

Review: 10240 Red Five X-wing Starfighter

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Set number: 10240

Parts: 1559

Contains: 1 minifigs

For those of us who didn't get the opportunity to get the UCS 7191 Fighter X-Wing, LEGO® now gives a chance by re-releasing this emblematic ship.

At a first glance of this 10240 Red Five X-Wing Starfighter we see it is a large model, with 1559 pieces and many details. Unfortunately, the only minifig that comes with this model is R2-D2 and the pilot is lacking.

The construction of the set starts with the central part of the ship and the mechanism with which you can move the wings. For this construction phase you need bags 1, 2 and 3. This part of the construction is very entertaining, not at all complicated and allows you to discover the new Technic Axle Connector 2 x 3 Quadruple. After building the mechanism I realised the knob for opening or closing the wings has no stop for the start/end, so unlike in the 7191 you can continue turning in the same direction and the wings will open and close, avoiding damages to the gear because of excessive torque.

The next step in the construction is the front of the ship and its cabin. For this you need bags 4 and 5. I would like to highlight



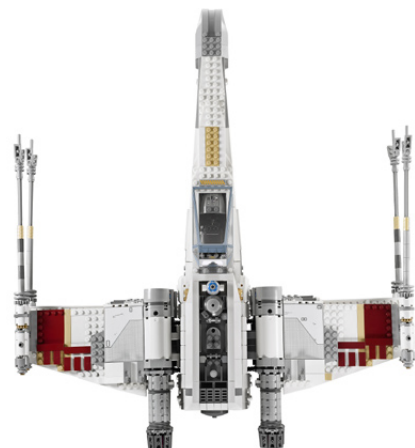
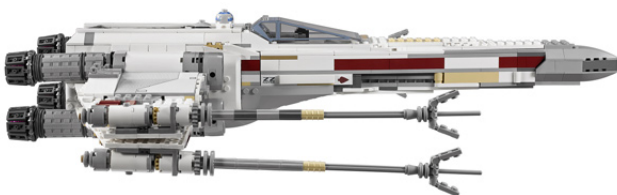
the large amount of detail on the inside of the cabin, like the pilot's seat, the different pedals, the control lever, the computer screens and the orientation system with the targeting system.

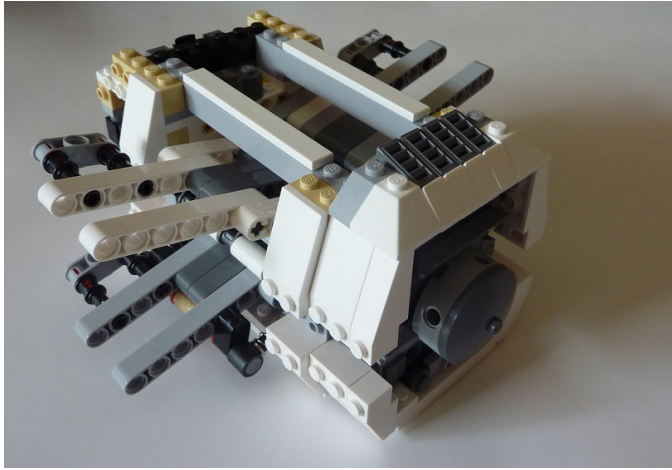
This part is where most of the stickers are used and it is the most complicated phase of the construction of the ship. Especially complicated are the transparent stickers for the cabin for which you need to be very careful not to leave any bubbles, which can be difficult. LEGO, aware of the difficulty, provides a second sticker sheet for this part. I miss the inclusion of the landing gear, which would have been a great addition to the model.

Next you proceed to build the console for exhibiting the set and which holds the sticker with the technical data of the T-65 X-Wing Starfighter. As a negative point, I miss the possibility of placing the ship vertically. The only option available is placing the ship at an inclination, simulating take-off.

Now it is time to build the four wings, These are built in identical pairs. First you build the lower left and upper right with bag #7. Then you build the upper left and lower right with bag #8.

The Technic construction that is used to combine the wings and the ship is quite interesting, as well as the "X"-shape you get with the wings in attack mode.

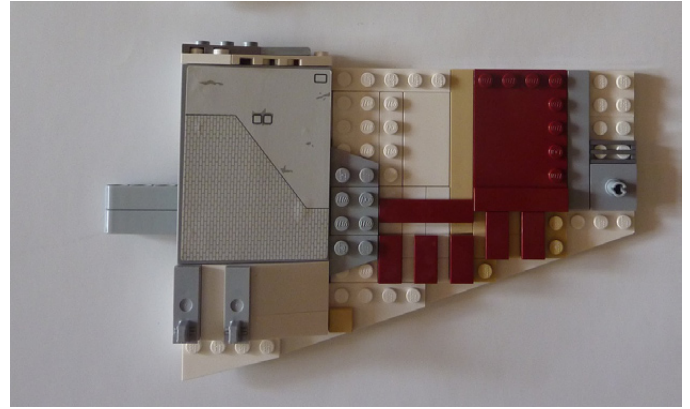




The next part of the construction consists in the motors and turbines with the pieces in bag #9. Just like in the case of the wings, the process is based on repeated constructions,

You can see that in contrast to the 7191, the exhausts have been redesigned, giving them an improved appearance, and Trans-Dark Pink elements have been added to simulate the light of the motors, adding realism compared to what you see in the films of the saga.

Finally, you build the ship's cannons, using bag #10 and without any complicated construction you get four canons to add to the wings.



In conclusion, this model is quite an interesting and entertaining build and gives a fan of the Star Wars™ saga an opportunity to have a more than acceptable recreation of the mythical X-Wing, in addition to owning a UCS.

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