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**TAMIYA 1/350 SCALE USS MISSOURI, BB-63
TAPE UP REVIEW**

The Tamiya 1/350 scale Missouri has been on hobby store shelves since the 1980's. It is an impressive kit considering its age and while it does have some short comings it can easily be built into an impressive model.

The superstructure sides lack detail such as hatches, portholes and exterior vents and storage boxes, all of which can easily be added. The raised wood deck detail is inconsistent over the main deck surfaces, but once its painted it is hardly noticed. The main deck is in three sections and there is a gap between the center main deck section and the main forward section. These gaps can be filled with plastic strip, but you need to be sure that they are level with the deck surface. Once the strips are in place you can scribe them to match the surrounding wood decking.

There are also some minor voids around the forward superstructure area that can either be filled using white glue or covered with .030 inch half round and quarter round strips. There are also deck inserts for the main deck 20mm locations and all of them have tiny voids that can be easily filled using .010 inch to .015 inch thick strips. The pictures depict the strips already added and trimmed and sanded for a tight fit except for one of the bow locations so that you can see how the strips are glued into place.

















