

How to Chip Paint

Here is how I chip my model planes. Before I get to this stage I have painted the model with a base coat of alum before painting the final colors. (the alum acts as a primer and helps create a more vibrant color on overlaying paints) On the model below I have painted the model gloss coated for decals, decaled and gloss coated again for panel lines. Now it is ready for chipping.



I use the tool below to do my chipping...(basically a point on a stick. Got this in an old x-acto kit)



All I do then is literally scratch off the overcoats of paint down to the silver, I just have to be careful not to scratch through the silver, but the effect is worth it.





The pressure needed to get started depends on how thick the cover paint is. I just start gently scratching until I break through the cover paint. After that the paint starts to flake off easier.

It is now ready for dull coat and weathering...