/285th scale figures? Any issues in terms of scale of the figures?

Thanks,

Robert

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Re: Micro Armor and Battlefront

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 01-17-05 14:08

Hi Robert,

Yes, I've been playing using 1/300th micro - testing the modern rules (on and off). I use the straight 15mm scales and ranges with no messing - and it works like a dream. My 1/300th squads and vehicles are on 25mm squares - the same as my 15mm squads - so it makes no difference at all, other than more armour can be squeezed into a smaller are. Though that is no problem, as concentrated targets are just artillery-fodder!

Mark

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Re: Micro Armor and Battlefront

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 01-17-05 17:11

As RMD suggests, you can use 15mm sized bases, ranges and artillery templates. Put a few extra men on each base to help with identification. In 15mm you can also base your tanks, remembering that each model actually represents 2-3 tanks. The actual game scale is 1"=40yd or 1/1440. This makes 1/285 only about 5 times as big as the actual terrain, so 1/285 figures actually look more in scale.

You can also play with 1/285 by the very simple change of using centimeters instead of inches and leaving all the numbers the same. If you do this, use the two smallest artillery templates. Remember that BF plays best with small->medium sized forces on each side, so even if you get more room for maneuver by using the smaller figure scale, don't expand the forces too much.

Here is a page with our suggestions on basing:
<http://www.fireandfury.com/faq/faqBasing.shtml>
but remember that these are suggestions, rather than fixed rules.

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Re: Micro Armor and Battlefront

Author: [Robert Brown](#) ()
Date: 01-25-05 15:08

Thanks for the tips and info regarding BFing with Micro Armor....jeesh, that just sounds weird??!!

Thanks,

Eureka Australians

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 01-21-05 07:44

I just finished painting the Australians for the Far East and Pacific card supplement. Nic Robson at Eureka was very kind and expedited a shipment of what we needed for our cards.

IMHO, these are outstanding figures. They are about the same size as Peter Pig's 14th Army figures, but a little more animated. And no "Jay Leno" chins! ;-). There is a mix of helmets and soft hats for most poses. The Vickers machine gun is braced with sand bags, which I think is a nice touch. The PIAT and Boys ATR gunners are prone. Artillery crew includes a guy without a shirt. There are also Owen SMGs.

A very welcome addition to the 15mm WWII market.

Mark

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 01-21-05 21:14

Mark,

Did Nic say when the Aussies will be updated to the Eureka site?

Terry

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: Nigel Perry ()
Date: 01-21-05 21:20

Terry,

he told me in about two weeks (on Jan 7). I take that to mean after the Australia Day holiday (26 Jan).

Nigel Perry

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 01-23-05 11:06

Their up on the Eureka site now, with painted examples. Where's the credit card.

Terry

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: Paul Beccarelli (202.72.148.---)
Date: 01-24-05 08:16

I just ordered \$100 worth. I wanted the free trench system. Now I have a long wait by

the mail box.

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: [Kurt Kramer](#) ()
Date: 01-24-05 10:51

Steven Lee's convention games have gotten us interested in the Pacific and our group is about to start some Pacific games (marines v. Japanese). I have decided to contribute either the Dutch or Australians to our force pool and assistance on the purchase if I go Australian would be appreciated. Are there any units posted for the general Australian order of battle other than what Steven has listed for his Kokoda trail games? Paul - I am interested in knowing what your Eureka order consisted of and how you made the determination of what to buy (Yes, I am lazy if someone has already done the work). I appreciate the help.

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: [Steven Lee](#) ()
Date: 01-24-05 22:49

Hi Kurt,

Here is a site with lots of general Aussie info. It doesn't give much detail organizational wise, but it does have a lot of interesting information.

<http://www.diggerhistory.info>

After entering the site...

To get to Order of Battle & Organization click:
Military History|WW 2|Order of Battle

Steve

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: Paul Beccarelli (202.72.148.---)
Date: 01-25-05 04:48

Hi Kurt

The Aussie troops have the same organisation as the British. So if you get hold of one of the late war British OB's you are laughing. Piats where an option the Australians had but were rarely seen on the battlefield as there was no use for them other than busting bunkers.

I ordered an infantry company worth, man for man with the correct weapon type. So I can't help you with Battlefront WWII set-ups.

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Re: Eureka Australians

Author: [terry haney](#) ()
Date: 02-11-05 18:02

Received my order today, beautiful figures, no flash, great detail - advancing figure in bush hat with steel helmet strapped across his pack, and Owen smgs.

I have the Mollo books, but would appreciate any recommends for sources with color prints of Aussie uniforms.

Terry

6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game up to

Author: [Mike](#) ()
Date: 05-11-05 05:28

Hi All

as well as playing BFWWII I have also in the past played Spearhead and the GHQ rules and so I have a load of 6mm figures based up on 1" square bases (this includes vehicles and infantry.

I have been thinking about trying the BFWWII rules in this scale (just so I can use the figures again) but the obvious problem is going to be the fact the infantry are on a large base (1" x1").

I don't want to rebase my figures and so I was considering playing the game but have a single infantry base equalling a company instead of a squad.

has anyone else tried this?

I think I would have to alter the vehicle ratio as well, maybe 1 model equalling approx 10 vehicles. and of course the OoB would move up a level. maybe having a battalion as a manoeuvre element instead of a company

in theory I think it could work, as I believe the games mechanics are resilient enough to cope with the change. but would be interested in getting other players feedback.

and before anyone asks why I don't just play spearhead or ghq. I just happen to really like the BFWWII rules and would prefer to play a single game system in multiple scales (maybe I could try BFWWII as a skirmish game next :-))

Mike

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 05-11-05 05:44

While your idea is ok, why not just use 15mm scale with the 1" bases. This would work especially well if your vehicles are based as well. The ground scale of BF:WWII is 1:1440, so 6mm figures are closer to the actual size.

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [Mike](#) ()
Date: 05-11-05 06:46

hi James

yeah thats a good idea, I didn't even think about using the 15mm sizings

thanks

Mike

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 05-11-05 06:57

Yup, that's what I do. Both my 15mm WW2 and my 6mm Moderns are based on 1-inch squares and I use the standard BF: WWII 15mm rules for both, with absolutely no problems whatsoever. In fact, I actually think it plays better as a 6mm game in this way (the tanks being not so huge compared to the groundscale), but I much prefer 15mm models...

Mark

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: Doug Knoop ()
Date: 05-11-05 09:44

Thirded. Use the rules as written with your figs. I use 1" bases for my 15s. But have also done tank scrums for newbies with micro and it looked great! Maybe it was because it was Tiger IIs vs. JSIIs but it was tons of fun!

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [Matt Laing](#) ()
Date: 05-11-05 11:45

Fourthed. One inch bases will work fine with the rules as written.

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) (158.180.64.---)
Date: 05-11-05 14:18

Greetings

And I use 3cm bases for 15mm and 10mm. Doesn't seem to be a real issue.

Regards

Edward

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [Paul Bernardino](#) ()
Date: 05-12-05 00:43

Fifth.

Played the rules several times in smaller scales including 6mm using the 15mm ground scale. Worked quite well.

Paul B

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: Doug Knoop ()
Date: 05-12-05 08:27

And further to Edward's comment, I have played with 1", 3cm, FOW and other sizes in the same game without any trouble.

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [Steve Burt](#) ()
Date: 05-13-05 06:15

And going the other way, I use 20mm stuff with 15mm ranges and templates (to avoid having to use a vast table). Works very well.

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Re: 6mm games in 1" bases (moving the game u

Author: [Mike](#) ()
Date: 05-13-05 08:20

we use a mix for our 20mm figs

we base them as per the rules and use the 20mm templates, but we use the standard ranges and moves from the cards (it saves having to work out higher maths mid game)

and that works very well

Mike

Micro scale?

Author: [MadDrMark](#) (68.236.0.---)
Date: 08-17-05 07:36

I have recently picked up a copy of Battlefront and was planning on using the rules with my 1/285 scale figures. A few people have suggested that using the 15mm distances with micro armor works well and looks good on the table. I'm assuming this means do not convert inches to centimeters. I can see this working well in fairly dense terrain, but in the steppes of Russia or the deserts of North Africa, I would be concerned that units would just start shooting from their starting positions and not even bothering to maneuver.

Also, do people out there using 1/285 use the small or medium templates for artillery fire?

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (217.206.27.---)
Date: 08-17-05 08:08

Not a problem really. Stay with inches and the "normal" templates. Ground scale is 1 inch to 40 yards, so this is not a real issue, the models are still "overscale" - in fact it is probably an advantage as visually one of the oft made criticisms of the system is that it looks strange having 2 15mm tanks 20 inches apart and not having either one explode.

One of the advantages of BF is that the effective engagement ranges are far more realistic than most other rules - unless you are talking about really big guns, most tanks need to be in the 10-20 inch bracket to have anything other than morale effects on each other, so if you are worried about both players standing off and engaging in a firefight, it will not produce results unless one side has a big advantage.

Ken

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [MadDrMark](#) (68.236.0.---)
Date: 08-17-05 13:48

Thanks. I appreciate the input. Looking forward to hunting Panthers and Tigers...!

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [BigMark](#) (162.116.29.---)
Date: 08-17-05 14:43

Yeah, what he said.

btw, if you want to go gourmet, you could always put 2 x 6mm tanks on a base roughly the size of a 15mm tank. Then people won't laugh at you for having 2-3 tanks represented by one model, as they often do at the larger scales. (a common peeve)

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [MadDrMark](#) (68.236.0.---)
Date: 08-17-05 15:00

Hm, maybe someday, but for now I'll build my army on the cheap. I'm finding, though, that infantry look very lonely when mounted two to a 3/4" x 1/2" base. I've been putting four to six soldiers on a stand to represent a squad. A little bit closer to actual scale.

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: Dave Savage ()
Date: 08-18-05 05:30

MadMark - you should really think about BigMarks advice. I play in 15mm purely because I like painting toy soldiers but just don't enjoy painting 6mm. Consequently all my 6mm figures from 15 years or so back are in a box in the garage. However, my major peeve with the larger size is that 15mm vehicles cover an area the size of a football pitch, that 20 infantry just don't look like a squad and that terrain is too small compared to the size of the models. I've often toyed with the idea of getting out my 6mm stuff and basing it up as for 15mm but at a 1:1 figurescale (i.e. 10 infantry, 2-3 guns or tanks to a base). I know that this would make a good game (it does in 15mm) but would probably be more visually satisfying as figure scale and ground scale would be closer.

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [MadDrMark](#) (68.236.0.---)
Date: 08-18-05 05:49

Sorry, what I meant by "maybe someday" referred to mounting two vehicles on a stand, not to the use of 6mm in general. One of the things I like about WWII gaming is the wide variety of vehicles and equipment available. If I gamed in 15mm (or larger), I might be able to afford a dozen vehicles on each side. For the same price in 6mm, I can get four times the variety. For now, my goals as a collector and painter are a) accumulate enough 'typical units' (i.e. infantry, Shermans, Mk IV's, trucks, halftracks, etc) to create plausible forces and b) get enough heavy tanks and oddball units to make things interesting. Maybe somewhere down the road I'll say, "dang, I have a lot of minis. I think I'll mount two vehicles to a stand for a better representation of scale." But for now, the dollar, not aesthetics, drives my choices.

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()
Date: 08-18-05 11:50

I find 6mm most useful when it comes to fighting large scale tank battles and major infantry actions.

It is simply more affordable to use 6mm for this battle and it does look right. I am sure that the 15 or 20mm fans among us would say that they are quite capable of running a major tank battle in 20mm. However, if we wish to retain a table that is practical in size, let's say 8 x 6 feet, there are problems when it comes to using the larger scale figures that I have found from practical experience. Apart from the expense anything more than a couple of tank squadrons in 20mm looks frankly rather silly.

I am not in any way knocking the use of 15/20mm figures in Battlefront or anywhere else. I have 6mm, 15mm and 20mm figures in my collection and use other people's 20mm figures for Battlefront games on a regular basis.

The only question necessary is which scale is appropriate to the specific battle I want to fight. If the action is quite small and involves not more than a battalion of infantry and 1 or 2 squadrons of tanks per side then yes, the larger scales could be

appropriate. On the other hand, in the event that the scenario requires an entire Panzer Regiment plus reinforcing infantry (and I have played games of this size) then 6mm is the only practical choice on cost and aesthetic ground.

Hope this helps

Luke

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Big Mark](#) (
Date: 08-19-05 00:05

I'm in Dave's boat. I need 15mm for the modelling satisfaction

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Big Mark](#) (
Date: 08-19-05 01:46

Speaking of costs, have any of you seen the new Peter Pig pricing? \$21+ for a Maus, 18+ for a Tiger, 14+ for a T34, etc. They are mighty big numbers

Martin is the best though. The guy's a sculpting genius

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (
Date: 08-19-05 02:43

On the question of scale - I'm with Big Mark and Dave, but 10/12mm is a good compromise, especially now those 1:144 scale tanks are getting cheap from the far east

Ken

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) (
Date: 08-20-05 06:23

Well, you pay your money and you take your choice depending on what is most suited to your wallet, storage space, transportation and wargaming style. I like to have the option of fighting out battalion/regimental level actions sometimes. When I first began wargaming 6mm was all that was available to do that so I have over the years developed a large 6mm collection which to an extent locks me into that scale. 10mm and 15mm came along later. For smaller actions I like 15mm or 20mm figures which other people at the club I attend are able to provide.

The result is that as a group we can use all our available resources as appropriate for the particular scenario we wish to run. Battlefront, unlike some of the other rules on the market eg Command Decision (which is also an excellent simulation of multi brigade level action) or Rapid Fire (in my view a very poor simulation with many historical flaws) does much better in accommodating the use of different scales and still gives a good looking game. Another reason why Battlefront is the best battalion/brigade level rules on the market.

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [MadDrMark](#) (68.236.0.---)
Date: 08-20-05 08:31

Good advice, Lucas W. Thanks.

I'm just wetting my feet now in WWII, although I have armies in ACW (15mm), Napoleonic (15mm), ancient (15mm), medieval (25mm), and fantasy (15mm). I'm trying to get some of my more dedicated students (ages 14-19) into the hobby. Some of them play Warhammer, but I think they would like historicals. Micro scale WWII looks like a cost effective way for them to start a collection-- you can buy a company of armor for \$10-\$20, depending on nationality and manufacturer.

As a history teacher, I have an ulterior motive, of course. Students from years past tell me that one of the highlights of the year is when I fill the table in my classroom with a recreation of the Battle of Austerlitz.

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) (
Date: 08-21-05 13:03

On the question of using inches as the measurement unit for 1:300 I use this solution. I have not found any problem with this even in Steppe or desert terrain.

You could certainly try shooting at long range and this did sometimes happen in the Western Desert. The result would be that you would not do a lot to the enemy and someone would sooner or later have to either pull back, maneuver or attack. There is room for playing mind games here if you use some form of map or movement counters with a false withdrawal to tempt the enemy forward into a trap. This too often happened both in Russia and the Western Desert.

Another issue, which is particularly apparent in the Western Desert supplement is that certain tanks, often British, are outranged. This means that, in order to do anything at all they have to come forward or they will simply be picked off at a range where they will have no reply. This is often, I suspect, how the Afrika Corps enticed the 8th Army into many of their "crazy" tank charges into the teeth of German anti tank guns which had been previously concealed.

This may seem unfair to a wargamer. I can imagine some poor British tank commander saying "its not fair" over the radio, very shortly thereafter followed by the sound of screams and columns of oily black smoke on the horizon.

The reality is, I would suggest that the British armoured commanders in fact had little real choice other than to advance or effectively lose the battle through taking up defensive positions and getting picked off without being able to respond.

In the matter of having a tank 20 inches (800 yards) from the enemy, anyone who criticises needs to be reminded of the ground scale and just how hard it is to hit a tank at that range. I do however have an additional penalty for disorder in my games. A stand that has been disordered takes a hit each time a disorder is rolled on the fire chart. After 3 such hits the stand is destroyed. Each hit is representative of a small number of casualties/damaged or destroyed individual tanks so there is also a fire modifier for each hit. I intend to submit the optional rules I have developed using various sources to this forum within the next few weeks so you may wish to take a look.

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: Dave Savage (

Date: 08-22-05 06:05

Mark - I'm with you all the way. You say you are just wetting my feet now in WWII - well congratulations for starting in such a good way with an excellent set of rules.

Looking at your brief: You are mostly a 15mm wargamer but obviously have some older 1:285 WWII models. You want to get students (ages 14-19) interested in the hobby and some of those students play Warhammer. A few things fall out from this:

1. You probably already have 15mm scenery but do not say whether you have any 1:300 scenery. This could be an extra expense. I started Battlefront fighting over La Haye Sainte, Hugoumont and a few Dark age huts (which still do very well for Russia).
2. Kids aged 14-19 love to paint figures. This is part of the attraction of Warhammer. You don't get much of this in 1:300 and so maybe a bigger scale like 15mm may be more suitable from this perspective.
3. If the students can afford Warhammer figures why are you concerned about whether they can afford WWII figures? I can't even afford Warhammer figures and I'm in full time employment!

Any way good luck with what ever you decide - enjoy the games and hopefully you'll be able to bring some new blood into the hobby!

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()
Date: 08-31-05 06:58

I mainly use 1:300 figures but use the 15mm distances for this scale because I feel that using cm looks wrong somehow. When using 15mm or larger the proportions can look a bit strange with 15mm or larger figures given that I am still thinking in 5mm terms but am using larger figures. To get around this I prefer to use the 20mm distances when using 15mm figures

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [MadDrMark](#) ()
Date: 09-10-05 08:04

A quick update:

We just had our first week of school after summer break. I took the two most likely candidates (Warhammer gamers, enthusiastic history students) for historical miniatures gaming aside and showed them samples of troops from various periods and scales.

To say they were enthusiastic is an understatement.

How resistant to drool are acrylic paints...? :)

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) (158.180.64.---)
Date: 09-16-05 06:31

Greetings

I often wonder about making 1 inch equal 4cm on the table for 15mm. Ground scale would therefore be 1mm = 1 yard/metre. This would make a 6 ft x 4ft table 1800 x 1200 yds

compared to 2880 x 1920 yds.

I'm aiming to use my growing 10/12mm Eastern Front kit using normal 1" = 40yds scale (my infantry are 4-5 men on 3cm bases, armour on whatever fits so often 3cm x 4cm bases).

Regards

Edward

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (
Date: 09-16-05 09:00

Edward,

That sounds fine, except what do you do with card ranges and templates? It is a little bit more than multiplying everything by 1.5.

Mark

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Edward Sturges](#) (212.183.134.---)
Date: 09-16-05 13:29

Mark

I have not used it in anger but it would require recalling that every 1 in on the card was 4cm ie multiply by 4 and use cm - easy in the UK where tape measures are usually in imperial and metric. Templates have to be created unfortunately

I did a more complex scaling of ranges for a different game and it worked OK

My squads take up 30 yards even using the modified scale - about 50 yds using basic scale because of the 3cm base - I assume Ken has the same issue?

Regards

Edward

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Re: Micro scale?

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (
Date: 09-16-05 13:55

Ahh. That works. The 3cm base is no problem. There is nothing sacrosanct about the base size.

Mark

Two Tins Winter War Finns - review

Author: [Kurt Kramer](#) ()

Date: 10-02-05 14:19

I recently received an order from Steve Keyer of Two Tin Soldiers of their Winter War Finns. I decided to post a review of the figures since this a theater that does not get a lot of play, Steve was very helpful, I was pleased with the order and Steve has run Battlefront games at the HMGS cons. Please note that the figures are (1) not yet listed on his site, they are part of a new range - the figures shown on the site are for the Continuation War and (2) the range for the Winter War is almost, but not yet fully complete - ski troops, command and heavy weapon crews are not available yet, but I have been told they will be shortly.

Service - Steve's service and assistance was top notch. He was helpful and prompt in responding to several e-mail questions and sent the figures promptly. He allowed me to special order the number of figures I wanted to avoid waste in putting together a BattleFront battalion matching the posted TO&E. Enough can not be said about the quality of his service.

Depth of range - As stated above, the Winter War range is not quite done. The range currently covers what is needed for a basic infantry battalion - infantry, light and medium machine guns, mortars & command. Steve said he would have additional figures by the end of the year - ski troops, command, gun crews, sub machine gunners and pioneer assault type troops.

Poses and sculpts - I really like some of the figures but, as always, I would have liked to have seen a couple more poses of the basic infantry for more diversity. The number of infantry poses (6) is ok and is on par with most of the other manufactures. The figures look good and there are two unique poses which I think will look good on the table - a soldier with a Molotov cocktail and another in an attacking butt striking pose. Standard amount of equipment on the figures. Those with the winter parkas look very good and I think that they will paint easily (nice depth) and will stand out on the table if properly based. These appear to be closer to true 15mm rather than the larger "heroic" 15mm and my expectations as to detail are, in part, based on a figure's size. Although a unique type of figure, I think there should be a second pose of an infantry figure throwing a Molotov cocktail, this figure represents the stereo typical view of the Finns in the Winter War that it is going to be looked at on any table. I also am disappointed that there is only one pose for the light machine gunner. 12 stands are required for a typical infantry battalion and the single posse is going to look repetitive. I am sure I am going to try to find another range/nationality of figures to try to mix some additional light machine gunners in to the mix. [Before posting this I contacted Steve on this issues and he gave me a nice response which I posted, in part, below]

Quality of case - very little flash and acceptable mold lines in the normal places. I would call the figures standard, average quality casts. Nothing to be excited or upset about.

Cost - 50 cents a figure. On the high side of the normal price range for 15mm but in my mind it was ok considering Winter War Finns it will never sell at the volume of the more popular theater troops.

Overall I am definitely pleased with the purchase and would recommend them. If any one is interested in the break down of the figures I purchased to put together an infantry battalion let me know and I will forward the counts I hope to run a game at Cold Wars using these figures - probably numerically weak Finns on the attack against poor moral Russians in a series of pockets along a road. (mottis).

Disclaimer - Other than casual acquaintance at HMGS cons (one game he ran and another we were both in) I do not have any dealings with Steve.

Before posting I followed-up with Steve on the scope of the range and a portion of his response is as follows:

"I do plan on making more basic infantry poses other than the standard 6, and their will be a prone LMG w/asst. in the future. I have also proposed two other close assault figs one with grenade and one with molotov. We are doing 2 new smg poses and 2 more NCO/Officer types"

I am looking forward to them.

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Re: Two Tins Winter War Finns - review

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 10-02-05 16:45

I am doing a regiment of Winter Finns and can attest to the fact that they paint up very easily. I have been pestering Steve for the past 2 years about "Finns with Skis", and he finally coming through :-)

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Re: Two Tins Winter War Finns - review

Author: [Tom Wirsing](#) ()
Date: 10-02-05 20:29

I have had many dealings with Steve over the years and can attest to both his honesty and professional manner with which he conducts his business. You won't be disappointed with him or his product.

Tom Wirsing
Tommy Gunner

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Re: Two Tins Winter War Finns - review

Author: [Stephen Keyer](#) ()
Date: 10-22-05 20:55

I want to thank all of you guys for the kind words. I am looking forward to getting those Finns with skis done before Thanksgiving. The ATR is done and ready to ship, so be ready for a small package your way if you ordered Winter Finns. The next ten in the Winter War series will be ready by December. Thanks Again! If you guys have any suggestions for the next project let me know.

1/144 scale (12mm or whatever)

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (
Date: 10-05-05 11:38

Just picked up a couple of the Dragon 1/144 scale CanDo Tigers - what fantastic models. I'm totally committed to 15mm for WW2 but these have convinced me to move to 12mm for Moderns - I'm now trying to chase down some Challengers and World Tank Museum sets on ebay.

Combined w Minifigs infantry these look really good

Ken

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Re: 1/144 scale (12mm or whatever)

Author: [Andy](#) (
Date: 10-05-05 13:58

Ken,

There is an Ebay shop that deals directly with 1/144 i,ll drop you a link or just search under 1/144

I bought some rather nice Stukas from him
Andy

15mm Aircraft from Dave Schmid

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 10-16-05 19:39

Dave Schmid has updated his Armaments in Miniature website to include all of his latest products and give us a peek at what is coming down the pike:

<http://www.angelfire.com/nj4/armamentsinminiature/home.htm>

We keep a link to his site on our links page.

Dave has been very responsive to our interests in the past, and he has add several tactical ground attack aircraft in the past year. Also of interest to BF gamers are his Horsa, Waco, and DFS-230 gliders. New aircraft in the works are: Italian Fiat CR.42, Polish PZL P.23 Karas, Japanese Nakajima B6N-2 "Jill", US Curtiss P-40E Kittyhawk, Bell P-39D Airacobra and a German Junkers Ju-52 3/m.

Future product lines include landing craft! LCP(L), LCP(R), LCV, LCVP, and LCM(3)

Mark

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Re: 15mm Aircraft from Dave Schmid

Author: [Andy](#) ()
Date: 10-17-05 13:43

What no Hamilcar!!!!!!! Aaaaarrggggghhhhh ;-)

Andy

Where can I get.....

Author: Dave Savage ()
Date: 10-28-05 10:54

Just a quick question. Where can I get the following in 15mm:

Weasels

LVT-4 Buffalos

German coastal guns or Early War British 3 inch and 3.7 inch guns.

German HMGs and Mortars in Greatcoats.

Royal Naval NGS Observers and/or Beach masters.

Fwd Air Observers.

D7 Armoured Bulldozers (is it just Skytrex who makes these?)

Dave

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Re: Where can I get.....

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 10-28-05 12:16

LVTs - Skytrex

Coastal guns - not sure - RUGs from Eureka??

HMG & Mortars in Greatcoat - no idea - PeterPig do inf but no support

NGS & Beachmasters - dunno - I use an old Battlefront Monty fig with a head swap for a beachmaster - he has a wooly pullover you see

D7 - Skytrex

Ken

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Re: Where can I get.....

Author: [Matt Laing](#) ()
Date: 10-28-05 23:22

Old Glory Makes the LVT 4. Same as Skytrex I believe but easier to get if you are in the states.

QRF makes a weasel.

Might want to try Irregular Miniatures for the guns. Look in the Useful Guns section under miscellaneous.

Matt

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Re: Where can I get.....

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 10-29-05 19:11

RN BOPs wore khaki battledress like the army, so just use bog-standard FOO stands. Officers' rank braid was often black and worn on the shoulder-boards.

RAF ALOs either wore khaki battledress (with RAF rank braid on the shoulders) with steel helmet/RAF officer's cap or No.1 Service Dress. Just use Army officer/FOO figures for the former - I don't know of a figure suitable for the latter.

Mark

Re: Where can I get.....

Author: [Stephen Keyer](#) ()
Date: 10-30-05 04:22

I carry Finns in snow suits, if you are doing the greatcoats for Winter fighting. I have several crew types that would fit. These are the Legions East line we carry. The Winter War Finns I carry can be used as Germans with snow suits. I have MG crew also, but we would have to get you a German MG. That should not be a problem. Let me know at twosoldierx@aol.com or my website at twotinsoldiers.com
Thanks

M113 models

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 11-08-05 22:14

Hi Gang,

does anyone know any company that makes the stretched version of the M113 APC in 1:100 scale?

I have seen various vietnam era versions for sale but are not really wishing to do a cut and shut to add the extra wheel station.

cheers

Craig

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Victor Graulau](#) ()
Date: 11-09-05 13:18

Peter Pig and QRF make M113's. You might check with The old Quality Castings line too. They are manufactured by Battle Honors

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 11-09-05 18:14

Skytrex make a M113 also - sorry but I don't know if it is the variant you are after.

Paddy

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 11-10-05 21:33

Boys,

had a bit of a lookie. It seems that most of the ones on the market are your common (or garden) M113 or M113A1 from Vietnam era. Interestingly QRF offer and Australian M113A1 with T50 cupola.

(Australian M113's have a few subtle differences as you all know, drivers hatch, external FES handle, vent fan added to the sun roof hatch)

What I am after is the latest upgrade for this vehicle where they chop the bugger in half and add 660mm and an extra wheel station. They also normally move the fuel tanks to the rear of the vehicle and muck around with the engine and trans but the cut and shut is the big visual difference.

The US version of this is (from memory) M113A2 and is offered by United Defence, FFG in Germany offer a similiar solution in Europe and Tenix in sunny Oz is modifying vehicles to the new M113AS4(APC) standard.

This is the puppy I am actually after. Since cutting and shutting another model does seem like a bit too much hard work I might try scratch building one instead.

cheers

Craig

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Pete Allton](#) ()
Date: 11-12-05 18:42

No one makes one because its not yet in service, its a private venture called the M113a3+ .
The M113A2 is a normal A1 with transmission improvements, the A3 has external fuel tanks freeing up internal space, spall liners and other minor improvements.

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 11-15-05 21:47

But Pete - the Maus never made service but I can buy one of those... :P

M113 family of vehicles is such a pain in the arse to keep track of these days. Non helpful 'common names' don't help either. Just cause a vehicle was based on a M113 doesn't mean it is still has a 'M113' prefix in it's name.

They showed the United Defence stretched version on the Mythbusters 'Jaws' special recently. Unfortunately for some reason they kept showing the rubber shark they were dragging through the water rather than the APC. :P

For those not in the know the internal fuel tank in a M113 takes up the entire height and width of the left rear sponson and is about 1200 wide. Putting the fuel tanks on the outside frees up a LOT of internal room and has the bonus that burning fuel is now sprayed outside the vehicle if the tanks are ever hit.

The disadvantage is that the bottom of the tank pokes down a bit and if the vehicle is climbing out of a ditch (or something similar) the tanks are sometimes hitting the ground and putting shock load on the mounting bolts.

Craig

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Pete Allton](#) ()
Date: 11-16-05 18:54

But Craig the Maus was German :-)

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Re: M113 models

Author: [Scott](#) ()

Date: 11-20-05 05:36

And craige, you also didn't work on the maus, thats why it nearly made it to production.
Unlike your current project (said M113 upgrade)

54MM??

Author: [Chris Yother](#) ()
Date: 11-14-05 19:29

Hello:

Absolutely love the rules system but curious if anyone scaled BattleFront WW2 to 54MM?? I have a ton of K&C figures that I would like to use with this rule set.

Thanks,
Chris

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Re: 54MM??

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 11-14-05 21:37

We have never thought about going that large, as there are few vehicles available in that scale. Possibly use a figure instead of a stand.

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Re: 54MM??

Author: [Chris Yother](#) (164.156.150.---)
Date: 11-15-05 15:03

Hello Jim:

Thanks for your reply. You sure about that though? With King and Country, there are several vehicles (however, they are mostly armor and not as broad a range of equipment). Also, other manufacturers like 21st century have a fine range of 1:32 scale stuff out there (again the same issues, as who wants to buy/ sell a jeep or kubelwagon for \$60??).

I played another game system this weekend at Cold Wars that used the 54mm scale (KC Figs) but it was exceptionally tedious. Plus, that scale is so big that the table really didn't accomodate the battlefield. You started play right on top of each other, which doesn't really come close to approximating any level of maneuver- offensive or defensive. Plus, artillery, tanks and even grenades impact radius took up the entire board.

Thanks,
Chris

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Re: 54MM??

Author: [Mark.Hayes](#) ()
Date: 11-15-05 19:50

Hi Chris,

As Jim said, we never considered 54mm scale when playtesting the rules. It is a scale I normally associate with skirmish gaming. Actually, I associate it with model building and showcase figure painting, which is why I have never looked into it as a gaming scale.

If you want to give Battlefont WWII a try with these, you probably would want to double the range and movement rates of all units and use the larger indirect fire templates. As to whether or not it will work, I suppose it just depends on how much abstraction you

are willing to accept between the ground scale and the size of your figures.

Mark

New WWII figure line

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 11-16-05 13:55

At Fall In!, I purchased two packs of Herman Goring grenadiers from a new 15mm WWII company called "Resistant Roosters." There are plenty of illustrations of their painted figures on their website:

<http://www.resistantroosters.com/>

They are on the large side of the scale, but as you will see in the photos, the detail and poses are very good.

Mark

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Re: New WWII figure line

Author: [Larry](#) ()
Date: 11-20-05 15:19

They've been around for a while. They also have a nice line of GIs in overcoats, and late war German panzergrenadiers.

1/200th Scale

Author: [Cozy Powell](#) ()
Date: 12-14-05 06:58

Anyone use 10mm-1/200th scale figures and vehicles. Do they give a good game with BF WW2?

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Re: 1/200th Scale

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (217.206.27.---)
Date: 12-14-05 08:22

Yes - although I would recommend using 12mm \ 1/144 scale. Only Skytrex are 1:200 now and they are looking a bit old. Pendraken are nominal 10mm but match well with the Minifigs and others. You can get excellent tanks from Dragon \ Takara in 1:144 at very reasonable prices, and minifigs 12mm infantry are very good as well

Ken

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Re: 1/200th Scale

Author: [Billy](#) ()
Date: 12-28-05 21:37

www.lastsquare.com still sells the perrin 10mm models

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Re: 1/200th Scale

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 01-04-06 19:01

Last night we had a tank heavy gaming using 1:200 scale stuff. This was mainly based on the fact we had recently rediscovered just how much of that stuff we collectively owned.

Pros - using the 15mm ground scale you can get a less crowded battlefield. This also gets rid of the 'model to ground scale' ratio which can confuse first time players who see tanks 'close' to each other but wonder why they can't kill. The models are also cheaper and quicker to paint.

Cons - Infantry all look the same. If you have more then one type of troop (ie German infantry and LMG stands, Russian Infantry, Tank riders, ATR) they all start to look the same even from close up. The slightly smaller base size for grunts also means you start to bunch them up a bit when you are moving. This allows more stands to fit under an indirect template which can be annoying if you are recieving. (Although I don't think the giver will complain that much :P) The scale is also not really well supported these days meaning if you are starting from scratch you may struggle to find the stuff you want.

If you plan to do a lot of tank heavy battles (we had about 40 russian and 25 German AFV on the table last night) then it is probabably worth considering.

cheers

Craig

QRF Figures

Author: [Terry Haney](#) ()
Date: 01-01-06 17:41

How do these figures/weapons compare with OG & QC. I'm thinking about ordering some of their British artillery for Burma, and infantry.

Terry

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Re: QRF Figures

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 01-02-06 07:32

The infantry are not their best point, but the vehicles and guns are ok. QRF tend to concentrate on modern stuff (they make recognition models for the army) and the WW2 line is a sideline. Their modern stuff is first class, and the more recent releases in other lines is good, but they have a lot of older stuff in the catalogues which is showing it's age. One advantage is the discount QRF offer on platoon sized units.

They also have just picked up Feudal Castings WW2 Japanese infantry range, which is very nice.

For XIV Army try PeterPig - really nice range

Ken

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Re: QRF Figures

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 01-02-06 07:47

Terry,

Peter Pig make a complete range of 14th Army Infantry and it is a relatively new addition to the range so the moulds are fresh and the modelling is good. Also if you choose to go with them don't forget the 10% discount on orders over £80 if you mention that you are a contributor to this site that Andy Parkes negotiated.

Paddy

P.S. My recent experience with Peter Pig mail order was excellent! It also looks like they are starting to introduce more photos to their web-site which is good. I always like to look before I purchase as I have wasted too much money buying blind.

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Re: QRF Figures

Author: [Big Mark](#) ()
Date: 01-05-06 00:50

I saw the new PzIII artillery spotter, and it is outstanding. Their current sculptor is excellent and I would buy any new product sight unseen. All my QRF infantry are modern which I am fond of as well.

1/285th scale conversions

Author: [Will E.](#) ()
Date: 01-14-06 11:53

Hi,
I'm kinda new to miniatures wargaming, and I would like to play BFWWII using 1/285th (5-6mm) micro-armor minis. Is there a quick and easy conversion rule that I can use? I'd appreciate any comments from anyone who uses 5-6mm minis.

Cheers,
Will

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Re: 1/285th scale conversions

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()
Date: 01-14-06 12:25

Will

Actually I use 1:300 figures for BFWW2 myself (frequently) I simply use the 15mm distances as published on the cards. This option looks good on the tabletop especially if you spread your infantry out properly. I have found from my own experience that artillery concentrations are a significant threat, particularly to infantry. Using historical formation deployment methods and historical tactics will pay off so it is worth investing some time in studying tactical doctrine and what commanders actually did on the battlefield. As a rule of thumb try to deploy your infantry so that not more than 2 or 3 (1 or 2 is better) stands can be placed under any single artillery template. Lots of new players to these rules, particularly those used to playing other rule sets like Rapid Fire make the mistake of deploying infantry stands in long close order lines. When I see someone do that I call in a nice thickened artillery concentration, particularly against a target out in the open. This could give anything up to a +2 modifier and much more if part of a US Time on Target mission. If you do the maths you can see that this would have a good chance of hurting even one stand and if you have several stands under that concentration you can see that the chances are that it will really hurt.

Alternatively, as per P3 of the rules under game scale you could use centimetres rather than inches using the smaller artillery templates provided. Personally, based on previous experience with other rules like Command Decision I find this option rather fiddly which is why I chose to use the 15mm option instead.

By the way, when using 15mm figures I choose to use the 20mm distances as an alternative. It seems to work quite well.

As you will probably appreciate 5mm figures are cheap to purchase which means that you can buy sufficient tanks to field a complete Panzer Regiment at full strength as per the BFWW2 lists. In any scale larger than 10mm (eg 15/20 mm such an undertaking would be prohibitively expensive and would look pretty silly on the table top)

I am in know way knocking the larger scales here. They can be very good for the smaller infantry dominated actions. For example, a game involving a couple of infantry companies could look equally silly if done in 5mm. You simply choose the option appropriate for the game you wish to run.

Luke

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Re: 1/285th scale conversions

Author: Paul B ()

Date: 01-14-06 14:52

Luke,

But what size bases do you use? 15mm base sizes or the suggested 5mm basing? Also do you base the vehicles?

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Re: 1/285th scale conversions

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()

Date: 01-15-06 02:34

Hey Paul,

people I have gamed with have always based their 1:200 or 1:300 scale vehicles on the grounds it helps to protect the models.

One think I have always wanted to do with some of the smaller scale stuff is to use 1:1 model scale and base my vehicles 2 or 3 to the base. However since I am lazy and have gone off the smaller scales I probalby will never do it.

cheers

Craig

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Re: 1/285th scale conversions

Author: [Stephen](#) ()

Date: 01-15-06 04:23

I base my micro stuff on the small Flames of war bases, sure there are cheaper options but they don't warp and the bevilled edge looks good. I base one vehicle or 6-10 infantry or one support weapon.

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Re: 1/285th scale conversions

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()

Date: 01-15-06 04:49

Paul

I use 1" square sized bases for my infantry becuae I previously used them for Command Decision and had no wish to rebase them. This was close enough to the 15mm base size as to make very little difference. I use 4 Irregualar Miniatures figures per base (I prefer these to the rather spindly Heroics and Ros figures) and have bases them with two figures in the front rank, two in the rear rank. You could probably get away with fitting a base of 4 figures in one rank with careful use of a hacksaw but it is whatever the individual is happiest with.

Heavy weapons (machineguns, mortars etc) are based 1 weapon to the base.

I do base the vehicles. One reason is that it does help protect the model. The other reason is that I remember what it was like to be a beginner and often not being able to recognise all vehicles as the more experienced players could. I will not put beginners through the same problems I had when I started so I also identify the vehicle/type of infantry (command, rifle, smg etc) on the base as well. Indeed, in 1:300 it is useful to be able to do this in any event as it is probably not possible to tell the difference between a rifle and a submachine gun.

Certainly not with my eyesight! :-)

Luke

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Re: 1/285th scale conversions

Author: [Will E.](#) ()

Date: 01-15-06 12:34

Cheers lads,

Thanks for all your comments and advice. Very much appreciated!

Regards

Will

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6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [keithgell](#) ()
Date: 01-21-06 08:05

I want to build a WW2 Soviet Army circa 43, and use Adler 6mm infantry.

Could anyone advise me as to the best 6mm or 1:300th AFV's to go with them?

Keith

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Re: 6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 01-21-06 10:46

In order of detail

GHQ \ C-in C
Heroics & Ros \ Navwar
Scotia
Irregular

If you can afford it go with GHQ, otherwise I would go for H&R

All the best

ken

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Re: 6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [Phil Hays](#) ()
Date: 01-22-06 10:17

I can wholeheartedly agree with Ken, there are no better caastings in 6mm than GHQ. They tend to be better than alot of 15mm castings. Phil

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Re: 6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 01-22-06 11:50

GHQ definately are the best in that scale, i wont buy any other.

Andy

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Re: 6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()
Date: 01-22-06 12:17

I would definately go with Heroics and Ros for the vehicles. However, I chose to go with Irregular Miniatures for the infantry. There were a couple of reasons for this.

I have been purchasing figures from this company for 15 years. They are always very quick and reliable. The WW2 and modern Irregular infantry do look quite good being sculpted with various battlefield imperdimentia and are certainly much more able to

stand up to pressure from their rather spindly Heroics competitor.

I ordered from Scotia once, many years ago and found them very slow so it is unlikely that they would ever get a repeat order. I have never ordered anything from GHQ so cannot comment on them.

Luke

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Re: 6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()

Date: 01-22-06 13:53

I like Mainforce for infantry - easy to paint, already based and bullet proof, but I didn't mention it because Keith says he is going for Adler. One point to mention is that GHQ are 1:285 scale, rather than 1:300, which helps if you are using Adler which are pretty large models. The only negatives with GHQ is that they are expensive, and that sometimes the barrels are prone to damage and breakages.

Ken

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Re: 6mm or 1:300th AFV Reviews

Author: [Scott Q](#) ()

Date: 02-02-06 04:14

C in C are almost as good a quality as GHQ (almost) and are a bit cheaper, not to mention they ship at cost, not the 20-30% of your order price others charge. H & R are nice and also cheap but if you ever played against anyone fielding GHQ or C in C you will find yourself drooling enviously at their beautifully detailed fighting machines compared to your nice reproductions and find yourself easily outmaneuvered due to your fascination with the detail of their army....This is the exact reason my modern British army is undergoing an 'upgraded' from H & R to C in C.

20mm lead brands (again).

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramirez](#) ()
Date: 01-25-06 12:48

Hello.

Some time ago I asked your opinion on different 20mm lead manufacturers, and I got ample answer and opinion. Now that I've bought and painted some of them, I'm able to give my opinion back and open a new (old) discussion.

I've been painting FAA, SHQ and Brittania, all three recommended and excellent quality too. At this point I must say SHQ is my less favourite, too slim and maybe tiny (or just fit to scale), being FAA an overall best and Brittania a nice second option (I do like bulky figures in small scales), although some of the figures seem to be offset by mould halves displacement.

Also, I'm about to make an order to AB Figures, which seem nice and with loads of different poses.

Thanks for reading my humble opinion.

Carlos.

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Re: 20mm lead brands (again).

Author: terry haney (208.61.220.---)
Date: 01-25-06 16:34

Be careful Carlos, AB WWII 20s can be very addictive.

Terry

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Re: 20mm lead brands (again).

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 01-26-06 04:03

Not just the WW2 stuff you should try his french cavalry, as an owner of a 15mm french cavalry Corps, oh and a 2nd Army of the West (russian) and prussian 2nd corps, all AB figures.

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Re: 20mm lead brands (again).

Author: Steve Burt ()
Date: 01-26-06 06:49

SHQ has the great merit of being compatible with 20mm plastics. It's also (IMO) the best proportioned - I don't like 'cartoony' figures such as Britannia, but obviously tastes differ....

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Re: 20mm lead brands (again).

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramirez](#) ()
Date: 01-26-06 10:08

Steve,

I'm with you: SHQ is the best proportioned, but (IMO) in the smaller scales (28mm and under), proportioned doesn't mean the figures look right on the table: as a matter of fact, we don't paint exactly as reality as most of the figures would just look like a blob of dark greenish brown residue.

I dislike GW figures for their huge disproportioned features: hands as big as heads, dwarfish tree-thick legs, etc., but I must admit I really enjoy slightly~out~of~scale figures as AB or Britannia.

Carlos.

Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [John Curran](#) (70.131.149.---)
Date: 01-30-06 21:18

Hi,

Apologies for mentioning the dark side. I much prefer Battlefront, but the group I game with is fond of FOW (incidentally the points system I think attracts them).

I'd like to use my figures in both systems, Guns and small stands are not really a problem but the basic infantry stand is. In BF it is a small stand with 2 or 3 figures representing a section. In FOW it is the fireteam stand is about twice the size with 4-6 figures.

Has anyone devised a way of basing that easily allows moving between the two systems? Obviously I can use "sabots" but in my experience they often fall off in the course of play.

Any help would be appreciated. I want to retain the ability to play BF and yet participate in the FOW games.

JC

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [Matt Laing](#) (
Date: 01-30-06 23:12

Try doubling the ranges, movement rates, template sizes, etc. Use one FOW infantry stand for every one BF infantry stand. Probably wont work unless you have a large playing surface.

Do you have FOW stuff already based up? If not you could just use BF infantry bases by placing two of them on a single FOW base.

Other than that, I'm not sure.

Matt

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [ronald w.](#) (
Date: 02-01-06 06:22

Two infantry bases on a FOW base works well.

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (
Date: 02-01-06 15:07

BF basing is not important, as we (BF) use aim points, and I have every intention of playing FoW when required with my infantry on 30mm squares as is - any muppet who raises his voice on the matter is told a) that the section is under strength, and b) as FoW has no scale anyway what is he talking about.

Attack is the best form of defence - point out that as a rifle fires over 800 yards, and

a fow base is 2 inches wide, and the range for rifles in FOW is 16 inches then logically the Fow base is at least 100m wide - which is bloody silly

The only problem is with Russians and artillery - if they insist on base to base then more of you will get hit, so I suggest you suggest adding 2 inches to the command distance to counter it - you may get away with it.

Otherwise, get them to play BF

Ken

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [John Curran](#) ()
Date: 02-01-06 20:23

Thanks for the responses guys. Yes, one way would be just to use as is, but the problem is area fire like artillery which will hit more than intended if using BF bases.

Question for Ronald - how do secure the two BF bases to the FOW base? It has to be firm to work during a game, yet fairly flexible to be able to dismantle and use for BF.

Again thanks for the ideas. Any more thoughts?

JC

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [Tom Wirsing](#) ()
Date: 02-01-06 23:28

John,

The earlier comment about the basing for BF not being important is accurate. As long as you use the same sized bases for both sides, it works quite well. It really does come down to aiming points.

Tom Wirsing

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [Peter Wort](#) ()
Date: 02-02-06 11:49

John, Blue-tack putty works pretty well, and can be removed easily afterward. Most stationary shops have it.

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Re: Basing: BF vs. FOW

Author: [ronald w.](#) ()
Date: 02-06-06 14:06

I was going to say to use blue tack putty as well.

15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Kurt Kramer](#) ()
Date: 02-15-06 13:22

Other than Quality Casting/Battle Honors do any manufacturers make Italian ATRs in 15mm?
If so, what is the quality?

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 02-15-06 20:30

Flames of War make some. One of the guys in my gaming circle has some but I haven't really paid that much attention to them. (after all... he plays that 'other ruleset'... :P)

I seem to remember them being on a little wheeled mount.

Craig

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 02-15-06 21:40

Had a quick look - they seem to be part of their 'company HQ packs. You get 3 of them as well as a bunch of other stuff you didn't actually need or want... :P

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (195.172.81.---)
Date: 02-16-06 07:38

Peter Pig make them - Range 8, Pack 225 the figure is prone and part of a mixed pack with flamethrowers and grenadiers. As for quality, not bad at all, but different in style than BF.

<http://www.peterpig.co.uk/range8.htm>

Ken

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 02-16-06 11:33

To add to Ken's comment - if they are in a mixed bag of Peter Pig figures you can always ask Martin to make you up a bag that contains a different mix of figures provided that they come from the same pack - 8 of the prone ATR figure for example. Last time I did this it cost £2.00 per bag rather than the regular cost but the details are on the Peter Pig site. This means that with Peter Pig you need never get bunch of other stuff you didn't actually need or want.

Paddy

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 02-16-06 13:52

Kurt,
Regarding Peter Pig you can put together a specific order of the exact figures you want, and you do not need to buy by bag, but by the individual figure at a cost of 33p each. Plus if you spend £80+ you get a 10% discount just mention me and this site.

Andy

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: Kurt Kramer ()
Date: 02-17-06 10:47

Since I am in the US it is a little more difficult to get the special orders for Peter Pig since it is all suppose to go through Brookhurst but I have done it before and suspect I will be doing it again.

Does any one know if Eureka has one in thier mix - I did not see it on the web site but considering the extent of the range it suprised me that they did not.

I have also looked at the range by Camelot but while the figures looked nice I could not work their translations and it did not seem like they sold special orders. Does any one know if there are any vendors outside of Italy that carry their line?

Finally, has any one put together a comprehensive list of 15mm WWII manufactures and review? I know the site has the links but that is not a complete listing. In additon to the main standards, Old Glory, BattteHonors(Quality Castings), BattleFront, QRF there are numerous smaller lines Two Tins, Eureka, Essex, True North and Camelot and at least two others that I can not recall right now (one small manufacturer other than True North does a line of Japaneese and Dutch). I am sure there are several others

This may be a helpful additon to the site.

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (195.172.81.---)
Date: 02-17-06 11:18

I understand QRF in the UK carry Camelot miniatures, although it is not on their website Geoff mentioned it a while ago

Ken

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Re: 15mm Italian ATRs

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 02-17-06 18:52

Kurt,

try emailing Nic from Eureka direct. I've always found him a complete credit to the wargaming family and a really nice bloke.

cheers

Craig

New Peter Pig models

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 02-21-06 18:48

Its worth taking a look at Peter Pig's website if you haven't recently. Their new Late War Germans have been released and make a pretty impressive collection. Look here:

<http://www.peterpig.co.uk/range8.htm>

Their 120mm mortar and crew looks very nice and there seem to be loads of those really useful figures that BFWWII demands for COs, FOOs and which you can work into any mortar, gun or infantry bases. Their radio operators look excellent as do the NCO figures but as a dedicated German player I doubt I'll ever have a use for Pack 446!

Paddy

P.S. Andy P - this is your cue to mention the discount on orders over £80. Which equates to just over a battalion of these figures.

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Re: New Peter Pig models

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 02-22-06 03:35

Ok thks, by the way martin is looking at doing some troops in Zeltbahns and we discussed Luftwaffe ground troops, so maybe these will be them ?
I'm still trying to get the british airborne expanded.

Anyhow for all those that are not aware, this site gets a 10% discount on all orders over £80 when you mention this site and my name to either Julieor Martin. But we need to start getting orders in before April otherwise we will lose this discount as it seems i have not generated enough buisness to make it financially viable for them.

So start getting those orders in, they dont have to be on WW2 they can ve any range, see his new Wars of the Roses they are great.

(This commercial has been brought to you by Peter Pig "More Oink")

Andy ;-)

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Re: New Peter Pig models

Author: [James Baker](#) ()
Date: 02-22-06 06:23

Ask him if he will fill orders from the U.S. As I understand it, he has an exclusive relationship with Brookhurst hobbies.

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Re: New Peter Pig models

Author: Andy P (152.105.242.---)
Date: 02-22-06 06:42

James,

I,m going to look into that as it seesm a lot of customers are having this problem?

15mm Buildings

Author: [Al](#) ()
Date: 04-09-06 20:16

Hello All,

New to the forum, I hope I am posting to the correct place. I was wondering if anyone had a good source for 15mm buildings with removable roofs. I have seen a few really nice ones at conventions but have no idea where they can be purchased. Any suggestions would be a great help!

Thanks,

Al

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 03:03

You UK or US based Al?

Ken

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 04:00

Al,

Tiger Terrain makes a good range here in the UK.

Paddy

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: Richard de Ferrars ()
Date: 04-10-06 04:05

Al

I'd second Paddy's recommendation for Tiger Terrain. They are beautifully moulded and actually very quick to paint - do the walls with a whitish colour followed by a dark brown wash and within half-an-hour you have a really good effect

Richard

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (195.172.81.---)
Date: 04-10-06 07:32

You got a link? Sounds interesting

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 09:59

Ken,

Look here - <http://www.tigerterrain.co.uk/> - expensive but worth it!

The Town Hall is exquisite!

Paddy

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 10:11

Paddy

I also use 15mm figures (more for skirmish level games with Arc of Fire than with BF)
Thanks for the information. I will check them out.

Regards
Luke

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Lucas Willen](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 10:26

Paddy

Furhther to my above post I have checked out tiger Terrain. Not bad although it seems limited to NW Euroipe. Peter Pig offer a more extensive range and will sell you 15mm figures while you are at it! :-)

Regards
Luke

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 11:38

Luke,

But Al was asking for 15mm buildings with removable roofs - do the Peter Pig models have removable roofs?

Paddy

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Al](#) ()
Date: 04-10-06 21:56

Hello again,

In response to Ken, I am US based, but I am willing to patiently wait for anything that needs to be shipped from the UK! I took a quick look at the site (tiger terrain) and was very impressed. Thank you for the info! I'll have to check out Peter Pig to see if the roofs on their buildings are removable.

Thanks again
Al

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 02:33

Sorry Al, the PPig models have fixed roofs, but are very good

Ken

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Al](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 19:54

Good to know, the Tiger terrain range seemed a little limited, between the two ranges I should be able to get what I need! Thanks again!

Al

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Peter Landry](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 19:58

Al,

Here in the US I find Musket Miniatures makes great hollow buildings with removable roofs. They have a line for the Russian front and one for Western Europe. Great stuff! It will be harder to find them in the near future as the son of the father & son team is getting another job.(i heard)

Pete

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [James D. Gray](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 23:16

Also, there are some great card buildings out there. They look good, they are light and surprisingly durable, and they are relatively cheap. Converting them to lift off the roof (or lifting the whole house from a base) is easy, and many of the ones made specifically for wargaming are already made to perform this function.

Yours,
James D. Gray

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Jeff Shaw](#) ()
Date: 04-14-06 08:43

Check out this website:

<http://www.schreiber-bogen.de/>

I bought some of these card stock building kits in Germany and they are the best value around! They average out to about 2-3 dollars per completed building. You can assemble them with the roof removed and even as bombed out or destroyed buildings. I'll try to get some pics in to the website.

Jeff

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Re: 15mm Buildings

Author: [Al](#) ()
Date: 04-20-06 20:46

Pete,

The Musket Miniatures site was great! They also are very careful to indicate which building have removable roofs! I'll be ordering from them soon!

Thanks again!

Al

TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 09:58

Hi Guys,

Just browsed the QRF catalogue and they've re-modelled the Tetrarch at long last (it was bloody awful before)! There is a photo of the new model on their site and it looks rather tasty!

Now why do companies always do this when I'm out of cash?! :o(

I don't know yet whether they do the barrel option for the 3-inch CS version however.

Mark

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 10:26

Thats what brass wire is for isnt mark ;-)

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 04-11-06 13:37

Andy,

Gasp! Shock!

That's MODELLING isn't it?! I won't stand for potty-mouths around here! Honestly, you'll be expecting me to buy a drill next...

;o)

Mark

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 04-12-06 03:41

A drill ?

Oh yes i think i have one of those big things, plugs into wall socket, makes holes in walls right?

ive heard of modelling isnt that were you cover a plastic it in so much glue it melts ? Or is it stickigtwigs onto things to pretend to be camouflage

Andy

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [Andy P](#) ()

Date: 05-02-06 10:33

Mark,

have just recieved my Tetrarchs and what an amazing surprise, the standard or sculpting is fantastic these days.

Andy

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 05-04-06 07:09

Just got back from camp and likewise found my Tetrarchs waiting for me - they are quite simply superb! They are wonderfully engineered - clean lines and very high-quality casting. My only minor quibbles are that there are no 'guides' for gluing on the track sections (a common fault by all manufacturers of 15mm tanks), so you need to dig out a photo to see how far forward or back your tracks should be placed. It also lacks the options of a 3-inch CS barrel or Littlejohn adaptor, but as the gun is cast to the turret (a definite plus in my opinion), it would clearly have been uneconomical for QRF to have included three turret options! It's a fairly minor operation to add new barrels if you want them.

This has now become my favourite 15mm model of anything, ever! I'm very, very pleased indeed!

Mark

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()

Date: 05-04-06 16:21

Mark - they are still just Panzerfaust fodder! ;-)

Paddy

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Re: TETRARCHS!!!

Author: [Mark.Hayes](#) ()

Date: 05-04-06 21:45

I looked at the photo on the QRF website, and it does look very nice, almost as good as Rich's air-brushed version on the BF cards. ;-)

Mark

WWII Royal Navy crews in 20mm?

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramirez](#) ()
Date: 04-21-06 11:02

Hello all.

Does anyone knows any maker of 1/72 or 20mm Royal Navy crews for my LCM, LCT, etc.? I've bought the Airfix LCM which comes with three crewmen and also the Trumpeteer one, wich has none... I don't care if it's plastic or lead.

Thanks in advance.

Carlos.

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Re: WWII Royal Navy crews in 20mm?

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramirez](#) ()
Date: 04-21-06 11:03

Sorry, I've posted the question twice...

Carlos.

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Re: WWII Royal Navy crews in 20mm?

Author: [henry lubbers](#) ()
Date: 04-21-06 11:34

Revell made a 1/72 plastic set of German navy figures. Some of these are in foul weather gear and others could pass for Allies with a head swap for a GI or Tommy helmet. Do not know for sure if the set is stillfor sale. They may be seen at the Plastic soldier review go to periods go to Germans scroll down toward the end of the German list <http://www.plasticsoldierreview.com/>

Hope that helps

Hank

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Re: WWII Royal Navy crews in 20mm?

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 04-21-06 13:01

I would try Britannia Miniatures, they do a lot of landling craft, and even if they dont do a crew pack I'm fairly certain hey would sell them seperatly if you asked nice

Ken

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Re: WWII Royal Navy crews in 20mm?

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramírez](#) ()
Date: 04-21-06 13:02

Hank,

Thanks for the info. I've just found Battlefield miniatures makes a set of three Landing Craft crew (it's on the Super Detailed Commissions section on the bottom right side of their page). I think I'll try both.

Thanks again.

Carlos.

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Re: WWII Royal Navy crews in 20mm?

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()

Date: 04-21-06 18:39

Airfix did an RAF launch, with a couple of crew figures. Perhaps Airfix still do them as spare parts?

Mark

10mm Miniatures

Author: Billy ()
Date: 04-28-06 21:57

Does anyone know what is in a 100 man starter set from Perrin Miniatures?

Also, I see larger sets for the US and Germany, but I haven't been able to find a Russian one. Does anyone know of a website?

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Re: 10mm Miniatures

Author: [ronald w.](#) ()
Date: 04-29-06 15:30

Strange Cargo Games carries the line.
http://strangecargogames.com/index.php?cPath=301_262_272

Ronald

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Re: 10mm Miniatures

Author: Billy ()
Date: 04-30-06 00:34

Yes, but it just says 100 models. They could all easily be riflemen or there could be some sort of mixture of models.

Thanks anyhow, the above website has it for the cheapest price yet.

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Re: 10mm Miniatures

Author: [ronald w.](#) ()
Date: 04-30-06 13:57

The owner of Strange Cargo should be able to answer this question. He has been very helpful to me in the past.

Ronald

More Tetrarch News!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 06-12-06 20:16

Hi Guys,

Just been speaking to Chas at QRF and he tells me that following the positive reaction to the release of their superb Tetrarch model, they will shortly have turret variants available for the Littlejohn squeezebore adaptor and the 3-inch Close Support variants!

Mid-Summer Christmas!

:o)

Mark

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 02:32

Some people are easy to please.

Calm down m8. When they bring out all those 21st Panzer models you will hear RMDs head explode! (any sound from me will be my wallet expiring loudly)

Ken

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 03:53

Mark,

Do you own shares in QRF?

Paddy

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 04:34

Bah! Phillistines!

You don't understand! I've been waiting sooo long! ;o)

Mark

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 12:30

Mark,

Excellent news

I can now finish off the Armd Recce Regt now, the new models are to die for..anyhow the others just dont know quality when they see it, who needs Tigers, i ask you?

Andy

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 14:37

Andy,

These peasants - they know nothing about the joys of collecting crap British AFVs! ;o)

Mark

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 15:06

Ah, but I know the joys of collecting crap Dutch AFVs. Similar thing. Same manufacturer is some cases. <g>

Mark

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [R Mark Davies](#) ()
Date: 06-13-06 15:41

We're among company - The British Army has been collecting crap AFVs for years! ;o)

Mark

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [Andy P](#) ()
Date: 06-14-06 04:34

How dare you,

Crap AFV's, what about the FV432, the Saracen, the Fox (dont go over that bump it'll fall over..) ah the good old days. And among the best the Vickers VIb and the carrier cavalry (with overhead protection of a canvas sheet).

All of them fine pieces of Enginneering, and the piece de resistance "TOG1" (take on WW1 tank and lengthen it..

Hope the Bovvy game goes ok...
Andy

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Re: More Tetrarch News!

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()

Date: 06-16-06 02:39

Leave the TOG out - the later ones had 17Pdrs

Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 06-22-06 07:01

How nice are these FOW aircraft to be released in August?

<http://www.battlefront.co.nz/Article.asp?ArticleID=1107>

Paddy

P.S. Note to bank manager - I'll be seeing you in September!

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Craig Simms](#) ()
Date: 06-22-06 23:16

Are these pre-painted?

I have a memory of reading something about to be released was going to be pre-painted but I may be getting mixed up with the buildings they are now pushing.

Craig

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [keith Lowman](#) ()
Date: 06-23-06 00:09

Hi Craig

The FoW website says unpainted models

Keith

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 06-23-06 04:21

I've just had a second, longer look and am a little less enamoured - it seems that the models are 1:144. I think I would have preferred 1:100.

What aircraft scale to use with BFWWII? There must be a discussion there somewhere!

Paddy

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (195.172.81.---)
Date: 06-23-06 07:50

OK - the lowdown on these on the street is

1 They will be nice

2. They will be unpainted

3 They will be expensive - £26 a box is rumoured

As for scale - 1:144 does look ok on a 15mm table - I like 1:100 but agree they are a bit over powering. You will get stands and decals and stuff with them

If you want aircraft models there are several options. In the UK both Del Prado and Ge Fabbri did some die cast aircraft that went with magazines and are still available on ebay for very reasonable prices - I got three Stukas for £12 last week. The scales varied but were usually 1:100 or there about. If you want 1:100 also google for Doyusha 1:100 - they have just released a set of pre-painted easy assemble kits that look very good and include ME109, Spits, P51Ds and Zeros

If you want 1:144 then try looking for Japanese Candy Toys - again painted, or unpainted kits - Sweet make some nice models - again from Japan but they come in pairs and the range includes Hurricanes and Macchi 200s - both available with tropical filters. Lastly, try Bandai Wing Club on ebay - but not until I have my Sturmovics sorted out next week!

Ken

The other option

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: Aaron ()
Date: 06-23-06 08:53

Hi Folks,

Another option for 1/100th and 20mm scale aircraft very nice as well
<http://www.armamentsinminiature.com/>

They are also remastering the Horsa Glider.

Aaron

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 06-23-06 10:52

I have a slight preference for 1/144th scale for the reasons stated on the FOW website. However, with only one or two aircraft on the board at any given time, I don't think 1/100th scale aircraft are that dominating. As FOW game scale is 1:1, I can see why 1/144th scale is more attractive.

I second Aaron's support for the Armaments in Miniature aircraft. They are both very solid and nicely detailed. Dave Schmid has been very supportive of our requests for model types to use in BF. Many of the aircraft on the BF cards are by him.

Mark

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramírez](#) ()
Date: 06-23-06 11:56

Dear people,

We play 20mm, which means 1:72. I can assure you the Sturmovic that tank busted me in last week's Kursk-like game was really HUGE compared with my Panzer IV... Anyway, I prefer to use the same scale as the rest of figures and models just to keep the overall picture correct.

Del Prado is currently selling here in Spain a fortnightly collection of WWII aircraft, 1:72, with lots of planes (at least German, Japanese, US, British and French). Last week I picked a 1:72 M21 halftrack mortar carrier for 9,00€ (thats \$11,00 or 6 pounds) also from a Del Prado armour collection, beautifully painted and weathered (at least for a pre-painted model).

Carlos.

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-23-06 19:06

The only problem I can see with Armaments in miniature is the price - theyre not far short of the FoW stuff

Ken

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [James D. Gray](#) ()
Date: 06-24-06 03:01

I went and took a look at these on their website. I won't comment on the other aircraft, but the shape of their IL-2 Shturmovik isn't very accurate at all, particularly around the vertical tail. The AIM IL-2 has a few problems, but it is much better than the Flames of War version.

AIM also has a Yak, though the wings are the wrong shape to be a Yak-9. You can convert it like I'm doing, or maybe call it late Yak-7.

I shuddered when I saw red stars on *top* of the FOW shturmovik wings. Ugh...

Yours,
James D. Gray

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-27-06 13:29

Justy got 3 Bandai Sturmoviks in 1:144.- really nice models, and at £15 for the three, pre assembled and painted, including p&p I am rather happy

Which is why I ordered another 9

: -)

Ken

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) ()
Date: 06-29-06 10:14

Reichsmarschall Natt,

What are you planning to do with a dozen Sturmoviks?!!! I pity your German opponent.
<g>

Mark

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Paddy Green](#) ()
Date: 06-29-06 11:51

The Law of the Wargamer - Section 1, Clause 1....."if 1 is effective, then 2 are over twice as effective and so you'd better buy 10 just to be on the safe side!" Following this reasoning I see no flaw in the reasoning behind Ken's decision to build an airforce given that the Sturmoviks come in packs of 3 and 9 just wouldn't do!

Paddy

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Ken Natt](#) ()
Date: 06-29-06 13:34

err

up to 15 at the moment

Although I intend to shift some on to other gamers in our club, I think that we usually under estimate the numbers of aircraft in an attack. Typhoons should come in pairs, squadrons of 8 or wings of 24, not one model overflying every other turn. Russians should hit in Regiments (30 planes IIRC).

Ken

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Simon Alderson](#) ()
Date: 07-19-06 16:18

Ken

Quite right. A pair of aircraft every ten minutes or so is not enough. The RAF attacked on a flight of four. Frequently one or two flights attacked the flak guns, other flight(s) attacked the target.

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Carlos Sanz Ramírez](#) ()
Date: 07-20-06 03:42

So, then, how many aircrafts to a model? As 1 stand represents ~10 men, one model tank

about 2 real ones, how many real aircrafts are intended to be represented by the data on the cards?

Currently, on my gaming group, we only deploy one aircraft when playing. Note we are playing 20mm and the aircrafts are costly and quite big.

Also, we sometimes use a house rule, derived from a mistake on interpreting and translating the rules (English to Spanish, you know), by which the second pass is used just after the first, as if a "rapid advance" of any other unit on the movement turn, instead of the next turn without a call for FAC. It's quite effective...

Cheers.

Carlos.

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Ken Natt](#) (
Date: 07-20-06 13:39

Nice idea Carlos

How many? - don't know. I would assume a pair

Ken

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Re: Flames of War Aircraft

Author: [Mark Hayes](#) (
Date: 07-20-06 14:57

Like vehicles and guns, a single aircraft model represents two or three actual aircraft. For the Germans and the Western Allies (after the first part of the war) aircraft operated in a rotte or element of two planes. Early in the war the Western Allies' planes operated in elements of three planes each. I think the Soviets operated in elements of three also, but I'm not sure about that. In any event, I have thought of an aircraft model as representing one "element".

Mark