Product guide Step by Step

AV vallejo

Tutorial

Decal Softener & Decal Fix

Decal Softener and Decal fix, usefull for placing wet decals over the model and increasing the adherence of the decal to the model.

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1 A thin coat of White Grey 71.119 is airbrushed. This will be the background of the graffiti, like in a real situation.



2 For the initial steps we will need Gloss Varnish 70.510, Decal Fix 73.213 and Decal Softener 73.212. Also a medium size flat brush, water and tweezers



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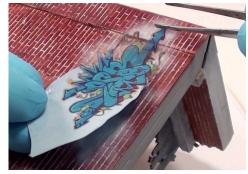
We apply a coat of Gloss Varnish and let it dry well. The gloss varnish will turn the surface totally flat. If you have a paint texture on surface, those texture spots will create micro air balloons between the decal and the surface. So, you will end up with the "silvering" effect.



4 We cut the desired decal and submerge it into water for a few seconds.



5 While the decal is submerged into the water, we apply a thin coat of Decal Fix. The product is a water based solution which will increase the adhesive properties of the decal.



6 Now, we can remove the decal from the support.



With the help of tweezers and a flat brush we put the decals in the desired spot and gently we remove the excess of water.



Once the excess of water is removed, we apply a thin coat of Decal Softener. Should be applied over the decal and let it to dry for about 2 hours.



The final step is airbrushing a thin layer of Matt Varnish 70.520 over the decals. This will eliminate any gloss effects from the decal film or any shine from the products previously applied.

