

This is the brand new Hobby Master 1/72 Air Power Series (HA3870) Hellenic Air Force Lockheed Martin F-16C Block 52+, S/N 505. This aircraft belongs to 343 Squadron "Asteri".

Hobby Master 1/72 Air Power Series

A few details about the Hobby Master 1/72 Air Power Series :

- True 1/72 scale.
- Professionally painted.
- Great attention to detail.
- All markings are Tampoed (pad applied).
- Option to display the model on a stand that is provided.
- Model can be shown with the landing gear in the down or up positions.
- Canopy can be displayed open or closed.
- Pilot figure included.
- Extremely heavy metal with a minimum of plastic.
- Highly collectable.

(HA3870) LM F-16C Fighting Falcon S/N 505, 343 Sq. "Asteri"

The F-16 Fighting Falcon was produced by General Dynamics who became Lockheed who then merged with Martin Marietta to become Lockheed Martin. The F-16 entered service in January 1979 as a multi-role jet fighter that evolved into an all-weather multi-role aircraft capable of 9-g turns. The F-16 is relatively inexpensive to purchase and maintain so the U.S. and 25 other countries added it to their inventory (Greece was one of them). The Fighting Falcon is referred to by its pilots as the "Viper" and will remain in USAF service until 2025. Hellenic Air Force F-16C Block 52+ was production number 99-1505, line number XK-6 with HAF serial505 and assigned to 343 Mira Asteri (Star) Squadron. Along with its sister squadron 340 Mira both are assigned to 115 Combat Wing based at Souda AB on the island of Crete. 340 was the first squadron to receive the new Block 52+ version of the F-16 while 343 was the second. Although these squadrons are multi-tasked their main priority is a strong presence in the Aegean Region. Among other operations 343 Squadron is periodically responsible of the HAF Zeus Demo Team.

Now let's proceed with unboxing of the model:



The box has a special sleeve which when opened reveals all the contents



The contents of the box. Please note the option to display the model on a stand.



Right Side



Left Side



3/4 Right view



3/4 Left view



Below view



Upper view



Head on view



The aircraft on its special stand.

Special thanks to <u>Hobby Master</u>! For more information on Air Power Series and other HM models please visit the official web-site : <u>www.hobbymaster.c</u> om.hk