

T/37 Pearls:

Ink Jet Graphic Surfaces and Skins

Ink jet graphics and text printed on plain paper can be incorporated into the finished surfaces of your T/37 hull, deck, and blades.

Plain paper lends itself to the purpose with the penetrating quality of the West System epoxy provided in the T/37 kit. Wet epoxy should be applied without thickeners to the subsurface and to both sides of the paper. Ink should be fully dry before applying epoxy to avoid runs.

Note that the paper will become somewhat translucent, partly revealing the subsurface.

In this photo the white lettering on the rudder is dull because the epoxy and fillet powder of the subsurface shows through.

The bright white of the transom was achieved simply by priming the transom with a white primer before applying the paper skin with epoxy.

(The background around the letters on the rudder is ink, colored to resemble the painted hull. See the detail inset of the printed skins.)



Details of transom and rudder skins



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