

CHOOSING YOUR FIRST GLUE 1.2

You have bought your model but now you are going to need something to stick it together with. Things have moved on from sticky tubes of glue that make a mess of everything life is a lot easier these days. The following is a list of the most widely used glues for plastic models.

1. TRADITIONAL TUBES OF GLUE

Back in the day kits would often come with a little tube of glue or you would buy a tube over the counter. These were often very messy to use and left visible joints on your model. These glues are still available but hardly ever used.

2. GLUE WITH A TUBE

Revell sell a liquid glue in a blue plastic container with a long metal tube for precise application. This glue is pretty good but takes a while to set and the tube can get blocked. You can unblock it with a gently flame to melt the glue free but take care.

3. LIQUID GLUE

This is now the most widely used of glues. It comes in a glass bottle with a brush in the lid and is water like in its consistency. Just hold the parts together and brush on the glue. You won't need much.

4. SOLVENT GLUE

This is another form of liquid glue. The solvent temporarily softens the plastic allowing it to fuse together. Unlike traditional glues it leaves no residue as it just softens the plastic and evaporates. BUT don't leave the lid off or it will disappear. It is not gap filling as it only glues where the parts touch.

Tamiya make a very good extra thin glue which is highly recommended – Tamiya Extra Thin Fast Setting we use this at KIDS & KITS.

Be very careful with your glue bottle. Make sure the lid is always replaced as the glue can evaporate or worse you knock the bottle over, that will ruin your day and anything it spills on.