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This is the fourth issue of *Gundam Forward*, a magazine dedicated to “reporting from the forefront of Gundam” by providing the latest information and professional modelers’ Gunpla production techniques, as well as other useful information for building Gunpla.

This issue includes *New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz*, an OVA from the *Mobile Suit Gundam Wing* series. A slew of kits based on the show have recently been released. To commemorate the release of the latest kit, MG Wing Gundam Zero EW Ver. Ka, we built all five character’s Gundam units (early types) to show you! Stay tuned until the end for a series of articles featuring the most recent Gundam content!



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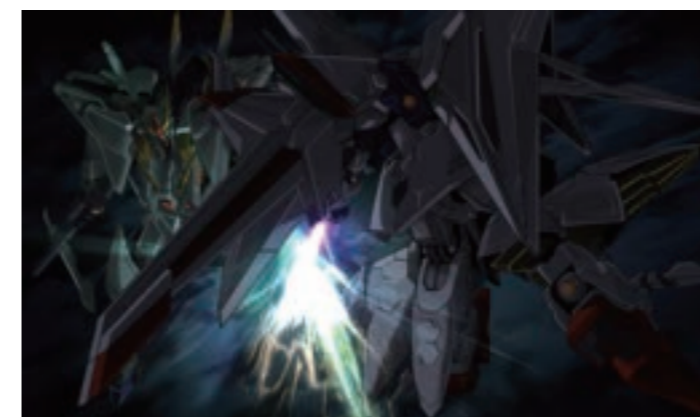
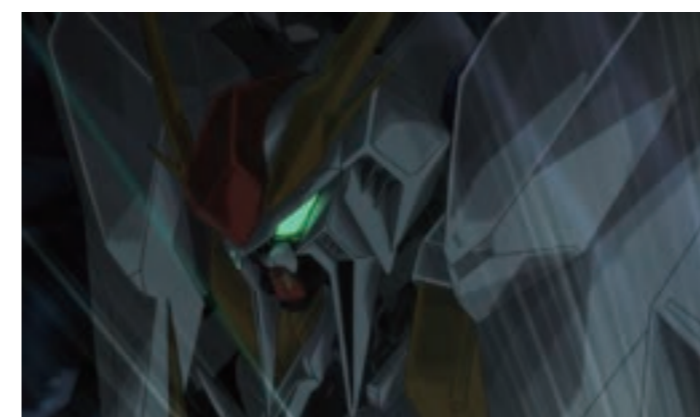
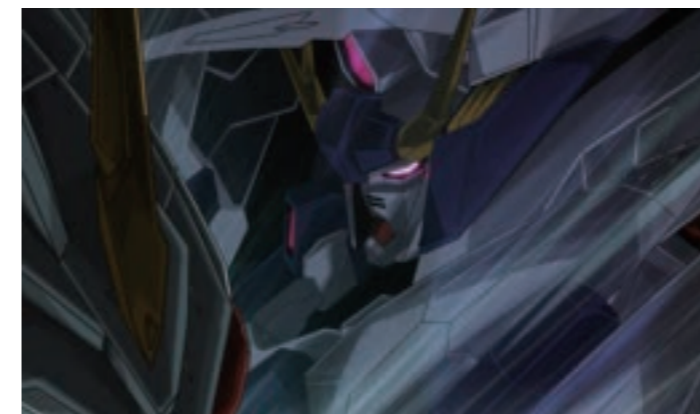
*This ebook is based on a book published on November 4, 2020.



MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM HATHAWAY

May 7, 2021
Roadshow throughout Japan

The release date for *Mobile Suit Gundam Hathaway*, a film based on a novel by Yoshiyuki Tomino in 1989, was set for May 7, 2021. The film was supposed to be released in 2020, but it was delayed due to the spread of the Coronavirus epidemic. Nonetheless, many fans had been anticipating the film with bated breath. In addition to the release date, a new visual, an official design of the protagonist's mobile suit, "ΞGundam," and information about an HG model based on it were revealed. In anticipation of this movie there are things we can do to prepare for watching it. These options include watching *Mobile Suit Gundam: Char's Counterattack*, a film with a storyline that eventually connects to the story of this new film, reading Tomino's original novel, or simply sitting back and waiting to see it.



STAFF

Planning and Production: Sunrise
 Original Story: Yoshiyuki Tomino, Hajime Yatate
 Directed: Shukou Murase
 Screenplay: Yasuyuki Muto
 Character Design: Pablo Uchida, Naoyuki Onda, Shigeki Kuhara
 Original Character Design: Haruhiko Mikimoto
 Mechanical Design: Hajime Katoki, Kimitoshi Yamane, Seiichi Nakatani, Nobuhiko Genba
 Original Mechanical design: Yasuhiro Morimoto
 Color Designer: Takako Suzuki
 Director of Photography: Kentaro Waki
 CG Director: Takayuki Masuo, Tomohiro Fujie
 Editing: Daisuke Imai
 Sound Director: Eriko Kimura
 Music: Hiroyuki Sawano
 Ending Theme song: *Senkou* by [Alexandros]

STORY

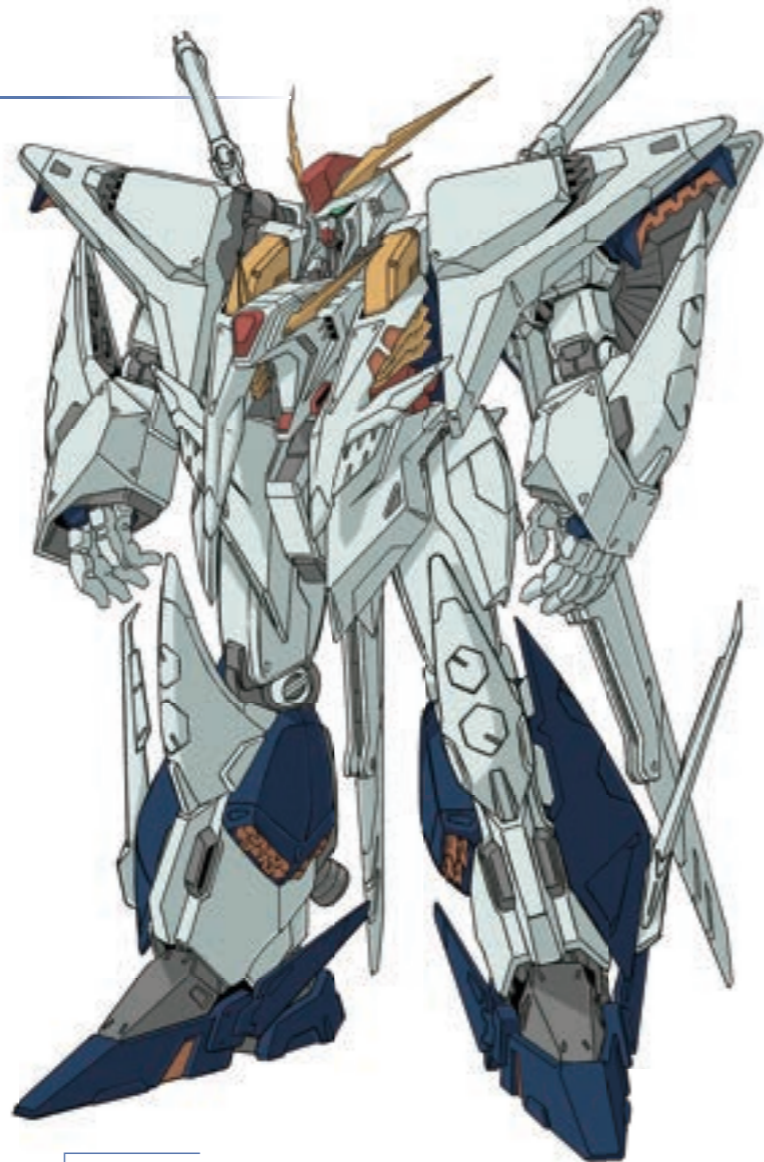
U.C.0105 – Twelve years after the Second Neo Zeon War (Char's Rebellion), the Earth Federation government's corruption has accelerated the Earth's pollution, and it is also carrying out an inhumane policy of the "manhunt," in which civilians are forcibly taken into space. However, it is now threatened by "Mafty," a terrorist organization against the Earth Federation that begins its resistance with the brutal act of assassinating high-ranking Federal government officials under the leader, Mafty Navue Erin. His true identity is "Hathaway," the son of Colonel Bright Noah of the Federation Army, who also fought in the One Year War. Hathaway attempts to carve a path for himself as a warrior who carries the ideals and will of Amuro Ray and Char Aznable. However, his fate is drastically altered when he meets Federation Colonel Kenneth Slegg and a mysterious, beautiful girl named Gigi Andalusia.



Ξ Gundam

Design/ Hajime Katoki, Seiichi Nakatani

It is procured by the Anti-Earth Federation movement Mafty for the attack on the Adelaide conference. Like the RX-104FF Penelope, it is classified as a fifth-generation MS developed and constructed by Anaheim Electronics. However, it is a unique MS with a more advanced built-in Minovsky Flight Unit. It is more than 26 meters tall and has considerably larger arms than regular mobile suits, giving it an alien shape despite its "Gundam" name.



Comment from Kensho Ono as Hathaway Noah

We had to keep you waiting for a long time due to the coronavirus, but now that the release date has been set, everyone will be able to see the film! I can't help but be excited about it, so please keep an eye out for it!

Despite its small size, it faithfully reproduces the official design!

To commemorate the film's release, the Ξ Gundam was released in the FW GUNDAM CONVERGE. While it is the first item to be released as a 3D finished product, it has been sculpted to capture its distinctive shape accurately.



FW GUNDAM CONVERGE EX34 Ξ Gundam
 ● Released by Bandai Candy Division ● 3,500 yen, released in May 2021



◀ It has long, sharp antenna, a tiny face, and enormous forearms compared to the main torso, reflecting the new official design.

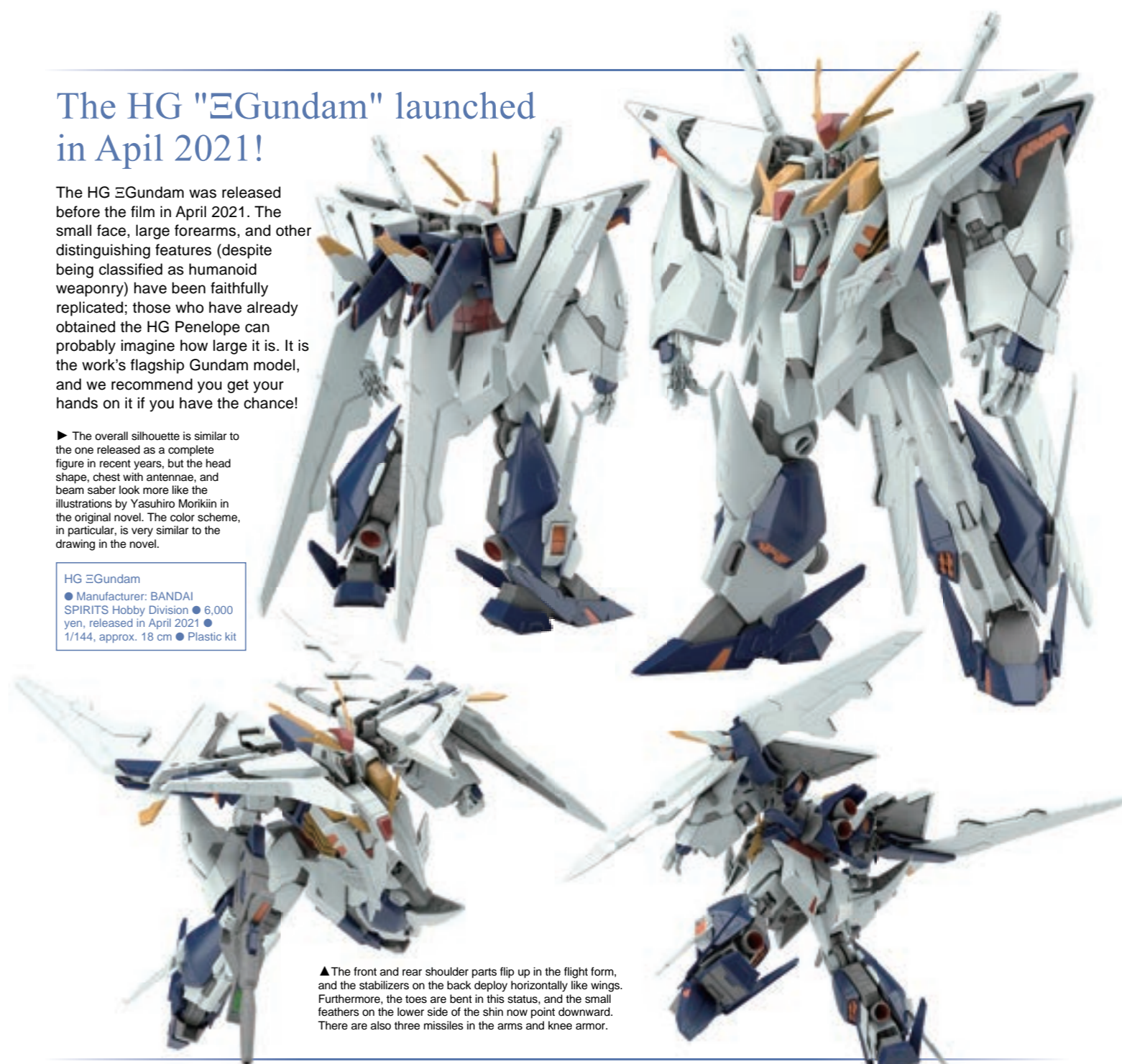
▲ Two shots with Penelope. The "EX30 Penelope" was released in April 2020.

The HG "Ξ Gundam" launched in April 2021!

The HG Ξ Gundam was released before the film in April 2021. The small face, large forearms, and other distinguishing features (despite being classified as humanoid weaponry) have been faithfully replicated; those who have already obtained the HG Penelope can probably imagine how large it is. It is the work's flagship Gundam model, and we recommend you get your hands on it if you have the chance!

▶ The overall silhouette is similar to the one released as a complete figure in recent years, but the head shape, chest with antennae, and beam saber look more like the illustrations by Yasuhiro Morikiri in the original novel. The color scheme, in particular, is very similar to the drawing in the novel.

HG Ξ Gundam
 ● Manufacturer: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division ● 6,000 yen, released in April 2021 ● 1/144, approx. 18 cm ● Plastic kit

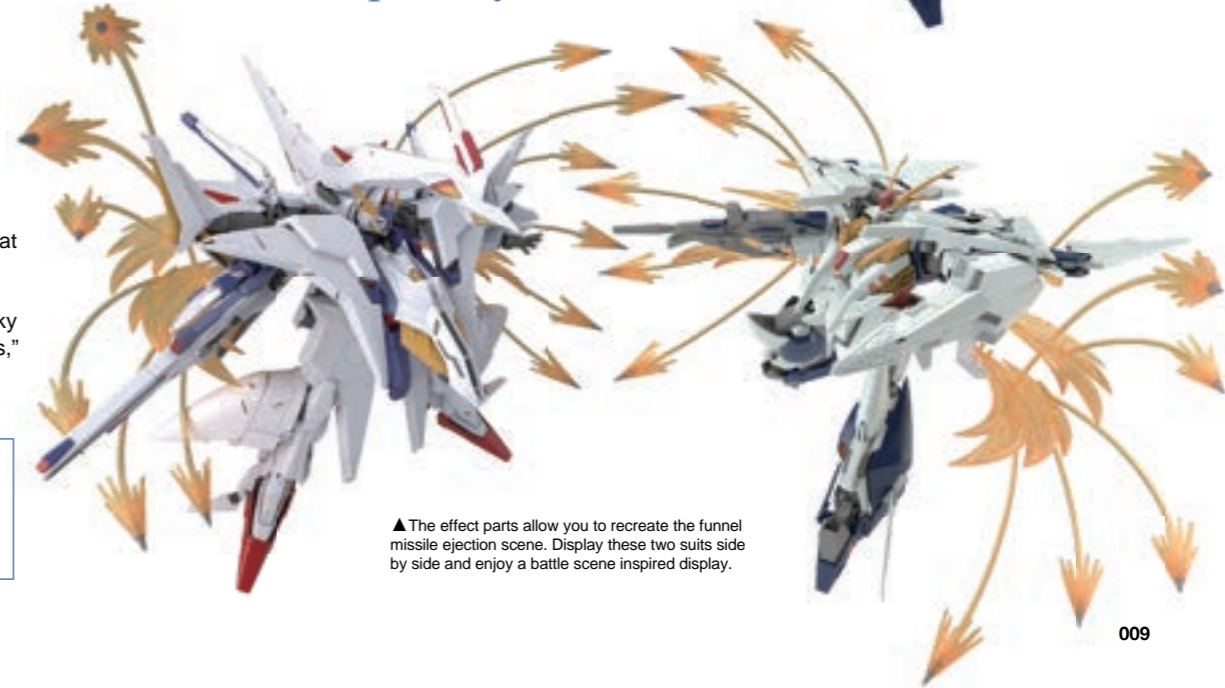


▲ The front and rear shoulder parts flip up in the flight form, and the stabilizers on the back deploy horizontally like wings. Furthermore, the toes are bent in this status, and the small feathers on the lower side of the shin now point downward. There are also three missiles in the arms and knee armor.

With funnel and missile effect parts, you can recreate aerial battles!

Released simultaneously with the Ξ Gundam and Penelope sets, is the "HG Gundam VS Penelope Funnel Missile Effect Set," which includes funnel missiles and their ejection effect parts. The movie contains many aerial combat scenes, and this luxurious set allows you to recreate these scenes with "Minovsky Flight" and "Funnel Missiles," signature equipment for these two mobile suits.

HG Ξ Gundam VS Penelope Funnel Missile Effect Set
 ● Manufacturer: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division ● 15,800 yen, released in April 2021 ● 1/144, approx. 18 cm ● Plastic kit



▲ The effect parts allow you to recreate the funnel missile ejection scene. Display these two suits side by side and enjoy a battle scene inspired display.



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 Director: Masami Obari
 Screen Play: Yasuyuki Muto
 Original Character Design Concept: Kazuhiro Harakazu
 Character Design: Tamari Toida
 Chief Mechanical Animator: Nobuya Kusubamegi
 Art Work: Studio Naya
 Music: Hideakira Kimura
 Planning cooperation: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division, SOTSU
 Production SUNRISE BEYOND
 Produced by SUNRISE

STORY
 The Gunpla Battle One-Day Battle Royal is the highlight of the GBN Anniversary event! Divers who have played the most popular games this season will be chosen as contestants. Their models will be chosen randomly from the top Gunpla models in the Gunpla Poll, in which all divers participate! The final round is about to begin, with the block winners competing against each other! Now begins the unpredictable and exceptional Gunpla Dream Battle that no one has ever seen before...

The album of the opening and ending sequence songs of Gundam Build Divers is now on sale!

The best album of theme songs from *Gundam Build Divers* and *Gundam Build Divers Re: RISE* was released. The album contains the *Gundam Build Divers* 1st Season opening theme *Diver's High* (sung by SKY-HI), the *Gundam Build Divers Re: RISE* 2nd Season ending theme *Twinkle* (sung by Spira Spica), as well as an insert song in the show, *Heartful* (sung by Spira Spica), and an insert song in the movie, for a total of nine songs. You can now also enjoy the *Gundam Build Divers* series through music.



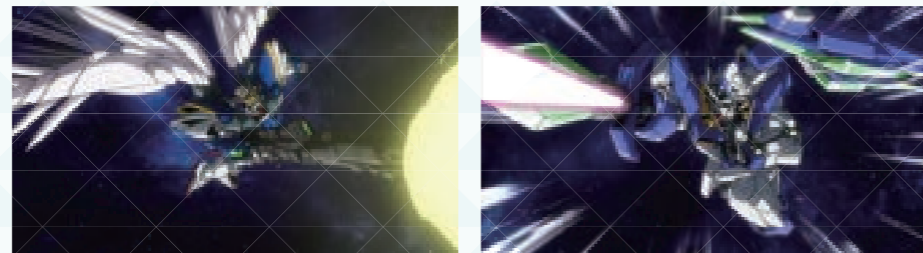
▲ Mechanical designer Kanetake Ebikawa's jacket illustration

Gundam Build Divers THE BEST
 ● Released by SACRA MUSIC ● 2,500 yen, released December 2021 ● CD

THE ULTIMATE BATTLE BETWEEN GUNPLA FROM ALL GENERATIONS!

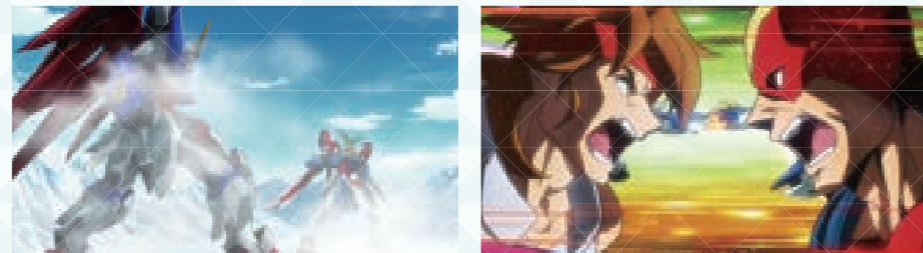
Gundam Build Divers Battlogue is a short film series in which various Gunpla chosen from the HG Kits in the "Gundam Model Kits Grand Vote" special project for Gundam Model Kits' 40th anniversary create a dream match-up. These films are now available on the official Gundam YouTube channel, *Gundam Channel*.

Wing Zero Vs. OO Qan[T]



▲ Parviz and Ayame, who usually use the SD type suit, face off riding Wing Gundam Zero and OO Qan[T], respectively. The OO Qan[T] Ninja's Ninja pose looks hilarious!

Master and Disciple Showdown!



▲ This episode features a master-disciple duel between Kazami's Destiny Gundam and Captain Zion's God Gundam.

▲ It's reminiscent of a scene from *Mobile Fighter G Gundam*. The heated battle comes to an unexpected end.

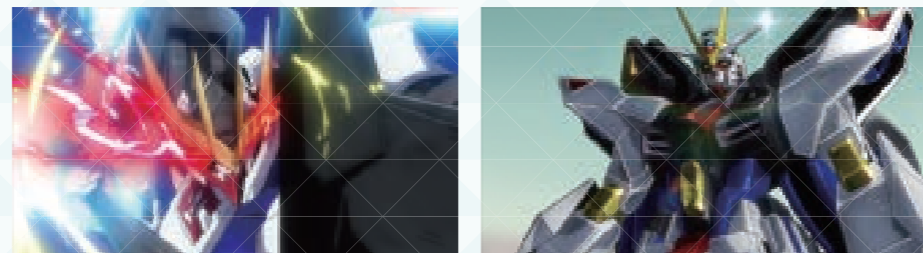
Giant May!?



▲ Mobile Doll May, colored in the Gundam base colors, and Magedge, piloting Gundam Bael, engage in a battle ostensibly for a beauty contest?

▲ But then, out of nowhere, May brings in a II Neo Zeong! The Zeong is, as expected, controlled by a wired analog controller akin to an old video game console.

Take on the most powerful champion!



▲ Hiroto takes on the strongest champion, Kyoya Kujo's Strike Freedom Gundam, with the Gundam Barbatos Lupus Rex. Kyoya is overwhelming in every way, and Hiroto puts his entire heart and soul into the fight.

GUNDAM FACTORY YOKOHAMA

Opened December 19, 2020



"A moving 18-meter-tall life-size Gundam," the dream of all Gundam fans, has finally come true! On December 19, 2020, the Gundam Factory Yokohama, which was announced in January 2020 as part of the Mobile Suit Gundam 40th Anniversary Project, opened. First, let us go over the highlights of this new Gundam location.



*This image is an artist's impression

GUNDAM FACTORY YOKOHAMA
 ● Event Period: Dec 19, 2020 (Sat.) to Mar 31, 2023 (Fri.) Hours Mon-Fri 11:00 to 19:00 (last admission 18:00) Sat/Sun/Holiday 10:00 to 20:00 (last admission 19:00) *Closed on Tuesdays Hours may differ during some periods ● Entrance ticket: Adult (13 years old and over) 1,650 yen (tax included) Children (7 to 12 years old) 1,100 yen (tax included) Children under 6 years old enter free of charge, up to 3 per adult (age at the date of entrance)
 ● Management: Evolving G Inc.
 ● Web Site: <https://gundam-factory.net/>

Experience the "Moving Gundam" up close

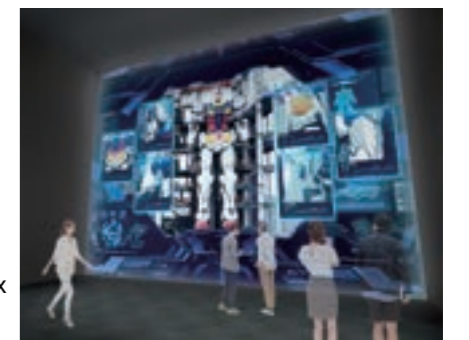
The "GUNDAM-DOCK" is a deck where the "Moving Gundam" is stored and maintenance work is done. This is in addition to the GUNDAM-DOCK TOWER, which can be entered for a fee, allowing visitors to see the Gundam up close from a height of 15-18 m.



▲ It's fun to watch the Gundam's movements from afar, but it's also fun to inspect the details right in front of it if you want to enjoy it from a modeling standpoint.

Find out more about the "Moving Gundam"

The "GUNDAM-LAB" provides an overview of the development process and mechanism of the "Moving Gundam," as well as an AR experience corner. It is a large complex with an exclusive store and café.



▲ On the left is the "GUNDAM Pilot View SoftBank 5G EXPERIENCE," which allows users to share a real-time view with the Gundam via 5G communications. The "GUNDAM Café YOKOHAMA Satellite" is on the right.

1/200 Gunpla giveaway!

To commemorate the opening, a special Gunpla "1/200 RX-78F00 Gundam" was given as a "GUNDAM FACTORY YOKOHAMA" admission bonus (*now closed).



▶ A Gunpla in 1/200 scale is relatively uncommon. The model is small-scale (about 9.5 cm), but it has a high degree of reproducibility in color separation and detail.

Many unique items that you will want to buy if you can!

Several unique items will be available for purchase at the event. There are many other items available in addition to the two Gunpla introduced in this section. First, go to the official website.



1/100 RX-78F00 Gundam
 ● Manufacturer: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division
 ● 3,600 yen, released on December 19, 2020
 ● 1/100, approx. 18cm ● Plastic kit

1/144 RX-78F00 Gundam & Gundam Dock
 ● Manufacturer: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division
 ● 2,500 yen, released on December 19, 2020
 ● 1/144, approx. 13cm ● Plastic kit

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Special Feature:

New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz

The 40th anniversary of Gunpla was celebrated in 2020, and it saw a variety of Gunpla, from memorial models to cutting-edge models. Wing Gundam Zero EW, the third MG model in the Ver. Ka line was released in November. It was produced by Hajime Katoki and with evolutionary elements as a Gunpla. This new kit has also been reborn as the most recent model capable of transforming into the Neo Bird form, which debuted in the manga *New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz: Glory of the Losers*.

In this special issue, we feature the MG Wing Gundam Zero EW Ver. created using the MG Wing Gundam EW Ver. Ka and the five original main Gundam models by talented professional modelers who pushed their techniques to the limit. We hope you enjoy them.

BANDAI SPIRITS 1/100 scale plastic kit "Master Grade"
WING GUNDAM ZERO EW Ver.Ka + WING GUNDAM Ver.Ka
XXXG-01W WING GUNDAM EW
modeled by KOBOPANDA



THE GUNDAM SAGA CONTINUES IN A.C. (AFTER COLONY)

GUNDAM-W Endless Waltz

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Character Design: Shukou Murase
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Junya Ishigaki, Kunio Okawara
Custom Design Cooperation: Yutaka Izubuchi

OUTLINE

This OVA was created in 1997 as a follow-up to *New Mobile Report Gundam Wing*. It is divided into three episodes. While Kunio Okawara designed the main protagonist's Gundam in the TV version, Hajime Katoki designed the OVA version, which was also a hot topic.



Mobile Suit Gundam Wing began as a TV anime in 1995 and has since spread to other forms of media. We will introduce related works here, with a focus on the book's main feature, *New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz*.

New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz STORY

Episode 01 Silent Orbit

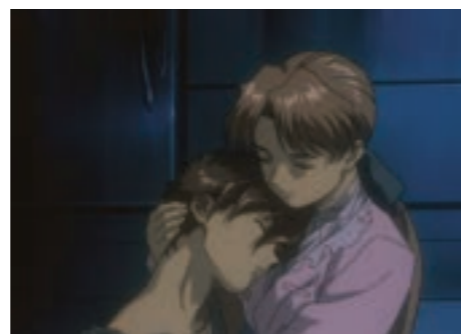
A.C. 196. One year has passed since the United Earth Sphere Alliance and the revolutionary White Fang battle. A mysterious organization led by Mariemaia, a young girl claiming to be Treize Khushrenada's daughter, raises a force. Relena is kidnapped while attending a meeting. Trowa and Wufei, who have joined Mariemaia's military, confront Heero and Duo as they attempt to rescue her.

Episode 02 Operation Meteor

Quatre takes a shuttle to retrieve the four Gundam units that were launched into space in a disposal ship. Meanwhile, Zechs Merquise joins Sally, Noin, and Lady Anne in forming the intelligence organization "Preventer," with the goal of preventing the mastermind, Dekim Barton, from carrying out his heinous acts.

Episode 03 Return to Forever

Even though they share the same ideals, Heero and Wufei are at odds because of differences in their claims. Duo, Trowa, and Quatre join Zechs and Neun in their fight against Mariemaia's forces, but they face an uphill battle due to the overwhelming number of their troops. Wufei, who had previously disagreed with them, rebels against them after learning of the people's desire for peace. Heero, who was attacked by Wufei and crashed into the sea, aims his Twin Buster Rifle at the Mariemaia's Army command center while under attack by the enemy in his half-destroyed Wing Zero.



New Mobile Report Gundam Wing



▲ Heero Yuy, one of the protagonists, chooses self-destruction rather than handing over his Gundam in episode 10. His decision to carry out the will of the colony in this manner astounded the audience at the time.

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OUTLINE & STORY

Airing between April 1995 and March 1996, the story, like *Mobile Fighter G Gundam*, takes place in a different timeline to Universal Century. It begins in the year After Colony 195 with the launch of Operation Meteor, a revolt against the United Earth Sphere Alliance military, which seeks to impose its will on the world through force. The plan is to send five Gundam disguised as meteors and their pilots to Earth.

New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz: Glory of the Losers

The *Gundam W* TV series is recreated in this comic by incorporating and reflecting elements from the OVA *Endless Waltz*. It was serialized in *Gundam Ace* from November 2010 to January 2018 (published by KADOKAWA). Hajime Katoki redesigned all of the Gundam units as NEW versions for this manga; the Wing Gundam is also different from the TV version. Katoki also created new equipment for each Gundam. These Gundam models were sold as Master Grade kits.



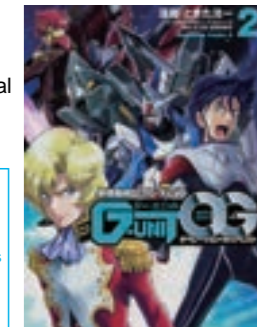
New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Endless Waltz: Glory of the Losers (Kadokawa Comics Ace)
● Publisher: KADOKAWA ● 560 yen, 14 volumes ● B6 size ● Story: Katsuyuki Sumizawa
● Manga: Tomofumi Ogasawara ● Original Story: Hajime Yatate, Yoshiyuki Tomino

New Mobile Report Gundam Wing Dual Story: G-Unit

Set in an industrial colony called MO-V in After Colony 195, the same era as *New Mobile Report Gundam Wing*. The story revolves around G-Unit, a Gundam. It was first published in the May-July 1997 issue of *Comic BomBom* (Kodansha Ltd.) and the spring 1997 extra issue. A new comic book version was released this year by KADOKAWA. The current serialization of *Mobile Suit Gundam Wing G-UNIT Operation Galiarest* in *Gundam Ace* (published by KADOKAWA) depicts the pre-final battle against the special forces group, OZ Prize.

Volume 2 is now on sale!

Mobile Suit Gundam Wing G-UNIT Operation Galiarest (*Gundam Ace* from KADOKAWA)
● Publisher: KADOKAWA ● 620 yen, 2 volumes on sale ● B6 size ● Story & Script: Koichi Tokita
● Mechanical Design: Astrays ● Original story: Hajime Yatate, Yoshiyuki Tomino



New Mobile Report Gundam Wing: Frozen Teardrop

This novel by Katsuyuki Sumizawa was serialized in issues of *Gundam Ace* from August 2010 to January 2016 (published by KADOKAWA). It takes place several decades after *Endless Waltz* in two time axes: Mars, which has changed its calendar from A.C. (After Colony) to M.C. (Mars Century), and Earth prior to the A.C. 190s depicted in the TV anime. Only Heero Yuy, one of the five Gundam pilots, appears in his original form because he was in a cold sleep capsule at the time.



Mobile Suit Gundam Wing: Frozen Teardrop
● Publisher: KADOKAWA ● 660 yen, 13 volumes ● B6 size ● Story: Katsuyuki Sumizawa
● Illustrations: Asagi Sakura, Katoki Hajime ● Original Story: Yatate Hajime, Tomino Yoshiyuki

The Gundam Pilots' personalities can be felt from their character designs

Heero Yuy

▶ A man of few words, frequently makes statements that leave you wanting more information. He is among the best in terms of physical toughness, mental fortitude, and vitality. In the beginning, he was almost cold and stoic, but his demeanor gradually changed, and he began to show his passionate side in the second half of the show.



Duo Maxwell

▶ He has the most upbeat personality of the five and is the type of person you'd want to be friends with. He appears to be a carefree individual, but he has a lot on his mind. He is like a hardworking and caring older brother.



Trowa Barton

▶ He is usually quiet, but when he does speak, he speaks a lot. He has a cold exterior but is considerate and kind on the inside, paying close attention to his surroundings and others while not thinking anything special of it. I wonder what's going on with his bangs...



Quatre Raberba Winner

▶ A gentleman. He is generous to the point of self-sacrifice, which causes him to become frustrated and lose control of himself, which can be dangerous. We hope he will take some time to relax and receive support from those around him.



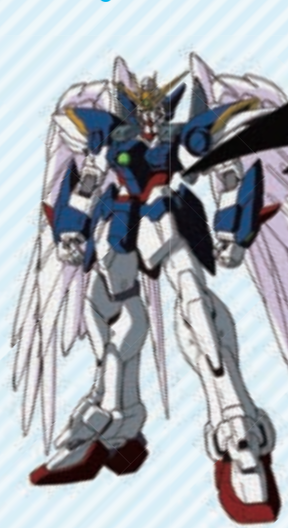
Chang Wufei

▶ Due to his earnestness, he can be inflexible. He is, however, very capable of assessing situations calmly. He speaks loudly and can appear frightening at times, but in his heart, he is the purest and most sensitive of the five Gundam pilots.



Each Mobile Suit is cool enough to star in the leading role

Wing Gundam Zero



▲ It has beautiful four-wing binders that are inappropriate for a combat weapon, and it is not an exaggeration to say that this beautiful design is at the heart of this anime.

Gundam Deathscythe H



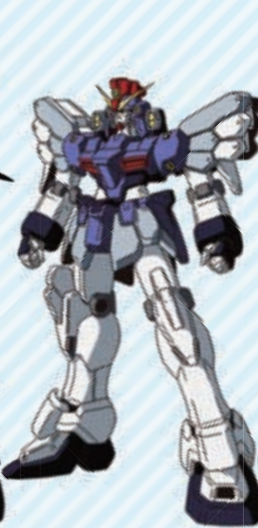
▲ This mech resembles the Grim Reaper himself, with its Active Cloak deployed and Twin Beam Scissors in hand. The dark-toned coloring adds to the overall atmosphere.

Gundam Heavyarms Custom



▲ A walking arsenal of explosives! If you like live ammunition weapons, you'll be thrilled with this design! It appears useless if the ammunition runs out and has a clown mask that does not seem functional. Very Trowa-like!

Gundam Sandrock



▲ It has a slimmer silhouette than the TV anime version. Furthermore, the crested head is impressive, and is evocative of Quatre's leadership position.

Altron Gundam



▲ The main body appears to be relatively simple in design in comparison to the massive Dragon Fangs on both arms. The lower part of the cheek pads also have a fang-like shape, which adds a stylish touch.

* The introduction of characters and mobile suits is based on the subjective view of the editorial staff of this book.