



**MIKE ASHEY PRODUCTIONS  
PRESENTS  
TRUMPETER 1/32 SCALE SBD DAUNTLESS  
TAPE UP REVIEW**

This tape up review is applicable to the entire Trumpeter 1/32 scale SBD series.

The Trumpeter 1/32 scale SBD Dauntless is an impressive model when completed and it is one of the best “out of the box” cockpit builds of any kit in this scale. The only additional photoetch detailing needed for the cockpit would be the Eduard pre-painted photoetch seat belt set. The engine is well detailed and there are also detail parts for the area between the firewall and the engine heat shield. The fuselage halves between the heat shield and the firewall will need some tweaking to get them to fit correctly and it is recommended that these clear parts be primed to improve the seam work visibility. The fuselage fits together well, however the wing to fuselage fit has some small voids that will need to be filled.

The plastic is rather thin for a 1/32 scale kit and it is recommended that interior reinforcement and laminations be added to strengthen the model so that there is no flexing, which can crack a seam.







