

Tie Striker model from Hot Wheels

Price: RRP £7.99, but actually £1.00

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The Star Wars story Rogue One sits a little off the main plot lines of the trilogy of trilogies that form the core descriptions of the Star Wars universe. As well as introducing a whole range of new characters and new planets, it also had appearances by a number of vehicles and spaceships that we hadn't seen before. One of these is the Tie Striker. Although it looks very similar to the more familiar Tie



Fighter, the TIE Striker is actually designed as an in-atmosphere air support vehicle and on this model the two wings are hinged making them poseable. The TIE Striker, according to reference books - such as Star Wars Rogue One Ultimate Visual Guide - is not meant to operate in space, however if you don't tell anyone, I won't either if it turns up in a Science Fiction fighter battle tabletop game!

The same reference work states that the TIE Striker is 17.18m long, and this model is 85mm, making it approximately 1/200th scale and spot on for 10mm figures. As is typical in these off-the-box scale models, this makes it out of scale with the TIE fighter and the X-Wings produced by Hot Wheels. But not by so much that it really spoils the effect if they are in close proximity on the table.

I've always liked the TIE Fighter shape, and the Striker reuses -- or closely references -- several significant features of that spaceship which gives a pleasing continuity.

These models are currently passing through low price outlets such as Poundland and for that price they won't be around for long !





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