

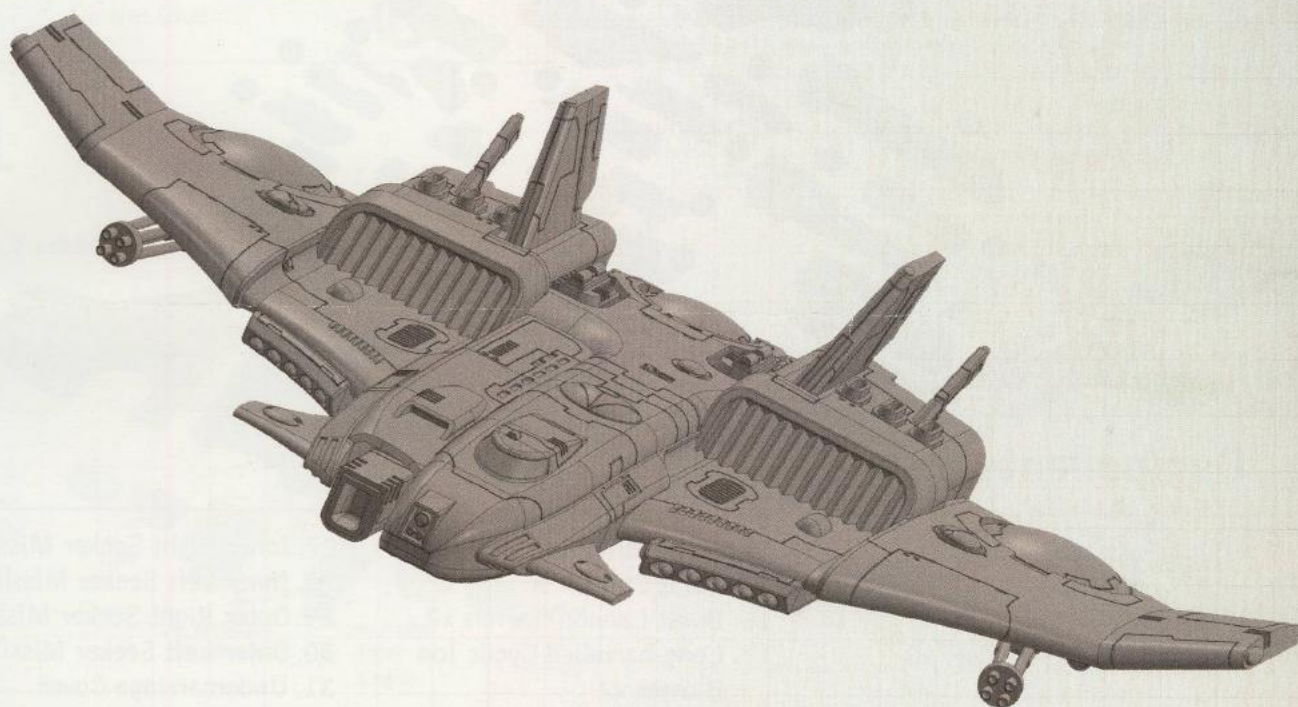


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TAU BARRACUDA AX-5-2

To combat the ever-increasing diversity of enemies faced by the expanding Tau Empire, the Earth Caste of the Vash'ya Sept considered it of paramount importance that the existing Tau Barracuda design be redeveloped to meet this threat. The result of their labours was the AX-5-2 Barracuda, approved and redesignated as a multi-role fighter by Tau High Command. This new pattern maintained the unmatched agility and manoeuvrability of its forebears, but benefitted from an improved power grid and enhanced combat avionics systems, as well as a variable weapons fit so that it could be re-armed swiftly between missions.



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Not suitable for children under 15 years of age.

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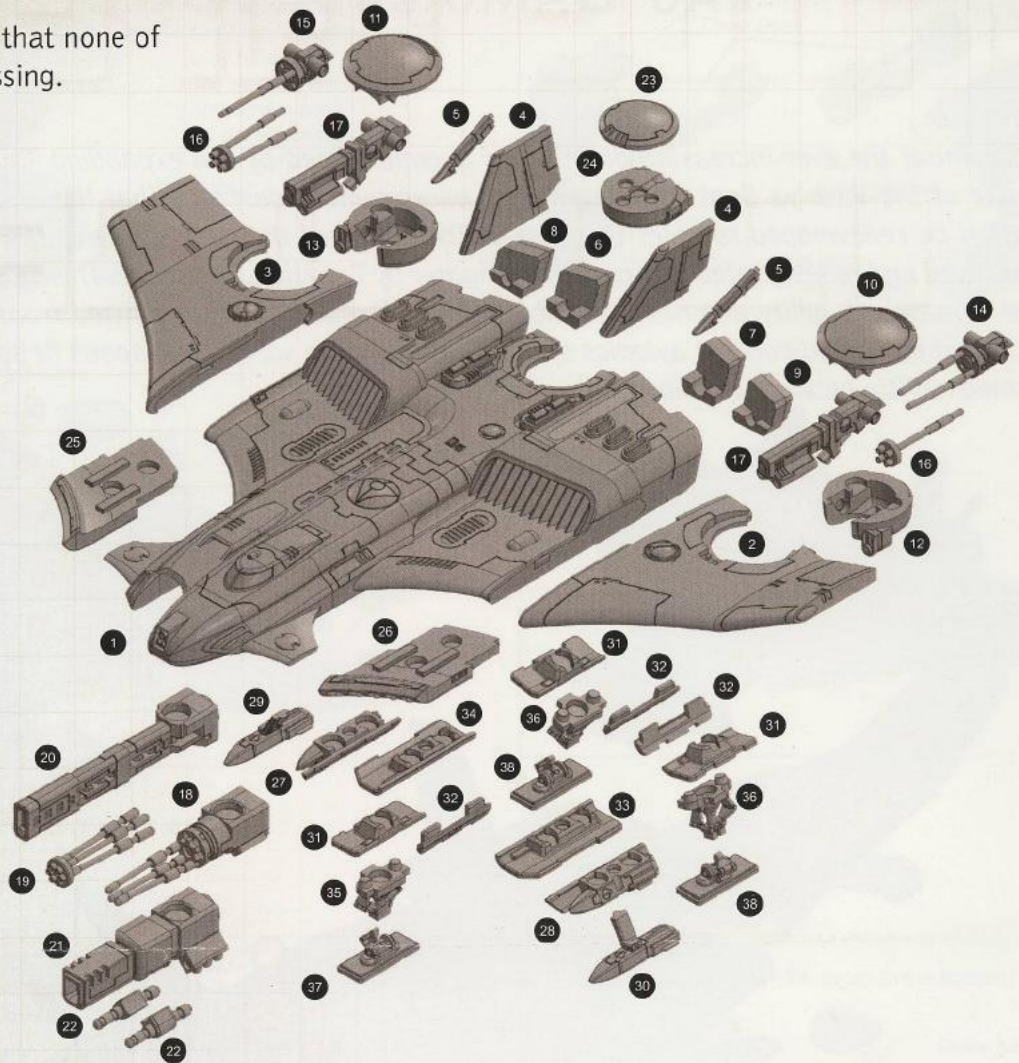
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Components

Before assembly, check that none of the components are missing.

Recessed areas in the weapons and turrets can be used to mount magnets (up to four 8x2mm, thirty-seven 6x2mm, six 4x1mm and four 8x2mm in size), allowing each component/assembly to be removed. Magnets are not supplied with this model. Depending on the strength of the magnets used, not all of them may be needed.








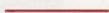



Components List

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Fuselage | 15. Long-barrelled Burst Cannon B | 27. Inner Right Seeker Missile |
| 2. Left Wing | 16. Burst Cannon Barrels x2 | 28. Inner Left Seeker Missile |
| 3. Right Wing | 17. Long-barrelled Cyclic Ion Blaster x2 | 29. Outer Right Seeker Missile |
| 4. Vertical Stabiliser x2 | 18. Heavy Burst Cannon Barrels | 30. Outer Left Seeker Missile |
| 5. Antenna x2 | 19. Heavy Burst Cannon | 31. Undercarriage Cover Closed x3 |
| 6. Right Inner Engine | 20. Swiftstrike Railgun | 32. Undercarriage Cover Open x3 |
| 7. Left Inner Engine | 21. Barracuda Ion Cannon | 33. Left Missile Cover Closed |
| 8. Right Outer Engine | 22. Ion Cannon Stabilisers x2 | 34. Right Missile Cover Closed |
| 9. Left Outer Engine | 23. Decoy Drone Dome | 35. Front Landing Leg |
| 10. Left Wing Drone Dome | 24. Decoy Drone Bottom | 36. Rear Landing Leg x2 |
| 11. Right Wing Drone Dome | 25. Missile Pod Right | 37. Front Landing Foot |
| 12. Left Wing Drone Bottom | 26. Missile Pod Left | 38. Rear Landing Foot x2 |
| 13. Right Wing Drone Bottom | | |
| 14. Long-barrelled Burst Cannon A | | |

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Assembly Legend

- Parts for Assembly 
- Note 
- Glue Contact Area 
- Reverse Angle 
- Assembly Options 
- Shim to be Removed 
- Insert 
- Component Highlight 
- Do Not Glue 

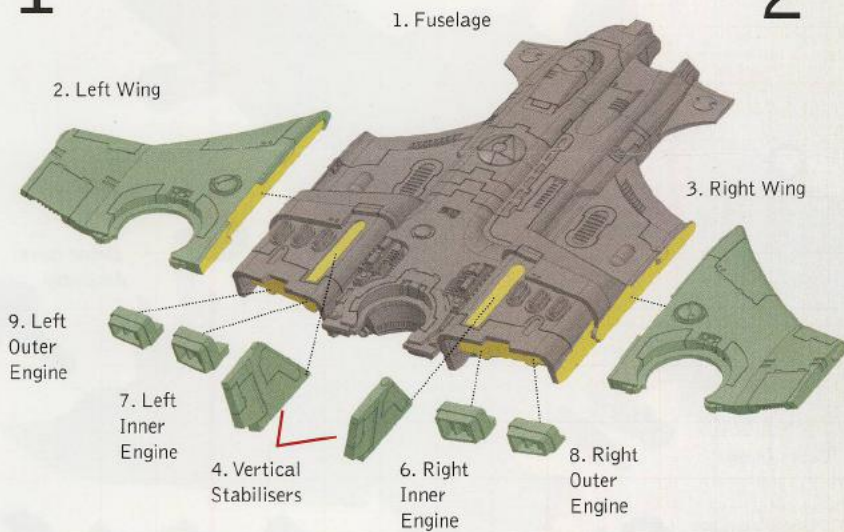
Preparing the Model for Assembly

Before assembling the model, wash each part thoroughly with an abrasive brush, such as a toothbrush, to remove any model release agent that may still be on the surface of the parts. Then, remove any excess resin such as mould lines, casting gates, vents and shims. For a more detailed guide to working with resin models, go to the Downloads section of the Forge World website.

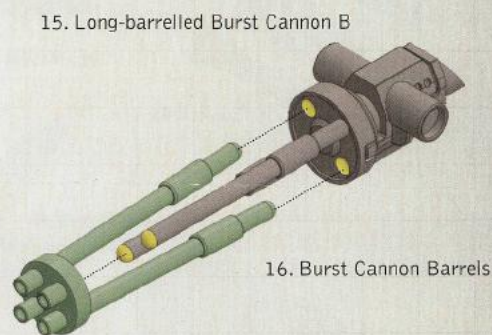
This kit contains all the pieces required to construct the Barracuda AX-5-2. To glue the resin pieces together, use Citadel Super Glue.


NOTE: We have cast this kit using advanced techniques and the best quality resin, but due to the nature of the casting process, your model may contain small air bubbles. These can easily be filled with model filler or super glue. Any slight warpage of thin parts can easily be corrected by immersing the part in hot water for about 1 minute, then bending it back into shape.

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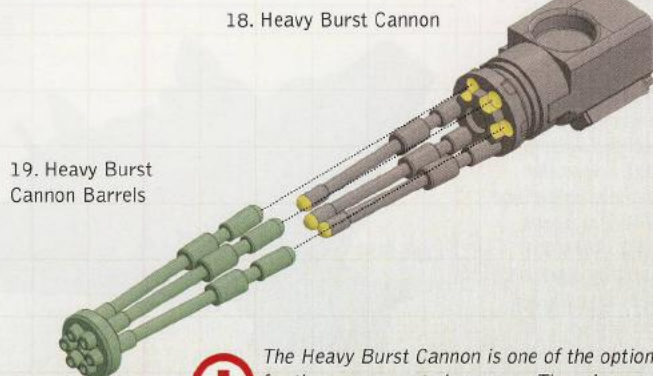



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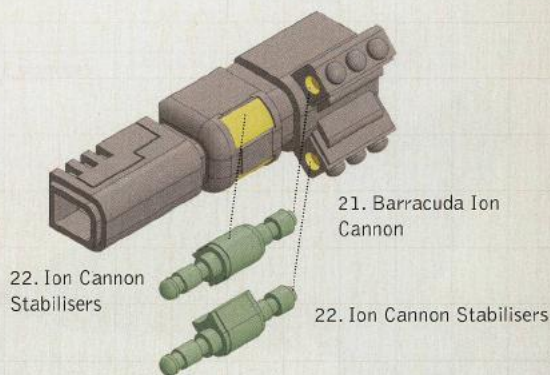
 The Long-barrelled Burst Cannon is one of the options for the wing tip-mounted drone weapons.


3



 The Heavy Burst Cannon is one of the options for the nose-mounted weapons. There is a recess to accommodate a magnet should you want to switch weapons.

4



 The Ion Cannon Stabilisers are attached to the underside of the Barracuda Ion Cannon as shown above. Like the Heavy Burst Cannon in stage 3, there is a recess on the top to accommodate a magnet if you so choose.

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17. Long-barrelled Cyclic Ion Blaster

Long-barrelled Burst Cannon Assembly



A choice of two weapon systems can be used for the wing tip drones. The weapons are not glued in place. Do not attach the Drone Dome at this stage.

12. Left Wing Drone Bottom

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35. Front Landing Leg

32. Undercarriage Cover Open

x2

36. Rear Landing Leg

38. Rear Landing Foot

37. Front Landing Foot

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11. Right Wing Drone Dome

5. Antenna

23. Decoy Drone Dome

5. Antenna

10. Left Wing Drone Dome

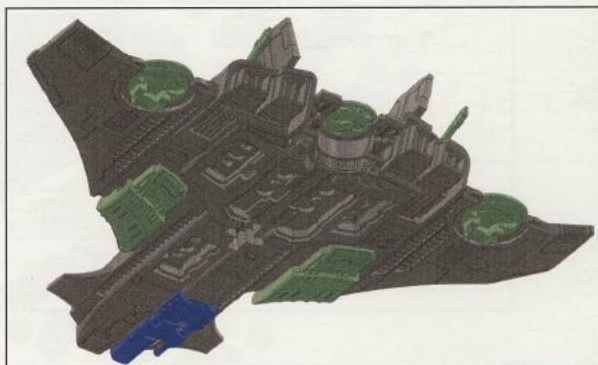
25. Missile Pod Right

26. Missile Pod Left

Heavy Burst Cannon Assembly

Barracuda Ion Cannon Assembly

20. Swiftstrike Railgun



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28. Inner Left Seeker Missile

30. Outer Left Seeker Missile

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31. Undercarriage Cover Closed

33. Left Missile Cover Closed

31. Undercarriage Cover Closed

Left Seeker Missile Assembly

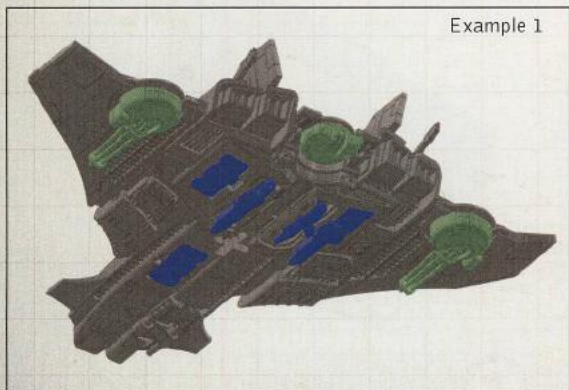
Left Undercarriage Assembly

Drone turret Assembly

24. Decoy Drone Bottom

Drone turret Assembly

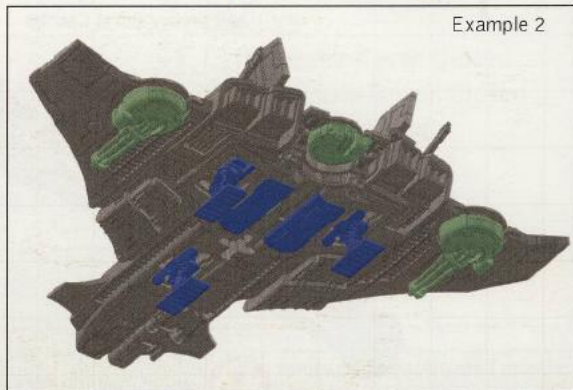
Example 1



Front Undercarriage Assembly

These examples show two possible combinations for the completed assembly. Example 1 shows the Undercarriage raised and the Missile Bay open. Example 2 shows the Undercarriage down and the Missile Bay Closed.

Example 2



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