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Gundam Forward is a specialty magazine based on the concept of “delivering the cutting edge of Gundam.” Our mission is to deliver exactly what fans want to see and know, from the newest Gundam intel to expert Gunpla modeling techniques from professional modelers.

This issue features an in-depth look at *Mobile Suit Gundam GQuuuuuuX*, the newest installment in the Gundam series, brought to life through a collaboration between Studio Khara and Sunrise. We’ve packed this issue with everything from a comprehensive introduction to the series to the latest Gunpla news and amazing Gunpla build examples.

Plus, our opening section highlights exciting Gundam content to watch out for in 2025, kicking off with the “PERFECT GRADE UNLEASHED v Gundam,” the culmination of Gunpla’s 45-year anniversary!



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The culmination of 45 years of Gunpla: PERFECT GRADE UNLEASHED RX-93 V Gundam

"PERFECT GRADE UNLEASHED," a brand born from Gunpla's 40th anniversary, is all about breaking boundaries. It's the vanguard of Gunpla's future, bringing together all our past innovations and integrating new technologies to push the hobby forward. For its second release, they've chosen the iconic RX-93 v Gundam, Amuro Ray's final *Mobile Suit from Mobile Suit Gundam: Char's Counterattack*. This marks its first-ever 1/60 scale plastic model kit, a true testament to 45 years of Gunpla excellence.

PERFECT GRADE UNLEASHED v Gundam
 ● Manufacturer: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division
 ● Price: 66000 yen, scheduled for January 2026 ● 1/60, approx. 36 cm ● Plastic kit

RX-93 v Gundam

The RX-93 v Gundam is a Mobile Suit developed by Anaheim Electronics, with the legendary Amuro Ray contributing to its design. By integrating Psycho-Frame material—a new technology provided by Neo Zeon—into the cockpit frame, the suit achieved performance far beyond initial expectations. Notably, it was the first full-fledged, Psycommu-equipped Gundam type to see actual combat.

SPECIFICATION
 MODEL NUMBER : RX-93
 HEAD HEIGHT : 22.0 m
 TOTAL HEIGHT : 23.0 m
 WEIGHT : 27.9 t
 TOTAL WEIGHT : 63.0 t
 ARMAMENTS : 60mm VULCAN GUNx2,
 BEAM SABERx2, BEAM RIFLE,
 NEW HYPER BAZOOKA, SHIELD, FIN FUNNELx6

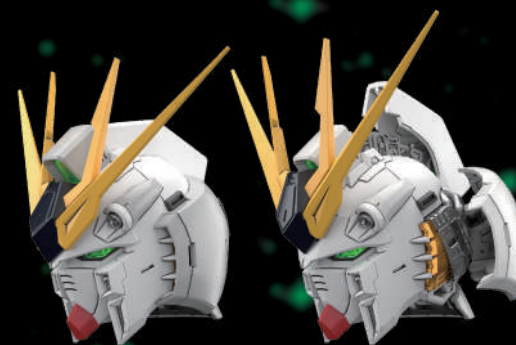


Get ready for a shockwave this winter:
the v Gundam arrives in 2026!

POINT.01

ULTIMATE UNIT SYSTEM

Experience the thrill of building a real mobile suit with this kit's extreme 3D recreation of both internal and external structures. Plus, with hatch-open mechanisms on every exterior part, you can continue to admire the intricate inner workings even after your build is complete.



▲ Observe the intricate internal mechanics of the head-mounted camera and twin eyes through their transparent lenses. The top and side head hatches open and close, with the interior of the side hatches featuring gold duct fins against a silver finish.

Recreate the opening scene with included cover seals

Relive the film's iconic opening moments with included cover seals that let you recreate the scene of the v Gundam under construction at Anaheim Electronics' Von Braun factory on the Moon.

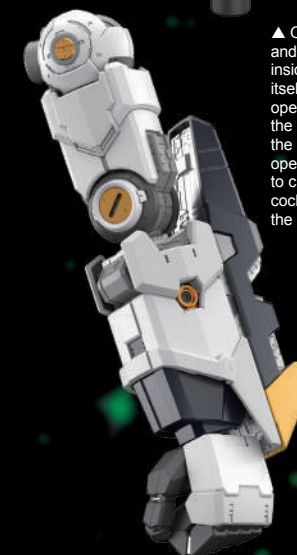


► These cover seals can be applied to three key areas: the head-mounted camera, the twin eyes, and the upper-left chest sensor.



▲ Open the upper chest ducts and side waist hatches for an inside look. The cockpit hatch itself boasts a two-stage opening system, starting with the central red shutter before the entire chest hatch swings open. This action allows you to clearly see the spherical cockpit block nestled within the abdomen.

▲ The shoulder base features independently movable side, front, and rear armor plates, plus separate side ducts. Adding to the articulation, the front and rear armor plates split along their central panel lines into inner and outer sections.



◀ Thanks to a roll articulation axis in the forearm's elbow joint, this kit can perfectly replicate the distinctive "Gawara bend" pose, named after legendary designer Kunio Okawara and a hallmark of many Gundam designs.



◀ Bend the elbow to expose the cylinder in the upper arm. The forearm's exposed joint block features etching stickers that minimize gaps, ensuring a seamless look during posing.

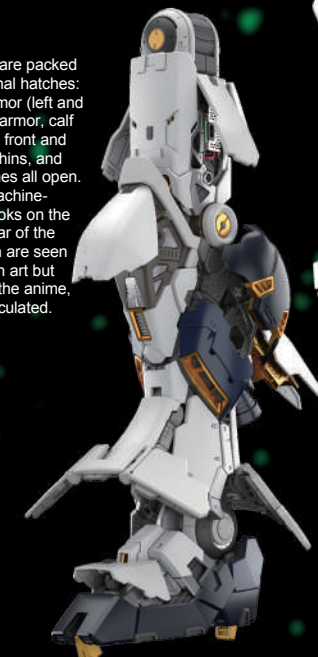
► The waist is remarkably dense with detail. You'll find opening and closing hatches on the red Federation Forces marked part, the front and rear crotch armor, the top mold of the front armor, and the upper rear armor. Plus, the lower sections of the front and rear armor slide out.



► The kit includes articulated fingers, along with fixed fists, open palms, and weapon-holding hands. The articulated fingers feature the dummy balloon ejection hatches, a first for this feature on a kit.



► The legs are packed with functional hatches: the thigh armor (left and right), knee armor, calf side panels, front and rear lower shins, and instep hatches all open. Even the machine-securing hooks on the front and rear of the soles, which are seen in the design art but not used in the anime, are fully articulated.



▲ To minimize the visibility of the joint sections, the front armor of the thighs slides in sync with leg movement, and the knee armor splits vertically and articulates, keeping the joints neatly concealed.

POINT.02

Impressive Fin Funnels & weapons: a large-scale advantage

The ultimate weapon for the v Gundam, the Fin Funnels, can only be realized with this level of detail in a large-scale model. Every weapon in this 1/60 scale kit is built with its full functionality in mind, resulting in an incredibly compelling realism.



▲ The Beam Rifle's carrying handle slides up, while the front-end moves forward. The E-pack is fully detachable.

◀▲ This New Hyper Bazooka boasts a sliding barrel and a removable magazine. It also comes with a new mounting adapter that allows you to extend its arm and position the bazooka for action.



▲ The Fin Funnels can transform into three distinct forms thanks to their sliding and rotating mechanisms. They also feature additional visual-changing elements, such as rear verniers and beam emitter panels, adding to their impressive detail.

► Three connecting pieces provide solid stability for the Fin Funnels. Plus, these connectors are cleverly covered when stored, ensuring a great look even in compact form.

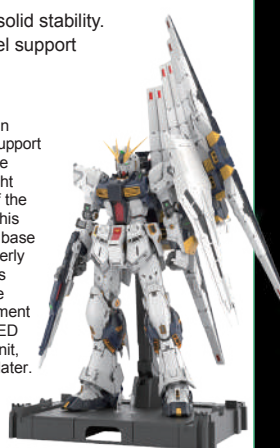


Stable display with included base

You'll get a custom display base designed for rock-solid stability. For even more security, simply attach the Fin Funnel support pieces to the base's stand.



◀ The Fin Funnel support part in the upper right corner of the image. This versatile base also cleverly serves as a storage compartment for the LED control unit, detailed later.



POINT.03

A heavy, multi-colored inner frame with a metallic finish

Befitting its 1/60 scale, the kit boasts an inner frame and internal components, such as the interior of the outer armor and cabling, rendered with multi-color runners and various materials. This gives them a substantial feel and a realistic metallic texture.



◀ Without the external plates. By incorporating metallic molding, metallic 3D stickers, etching stickers, flexible cables, and metal parts, it utilizes a variety of materials to create a level of detail and expression that goes far beyond what's achievable with plastic alone.



◀ This kit accurately captures the distinct textures and 3D feel created by different structural materials by layering a truss frame, molded with metallic plastic, over the inner frame.



▲ The kit uses soft, flexible lead wires to realistically represent small cables that are hard to reproduce with plastic alone.



▲ Using metal parts for the thruster nozzles provides a level of realism and tactile weight that's simply impossible with plastic, enhancing both their look and feel.



▲ With removable outer armor and opening maintenance hatches, you can even enjoy displaying the kit as if it were still under construction at the Von Braun factory.

Light up your kit with the optional LED unit

Bring your PGU v Gundam to life with the separately sold LED Unit, allowing various sections of the model to illuminate. The control unit features a switch that lets you choose between Auto Mode (synchronized automatic lighting) and Manual Mode (user-controlled operation). Please note: Four AA batteries (sold separately) are required for the LED Unit to function.

PG UNLEASHED v Gundam LED Unit

● Manufacturer: BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division ● Price: 15400 yen, Scheduled for January 2026



◀▲ The LED Unit illuminates five crucial areas: the front and rear head-mounted cameras, the twin eyes, the upper-left chest sensor, the interior of the chest ducts, and the cockpit interior. By lighting up the cockpit, you can powerfully recreate the iconic scene from the anime's climax where the Psycho-Frame appears to resonate in response to Amuro's will.

MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM HATHAWAY The Sorcery of Nymph Circe set for theatrical Release this winter!

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閃光のハサウェイ
Mobile Suit Gundam Hathaway
シリシエの魔女

Four years after the premiere of *MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM Hathaway*, it's been announced that the latest installment in the series, *MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM HATHAWAY The Sorcery of Nymph Circe*, will hit theaters nationwide this winter. The recently released teaser trailer offers glimpses of Hathaway Noa (also known as Mafty Navue Erin), Gigi Andalucia, and Kenneth Sleg. As expected, this film promises not only a profound storyline but also stunning visual beauty. Official Teaser Site: <https://www.gundam.info/feature/hathaway/> Official X (formerly Twitter): https://x.com/gundam_hathaway

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Production: Bandai Namco Filmworks
Distribution: Bandai Namco Filmworks, Shochiku

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Hathaway Noa: Kensho Ono
Gigi Andalucia: Reina Ueda
Kenneth Sleg: Junichi Suwabe
Lane Aime: Souma Saitou



“Osaka-Kansai Expo” is now open!

The 2025 Japan International Exposition (Osaka-Kansai Expo) has been open since April 13th! Among its many attractions, the “GUNDAM NEXT FUTURE PAVILION (Gundam Pavilion)” explores the connection between “Gundam” and “the future.” Visitors can enjoy both a life-sized Gundam statue and original footage titled “GUNDAM:Next Universal Century.”



JAPAN EXPO 2025

- Location: Yumeshima, Osaka, Japan
- Dates: April 13, 2025 to October 13, 2025
- Official Website: <https://www.expo2025.or.jp/>

Life-sized Gundam statue: “RX-78F00/E Gundam”

The life-sized Gundam statue is displayed in a dramatic pose, kneeling on one knee with its right hand reaching skyward. It stands at a head height of 12.31 meters, with a total height of 16.72 meters including its fingertips. This impressive statue uses materials from the “moving Gundam” previously exhibited at Gundam Factory Yokohama, now featuring new equipment added to its left shoulder, waist, and legs.



▲ New equipment, designed as solar panels, has been added to the left shoulder, left hip, and left leg. Furthermore, all the markings throughout the statue have been refreshed to reflect the RX-78F00/E specifications.

GUNDAM: Next Universal Century A new cinematic experience

Embark on a simulated space journey that bridges our present with the future. This film takes you on a tour from the Yumeshima Terminal up an orbital elevator to “Star Jaburo,” a massive space station located 36,000 km above Earth. However, an unexpected incident unfolds at Star Jaburo, leading to an thrilling adventure!



Gunpla Release Calendar

● BANDAI SPIRITS Hobby Division, Creation Department ● Plastic kit
* Images are CG renders based on development data.
* Images are for illustrative purposes only.

We're taking a look at all the new Gunpla hitting shelves from October through December. This season's lineup is especially exciting, with new items celebrating a double anniversary: the 30th anniversary of *Mobile Suit Gundam Wing* and the 10th anniversary of *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans*. While not a new kit, we'll also be providing an update on the new factory at the Bandai Hobby Center.

OCT ENTRY GRADE Wing Gundam

Introducing the ENTRY GRADE Wing Gundam! This high-quality, easy-to-assemble kit is perfect for new Gunpla builders. You don't need any tools, glue, or stickers to get a finished model that looks just like the original design.

► Thanks to its clever part separation, the kit faithfully reproduces a detailed color scheme right out of the box, with a design that keeps the seam lines virtually invisible.

ENTRY GRADE Wing Gundam
● 1100 yen, slated for October ● 1/144



NOV MG Gundam Barbatos Lupus

From the second season of *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans*, the Gundam Barbatos Lupus—rebuilt at the Teiwaz headquarters, Saisei—is now an MG kit. The Gundam Frame features updated articulation in the shoulders and waist, while its exterior and armaments are faithfully recreated with new molds.

MG Gundam Barbatos Lupus
● Price: 7150 yen, slated for November ● 1/100

◀ The kit's sculpt is more massive and powerful than its original design art. Its armaments include a Sword Mace, Twin Mace, and two arm-mounted 200 mm cannons.



▲ The Gundam Frame incorporates the updated shoulder joints first used in the MG Gundam Vidar. Additionally, the forward and backward swing mechanism in the waist has been enhanced, allowing you to create even more dynamic action poses.

NOV HG Monkey Rodi (598's Unit) / Monkey Club Rodi

From *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans Urd-Hunt*, the "Monkey Rodi" piloted by 598 is now available as an HG kit. The model can also be converted into the "Monkey Club Rodi" using interchangeable parts.

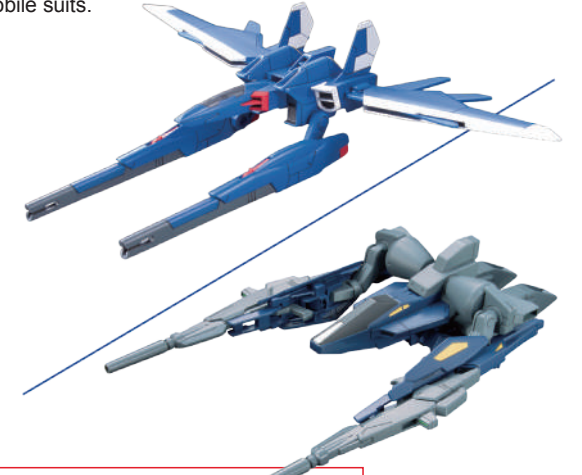


▲ The kit comes with a submachine gun, a shield, a crowbar, and hand grenades. Additionally, the claw on the Monkey Club Rodi can open and close.

HG Monkey Rodi (598's Unit) / Monkey Club Rodi
● Price: 1870 yen, slated for November ● 1/144

NOV Option Parts Set Gunpla 18 (Build Booster Set)

The Build Booster and Build Booster Mk-II are now available together in a single Option Parts Set. The set includes various joint parts, allowing you to attach them to a wide range of mobile suits.



Option Parts Set Gunpla 18 (Build Booster Set)
● Price: 1210 yen, slated for November

DEC HG Gundam Zagan

From *Mobile Suit Gundam: Iron-Blooded Orphans Urd-Hunt*, the "Gundam Zagan" piloted by Londo Bron is now an HG kit. The model is a large-scale recreation of the suit, complete with its massive Shield Plier Unit.

► The Shield Plier Unit is fully articulated, allowing it to be posed in its deployed state, and the claw at its tip can open and close.

HG Gundam Zagan
● Price: 3080 yen, slated for December ● 1/144



Experience the plastic model development process

The new Bandai Hobby Center factory, which is set to begin operations this summer as BANDAI SPIRITS' new plastic model production base, will be home to a new museum. Opening on September 2, the museum will showcase the latest plastic model development technology and allow visitors to experience the planning and development process firsthand. Please note that admission is by reservation only. For more details, please visit the official website: <https://bhcpdii.bandai-hobby.net>



▲ A life-sized Gunpla monument will be on display at the entrance.



▲ Learn about the entire process of how a plastic model is made.



▲ You can become a "Plamo Designer" yourself by creating an ID card and using a screen to design your own plastic model, from choosing its shape and color to working on mold design and package art. You'll get to experience the full development process of a product.



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GQuuuuuuX

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All Major Gunpla Featured: HG GQuuuuuuX, the Red Gundam, Figure-rise Standard Machu, and more!

The latest entry in the Gundam series, *Mobile Suit Gundam GQuuuuuuX*, was made possible by the unprecedented collaboration between Studio Khara, creators of the *Evangelion* series, and Sunrise. Following a theatrical premiere of *Mobile Suit Gundam GQuuuuuuX -Beginning-* in January 2025, the TV series began airing on April 8th and concluded on June 24th. True to its tagline, "Dreams, Intersecting," the show blended the distinct style of a Studio Khara production (under director Kazuya Tsurumaki) with homages to various Gundam series. Its unpredictable plot twists generated so much excitement that viewer theories were a constant presence on social media after every episode.

In this special feature, published after the broadcast of the final episode, we take a retrospective look at the series' characters, mecha, and story. On the Gunpla side, we'll feature kit reviews and custom build examples of items released up to June, led by the HG GQuuuuuuX. We'll also showcase custom builds that recreate unreleased mobile suits by using existing kits as a base, all to express the unique world of the series through these physical models.

BANDAI SPIRITS 1/144 scale plastic kit "High Grade"
gMS-Q GQuuuuuuX
Composition by nikh