



Next meeting date: *Canceled till further notice* 7:30 pm to 10 pm

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In The Pilot Seat



I'm sure all of you are keeping up with the Covid situation, and possible vaccines who knows when will happen. The show calendar has not changed except for Noreastcon who are considering moving their event to October as we did our event. A note has been added to the Noreastcon date on the show calendar. It appears if events take place in 2021 they will be filling up most weekends in October and

November. AMPS is not part of IPMS yet I list them on our calendar. If AMPS moves their date event to the Fall, they don't care when other shows take place and possible they will pick a same day event of another show. If this happens, it will affect both organizations for lack of modeler attendance and vendors. As much as I enjoy attending AMPS shows and am a Judge Table Captain, I continue to be respectful to all modeler organizations as all modelers should be.

I took a trip to Baseline this past Friday and he was closed for the weekend due to a death in his family. Our condolences to Eric and family. We hope all is well with him. He will reopen on the 27th.

Please send me articles, news, and pictures of your models with some basic info for the newsletters. If we don't receive anything there will not be a newsletter. Pictures must be 180 pixels or better. Email me your pictures. Do not text them! Next date for newsletter submissions is December 11th.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your family. Please be safe and WEAR A MASK in public and even friends.

STAY SAFE! Keep our hobby alive and well,





In the Box Kit Review By Jim Boulukos

1/24 Hasegawa: Saube Mercedes C9 1987

Sauber Mercedes C9 "1987 Norisring Number 61 Racing Car Limited Edition Kit number 20456 Reissued August 2020, Price: \$33.79

Parts count:

79 plastic parts along with 4 rubber tires, one decal sheet, dry transfers for the tire logos and a one-page folding instruction sheet.

The box size is $29.5 \text{cm} \times 19.5 \text{cm} \times 7.0 \text{cm}$ that opens from the top and has pictures of the real car on top and on three side of the top cover to assist in decal placement.

History:

The Sauber Mercedes C9 was developed by a team led by Swiss racing constructor Pater Sauber. It made is debut in the fourth car race of the 1987 World Sports Prototype Championship (WSPC) but didn't finish the race.

Later on, the Sauber Mercedes C9 dominated the 1989 WSPC winning all but one race and finishing 1st and 2nd at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in its all silver colors that most remember.

Box Kit Review:

This is an injection-plastic racing car model kit from Hasegawa of the Sauber Mercedes C9 1987 "Norisring race version". The limited-edition re-



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lease kit recreates the SAT Additives liveries dark blue body color and has special parts for the 1987 model year (when it debuted) such as the large front flap which are included. The decal sheet provides markings for the 1987 World Sport Prototype Car Championship, Car number 61 that raced back on June 28,1987 from the Norisring 200 Miles.

This kit was initially released in 1988 with the Le Mans silver markings and released again in previous years with both the La Mans colors and other liveries. This recent reissue changes the wheel style to the BBS gold and polished aluminum wheels along with new decal markings, along with different molded plastic colors, otherwise nothing has really changed. Some parts aren't used as noted in the instruction sheet.

All the plastic parts are found in one lager bag. The main body parts are molded in a dark blue along with 3 trees are molded in light gray with wheels and brakes in white on two trees. Clear parts are in a separate bag and are thin, quite good and scratch free.



This is a simple curbside without an engine and the doors are closed. The chassis is a pretty much a basic flat floor assembly with limited detail. Suspension is just the rear lower control arms. On the top side there's a front radiator, and support structure. The front wheels just press into a round plastic mount points on this simple chassis.

At the rear is the support for the C9's rear wing along with an air jack, rear body support, turbochargers and exhaust pipes. The exhaust pipes are dimpled at the end and come out both sides before the rear wheels. Brake discs have decent detail but are generic and are the same size front and rear and have no calipers. But, with the BBS wheels it doesn't matter since you don't see the brakes

Assembly should be straight forward, and part fit should be good based on other reviews along with my experience building Hasegawa car kits over the years. A couple of the parts have the mounting holes going completely through the bottom of the chassis, so if you may want to fill and smooth after installing them before painting it semi-gloss black.

There really isn't much to the interior either, just a separate driver's seat and shift lever. Hasegawa molded the second "passenger" seat into the interior tub making painting a bit of a pain. Hasegawa, if your reading this review, please stop doing that in the future on any brand-new releases. Okay, it's still and 1988 release and that's what the model companies did back then.

The body is where the tooling seems to have suffered the most. My copy will need some block sanding to the body to smooth on the front end, roof, along the sides and top of both fenders back pass the doors through to the rear fenders to remove mold lines on the body, and by the small NACA ducts just behind the doors on either side.

Another area on the C9 where attention will be needed is the main wing element. Out of the box, there are two ejector-pin marks prominently placed on the top surface. The ends of the main rear wing element have some minor

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flash which is easily sanded off before installing the two end plates (Parts 17 and 18). All new released kits today would have the ejector pins on the bottom of the wing, again it's a 1988 kit.

Also, the builder needs to drill out the holes from both mirrors on the Apillars between the front and side windows, before installing both mirrors. I would do this before painting the body and dry fitting.

By the way, the Tamiya's kit has more detail with a complete engine and suspension but depicts the Le Mans version car that ran with a low-downforce setup to minimize aerodynamic drag for maximum top-end speed.

The sprint setup that this Hasegawa kit depicts from 1987 has the higher downforce configuration with a double-element wing and larger diffuser.

The kit instructions are mostly in Japanese with some English, but that

should not be a problem since the 12 steps of the build are very clear. Unfortunately, the paint color call-out section is with Mr. Hobby paints numbers which are hard to find in the USA. But using any model paint cross-reference color chart will allow you to paint this with your favorite paint brand.

The decals look fine, but I've haven't started this kit just yet, so I can't say how they lay down on the car body and react to any setting solutions.

Bottom line:

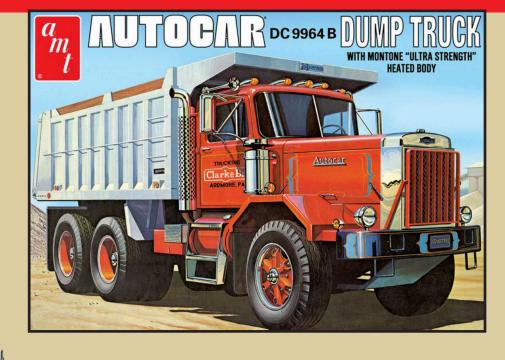
If your looking for a quick out of the box build over the weekend, this kit should work for you, due to its low parts count and being curbside model. I would recommend it if you can find it. I see most of the overseas hobby shops are out of stock at this time.



Kit Review By Mario Pagano

1/24 AMT Dump Truck

DC9964B





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Another Makeover - Tiger I by Robert DeMaio

Back in 1973 I worked part time at Squadron Hobby Shop in Syosset. It didn't seem like working at a place of a hobby I enjoyed since I was eight years old living in Queens, NY. The atmosphere gave me enthusiasm to build even more, and the 30% off employee perk was especially nice. My paycheck went right back to Squdron and I left the store with an arm full of kits.

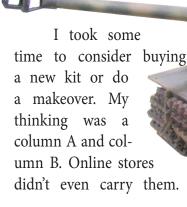
At this time period Tamiya and Bandai were producing 1/24th and 1/25th scale armor kits. The boxes were considered huge with a price tag of around \$16.00 and with my discount, I walked out with them in hand for about \$12.00 and change with the low tax rate at that time. I still have them stored perfectly in my collection. Somewhere in the 70's I took out the Panzer VI Tiger I and built it. It sat in my cabinet all these years. During the evolution of time and advancement of making kits true to life with artistry, my Tiger tank sunk down in appearance.

Column A was search Ebay for a new kit. The cheapest price was \$150.00 free shipping and with tax equaled about \$167. The kits came with an interior but at that time the interior to these kits weren't complete and accurate. Do I want to start over and scratchbuild part of the interior? Column B was a choice of tearing down the existing kit, not be concerned with the interior, and save

my money for a better use. Column B it was and the following pictures are before teardown. Notice the decal peeling off. That won't happen now if you use a clear selant.









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As for the interior, the color was wrong, seams were visible, the ammo storage boxes were too far forward, outer rim wheels weren't painted black and the large openings over the tracks weren't

sealed. I have to admit that I didn't spend much time on the interior. Even if I purchased a new kit to be concerned about the interior, much detail would be missing. Therefore, major scratchbuilding would be necessary. I decided that I would just focus on an exterior makeover.





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Show Calendar Listing for 2021

Model Show Calendar Listing

All Northeast shows in 2020 have been cancelled as per IPMS website Event Listing. Dates with a '?' are to be determined or verified.

Date/Day Event & Location Website

Mar?, 2021 Vallycon

Sun Knights of Columbus

460 Granby Rd.

Chicopee, MA 02020 <u>www.wwmodelclub.org</u>

Apr 10 Mosquitocon Sat 1 Pal Drive

Wayne, NJ <u>www.njipms.org</u>

Apr 11 Downeastcon

Sun Saco Middle School

40 Buxton Road,

Saco, ME, 04072 www.ipmsusa.com

Apr 11 Buffcon 37

Sun Justin & Columbus Hall

2735 Union Rd.,

Cheektowaga, NY, 14227

https://ipmsniagarafrontier.com/index.html

Apr 29 AMPS National Convention

May 1 Marriott City Center
Thu-Sat 740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

http://ipmsniagarafrontier.com/Buffcon2020/index.html

May 21-22 Noreastcon 49 (May be moved to October)

Fri-Sat Quality Inn & Suites

8250 Park Rd.

Batavia, NY 14020 https://www.facebook.com/Noreastcon49/

Aug 18-21 IPMS National Convention

Wed-Sat Las Vegas, NV https://www.natslv2021.com/

Date/Day Event & Location Website

Sep 12 Patcon 2021

Sun Hudson Elks Lodge 959

99 Park St.

Hudson, MA 01749 www.ipmspatriot.org

Sep 24-25 Armorcon

Fri-Sat Crown Plaza Danbury

18 Old Ridgebury Rd

Danbury, CT http://www.nemilmod.org/armorcon/armorcon.htm

Oct 2 RepLIcon 30

Sat Freeport Recreation Center

130 E. Merrick Road,

Freeport, NY www.lisms-ipms.org

Oct 16 HVHMG

Sat Elks Club Hall

29 Overocker Road

Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 www.hvhmg.corg

Nov 6 Baycon 2021 Sat Elks Hall

326 Farnum Pike

Smithfield, RI 02917 www.ipmsbaycolony.com

Nov 13 LIARS

Sat Freeport Recreation Center

130 E. Merrick Road,

Freeport, NY https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/

Nov 19-20 LI Figure Show

Fri-Sat Freeport Recreation Center

130 E. Merrick Road,

Freeport, NY www.longislandmodelsoldiers.com

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