

Hot Wheels – Resistance X-Wing Fighter

Price: RRP £7.99, but actually £1.00

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There are several different types of small fighter spaceships in the Star Wars Rebel Alliance fleets, but the most iconic is the X-Wing fighter. It's the 'Spitfire' to the Imperial forces Tie-Fighter 'Messerschmitt'. The example here is taken from the more recent Star Wars films and represents an upgrade over the kind of X-Wing that we saw in the original film flown by Luke Skywalker and his comrades. This updated X-Wing is the machine which featured in the low-level approach over a lake during



the Battle of Takodana in 'The Force Awakens' film. The main differences are in the surface area of the wing and the engine shape. Reliable sources give the overall length of the X-Wing fighter as 13.4 metres, this model is 75mm long making its scale approximately 1/180th – a little big for 6mm figures, a little small for 15mm but pretty much spot on for 10mm figures. It's a pity that it is a slightly smaller scale than the Tie-Fighter also made by Hot Wheels (reviewed in April 2017), but the difference is small enough that they don't look too odd together.

One thing that is really nice about this model is the flight stand. Earlier releases in this range had a perfectly reasonable stand – however it doubled up as a 'clip-on' to the finger to allow the ship to be flown around. Perfectly acceptable for a

toy, but a little odd looking for a 'serious' wargaming application. As can be seen in the pictures, the stand is now far less intrusive.

For the frankly ludicrous price of £1, as the last stocks are remaindered off, this is a model no Science Fiction wargamer would easily resist.

