

PAINTING GUIDE FOR MODERN US VEHICLES

This guide explains how the TTTS truck models appearing in the box photos were painted.

The model is FULLY assembled and primed in Flat Black enamel. Any missed spots are then touched up with Flat Black acrylic paint.

The color paint is Tamiya acrylic thinned with Tamiya X-20 thinner 50% and applied with an airbrush. Coverage is built up slowly and the black undercoat is left in shadow areas.

When satisfied with your paint job, apply a good gloss finish using Tamiya X-22. Allow to dry overnight.

The fine 'black lining' is achieved with Flory wash. This link includes a video explaining how to use it. <http://www.florymodels.co.uk/washes/>

After you are satisfied with the effect from the wash, you will need to seal it with a clear matt finish like Dullcote. Let dry overnight.

This is the time to perhaps lightly drybrush the model with a lighter tone of the basic color. You only need to highlight the edges and raised details.

Detail painting is straight forward with acrylics. Remember, tires are dark grey, not black. Tail lights and running lights are silver with a thin coat of red or orange ink. A final coat of gloss to the windows and you are done.

Colors: US Desert Tan (FS 23578) can be achieved by mixing Tamiya XF-60 Dark Yellow and XF-2 Flat White in 50/50% with a drop or two of XF-7 Flat Red added.

Tamiya also makes the colors for the NATO TriColor scheme: XF-67 NATO Green, XF-68 NATO Brown and XF-69 NATO Black. These can be used without modification. XF-67 is also the color for solid green vehicles.