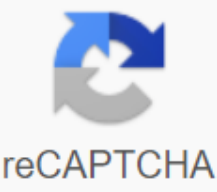




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Millennium falcon cockpit controls

So I guess he controls the old-fashioned way and all the button pressing would be him getting the right reads out on the screens until he knows he is and what around him... Here's another view, from what is clearly an on-set image from the original trilogy (Luke has his hand cut off, so this is from Empire): Notice Leia's hand resting on some crntol which is roughly where the control fields depicted in the top picture would be. We can also look closer to the control of the toe and the handle pointed on by the arrow is clearly the same shape as the handles visible in the top image. So although the provenance of the top image is unknown, it matches closely enough to what is in the bottom image, which is evident from the original trilogy and a shooting set, that I think we can consider the top image to be authoritative. So the Millenium Falcon is most likely controlled in a way similar to a typical modern earthfly. Note that we also know that X-wings have control pins, much like modern Earth fighters, so it is reasonable to assume that they are controlled in a similar way. The sides of the cockpit were made of flat panels, curved over the seats.1977The original sidewalls were flat panels with lights, buttons and switches. Some larger greebles are clear, but it's mostly just panel sections marked with pinstriping tape. The countless switches and buttons were apparently widely available as surpluses in the UK in the 70s, and were quite large and bulky things. Years later, Harrison told Ford that he found the flip switches on the original set particularly frustrating, since they lacked springs to stay in a position and would flop back. One exception is the rockers who, if they are like the rockers seen on other Star Wars sets and props, were just wooden blocks. The cockpit from 1977 also has a slightly lower ceiling than later versions of the kit. See the lightbars section below for details on why this happened. This stunning image shows designer Harry Lange taking a break during the construction of the original Star Wars cockpit. The short side walls and width of tungsten lamps used to backlight the buttons and controls can be easily seen, as can Roger Christian's metal cubes. Interestingly, the central display device shows that a simulated hub display was actually installed. Also interesting, the set has glass in the windows, which was later removed for filming. Also interesting, the vertical front window line is present.1980The biggest cockpit change occurred for Empire, when producer Gary Kurtz instructed the set builders to elaborate or lengthen the cockpit set, knowing that more intense scenes would be shot on the set of four actors at a time. According to 18 inches (about 45cm) was added to the back of the pipe in the form of a new ring of panels. The additional panels often simple black metal panels with X-shaped braces, but were sometimes more complex and greebly-encrusted than ANH's more stringent panels. These actual drawings illustrate the point. The upper blueprint is of the ANH cockpit, and was published in a vinyl bag with original Star Wars drawings in the 1970s. The lower blueprint is of the ESB cockpit, as published in Star Wars: Blueprints by J. W. Rinzler.It is obvious that the ESB plans are a direct copy of the ANH plans, but the middle part of the cockpit is a little longer, as I have indicated here in red. While the ANH cockpit is 3 feet deep, the ESB cockpit is 4'6 deep, although the drawing adds dimensions that are subject to change. But I understand that the Volvo 343/345 dashboard box to Fisher's right is 1 foot 1 inch wide, so it looks like the 18-extra depth measurement is correct. This respite probably helped the actors, who reportedly struggled with claustrophobic cockpit scenes, but according to JW Rinzler's Blueprint's book, annoyed George Lucas when he heard about the change, since he wanted a crowded cramped cockpit as part of the appearance of falcon.Two C-shaped metal handles were also added to the front of the sidewall. This supplement is most easily seen during the asteroid hunt, where C-3PO can be seen hanging on one for dear existence. You can also see the break in the light bar, which shows where the extra 18 inches of the panel is added to the front.2015Sam depth as esb. Mostly similar details and greebles, but since many were reconstructed there are some variations from the 1980 set.2018Oddly shows images from the Solo film clearly showing that the extended cockpit was used in the precursor. Which is a shame, as it means that the cockpit starts deep, then mysteriously becomes shallower for ANH, and then goes deeper again. It's one of the few continuity errors not addressed in the film. Of course, it also has different lighting schemes and greebles than the later sets. Notice how the actors are bathed in blue light from the outside. This is because the cockpit set was not built around blue screens, as the original sets were. At the time, they had to add the scenes outside the window using optical composition, so the actors had to respond to black blue screens. The solo cockpit set was built around enormous LED projection screens, up to which actual computer graphics were projected in real time. That means the actors can actually see the exterior scenes they're going to play. It also means that there is no need to compound the effects in later - things are already right there in the camera. Also, any colors from the outside will end up coloring lighter surfaces inside the set, for added realism. Plinth.A narrow shelf at waist height goes around either side of the cockpit. Not much to say about this, other than it had a step Edge. I find it a little fascinating that despite the limited budget for the show they went to the trouble of designing the shelf that way, even specifying their checkered measurements on the original drawings.1977Light lighting is particularly very old-fashioned in the first Star Wars movie. The director of photography was old-school English cinematographer Gil Taylor, who took the traditional approach of just blasting light into each set. The light was very difficult, probably from large Fresnel lens lamps. And so all are illuminated by quite unflattering lighting. The scenes of Leia and Tarkin on the Death Star are classic examples of this. The Falcon cockpit was also lit in this way, and it doesn't really make sense at all. Aside from being aesthetically hard and ugly, it means that the scenes of the crew in the deep space have them illuminated by a mysterious light source outside the windows. Filming the original cockpit from 1977. Notice the large lamp, probably a Mole-Richardson Fresnel, left front. The small tapered photoflood lamps attached to the set at the far left of the frame are used for backlighting different greebles. Also note that the front window lines are missing. They were clearly screwed and removed for easy filming.1980The lighting in the ESB is significantly different. Empire's cinematographer Peter Suschitzky adopted a darker, moody and subtle style, with much more soft and complex lighting. He usually lit the Falcon interior to give the illusion that everything was illuminated by the actual lights inside the cockpit, instead of being illuminated by a random light source outside in the blackness of the room. The sophisticated cinematography is an important reason, I would argue, that the ESB has aged less than ANH. However, this approach was not without risk. During filming of a cockpit scene in empire, Peter Mayhew's Wookiee costume actually caught fire because of a light mounted on the floor! The cockpit is apparently illuminated by a set of horizontal light fields. These were milky white acrylic panels, backlit. They also had fine pinstriping running parallel to the edges.1977A of odd points about the original set applies noticeably misaligned light bars in the gate corner, where the back wall joins the gateside wall. Given that Harry Lange was a skilled and experienced set designer, this seems strange. It turns out that George Lucas visited the cockpit set when it was almost finished and offered the opinion that it was too big. He wanted a cramped and crowded cockpit, like a plane from a war movie. This request for a lower ceiling resulted in a hasty rejigging of set parts shortly before filming, to make the cockpit smaller in diameter. This is apparently the cause of the adjustment problem. But why is the light bar misaligned on His (port) side, but fine on Chewie's (starboard) side? I've been vaguely confused about it. someone someone but Stinson Lenz has come up with a logical explanation. Basically when the crew renewed the cockpit to make it a little smaller, they simply rotated the sidewalls like a whole intact device. They did it on one clockwise if you look towards the door of the cockpit, and the rotation point was essentially around the lower edge of the Chewie side of the set. This explains why the sidewalls are mostly aligned on the Chewie side, since they swung at that point. But they were rotated and thus lowered slightly on the other. The maneuver also reduced the visible upper part of the cockpit back wall, which also explains why the Han side's medium grey coloured gusset has a profile other than the ESB and later cockpits (essentially, the rotating sidewalls took a notch out of the panel).1980This version of the kit solves the adjustment problem. All light poles line up. A small light panel is also visible in the rear starboard corner, near the hub screen. The image below shows a ceiling panel that was removed for filming so that additional lighting could be added. It is also one of the few clear shots known by the ceiling handles.2015As above. Backwall nav computer displayA remarkable detail of the backwall is the circular screen to the top starboard corner, often referred to in auxiliary marketing material as the hub computer monitor, although it is never described in any OT script. It was later reretconned in Solo for being the navigation features of fateful rebellious droid L3-37.1977This screen was simply a round piece of glass or plastic with a single image behind it. The screen showed a graphic of curved lines and a box in green, red and white, and never changed. There were small lights around the screen grouped in a subcircle, and these lights flashed mostly on and off in groups. This design was displayed in Solo as an Easter egg when Q'ra installs the screen.The 1980ESB display had some simple red LED animations. Interestingly, it seems to have some depth from certain angles, suggesting that there may have been a small hall of mirrors. In other words, the screen may have been made of two pieces of half-edible glass or acrylic sheets, facing inward and sandwiching a layer of LEDs. This is just conjecture though. There is a nice circle of red light seen on this screen sometimes, but it does not seem to be made of a bunch of dots like a set of LEDs.2015 TFA and TLJ hub display has a bunch of red LEDs showing an animation in a circular sweep. It does not have a hall with mirror appearance - it is just an ordinary black circle with the red lights. Kind of naff looks, especially since it seems to have used regular 5mm LEDs and so the patterns consist of obvious dots. Luke stared around the Falcon cockpit in horror. What... What have you done? In my day we had real light bulbs, not these red and blue LEDs! 1977 - 1983The original films never show anyone opening anything up in the cockpit.2015A of the additional ring panels - a starboard empty panel with X-shaped bracing - will be open in the TFA. This is currently when Rey manages to miraculously solve a problem with Falcon by extracting some component or others. The panel recess seems strangely deep given the diameter of the cockpit tube, but presumably the Falcon's hull is made of some powerful but thin material. It is not entirely unreasonable as the black panels with X marks look like thin cover plates with reinforcing bars, and they have greebles resembling locking pull handles.1977The first set had fairly basic flat wedge-shaped panels on the sides of the cone in front. Pinstriping tape, some small lights.the 1980SEB set had a bunch of new greebles, including a variety of wedge-shaped panels with recessed rectangular holes. These were dashboard panels from a Volvo 343 mounted backwards, and were the same car parts used on the side of the Han Solo carbonite module. Interestingly, there were fewer lights in this area than on the set from 1977. The Volvo panels are basically empty - they didn't use the carvings in the frames to accommodate false instrumentation or anything.2015This set replicated the Volvo panels and other greebles. The cockpit has a T-shaped dashboard with a central console running between Han and Chewie, and a front panel. All kinds of controls adorn this thing - mostly switches and push buttons.1977Loads of buttons, switches and lights. The top console has some greebles, especially the bottom halves of old Vickers Viscount aircraft reading lamps, which look like two small steel colanders. In ANH and ROTJ, both appear to be bolted straight to the console surface. On the right is a set of turned aluminium levers. There are a variety of round dome-shaped lights with chrome rings. The central black object should be a screen of any kind. It's a strange design, really, since it's a very small portrait-orientation screen, buried deep inside a black rectangular thing that seems to resemble a stepped lens hood from a very old large-format camera. It contains a static diagram that is visible under 1'm in the for money scene.1980A pair of extra levers on a black circular plate were added to His side of the center console. From certain angles, these look like microphones, but they're not. The large round dashboard lamps (such as the flashing red to lose a deflector shield light from the ANH) were replaced with flat clear acrylic squares, mostly illuminated with circular areas below. Anthony Daniels (C-3PO) plays it cool in the cockpit, dressed in particularly hip fashion. Notice how the left colander is on top of a frame. Strange in the ESB and TFA' is the left colander Vickers lamp mounted inside a rectangular frame with rounded corners. The central dashboard screen was also displayed in operation. At least it was shown through implication - He and Leia are reportedly going to examine star maps on it, but only by being bathed in blue light. The screen never appears to the audience in any movie. The central dashboard has some extra controllers.2015The left colander-shaped Vickers lamp returned to the ESB look, despite the ROTJ look resembling the ANH look. The large dashlights also went back to the round ANH look. Return of the Jedi (1983) contained two Vickers reading lamp colanders, this time with a red light in them. Both were bolted straight to the dash.1977The original set had no steering system at all. There's no ek! No wheels, no levers, nothing. Just a bunch of switches and buttons. This absence of obvious control mechanisms made the actors look like they were demonstrating a musical electrical organ in a mall from the 1970s. While the mall was on fire. Harrison Ford has been using this fact as a fun TV chat show anecdote for years. ... and then I asked George ... how do you fly this thing? And he just said... Fly it! The 1980SB set added a pair of control fields (that is, levers, but with crossbar, not like car steering wheel) taken from old British Vickers Viscount aircraft - one for Han and one for Chewie. They were mounted upside down, equipped with a pair of red 5mm LEDs at the top of the post, and bring a fine air of steerable authenticity to the ship. Note that the behind-the-scenes photo below shows field on posts stretching to the floor. This appears to be an ongoing image, since the final film fields are simply bolted to the edge of the dashboard. Maybe the posts got in the way of the actors, and then were removed. Some model manufacturers have replicated these posts, but it's not right for the look of the screen. By the way, the view below shows what a crummy design Falcon cockpit would actually be flying as a pilot. The side panels are quite high, resulting in terrible viewing angles. On top of the confusing side-slung cockpit position.the 2015TFA set was a reconstruction of the ESB set, including field. Rear line ring. The tail end of the dashboard unit has a metal ring mounted on the back. But what appears in this ring depends on the film - and even what scene in the film!1977Modells makes the ANH dashboard have a particularly challenging decision to make - the case of the vanishing greebly. It is a metal cylinder that appears as part of the back console in some scenes and images, and is completely missing in others. There it is... There is no story reference made to it in the film - it just seems to be a random continuity error, like metal dice that briefly appear in a scene. It's not like it's a giant ignition key or a Corellian alarm, or something. So you just need to decide which time you want to model. The non-greebly version has two concentric, but not center-aligned, rings.... and there it is not. Only two metal rings remain on the back console. the 1980I ESB set replaces this part of a black rectangular block, which looks a bit like a video cassette from certain angles. It is thicker and narrower, though, and has some metallic bits. In the photo below, it appears to have some paper wedged around it for mysterious reasons. There is also a blocky rectangular metal greebly added to the top of the rear console. Carrie Fisher and Hamill weren't impressed with Billy Dee Williams' habit of erupting into the chorus of There's Nothin' Like a Dame from the musical South Pacific by a hat.2015I TFA set there's a new part altogether - a bolted-down glass and metal cylinder, equipped with an earthy turquoise glow that looks like it's from another fictional universe , like any generic prop from a Marvel steampunk movie. There have been some theories that this glass container should be the compressor on the ignition line that He complains about in the script, although it seems bizarre that an ignition line would run behind the pilot's seat console ... A moof-milker... The different movies show different flashing patterns of control panel and dashboard lights. Flashing lights are always a difficult thing to pull off. In real life, you don't see many flashing panels for the simple reason that control panel lights should indicate any piece of information or other. And flashing lights are usually meant to indicate some kind of warning. It would be a confusing and distracting mess if every light winked. But in movies you will have some flashing lights since they give a sense of activity and life to the set. And so blinkies have long been a staple of SF movies. These also reflected what actual computers looked like in the 60s - panels with single-purpose lights and not many video screens. Really bad film panels tended to look like Christmas lights showrooms - the whole width of colorful lights flashing in large meaningless groups. Or whole part of the lights flashing together, such as the Mother computer brain room in the first Alien movie (the only convincing set in the whole movie).1977The first film has the worst blinkers of much. They are for Christmas easy. For example, if there is a low-light row, the entire row usually flashes on and off. That looks pretty convincing and false, since you expect individual lights to flash if they are meant to convey something meaningful. The flash speed also tends to be fast, giving to the general falsehood. The nav computer in the hold has particularly low light in this way. That said, the panel lights up in the first the cockpit is not too light, and so looks more realistic in that regard.1980sESB cockpit has more credible blink patterns, since the lights tend to flash individually or in smaller groups, rather than whole rows. There are also not so many obvious patterns visible in the short clips in the cockpit. The scene where Leia sits quietly in the cockpit, wrestles with her emotions inside an alien slug belly, has pretty decent looking flashes. ESB blinkies are mostly red, suggesting that many may have been LEDs. Please note that blue and white LEDs did not exist at the time, and green and yellow were not readily available in high-brightness versions. The ESB cockpit is arguably a little garish in its flashing lighting, though.the 2015TFA cockpit is meant to mimic the 1980s set, but mainly relies on LEDs instead of small light bulbs, so have a different feel. Even some of the larger red lights, which were clearly incandescent bulbs in large plastic holders on the ANH kit, are replica holders containing 4 LEDs on the TFA kit. LEDs emit narrower bandwidths of light than bulbs and therefore look different from incandescent bulbs. As a result this version of the cockpit somehow looks more synthetic than its predecessors, somehow. The flash patterns are reportedly modeled after the ESB, but it's obviously hard to say. They definitely seem closer to the 1980 set than 77.The Force is strong with these 5mm red LEDs, which Han Solo won in a bet on scrap planet Radioshacka.The Last Jedi shows Luke Skywalker entering the Falcon cockpit, and staring around with shock of remembrance. The scene is familiar to Falcon fans, in that the lights are shown turn on in a way quite different from the way they start up in the ESB. When He appears into the ESB cockpit, and dunks the wall to make things work, the lights appear that glow in two groups - the white lights and the red lights, basically. In TLJ, all the lights that are turned up into very separate groups are displayed, indicating that they were connected separately, or, more likely, they were dot or group addressable LEDs controlled by CPUs.Seats.The seats are a prominent example of reusing found items. The pilot and copilot seats, for example, are seemingly largely unmodified car seats. Some sources claim they were from a 1970s Porsche, while other sources claim they were custom auto seats made by cobra. The seats are covered with a brown colored material, perhaps false leather, and possibly have slightly different front and back padding. It is not clear how the front seats were mounted. They were either on horizontal glide tracks, or on short swinging arms, judging by the way the actors move on the seats of the ANH. The rear seats were mounted on vertical poles so they could rotate but not move. The two rear seats, with their distinctive high backs and headrests, are altered ejection seats a British fighter jet (especially martin baker mk4 seats from an RAF de Havilland Sea Venom), adorned with several details, such as strips of foam rubber and circular radial-patterned 1970s Tupperware lids. There don't seem to be much difference between the different sets when it comes to seats. It's hard to say, though, that the seats are mostly covered by actors or, in the case of the back seats, of the front seats. The TFA seats appear to be lighter, lighter and newer than the OT seats. Dice.1977A couple of scenes in the ANH feature Roger Christian's chromed metal dice dangling from a string, among a collection of poorly seen ring-like attachments on the ceiling. The dice are most evident in the first view we get from the cockpit, when Chewbacca works its way in and the cockpit lights are turned off. Christian felt like they added some personality to the set, and was also a tribute to one of the cars in Lucas' previous film American Graffiti. The dice were taken away for later scenes, by cinematographer Gil Taylor according to Christian.1980-1983No dice.2015J Abrams apparently went all retro for dice in The Force Awakens, but I can't bother to see the film again to see if they made the final cut.2017-2018Dice take on minor plot points in both The Last Jedi and Solo.Over controlshead. There appear to be some levers or controls placed overhead, on the front edge of the cockpit tube at the upper windows. This is part of the ceiling with a quilted black fabric that covers. The site is never really shown in detail in the films themselves, however. Some of the controls in the ANH may be circular units with handles that extend out and rotate a central shaft near the center of the circle. The family landerpeeder in Luke's farm garage has one of these things on top, as does the large circular display table at rebel base at Yavin IV. Whether it was a converted real object greebly, or something produced for the film, I don't know. These ANH-greebles definitely were not used on the ESB set.1977It controls are visible, mostly in a kind of silhouette shape, under there is no moon sequence. He is now being looked up to pull one. This fine behind-the-scenes shot reveals a couple of box houses with the mystery rings. It also shows the back of ejection seat chairs (complete with bubble wrap on the seat belt straps) and the back of some of the sidewall greebles. Vertical window line is back. An important design element in the Falcon's cockpit is the window. This was meant to resemble the concentric circular design of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber cockpit. The full-size kit rarely contained any glass in the original trilogy, as the camera would usually shoot back through the windows, or to a

blue screen. Glass would lead to reflections. The square slug Mynock scene is, of course, one exception. The new films often have clear acrylic panels screwed to the window frames for scenes when the camera is outside.1977.A common observation in this film is that the vertical window line above the circular part of the window is actually missing in all scenes looking forward. It appears that the bar was removed during filming (presumably it was in the way of the camera for certain images), resulting in a minor continuity error between the model and the interior set. Since the tracks where the bar fits are visible from the front, and since the bar is visible in some behind-the-scenes shots, it seems that this was a simple mistake by the crew that no one noticed at the time. This TLJ promo shot shows the B-29 inspired round windows in the cockpit very well. It also shows how strangely clean and tidy the new Falcon looks, despite being chronologically older than the OT ship. The geometry of the window frame looks quite different from the image above, but that's largely because the newer image was taken with a wide-angle lens. What did the Millennium Falcon's front console look like? This is an incomprehensible mystery that has puzzled religious scholars for decades. One of the most important cockpit interior details of the Falcon, from the point of view of the model maker, is the front panel of the dashboard console. For the simple reason that it is the most visible part of the interior when looking in through the front window. But it's also the least important part for the actual filmmakers, since it's an area of the set that doesn't really appear on screen. From there, there is very little visual evidence of what this part of the set looked like. Now admittedly, having details up there doesn't make a heck of a lot of narrative meaning. Why does a load of lights and controls have there anyway? You cannot use or see them from the pilot and copilot seats. All they would do is create annoying reflections on the windows. (This is not conjecture - take a look at the picture of Harry Lange inside the glazed cockpit set earlier on the side!) But we're talking about movie logic here. And of course we want our model to look cool, so the details are it! Sure beats an empty metal plate in front.1977We have some photographic and video proof of the first film's front console. This consists mainly of three sources - stills of the set and cast taken for publicity purposes, a behind-the-scenes film clip included in the Making of Star Wars TV documentary, and a poorly exposed photograph. These were taken under I thought you said this thing was fast and there are no moon cockpit sequences. One of the press kit's photo recordings is in the cockpit backwall part of this page, clearly showing the top edge of the front panel. You can see circular blue lights with round metal edge. Black and white image from the same shoot is in the rear dash ring section, and it shows the front dash edge in slightly better focus. The documentary footage is of relatively poor quality as 16mm of footage was converted to NTSC TV, but it shows the entire front panel. There is a shot at the top of this page in the full size set section, and also the one below. Unfortunately, this material is not enough to give us an unequivocal sense of what the front details looked like, especially at the bottom, so there has been a lot of guesswork and conjecture over the years. In particular, Joshua Maruska and Stinson Lenz have produced some amazing CGI models of the cockpit interior. These designs have been very popular, even affecting commercial product design and Lucasfilm animation! But I am not convinced that the documentary material confirms an extruded square blue light design, which is the denoretized look rendered above. They seem like mostly round backlit holes in an almost square plate. Finally, the lower panel is especially difficult to interpret. It seems to be extremely shiny in making recordings, as if it were a chrome-plated panel with recessed areas for lamps. It is difficult to know what is a red light and what is a reflection. According to, one theory that Steve Starkiller has suggested is that this panel may well have been a chrome-plated car part, such as a headlight reflector or dashboard trim. Here's my roughly simplified model of the dashboard console, with a theory of what the front panel might have looked like.1980The design completely changed for the ESB. Gone is the square of blue light and possibly chromed red light holder. There are pictures of the whole thing, but they are not very sharp and so few details are known. It appears that the top has a large low black box on the copilot side, divided into quadrants. An inverted white or metallic T-shape sits at the bottom of this box. There is a narrow aluminum box to the pilot's side, which looks like part of a heat sink, from which wires and cables go down. Below there are a couple of larger dark boxes, seemingly festooned with greeblies, and possibly sporting a couple of round things that vaguely resemble plumbing fixtures. It's a big, blank area on the pilot side. There are fewer lights than the ANH design - just a couple of small red lights near the pin strips. Especially the bottom part is quite. You can't really see what details existed on the black boxes, and the section right over with the wires and things is very poorly seen. The upper part is slightly better known, due to images of the cockpit taken more from the side, including angles used in the film itself. 1983On only the top edge is visible in the film, and it is basically the same as the ESB front console. However, red and white circular lights are installed in flat black boxes at the top left. I've never seen any stills of the Falcon from this film.2015The Force Awakens had a reconstructed Falcon cockpit that was largely an attempt to copy the ESB design as much as possible. But I have to say that the TFA front panel honestly does not look very good. It is clearly shown in this behind-the-scenes shot by celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz. But unlike the rest of the lovingly recreated set, it looks just a little incomplete and unfinished, as if the set builders had trouble finding decent photographic records and ran out of time. Whether this unfinished look is because the Leibovitz shot happened before the set was finally completed, or whether it's because it's as far as they got in the rebuild, based their work on the same incomplete material available to fans, we don't know. One of the prop-making entrepreneurs who worked on the film (the now-defunct Propshop) offered this full-size copy set for sale, which was marketed to corrupt oligarchs by crassly expensive English department store Harrods. This replica also contained an incomplete windshield, so perhaps the film one was such after all. This TFA-style cockpit replica was available for sale to the silly wealthy. There were also cockpits built into falcon physical sets. The half-Falcon sets built for the ANH have some cockpit details that can be seen from the outside. It's hard to make a lot of work out, but this set seems to more or less resemble the inner cockpit set. Interestingly the cockpit lights are on in the Docking Bay 94 scene and off in the Death Star scene - which makes sense, but means there is a continuity error on Tatooine since the cockpit lights are off again when Chewie is seen in and stays seated. The full-size kit for the ESB also has a rudimentary cockpit with lighting and seats, and Chewbacca can be seen inside it in the Hoth hangar scene. This cockpit is significantly undersized, of course, compared to the sets used to shoot actual cockpit interior sequences. The two main shooting miniatures of the Millennium Falcon used in creating the original trilogy - the original five footer (below) and the ECB's 32 incher - actually had cockpits that did not resemble full size sets at all. But most model makers generally try to recreate the look of the big sets, so I'm not going to cover these miniatures here. I have a whole page of information about the five-foot Falcon's strange cockpit, though. THE COMMERCIAL MODELS. By the way, hardly any commercial model has a proper cockpit interior that matches the model's outer appearance. So many commercial models seem strangely obsessed with random mixing and matching elements from different movies. Or just invent new and random cockpit designs. Bandai 1:72 Perfect Grade model, for example, has a flawlessly rendered ANH – but an ESB interior. The DeAgostini Falcon has an ESB exterior and mostly ESB cockpit details apart from the inner sidewalls, which are ANH. Paragrafix makes a spectacularly detailed etched brass interior for the ESB DeAgostini Falcon, but unfortunately it replicates THE ANH-era short sidewalls. Fine Molds/Revell Master Series kits are kind of consistent, in that their cockpit interior seems partly based on 32 miniature, not the sets. Although they look a little strange if you're used to what the full-size set looked like. Then there are kits like the MPC Falcon, which had a completely random interior that resembled neither the set nor the shooting miniature and even had a bizarre submarine-like hatch for a door. The steampunk Falcon! One of the few arguably consistent commercial kits is bandai 1:144, which has both a TFA exterior and a TFA interior. 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