

REVIEW: 75095 TIE FIGHTER

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Set: 75095 TIE Fighter™

Parts: 1685

Minifigs: 1

After the UCS version of the 10240 Red Five X-wing Starfighter which appeared in 2013, a review of which you can read in HBM017, it was clear that LEGO would soon release a worthy rival for this ship. And here we are, the latest Star Wars™ UCS model, the 75095 TIE Fighter™, the mythical fighter with twin ion motors and a single pilot at the service of the Galactic Empire.

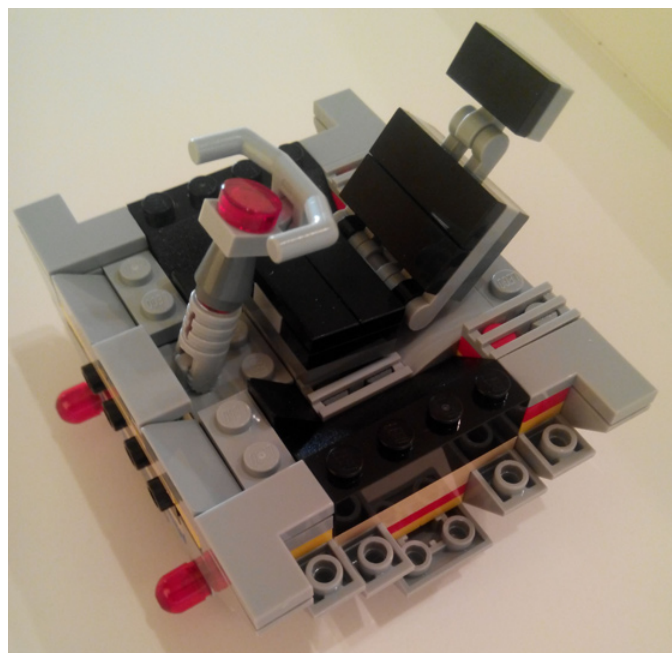


Upon opening the box you find numbered bags from 1 to 12. Some numbers consist of two bags. There is also a sticker sheet and an instruction manual. In addition to building instructions, the manual contains some historical background information and characteristics of the TIE Fighter, as well as an interview with the designer of the model, Olav Krøigaard.

The set includes a TIE Fighter pilot minifig, with blaster gun and silk printed chest, back, arms, hips, legs and helmet, a support to display the ship and a plaque with information.



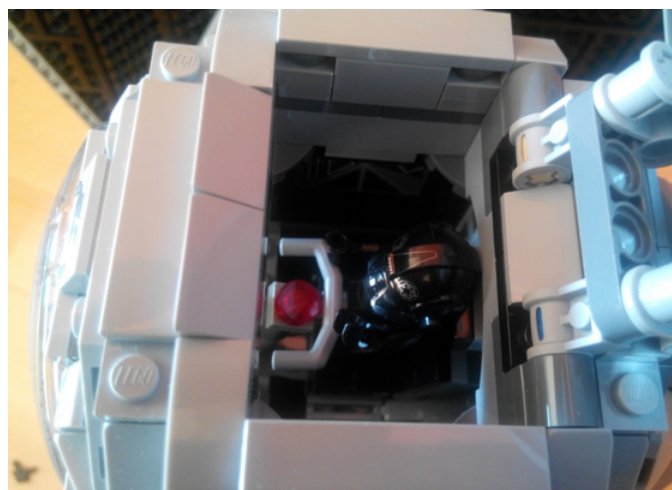
Construction of the ship begins with the cockpit, which consists of a seat and steering bars. This step also includes the construction of two small laser cannons which are part of the TIE Fighter.



Next, you build the arms that will connect the cockpit to the large wings.

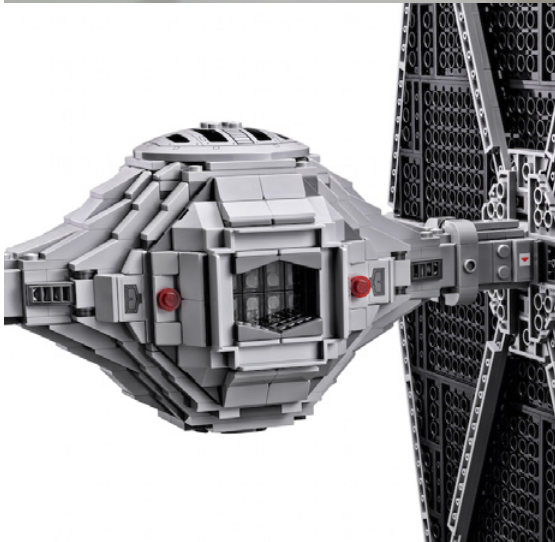
Then you build the top hatch which can open and will provide access to the cockpit in order to place the pilot inside.

After that you build the front and back which is where the ion engines are located.



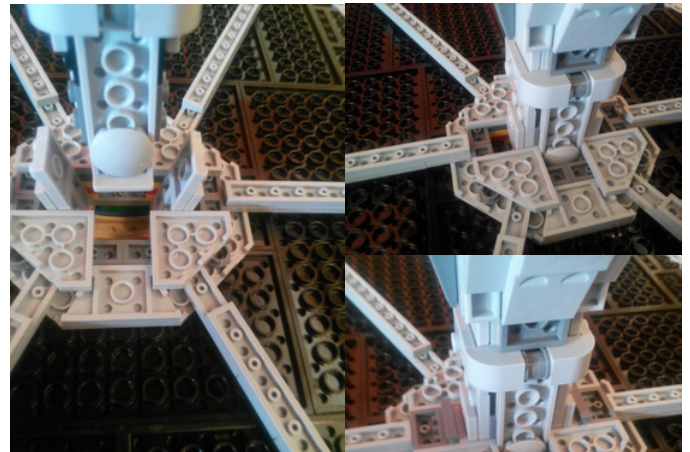


The wing construction may at first look quite fragile, but they are certainly not.



After building the wings we just need to connect them to the ship.

The arm of the cockpit is strongly anchored to the wing, which adds strength to the model and with the addition of a 2x2 tile a 2 small wedges the connection becomes really stable, giving the whole build a lot of stability.

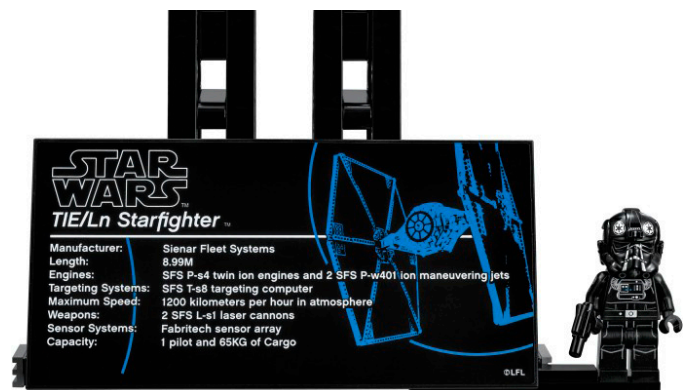


Finally, only the display stand is left, which is built mainly with Technic parts. The support has a studless base so after placing the ship on it, you can rotate it 360°

Once you have the ship with its two arms you move on to building the two big black hexagonal wings that are characteristic of the TIE Fighter.

This stage of the building process is quite repetitive since you need to build 4 identical modules that make up the wings, two for each.

The main characteristic of the wings is the grey line that goes around the border and the diagonals, both on the inside and the outside, starting from the centre of the wings and extending to the corners and they are connected with a mechanical Battle Droid arm.



After finishing the build, the ship is 47 cm high, 30,6 cm long and 31 cm wide.

As a conclusion, this model is quite easy and fast to build and is aesthetically very good. The only weak point is the inside of the cockpit which could have done with a little more detail.

A must-have for any Star Wars™ UCS collector.

