

MIKE ASHEY PRODUCTIONS

**1/426 SCALE USS ARIZONA
MANUFACTURER : REVELL
MODEL BUILT BY : MIKE ASHEY**

KIT DESCRIPTION AND BUILDING NOTES

This 1/426 scale model of the USS Arizona has been around for almost half a century. The kit is one of the few models from Revell that has never gone out of production. The model represents an Arizona configuration after her early 1930's refit and before December 7, 1941. I built this kit in 1987 and used a Gold Medal Models general photoetch detail set as there were no photoetch sets specifically designed for this kit at the time. The molded on railings and anchor chains were removed and the guns and port holes were drilled out. Looking back on this buildup there are several things I would do differently such as replacing the gun shields, removing the porthole detail, hull plating and other hull details, adding a new deck with Evergreen "V" scribed plastic sheet and using Gold Medal Models photoetch detail set specifically designed for this kit. I would also modify the kit to more accurately represent the ships appearance in her mid 1930's configuration. The model was painted with Testors enamel paints and the rigging was done with clear stretched plastic.



U.S.S. ARIZONA
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