

Eaglemoss – Star Trek Starship Collection Issue 1

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As the misty days of autumn fast approach, it seems that the good people of part work land have decided that everyone's ready to start collecting something again. Among the flurry of new titles, the most interesting to gamers is likely to be The Star Trek Starships Collection. As usual it appears at a bargain price (£1.99) of the regular price will be £9.99. And what a ship to start with of the NCC-1701-D, the Enterprise of Star Trek The Next Generation of as big a ship as you can get.

One part of the collection consists of a magazine with details of the ship in question of including its fictional screen life, the intricacies of any special features (command saucer separation gets an in-depth focus here) and also the behind-the-scenes special effects and design process for the starship. It's actually pretty good for a part work magazine. However, the really important thing is the model, and it's a pretty good model. It's about 14cm long and 10cm wide, mostly diecast with some plastic elements (the warp nacelles for example) and it comes with a 'flying' stand. Nicely painted and detailed with decals, it looks the part. I have to say that this is not my favourite Enterprise (Kirk's ship will forever hold pride of place for me), but, given that, it is a very good representation. NC-1701 will eventually appear I am sure, but probably not for a while, as the second issues will be the refitted NC-1701 from the first Star Trek film.



From the previous dimensions given for this model, it is approximately 1:4600 scale, and this, of course is going to be the gaming problem with this part work of the ships, by necessity, are all going to be 12-14cm long, meaning that they will be in wildly different scales. It's a necessity of course of who'd buy a 2cm long scout ship for £10?

The general approach with such part works is that the first six or so issues will be available in shops, and thereafter generally only by placing a regular order with the newsagent. To encourage direct subscriptions, the publisher Eaglemoss is offering quite a generous-sized discount to catch a mackerel of a copy of the dedication plaque from the Enterprise D, a binder

for the magazines, a model of the future Enterprise-D from ST-TNG's last episode, a light-up Borg Cube and access to digital copies of the magazines. And whilst I don't think I'll be signing up, for £1.99 this first issue really cannot be faulted - which is probably why I purchased five copies. I do have an idea for a game as well!

The Star Trek Starship Collection is available from shops in the UK, Eire and Malta, but the Eaglemoss website (<http://www.startrek-starships.com/eng/ship-order.html>) has details for US subscriptions as well. They also list the first 30 or so ships that are to be released in the series.