

We proudly present you the Hellenic Air Force Lockheed Martin F-16 C Block 52+ Zeus Demo Team diecast model as produced by <u>Herpa</u> in 1:72 scale.

MODEL BOX

This is the box of the model and what will you really see when you first open it. Metal model is provided in pieces which are carefully packed using clear plastic protective cases.



DETAILS

The model presents the specially painted Hellenic Air Force Lockheed Martin F-16C Block 52+ of the Zeus Demo Team. This particular airplane (S/N 99-1523/523) belongs to 340 Squadron

(Moiρα-Mira) "Fox" (Aleppou) at Soúda Air Base. Model is produced by Herpa (model Item: HE580380) in scale 1:72 as member of the Herpa Wings 1:72 Series Die-cast.

HAF 340th Squadron was the first squadron of the Hellenic Air Force to receive the Block 52 version of the F-16C Fighting Falcon as the deliverable of the Peace Xenia III program by Lockheed Martin. They are equipped with the so-called "Conformal" (CFT) tanks, which cling aerodynamically to the hull. Not only the amazing performance, but it is even more the extraordinary the livery of this jet what makes the name after the ancient Greek God father Zeus jet to the star of every air show.

What is important to share is that Herpa designers cooperated closely with the Zeus artwork Team. That way the model was prepared under the license of Zeus Demo Team presenting a model as close to the original aircraft as possible.



HERPA 1:72 Military Models

By working closely with manufacturers in the auto, aviation and transportation industries, <u>Herp</u> a Miniaturmodelle GmbH

manufactures highly detailed, quality cars, trucks and airplane miniatures. Producing both diecast metal and plastic models, Herpa releases a wide variety of pre-constructed models, as well as many model kits. Herpa Wings are die-cast model airplanes trademarked under Herpa of Germany. The collection includes 250 airlines under 17 different aircraft manufacturers in over 1,200 versions. The mainstay of Herpa Wings is in the 1:500 scale, while model airliners are also produced in the 1:400, 1:200, 1:1000, and 1:160 scales. Herpa Wings model airliners

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