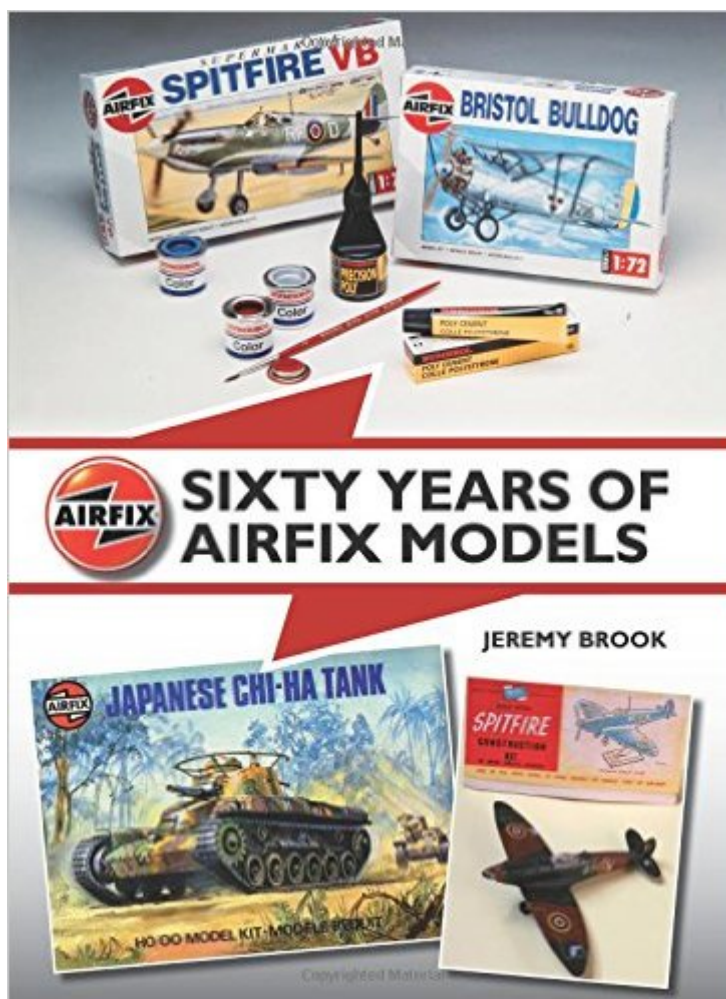


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# Sixty Years Of Airfix Models



## Synopsis

Airfix has been at the forefront of the model industry since 1955 when the first Airfix aircraft kit appeared in UK branches of Woolworth's. The kits were made to a constant scale and covered a wide variety of subjects, from aircraft to birds and from tanks to dinosaurs. In 1981 the famous London-based company closed down and only the kits survived intact. For the next twenty-five years Airfix was run by Palitoy and later Humbrol, but suffered from a lack of investment. In 2006, Hornby Hobbies Ltd, the train and Scalextric manufacturer, bought the ailing company and transformed it. Money and resources were ploughed into the range, and today Airfix releases around twenty new kits per year, designed to an incredibly high standard. The old kits of the 1950s and 1960s are gradually being replaced by new state-of-the-art tooling, all bearing that most prestigious name - Airfix. Published to coincide with the sixtieth anniversary of the first Airfix aircraft kit, *Sixty Years of Airfix Models*, tells the full story, year by year, of the company and its products.

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A few books have started to emerge recently describing the history of the Airfix model kit company, its products and how the company evolved over the past 60 years. These books also look at the range of kits Airfix produced and their various types boxings and packaging styles. For some years Airfix was possibly the most prolific producer of model kits ranging from aircraft to figure kits, toy soldiers to military vehicles and space ships, rockets and various other kits like some of the James Bond special cars and autogyros. This book has been released to coincide with Airfix's 60th year,

producing model kits and the research and resource information contained within is absolutely first class; beginning with a brief overview of the company and its transition through various 'parent' companies, the author then covers each year of Airfix's model releases, what kits were released, some discussion on the more prominent releases and as the years progress, what kits were withdrawn, re-released and modified. The author has an absolutely first class knowledge of Airfix and their products and his passion for the model range and nostalgic notes regarding some of the notable releases over the years are astounding. I have read a few books about Airfix and its history and kits but this book chronologically examines every model ever released by Airfix, when it first was released, when withdrawn and when the kit was reintroduced into the range; what notable additions were made to that kit and changes to decals, painting schemes and so forth.

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