

Kit Review

Kit: Revell Ferrari F430 kit #85-2033

Scale: 1:24th

Manufacture: Revell

Price: \$10.00 at Wal Mart

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1:1 Vehicle Info: The Ferrari F430 was made available back in 2005 as a replacement to the 360 line of cars, that included the Spyder and Modena. It was built as a major improvement, over the 360 in performance and technology, which much of which was developed by their Formula 1 program. This included steering wheel, electronic differential, and transmission; which allows upshifts in a quick 150 milliseconds. The car is equipped with a 4.3 Liter, V8 engine; that makes about 490 horsepower. This when combined with the 6 speed gear box makes the car capable of 0 to 60 mph times of under 4 seconds, and a top speed of over 190 mph. Base price for the 1:1 car start at \$175,000.

Kit: The kit is a fairly nice kit when you first open up the box. There is a bag of about 75 to 80 white plastic parts, a bag with a chrome sprue, 4 tires, and a separate bag of clear plastic parts. The molding was really crisp and strong, release except a few parts that had a bit of mold flash but it is easy to clean up. The detail is relatively good throughout the kit, and it is not hidden after painting. Assembly is fairly straight forward throughout the build, just be sure to do plenty of test fitting before any assembly to make sure all parts fit well. One major fitting issue that I had was when doing the final fit of the body to the chassis. The fit problem I had with this is around the engine assembly which is attached to the chassis and then slides up inside the engine compartment. It is a very close fit and it takes a lot of time and extra looking around to make sure the fit is right in the end. Otherwise there are no major fitting issues that I found. The decals in the kit are fairly nice and include many details; including dash gauges, body and wheel emblems, and other details. The only problem with the decals are that, instead of mesh for the body vents, decals are provided which look very unrealistic. The best advice would be to use these for some aftermarket photo etched mesh. This kit is fairly nice throughout, it has highs and lows but its just like all kits. If you take you time and be sure to test fit parts before final assembly then the finished model will look great. I would recommend this kit to anybody who enjoys building cars and autos.