

Citadel Miniatures “Finecast”

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Games Workshop has introduced a new line of products recently, the Citadel Finecast range of miniatures. I hadn't purchased a Games Workshop product in years, but still read the magazine “White Dwarf” which covers the Games Workshop range of games. The Finecast products seemed to be an attempt to produce a higher quality figure in resin, as opposed to metal which was Games Workshop's standard for special and intricate models such as character figures.

I got a first hand look at the Finecast models at a local store which carries nearly the entire Games Workshop range. Impressed with the quality, I was completely convinced to make a purchase when I saw a Finecast set of Chaos Raptors, previously metal-only miniatures of armored Chaos Space Marines equipped with jet packs and cocky poses. On a sour note that almost every Games Workshop aficionado can relate too, the material of the miniatures had changed, but the price had not. For 5 resin figures I paid a crushing \$40, only \$5 less than when this particular set was sold in metal. \$8 a figure is outrageous, but as I overheard a fellow store patron comment, “As long as they keep making them, I will keep buying them.”



I returned home, intent on putting the figures together that day when I made a bit of a flub. It took me a bewildered few minutes of using plastic cement to realize that clearly it would not work on resin and I needed super glue. With super glue in hand the next day, I removed the parts from the sprue and removed the flash, which was negligible and all easy taken off. Examining the pieces close up it was clear to me that the resin figures, while not

re-sculpted, were much crisper and appealing to the eye than when they were done in metal. The Chaos Raptor figures in metal were notorious for being top heavy and while their dynamic sculpting added appeal, it also meant they fell over often. While this weight defect was remedied by using the much lighter resin, the Champion figure required some use of “green stuff” epoxy putty to sculpt a thicker attachment to the base to keep him upright.

I have primed the Finecast figures, and they have joined a large queue of unpainted miniatures. I am overall pleased with Citadel's Finecast range for its improvement of the quality of the figures, but am disappointed that Games Workshop did not lower the prices for the products.



Example Sprue of a Finecast Castings