

Titanic Research & Modeling Association

Versions of the Minicraft Titanic model kit

Over the years the Minicraft Titanic kit has undergone a number of different versions, improvements and upgrades. This guide will show recent and present versions and the differences between them.



1997: the new "Accurized" kit came out. Extensive retooling of the molds following input from TRMA members and others corrected numerous inaccuracies in the kit and included a new Forecastle Deck, elimination of the "X"s cast into the coaling doors of the hull, changes to skylights, and corrections to the well decks.

There are two versions of this kit, "Standard" and "Deluxe". Both kits are identical, except the Deluxe kit came with a sheet of photoetched brass railings. The Standard kit is shown below left. The Deluxe kit is shown below right.

Standard



Deluxe



2002-2003: The box cover design for the Deluxe kit was changed to the one at left. The kit remained the same; only the box cover changed. The box cover for the Standard kit remains unchanged.

2008-2009: Extensive cleanup work was done on the molds to restore their original quality. At the same time Minicraft changed to a different factory supplier. The result was that kit parts once again had clearly-defined detail and clean, well-defined window openings with a minimum of flashing and excess material. However, there was no box change - kits produced with the revamped molds were packaged in the same box. There is one way to differentiate the "new" kits though: There is a side panel that shows age recommendations. Old kits show 36 months (obviously too young). Kits showing this are old kits made at the old factory. New kits and new factory production may show two recommended ages that could be: 8 years (first new factory production) or 14 years (second new factory production). Either the "8 years and older" kit or the "14 years and older" kit contain parts trees made at the new factory with the re-cleaned molds.

NOTE: Minicraft does not rotate stock with retailers or suppliers when a new kit comes out. As stock can sit on a distributor or retailer's shelves for years before being sold, the only way to guarantee purchasing the newest version of the kit is to order it directly from Minicraft.

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