

XP-72 Build

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This is going to be the last section describing the XP-72 project. My intention here was to simply hit the high points that I thought would be the most interesting. Those wanting to see an in depth report on the building of this plane please visit the RC Scale builder web site.

https://www.rcscalebuilder.com/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=29339&PN=1&TPN=1

One thing that really caused me problems was the finish on the model. I have seen pictures of 36599 in both painted and unpainted aluminum finish. I thought this is going to be easy. I'll just get some rattle can gloss and done deal. I just couldn't get it to look right. I sanded down and repainted the cowling two or three times. One major issue was after the paint dried you would get aluminum dust all over you while handling the dried parts.

The second problem would be the wood surface while glassed was not as fine a finish as the cowling and we would not get a good match with a high gloss paint.

I wasn't going to spend the money to use auto/air motive paint on something I wasn't sure was even going to survive the first flight. Spraying clear gloss solved that the rubbing off problem, but looked really phony.



Shopping at Home Depot I found Rustoleum makes an acrylic paint in several metallic colors. The aluminum was perfect for our project.

The vinyls : Callie Graphics, <https://callie-graphics.com>



Hope you found this interesting if you have questions:

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