

1/35 American M29 Weasel



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Made in EU

contains 1 highly detailed and accurate model

330 resin parts

100 PE parts

+ plastic parts, mesh and wires needed for assembly
decals for 3 vehicles (2 US + 1 in British service)

instructions and references on CD



glue and paints not included
suitable for advanced modellers
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For safety reasons, and due to the complexity of construction, this kit is recommended only for advanced modellers.

The kit contains small parts, keep it out of the reach of children.

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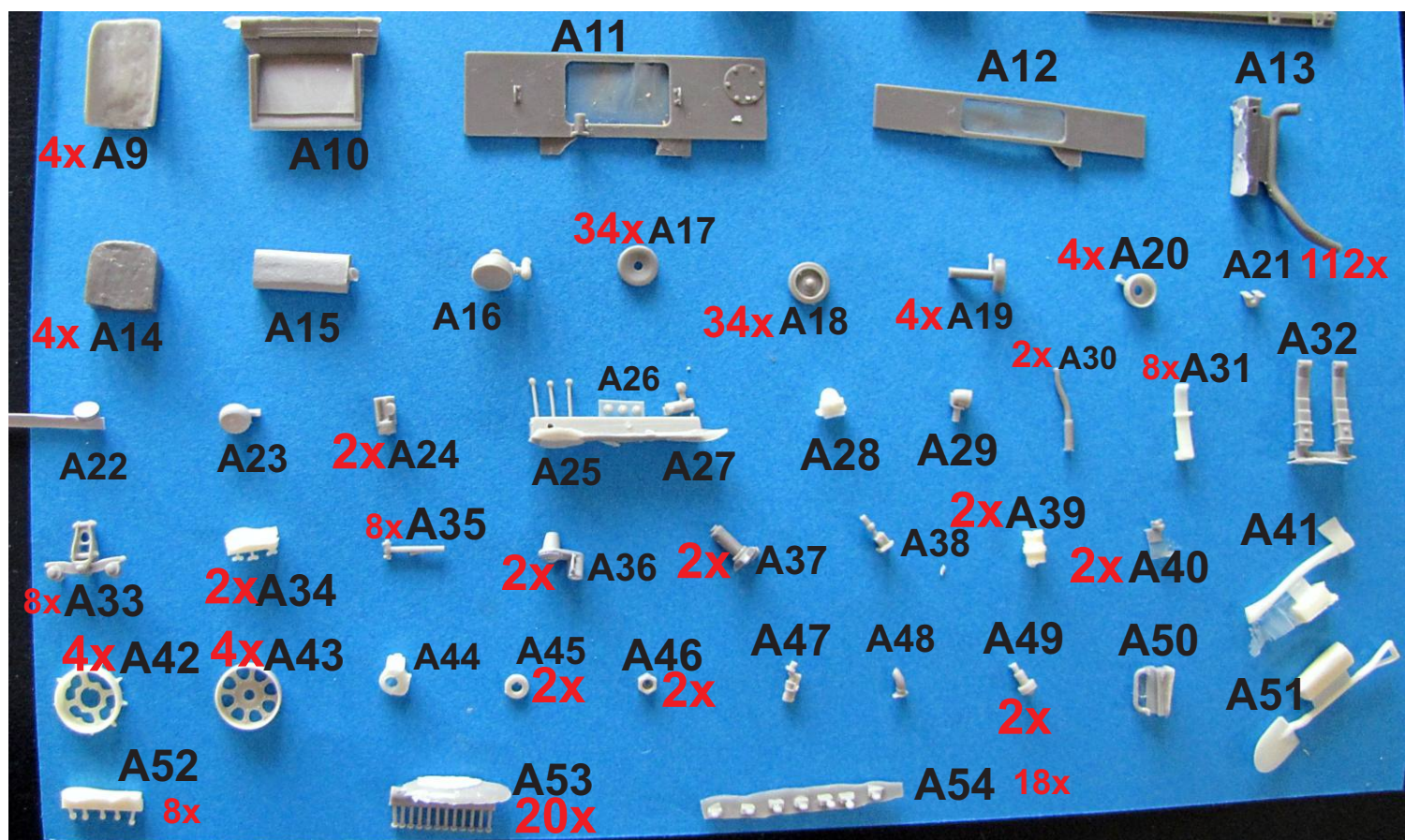
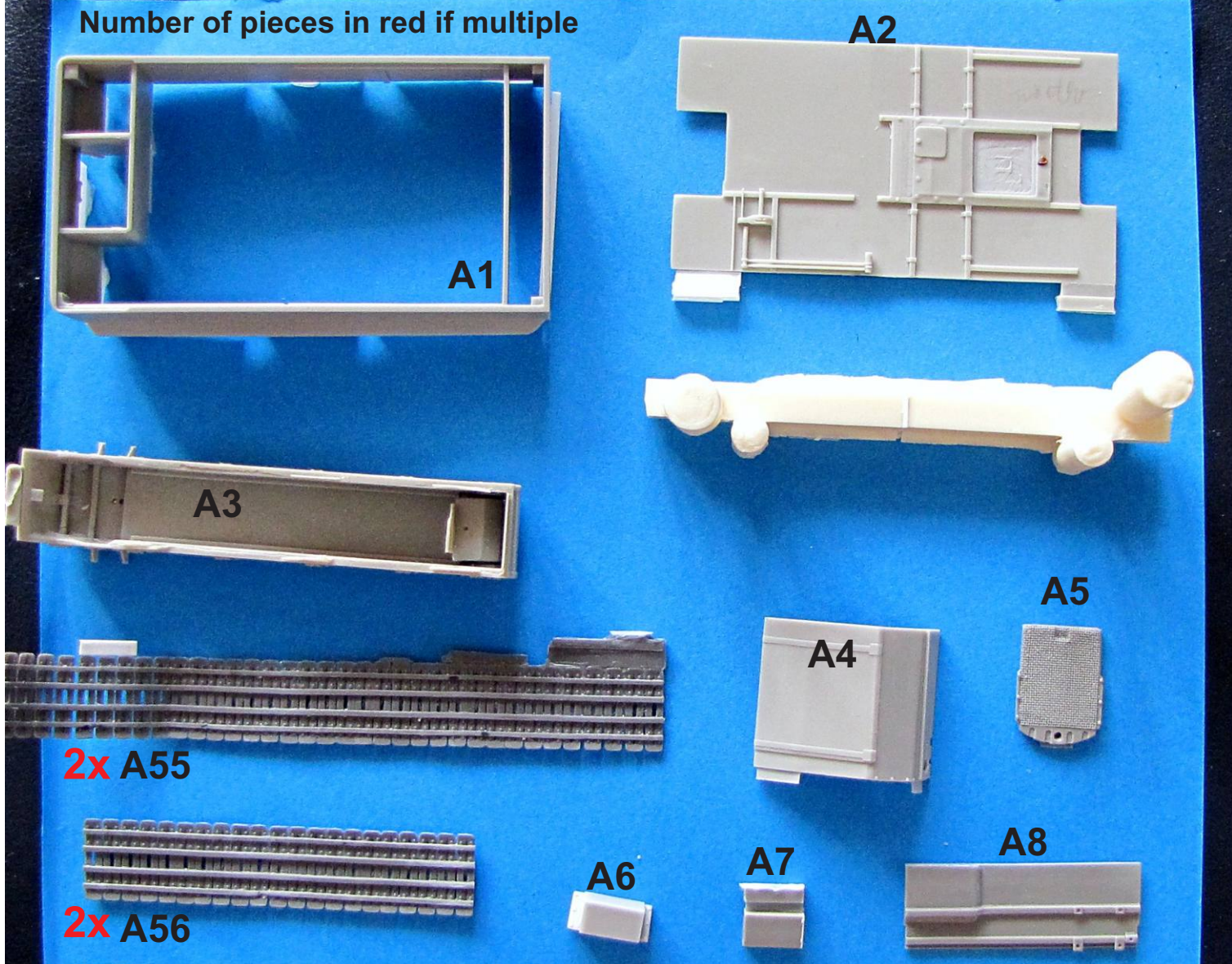
Contains 330 resin parts, 100 PE parts and plastic parts, metal mash, printed instruments foil and wires needed for assembly

Instructions and photos by Adam Kuller, as published at Military Modelling Website:

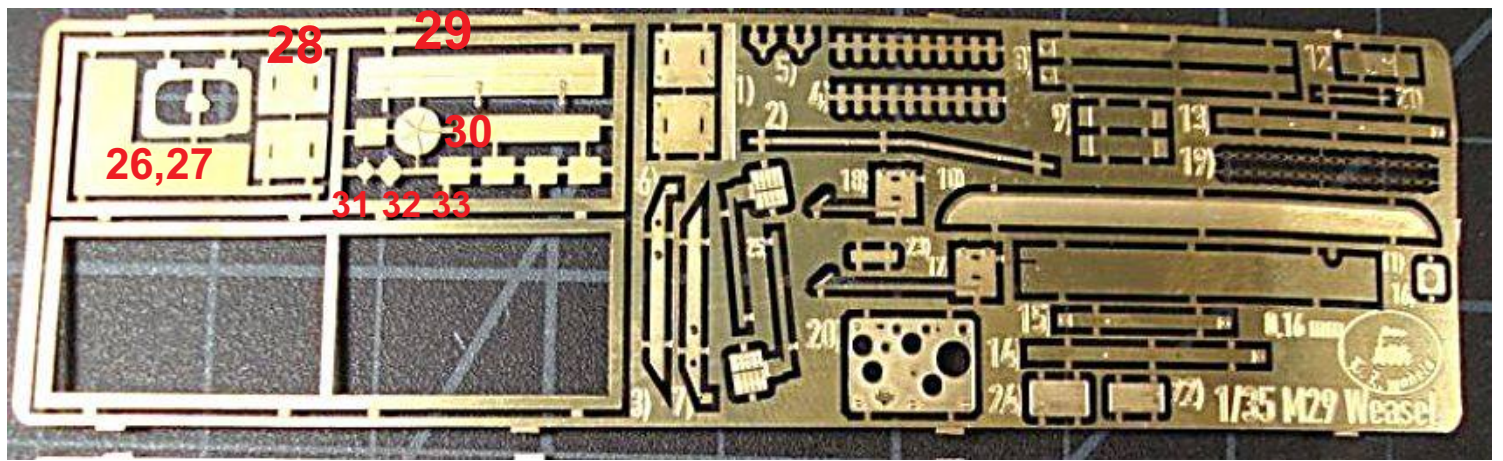
<http://www.militarymodelling.com/forums/postings.asp?th=51188&p=1>

M29 weasel was a tracked vehicle developed and manufactured since 1943. Originally designated T24, it was standardized as Cargo Carrier M29 later in 1943, manufactured by Studebaker. During WWII the weasel was used in Italy early 1944 and later in Western Europe and in the Pacific. During the time, there were many changes in design. The first 2103 had 380 mm tracks, later version 510 mm. The M29 was amphibious, but with a very low freeboard. Watertight cells added at the front and rear to increase flotation then - creating M29C. These cells could be removed for operations in the field. During WWII over 15000 vehicles were produced, as the weasel appeared to be a most useful transport and supply vehicle. M29C and other variants will follow soon this model produced by LZ models.

Number of pieces in red if multiple



A27 only for M29, A16 and A44 are different for M29C



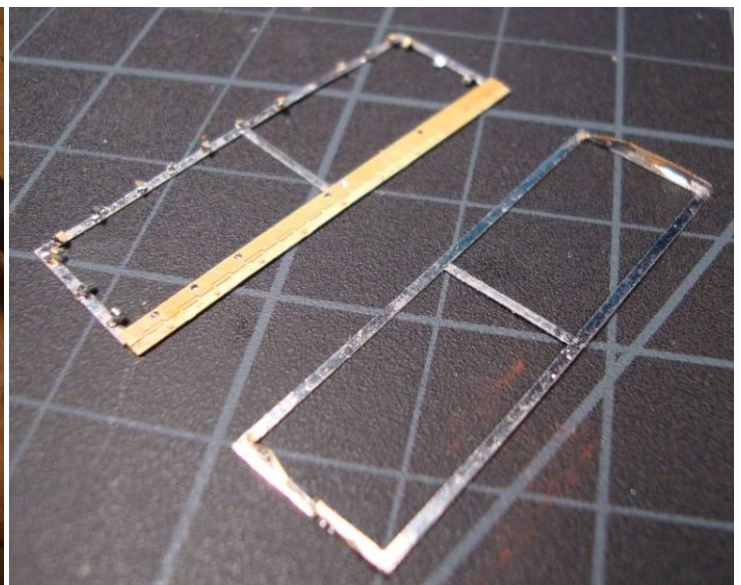
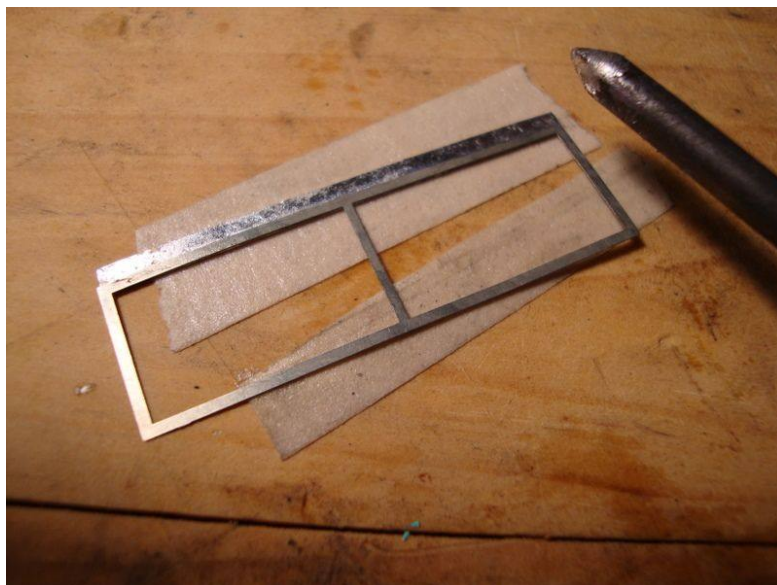
PE parts marked in red, resin parts in black

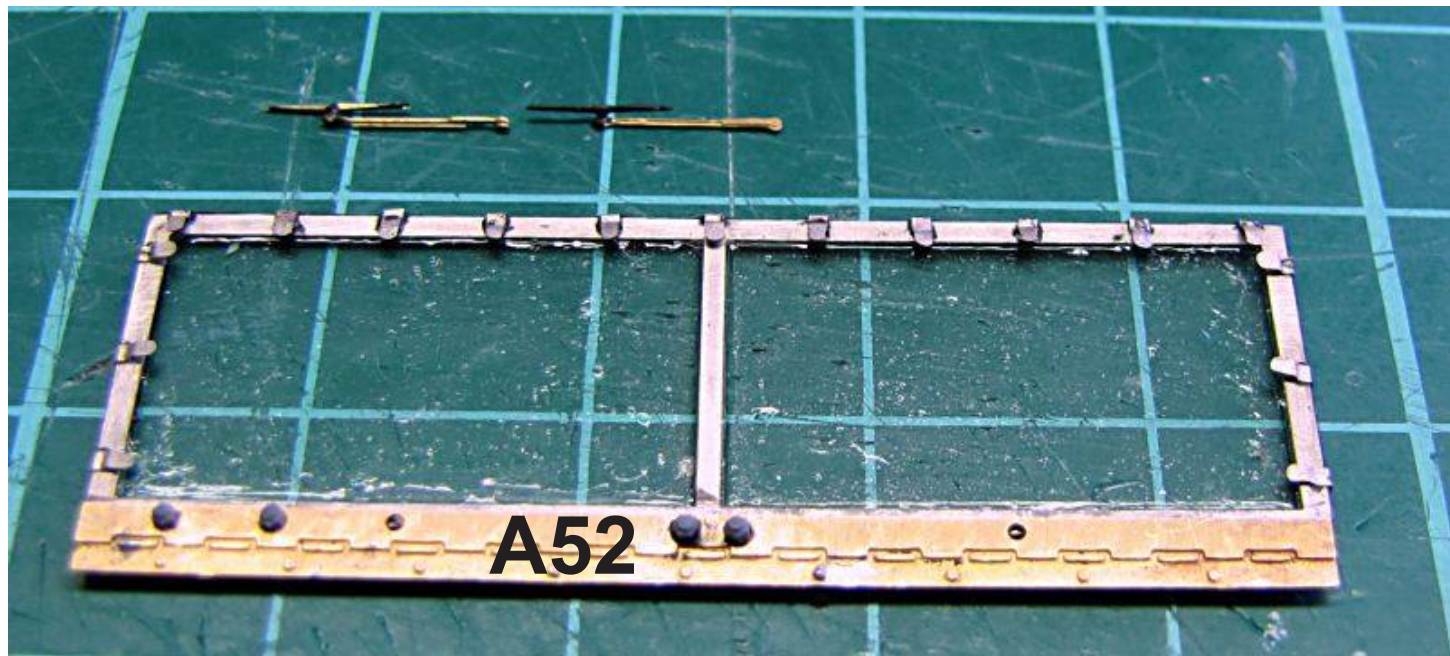


PE “**b**” driver side

PE “**d**” back

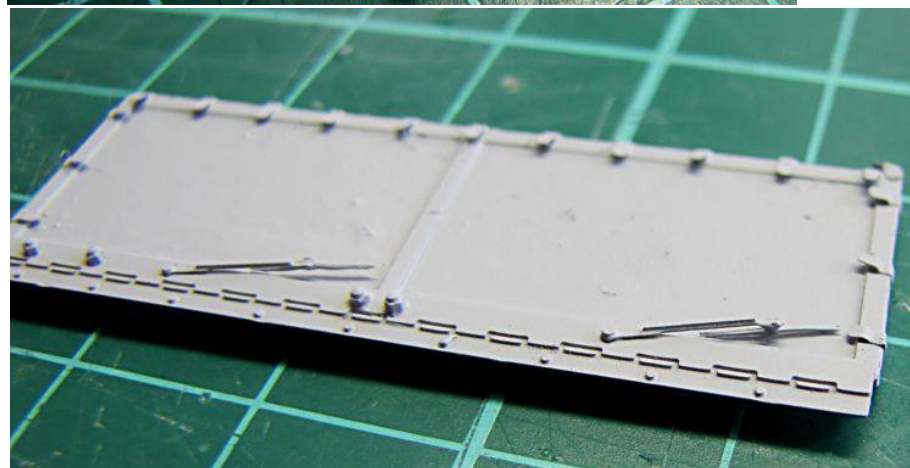
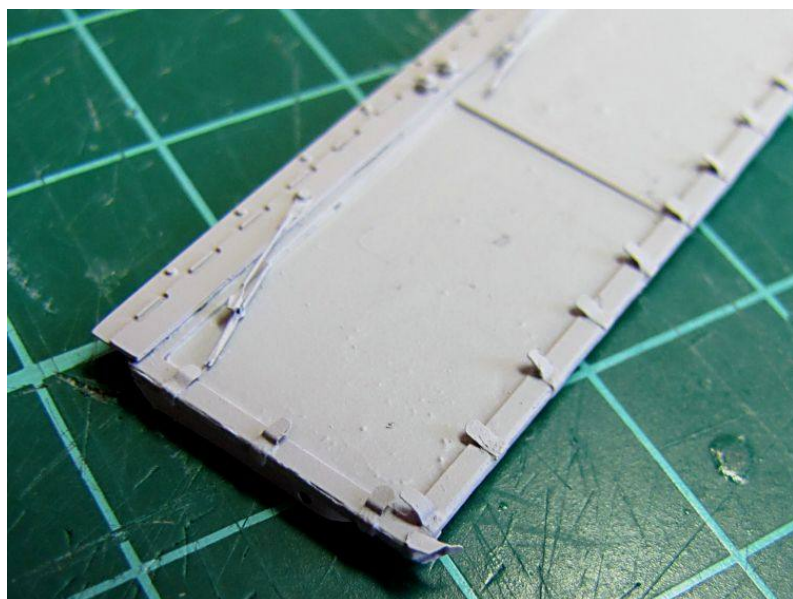
window frames glued on clear plastic from both sides, tiny parts
“4” “5” can be glued or soldered - in case of soldering done before
completing with plastic glass



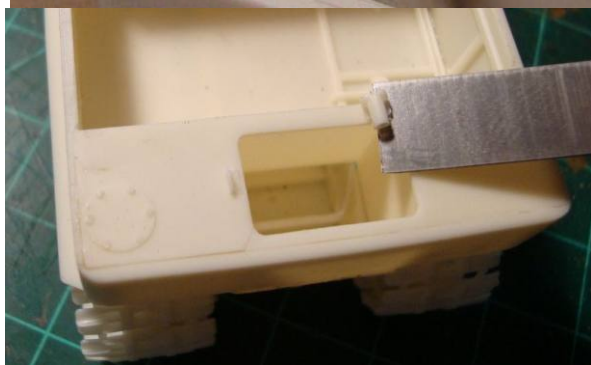


nut heads provided in the kit, wipers to be assembled in other holes.

PE 6, 7



**Remove light
holder for
M29C**



A12

A8

A2

A4

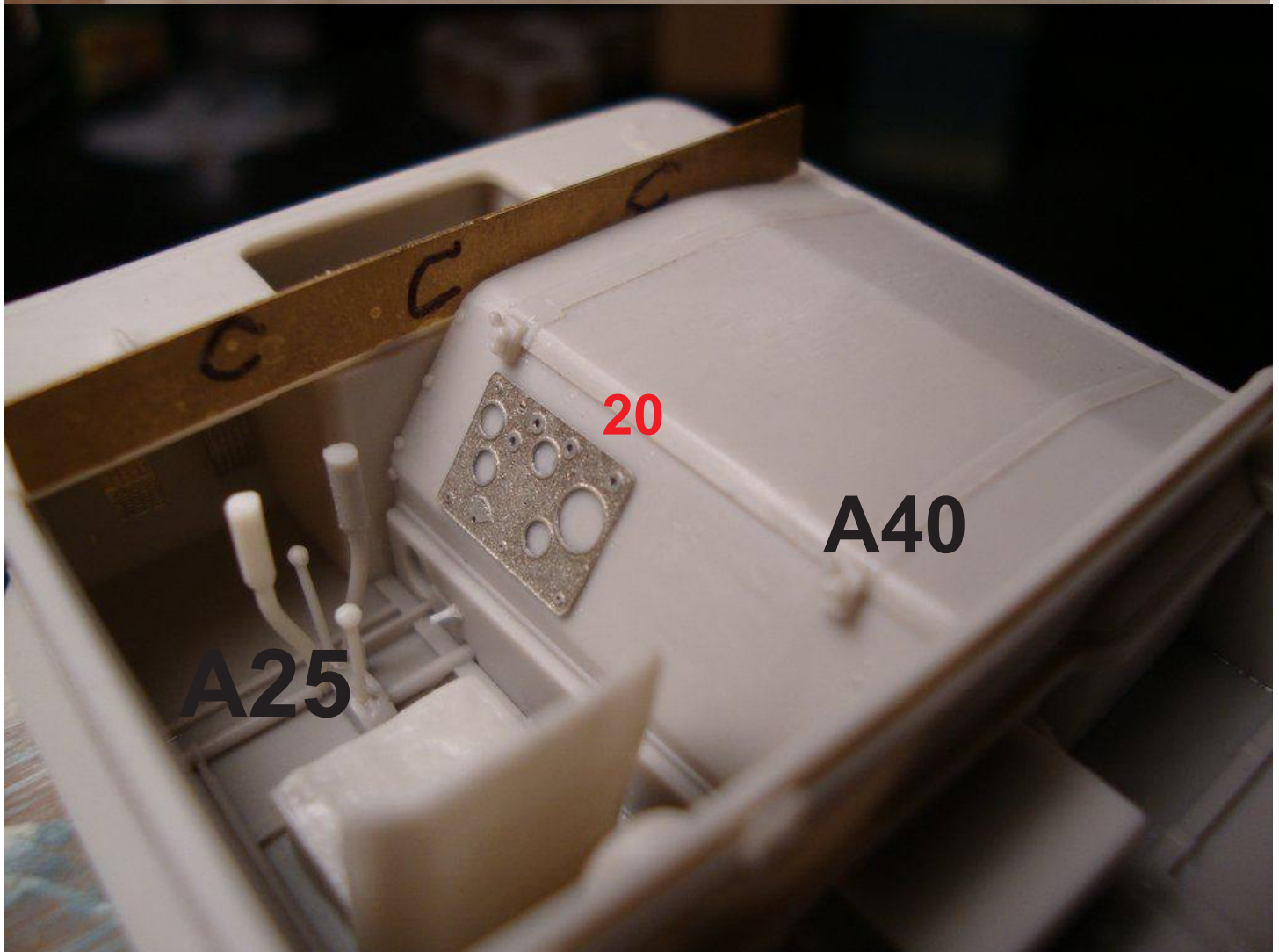
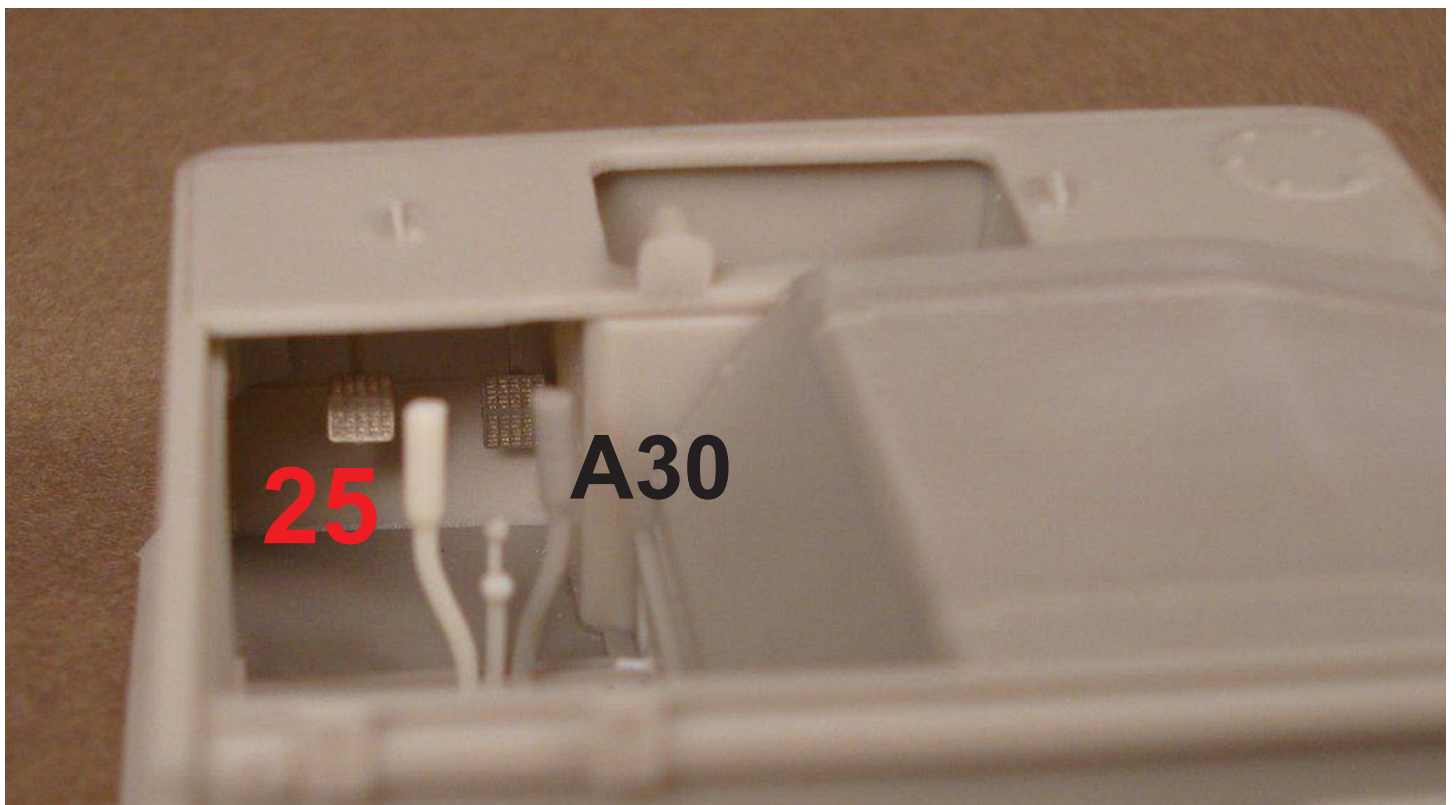
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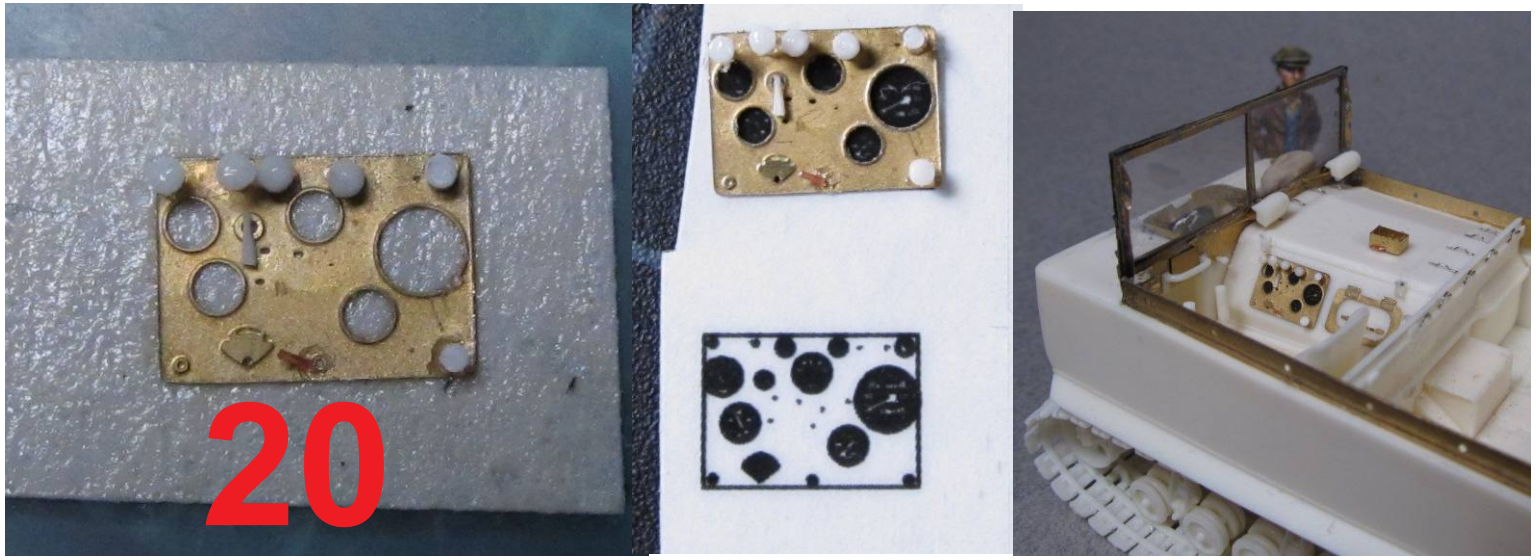
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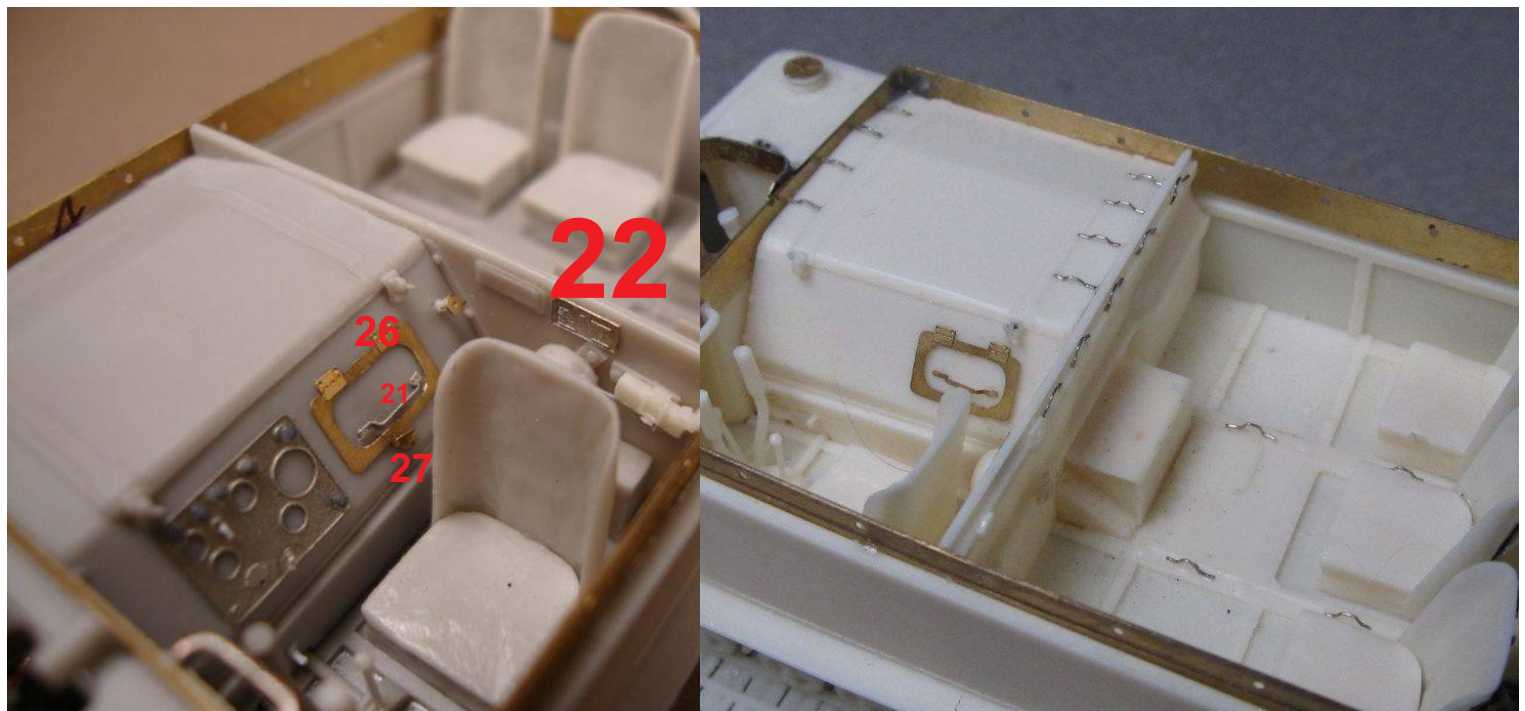


“C” and mounted on resin wall to get right high of PE sides, engine cover to be fitted “by eye” in next step. Printed instruments on clear self-adhesive foil - place it in right position and then assembly PE. Clear varnish can be used later to make better glass like looking illusion.

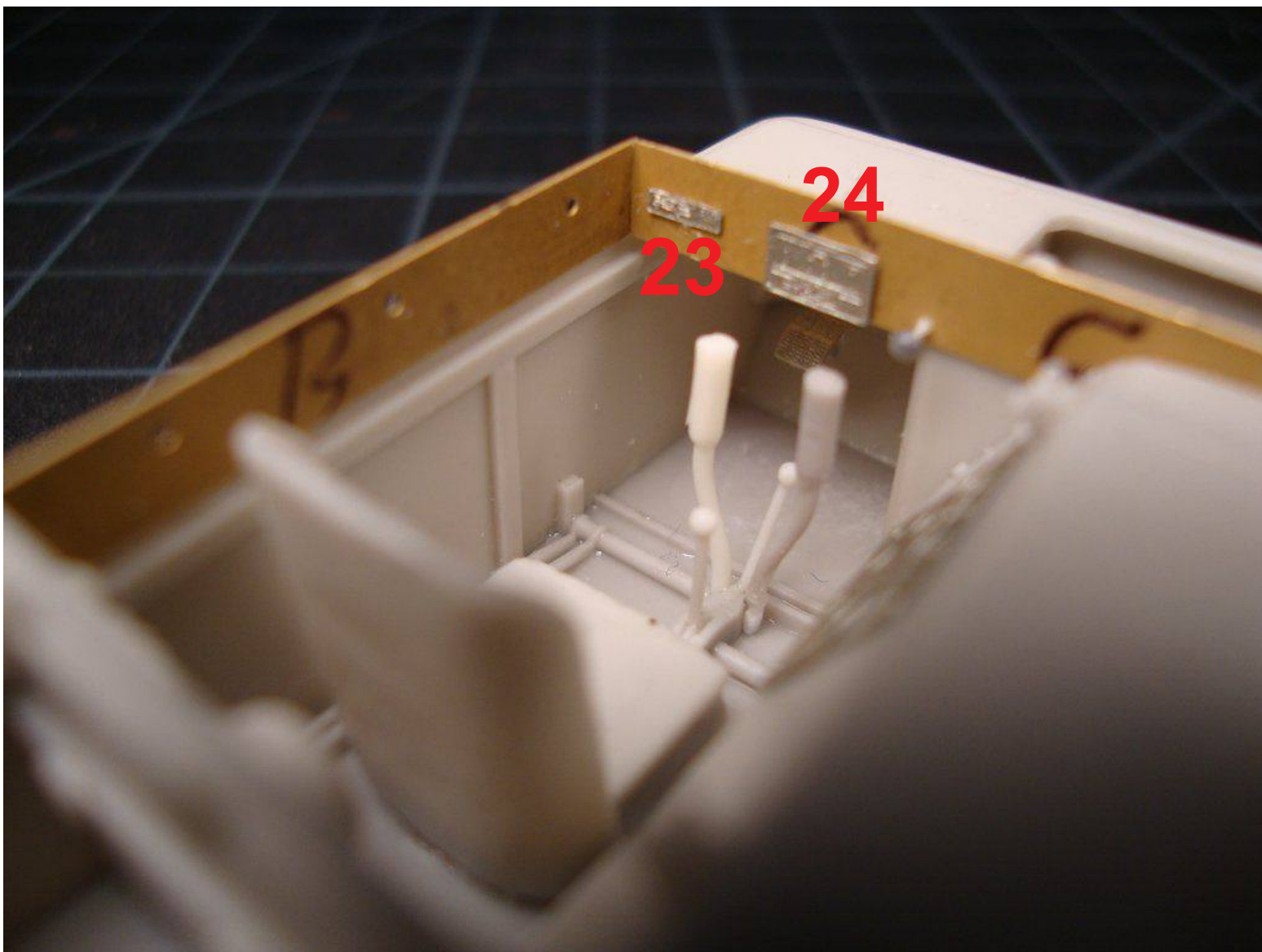


printed instruments

bulbs and
switches on instrument panel can be made of wires
and resin buttons provided

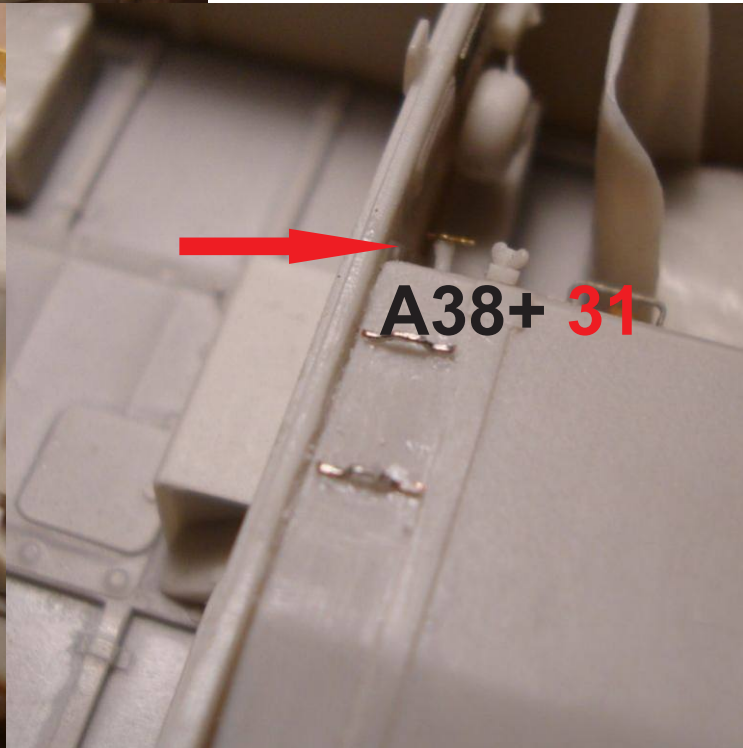
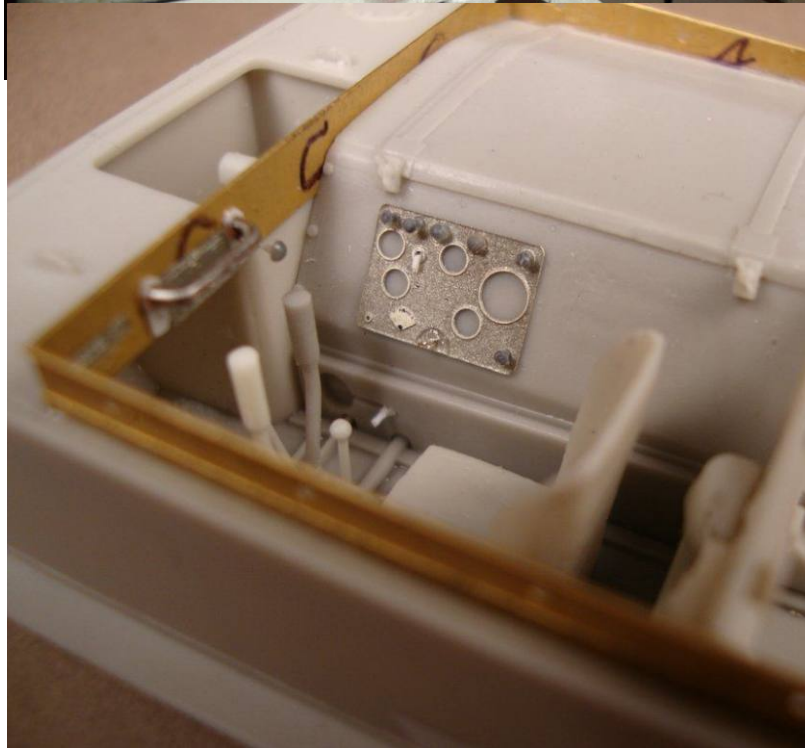


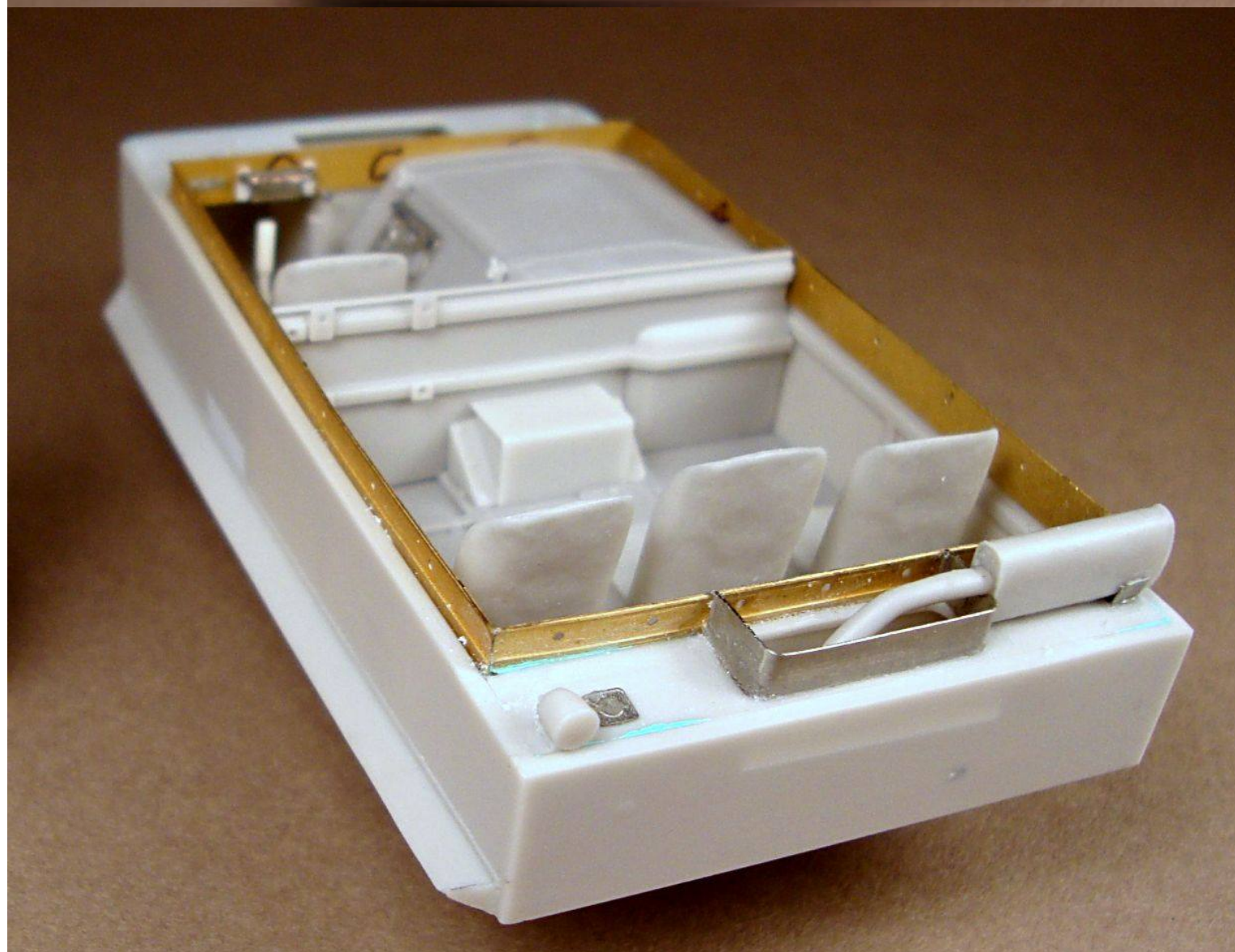
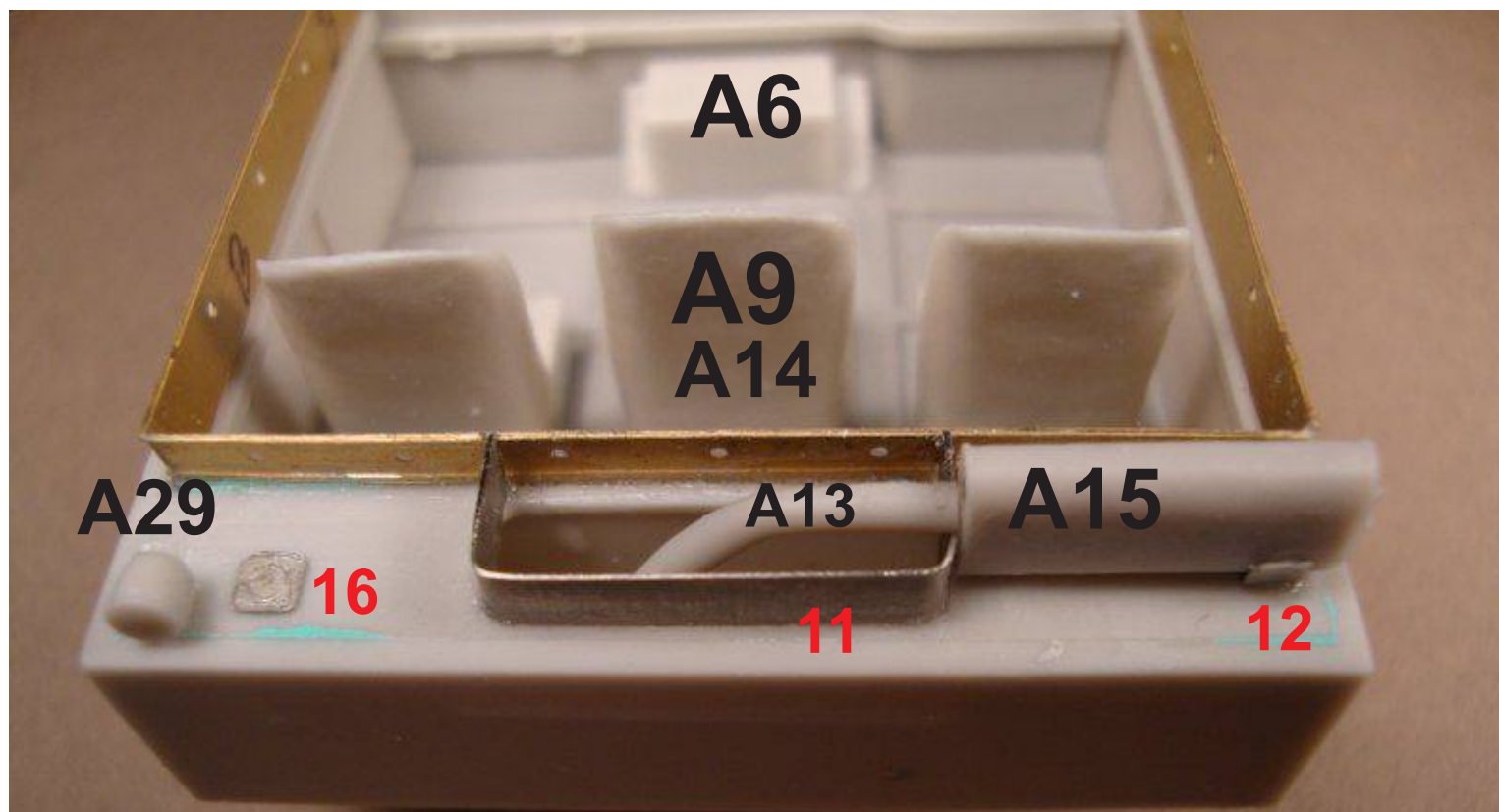




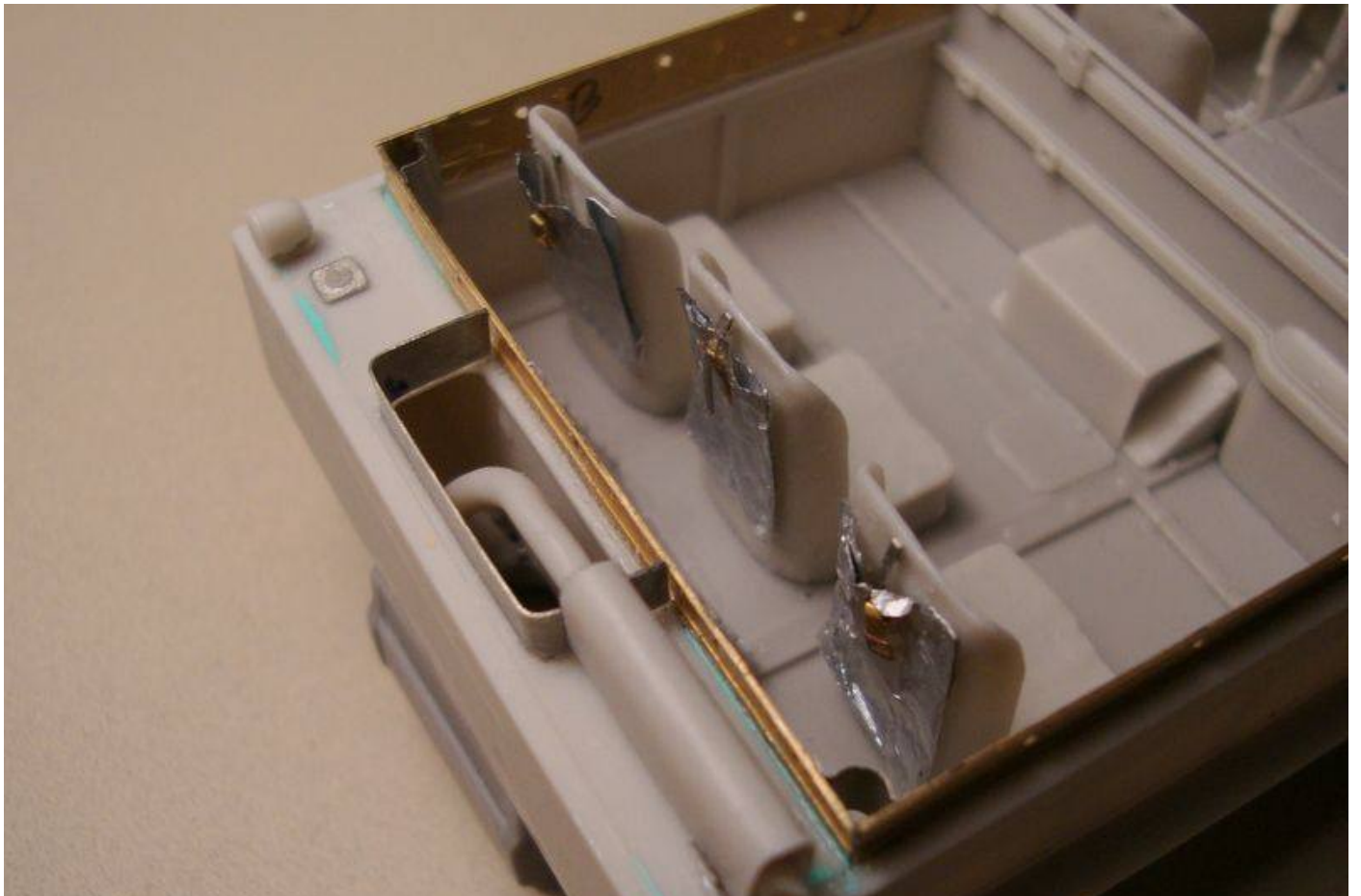


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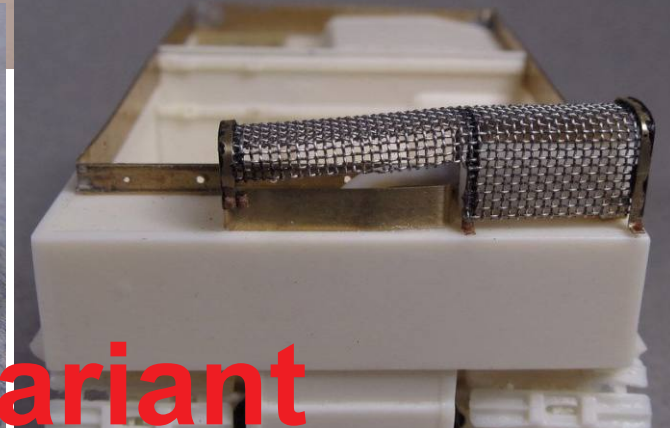
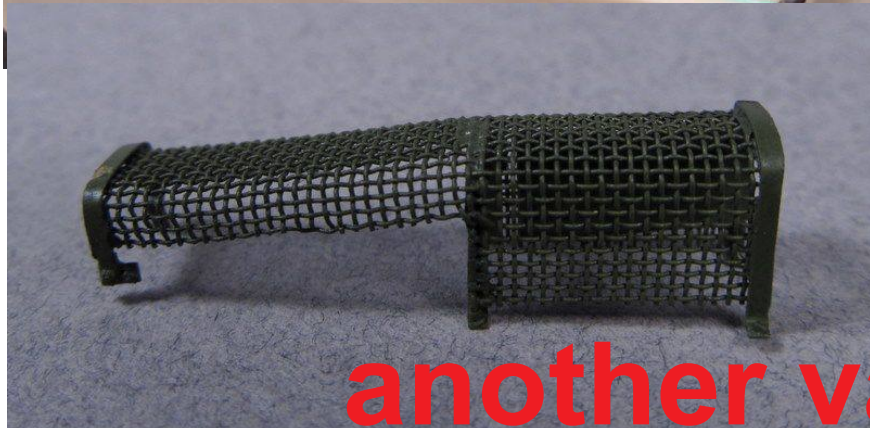
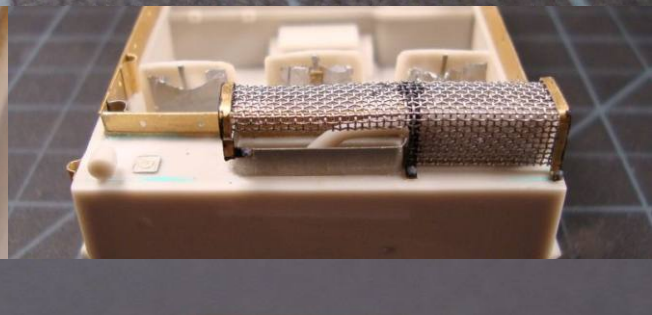
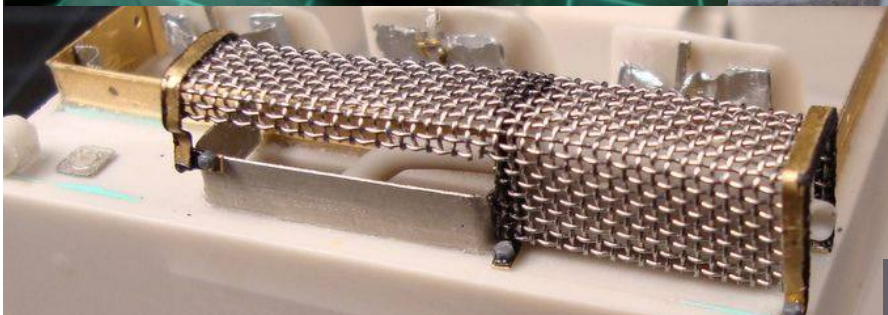
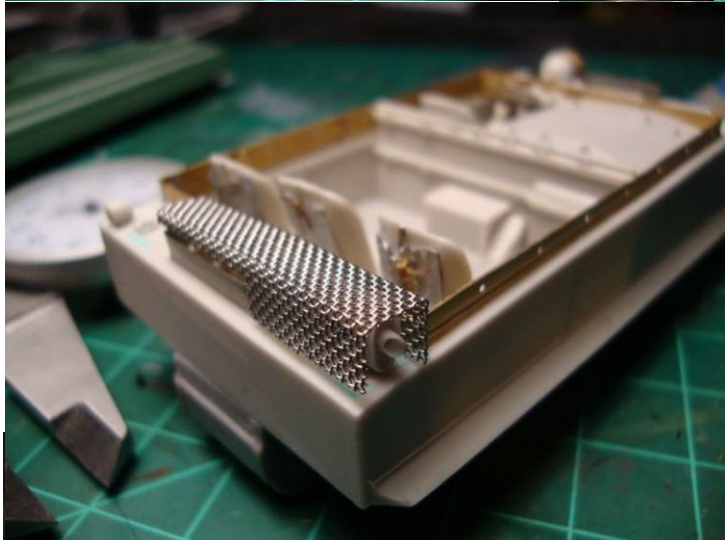
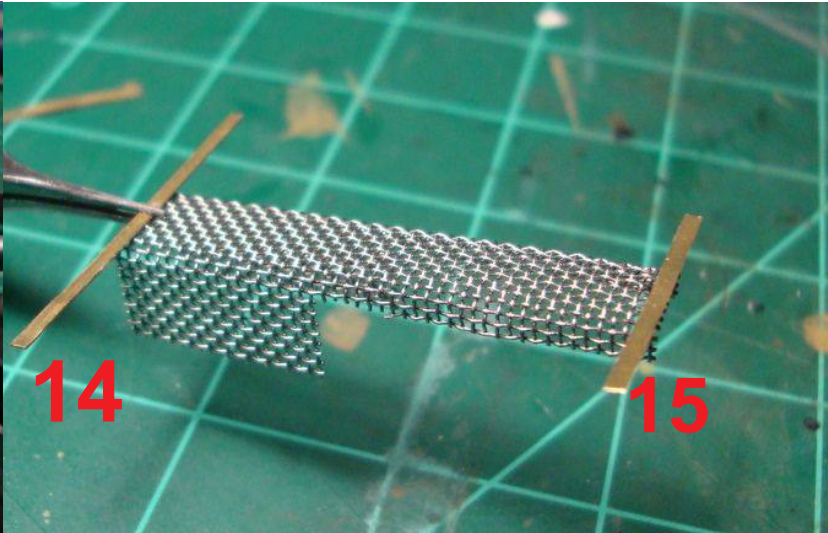




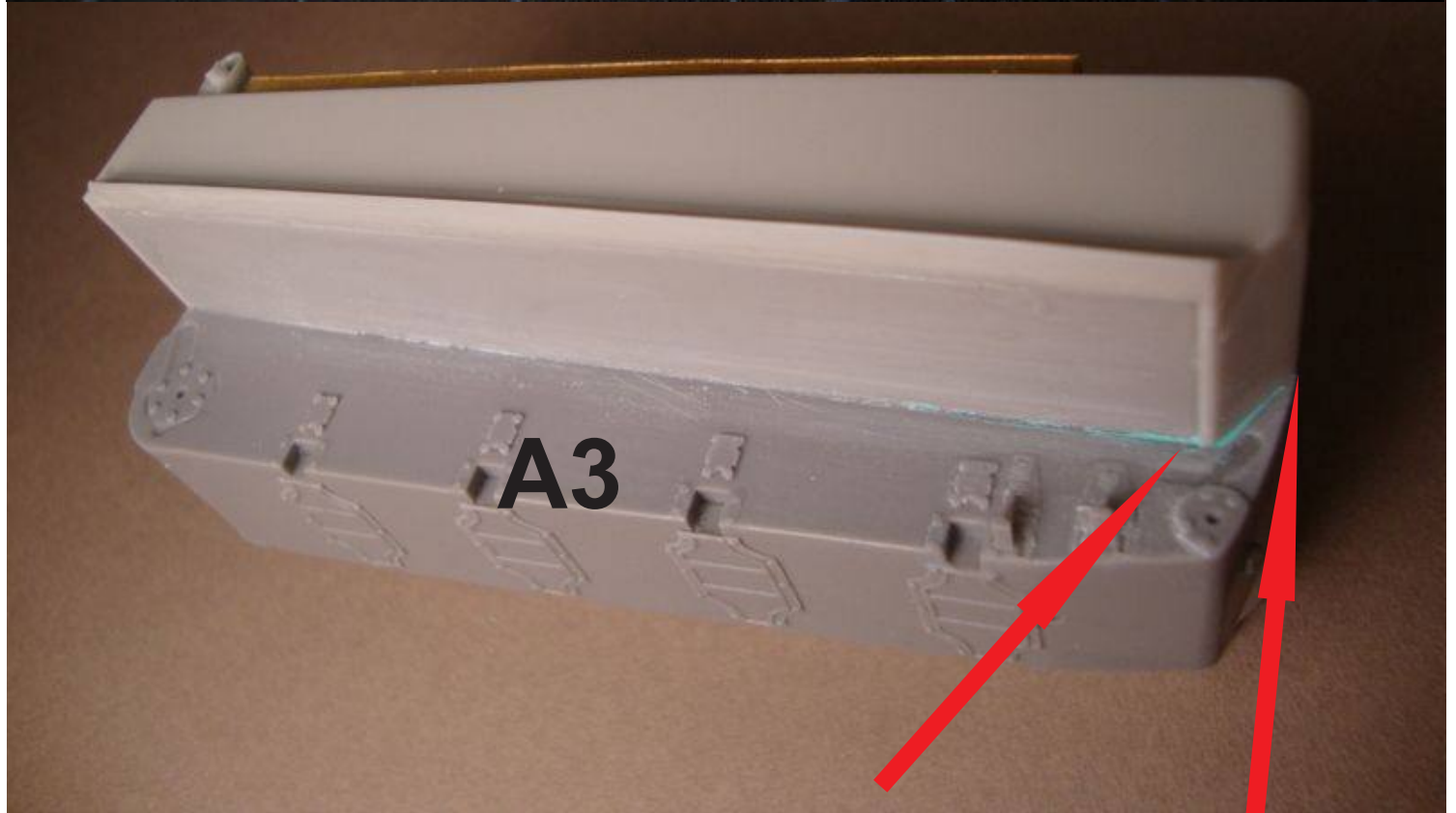
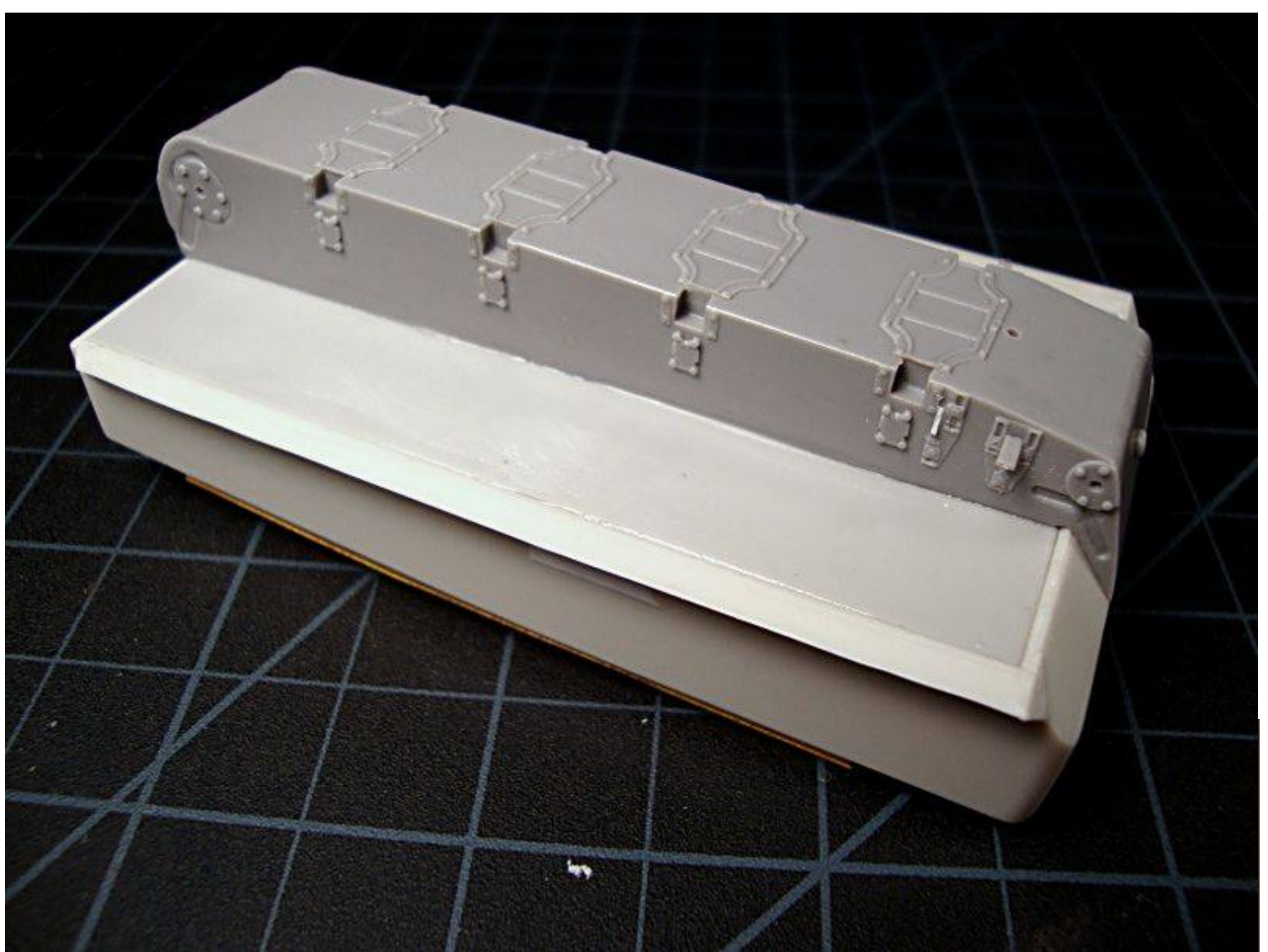
For additional detailing Adam has done seat pouches made of chocolate bar foil and PE scraps



To make exhaust mesh cover a piece 29x16mm is needed. These looked often very different and any creativity here is possible. PE bits have tiny nut heads or also resin nut heads can be used to get more noticeable effect

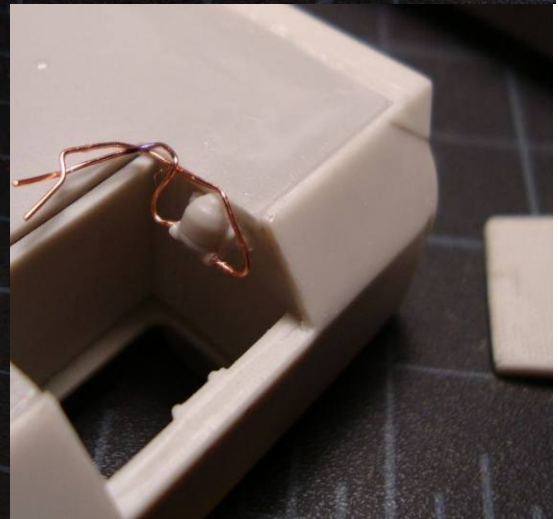
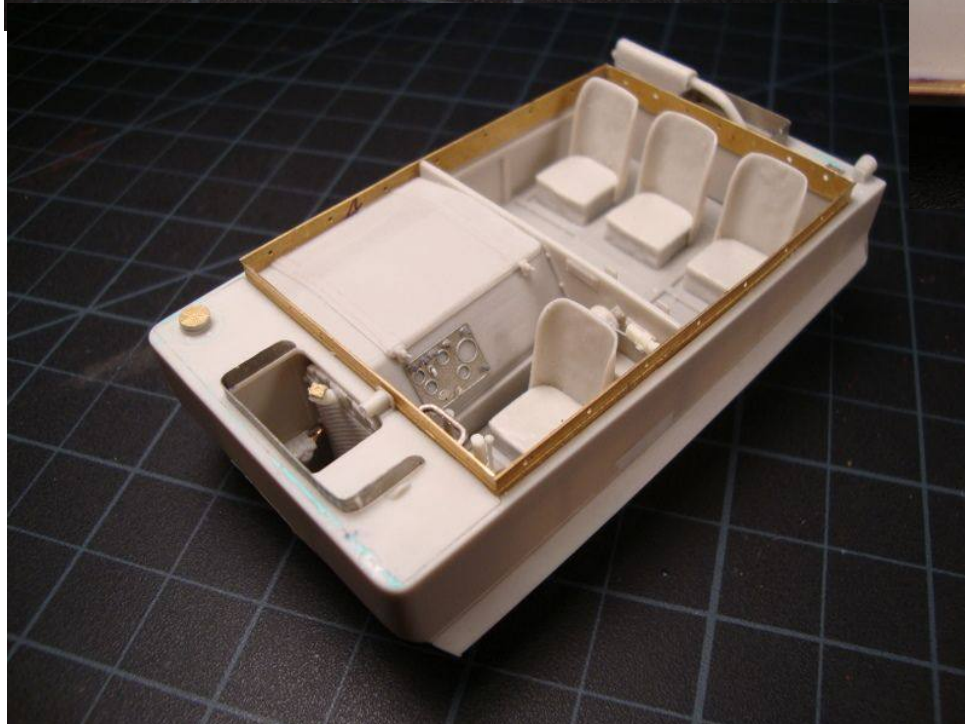
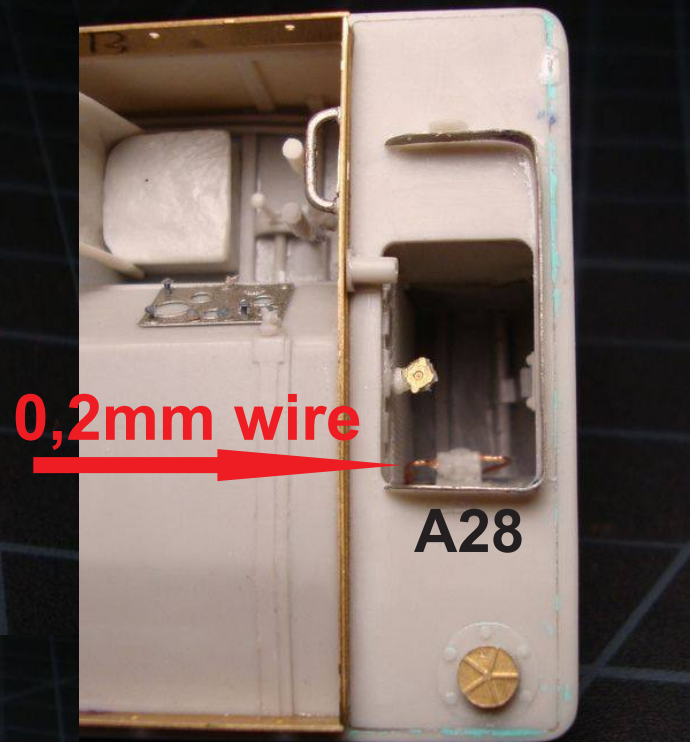
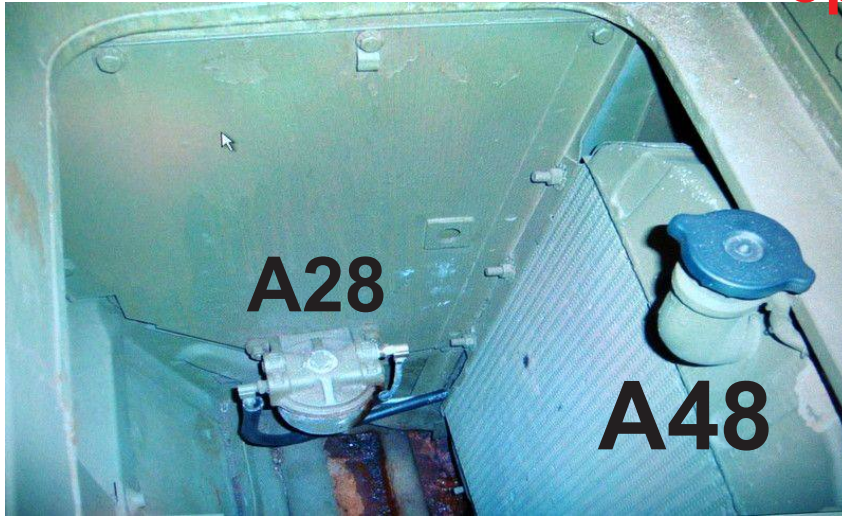


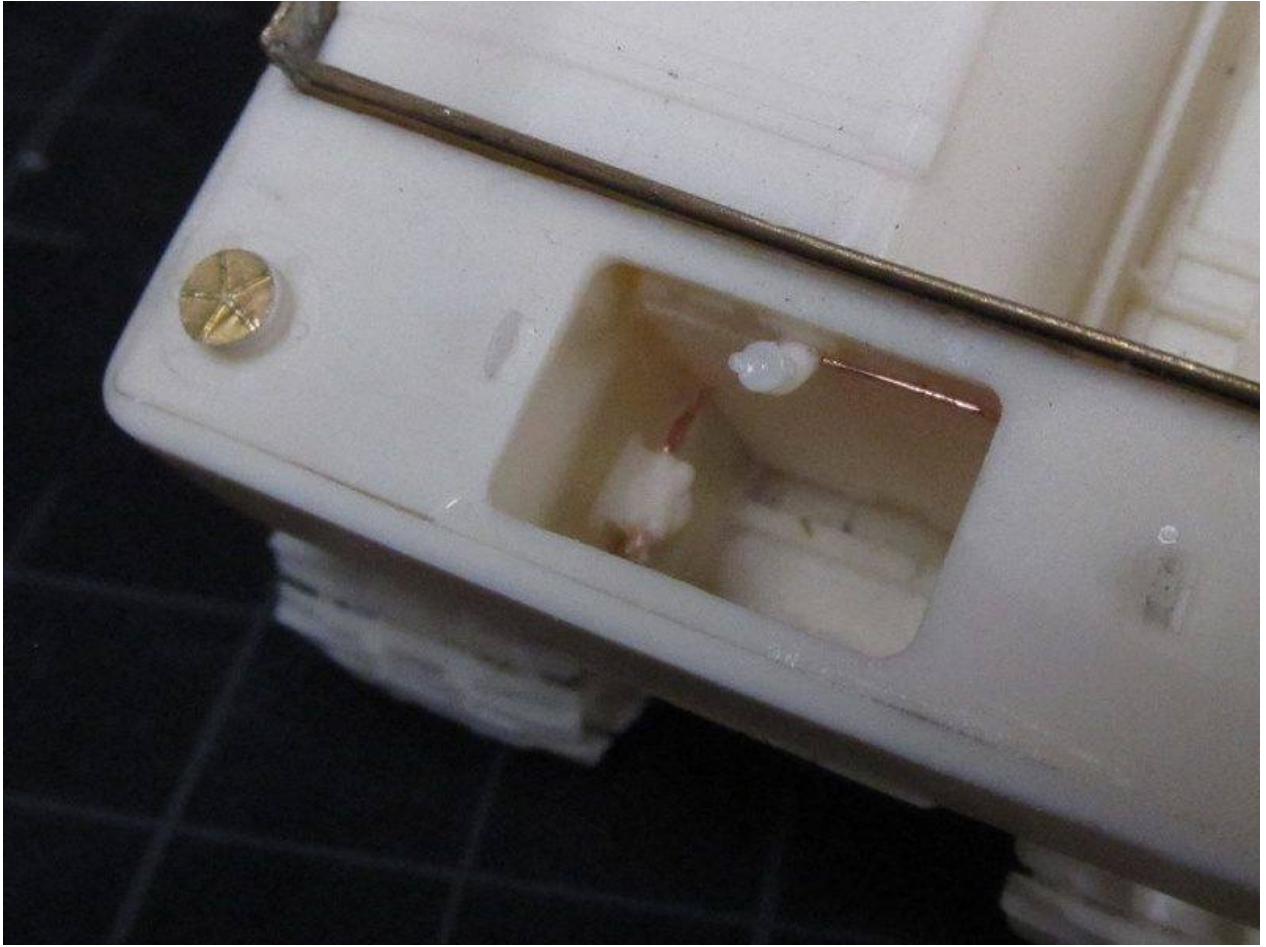
another variant



Here a bit of filler and some sanding might be needed to get smooth crossing

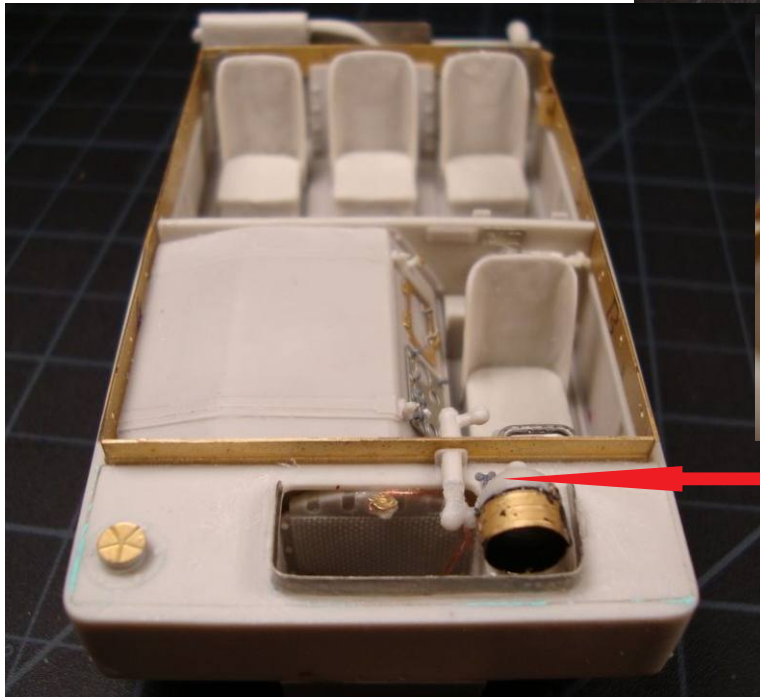
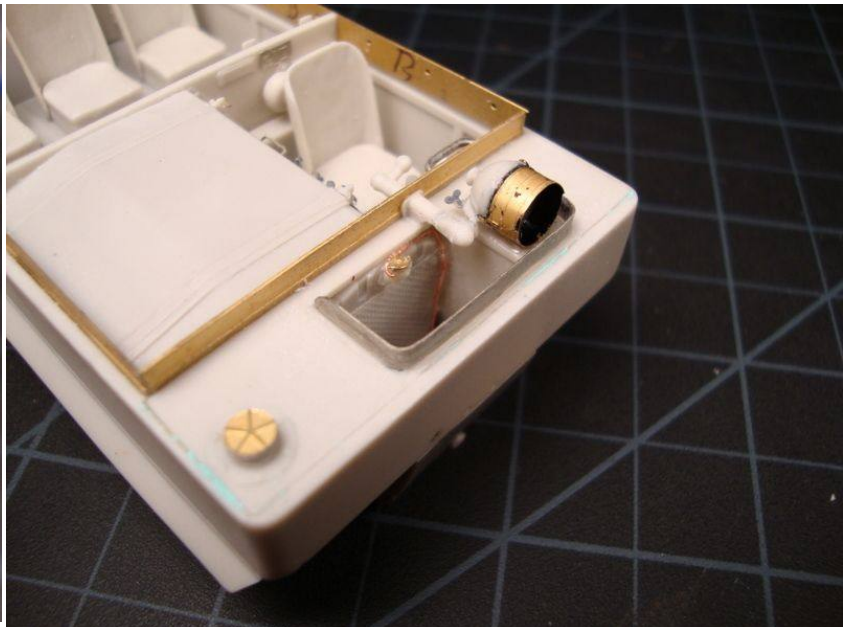
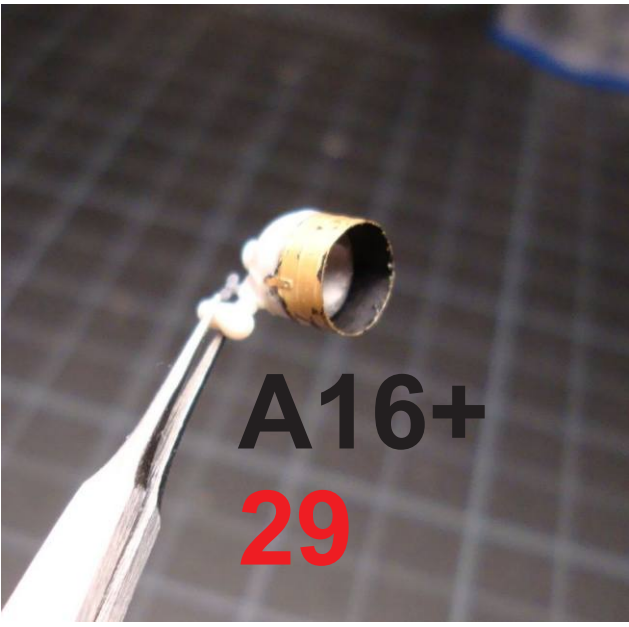
optional PE lid "32"



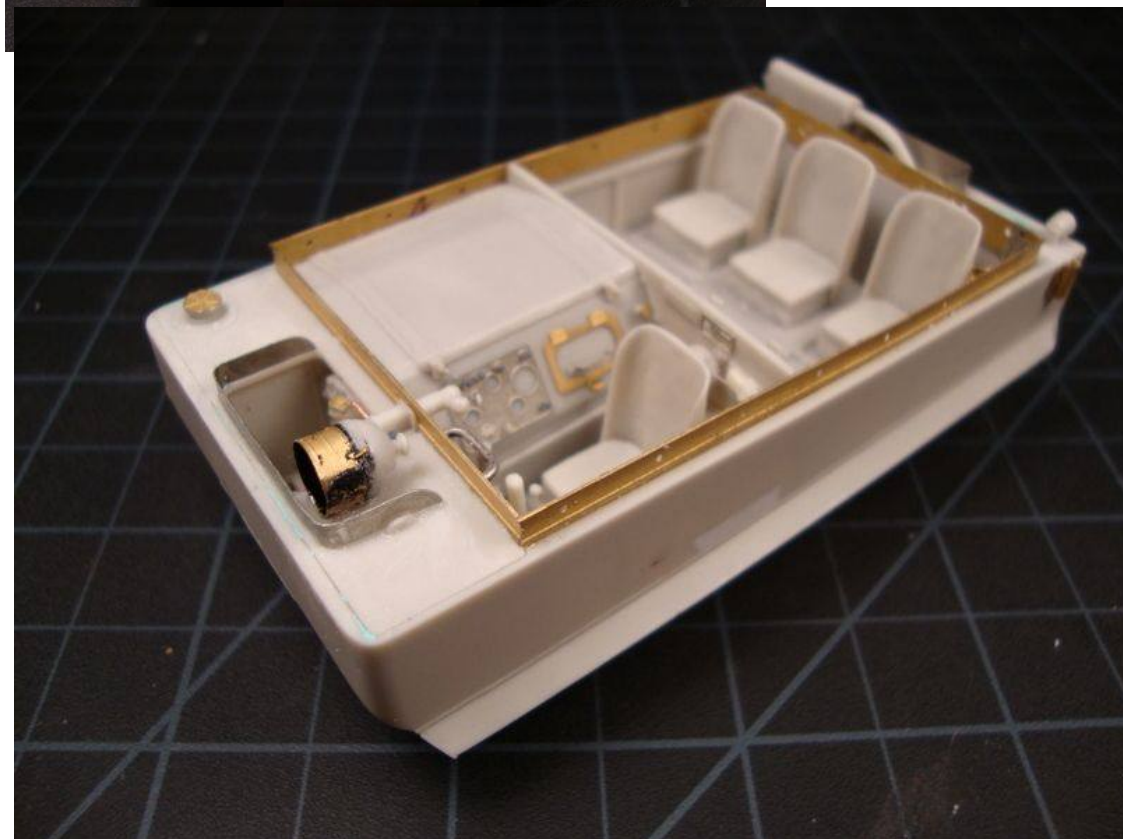


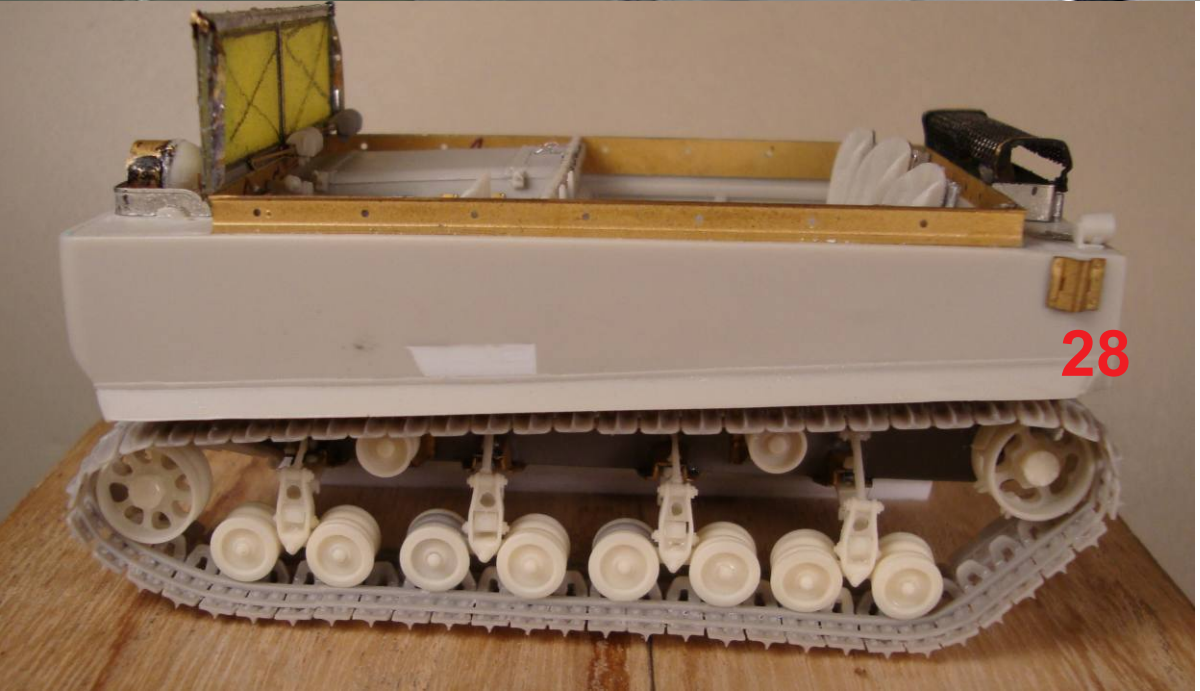
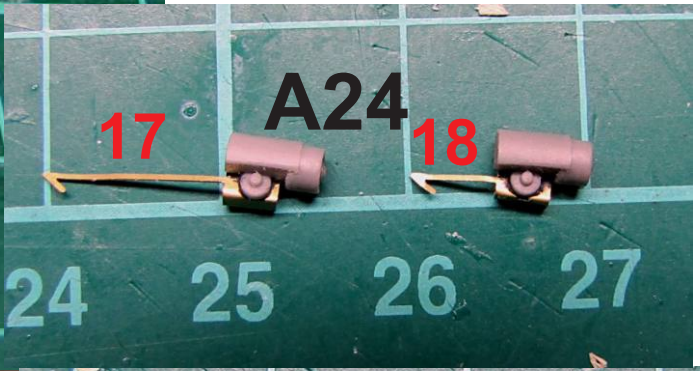
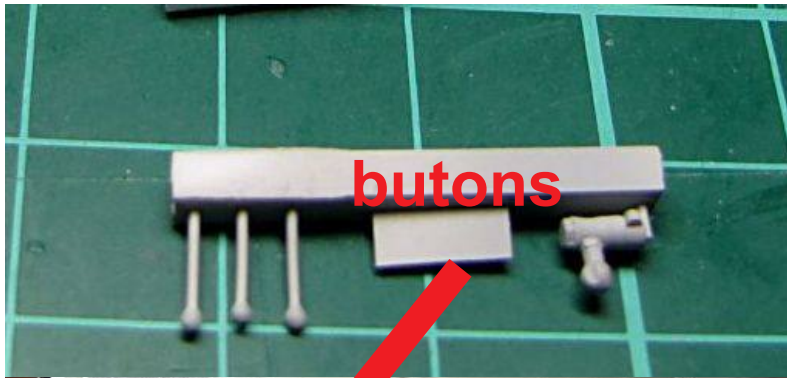
A22+30

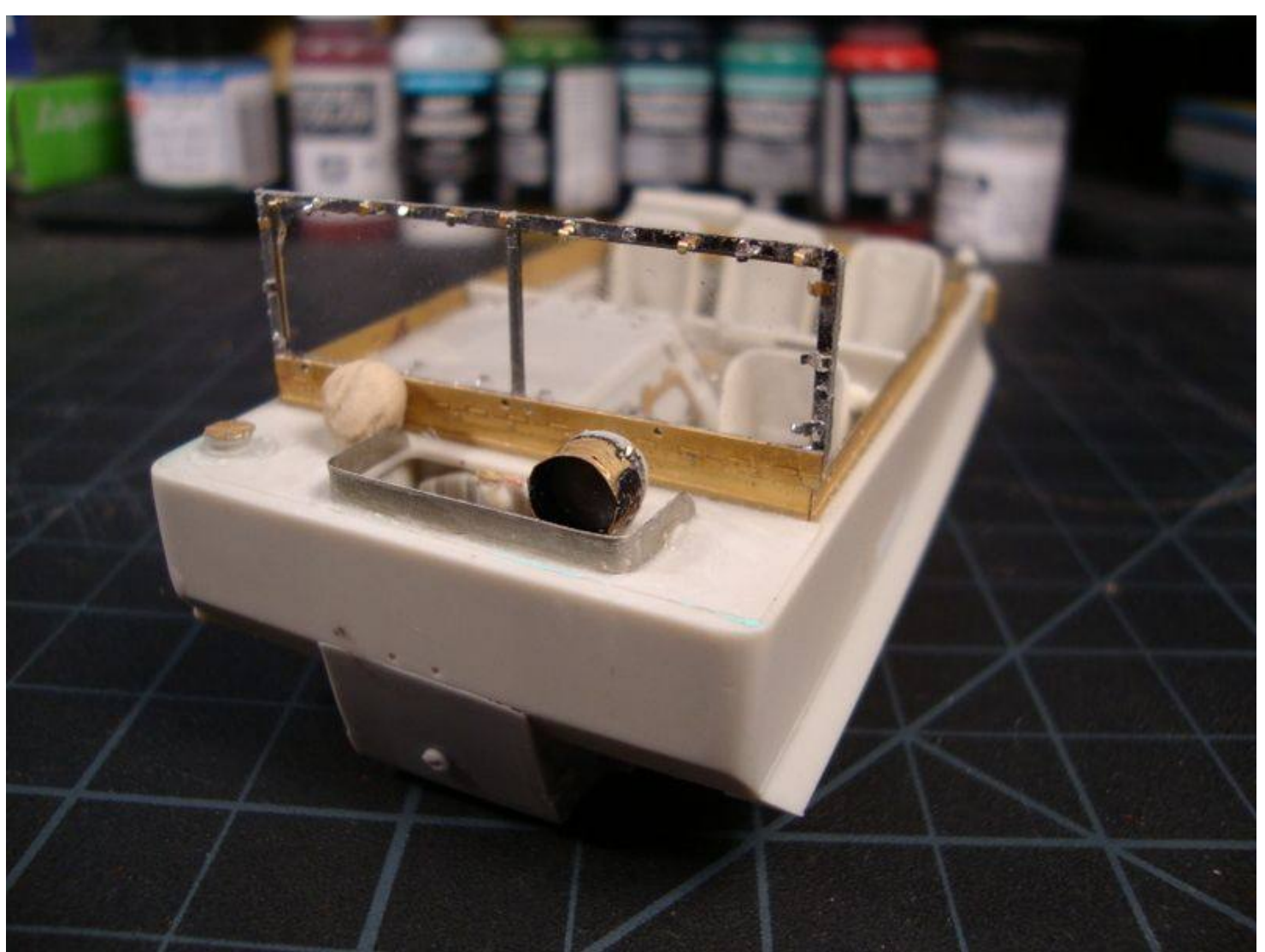


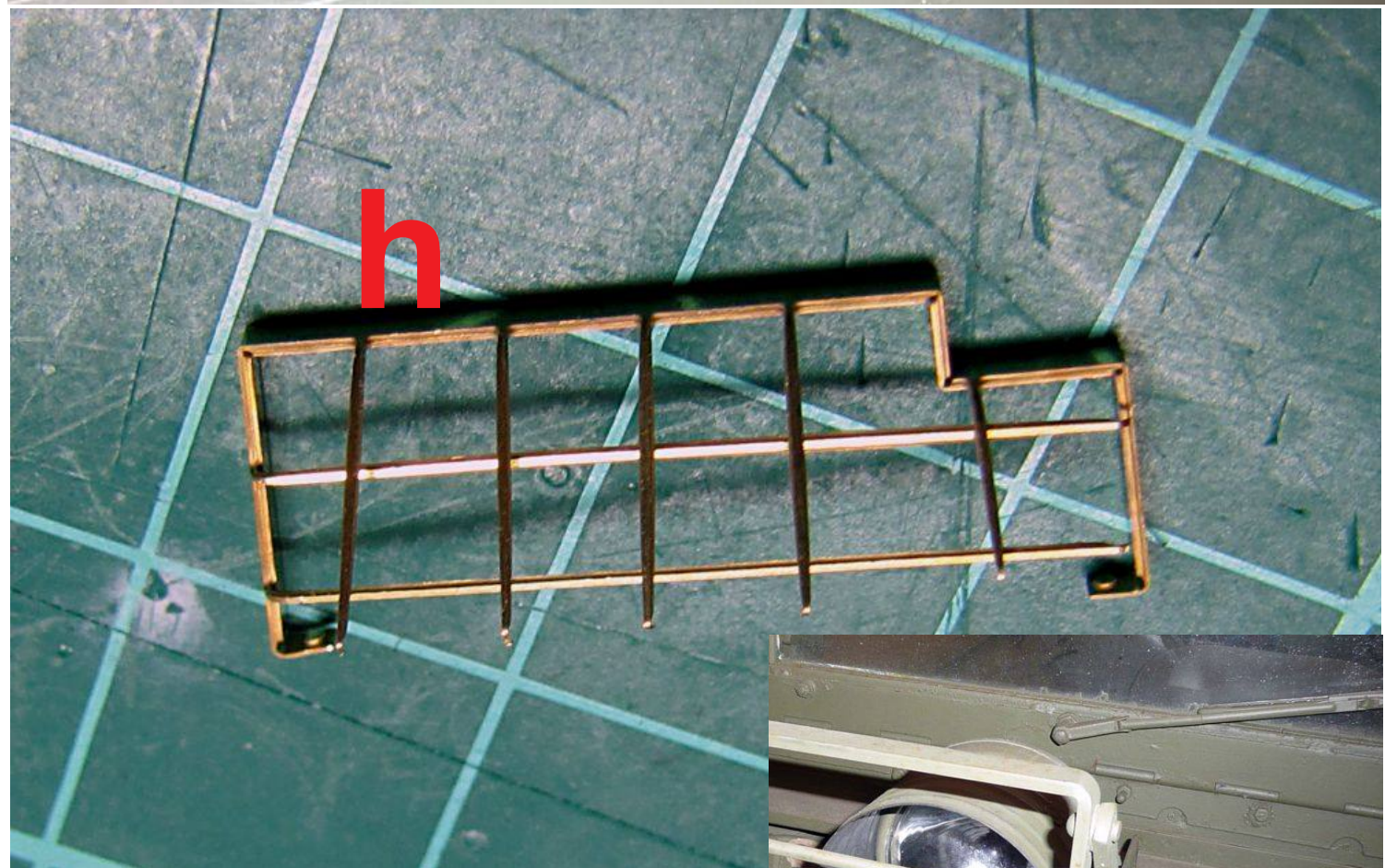


wing nut in the kit



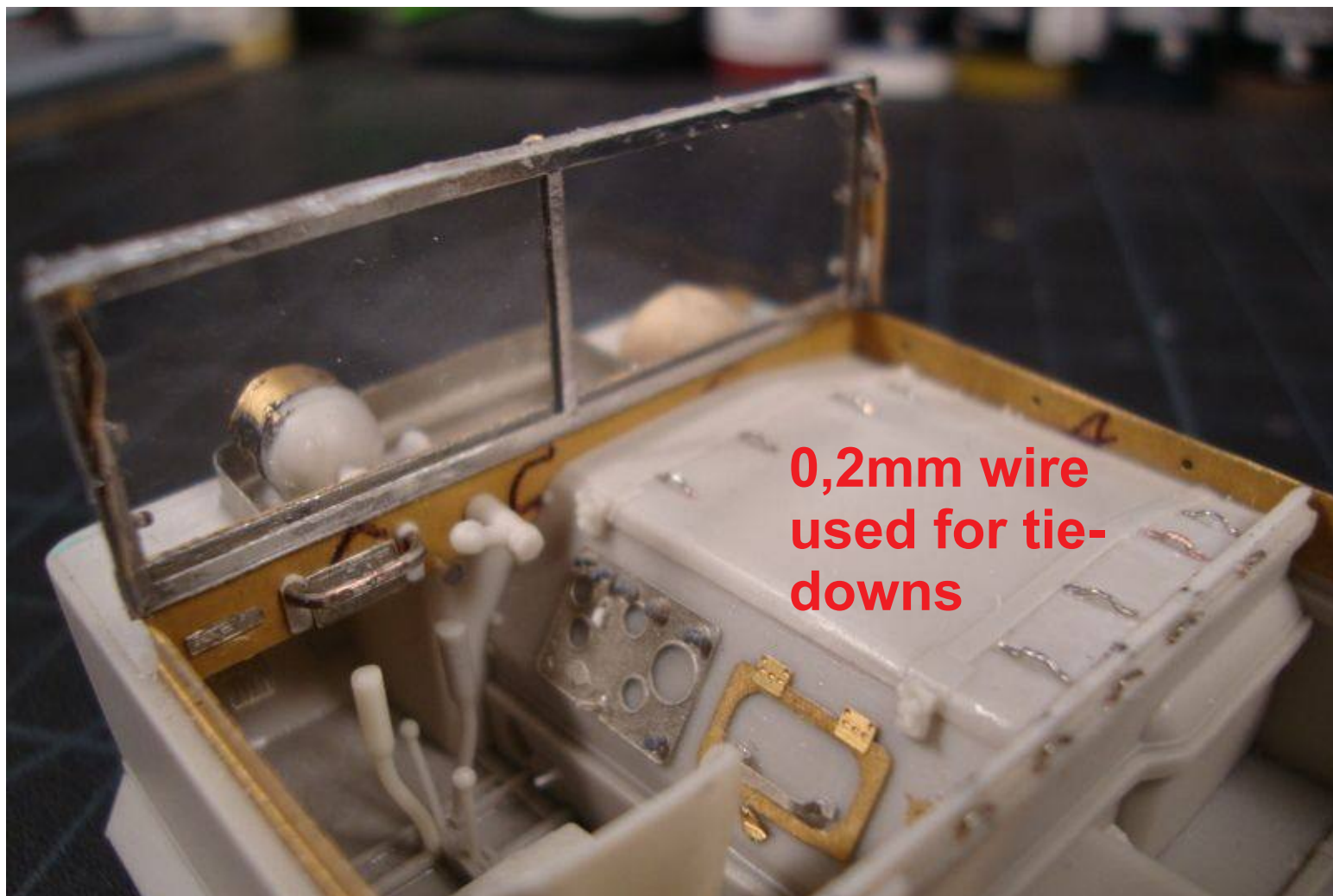






bending the front guard



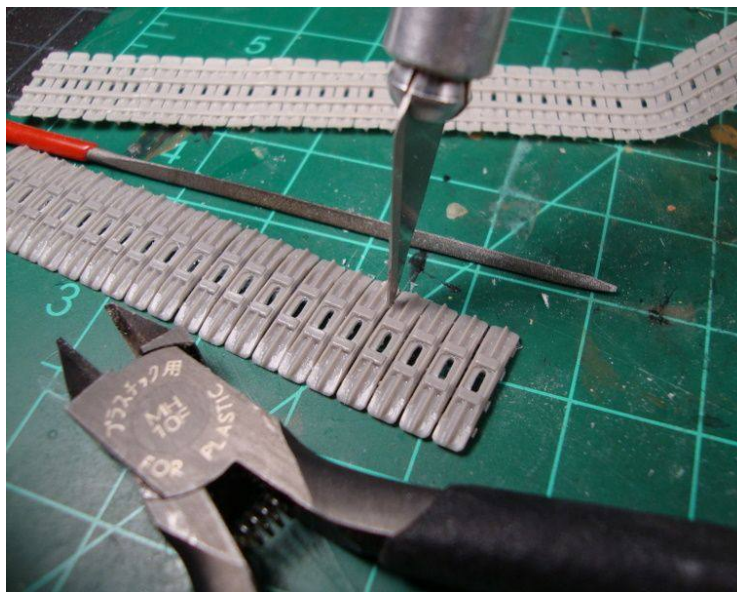


0,2mm wire
used for tie-
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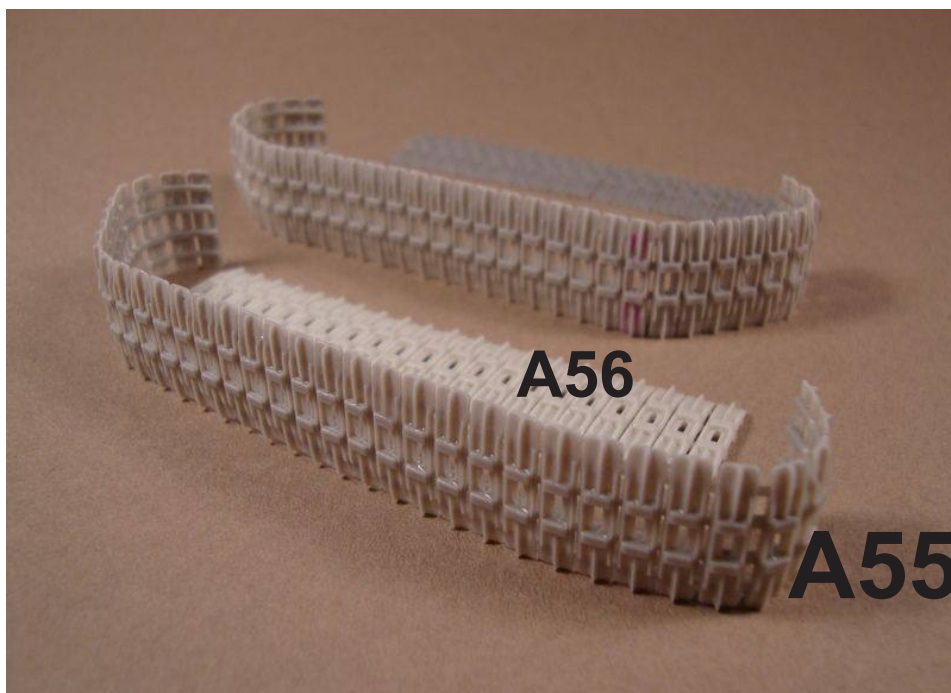


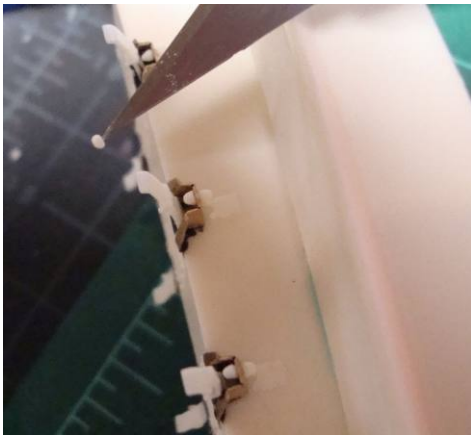
6
7 for opposite
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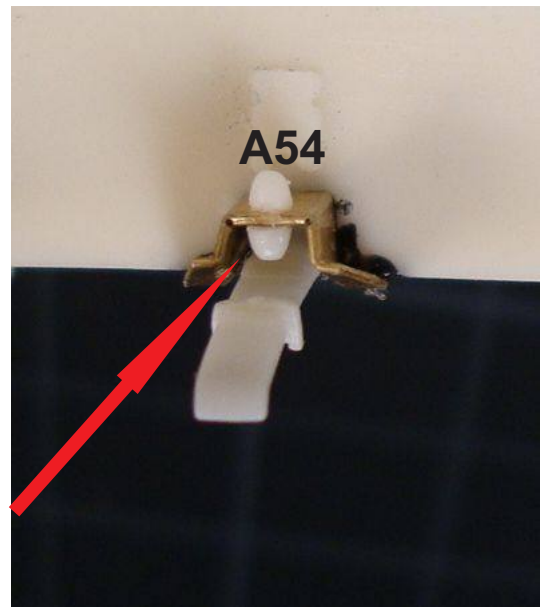


Cleaned tracks to bend with use of the cast tool provided in the kit. The tracks are made to fit to a specific area of the run---in that the links separate more going around the drive and idler wheels [as is the case on the real thing, naturally]--keep this in mind if you go about fitting the tracks in another way. Hot water or hair dryer - both will work well. Rounded areas have to be pushed hard against the tool to get perfectly rounded track





bumpers assembled first

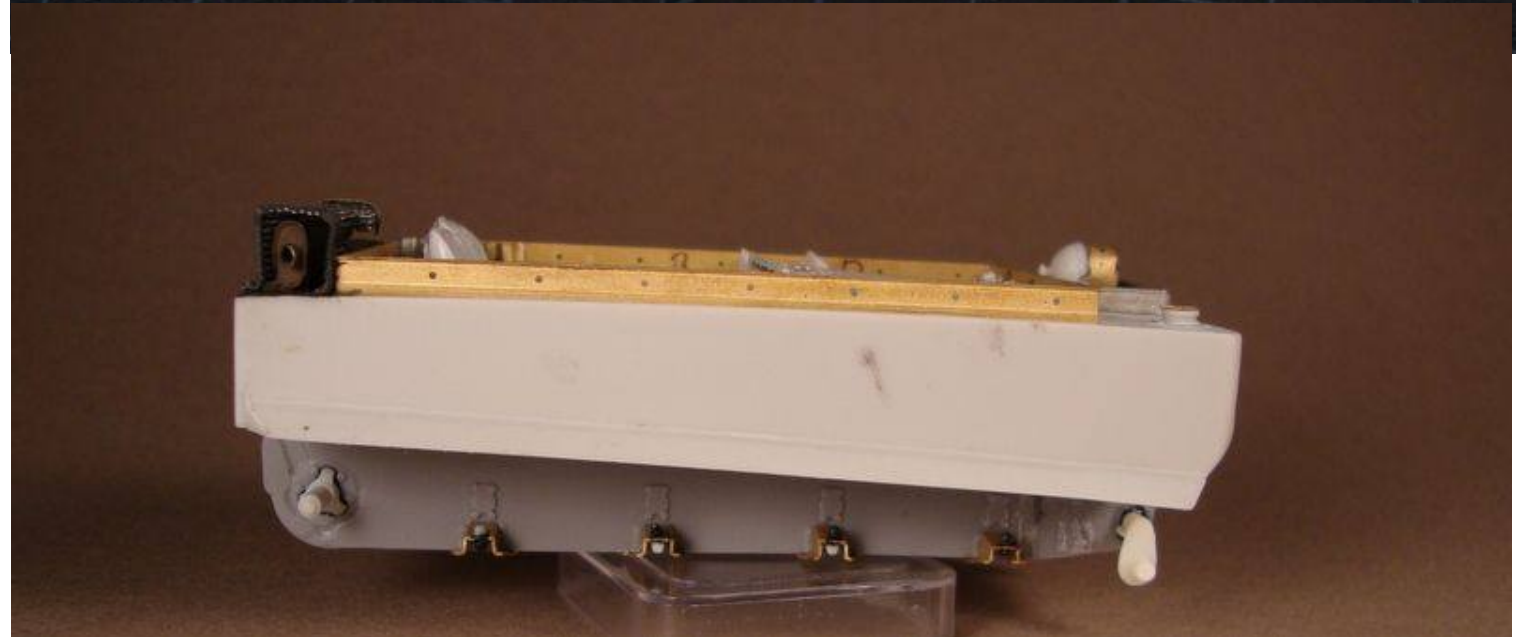
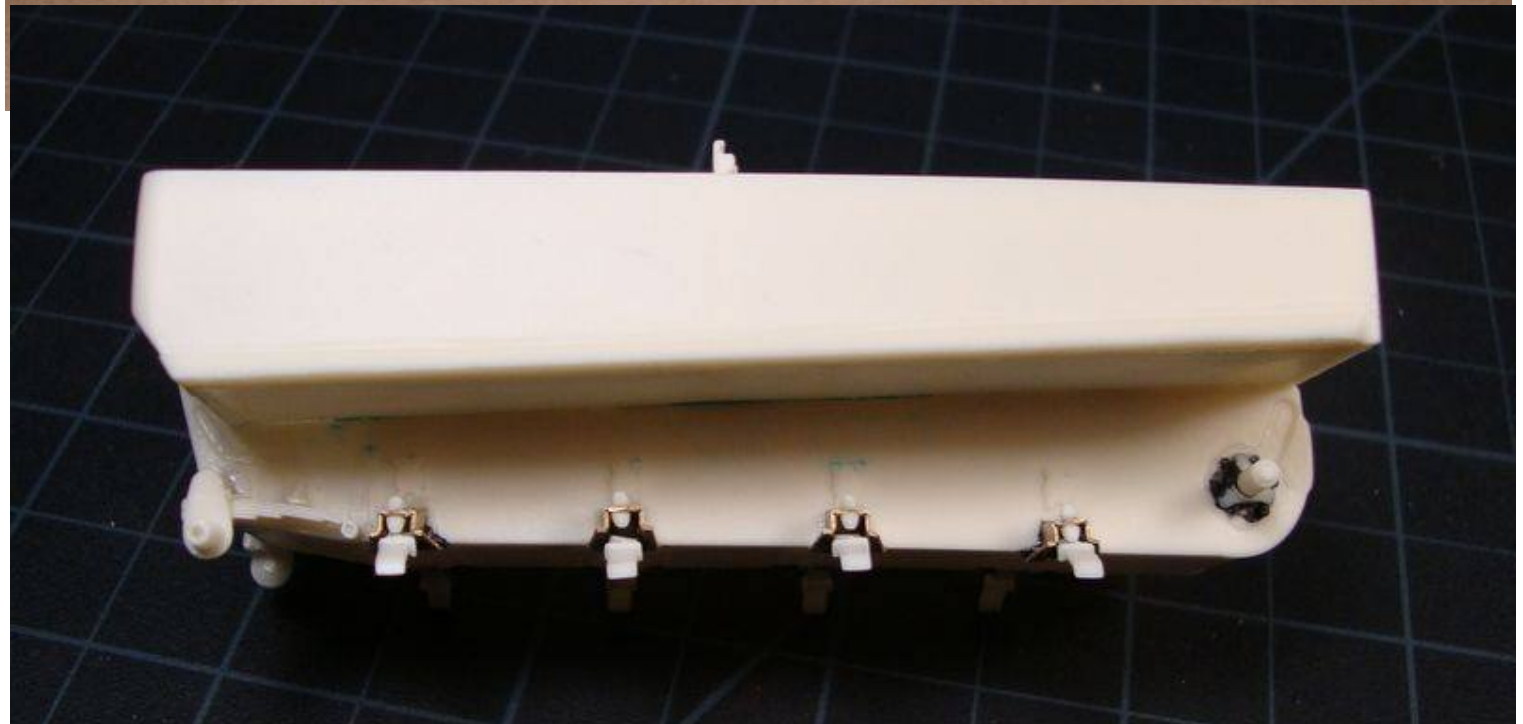


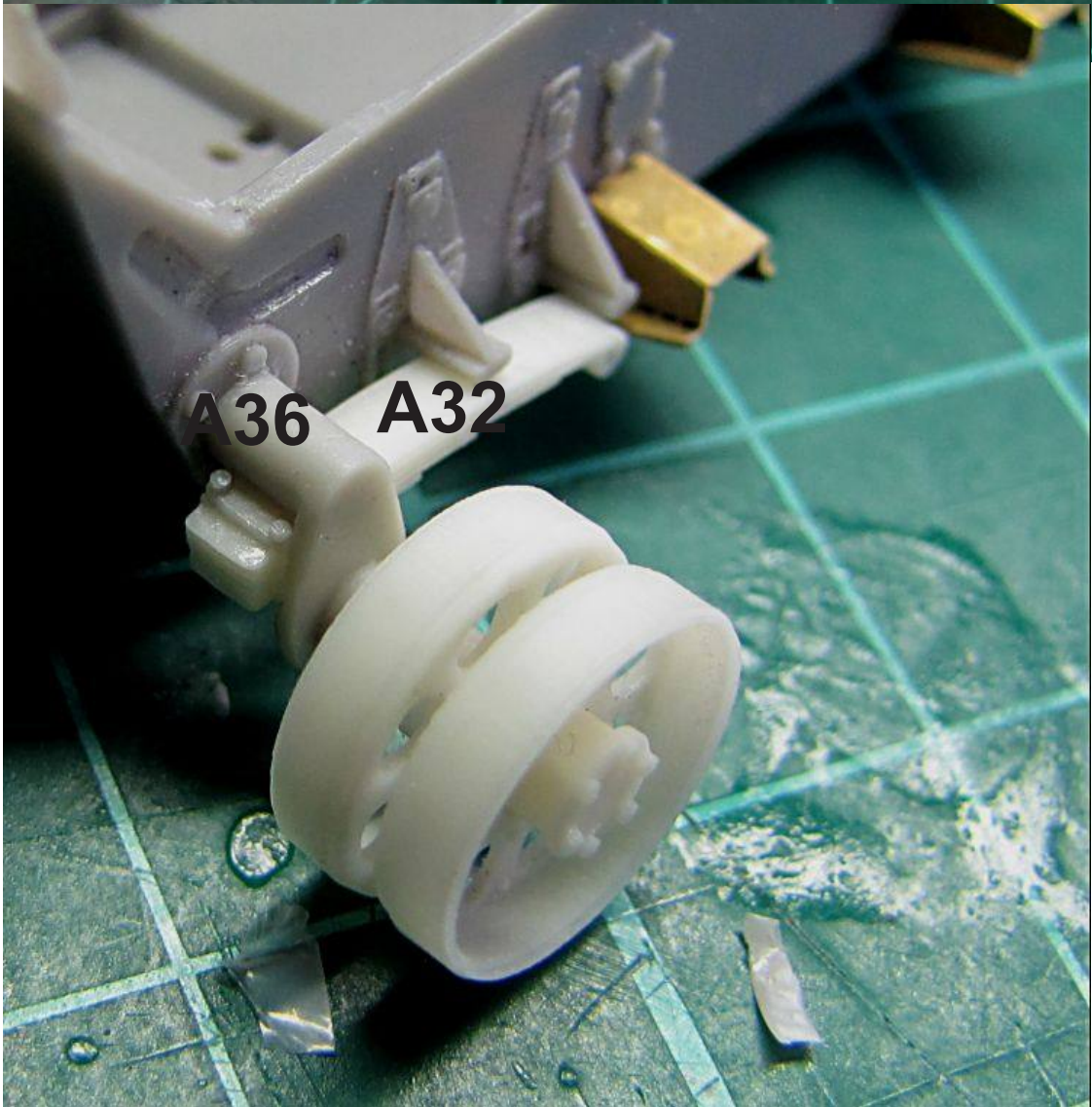
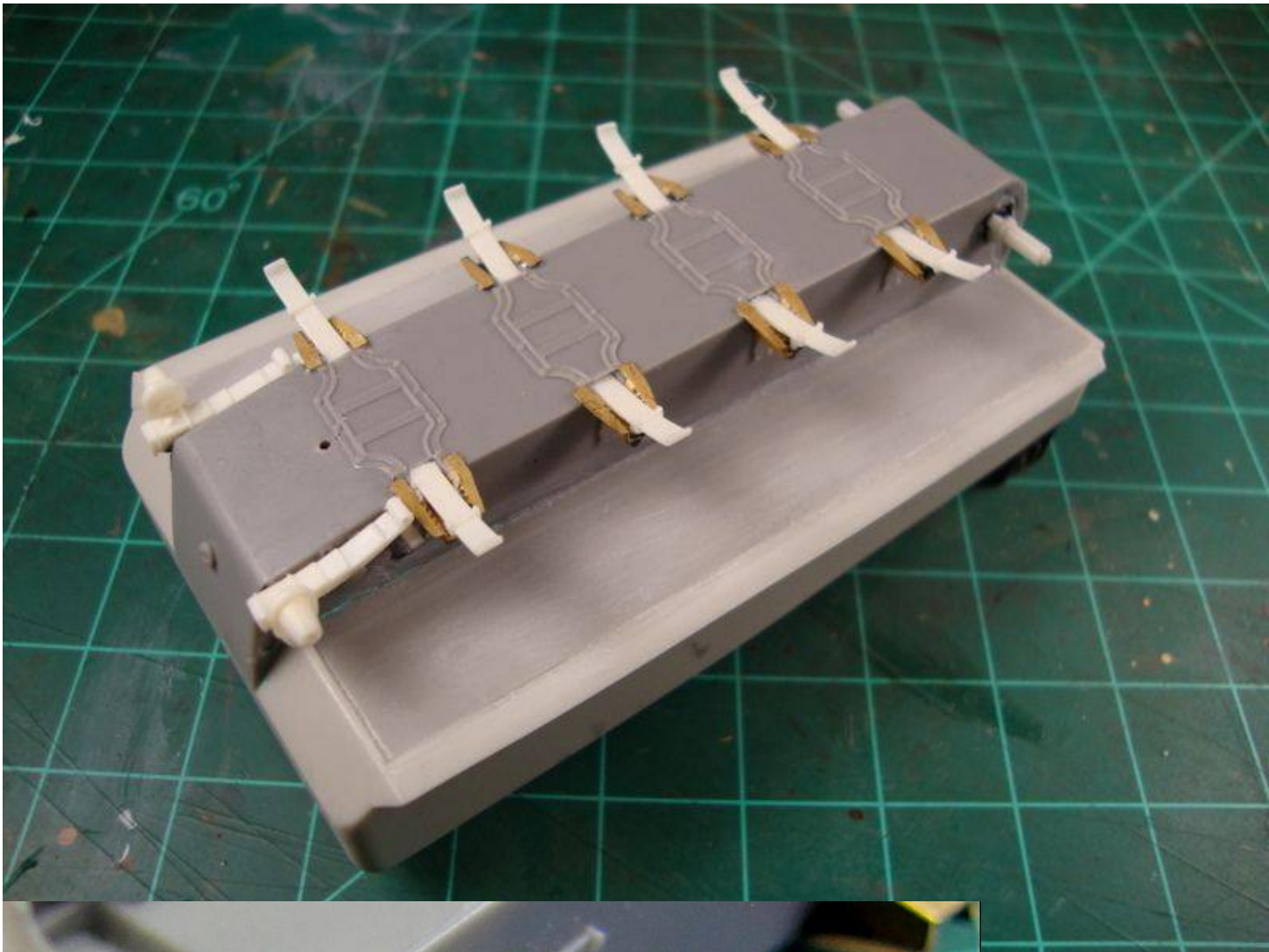
Support arms A35 are longer in the kit, their length needed depends on work accuracy so you might need to make them shorter by cutting the end



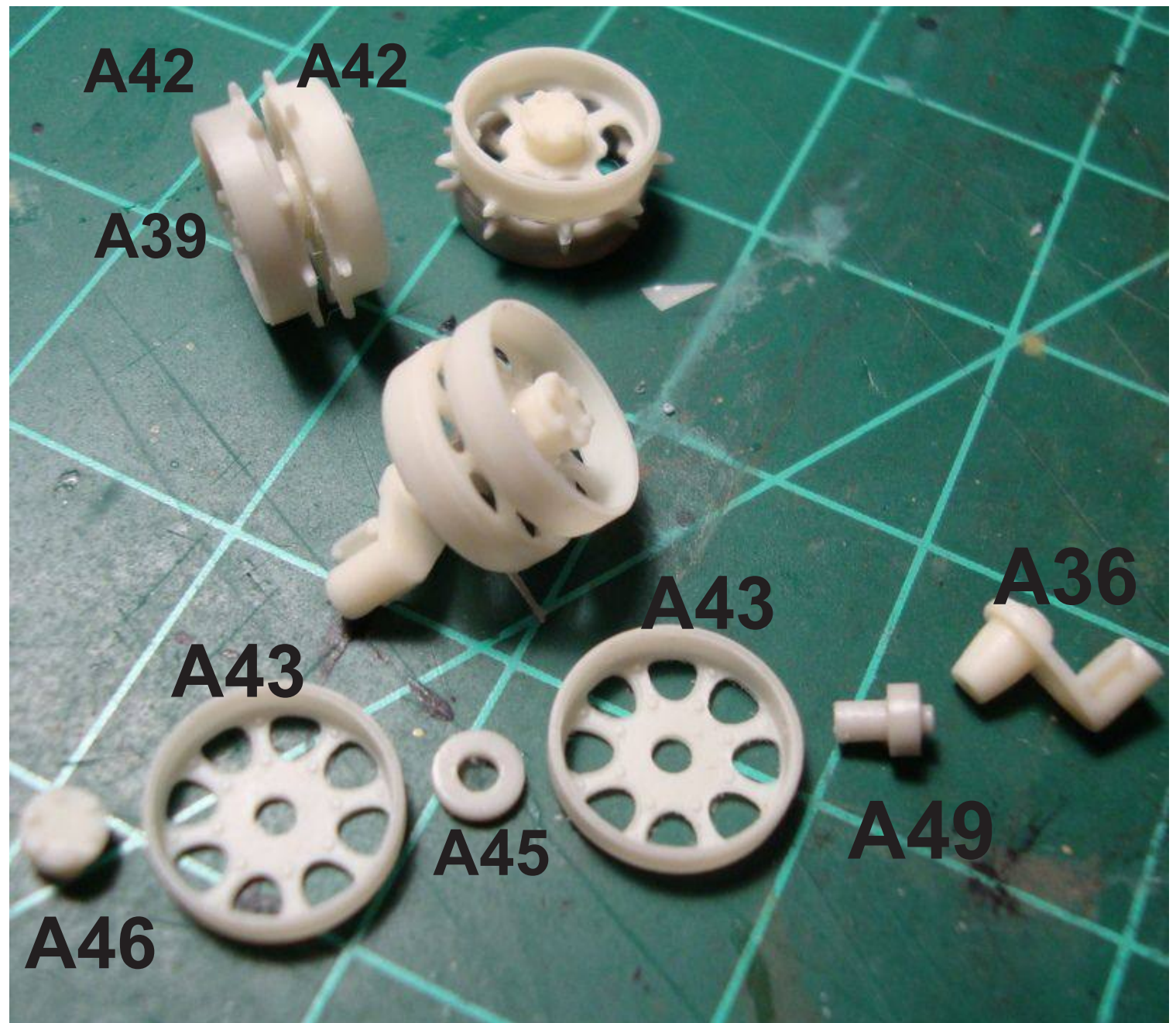
**2,4mm thick
spacer used to
get springs
right, any piece
of plastic or
wood this thick
will do a job**



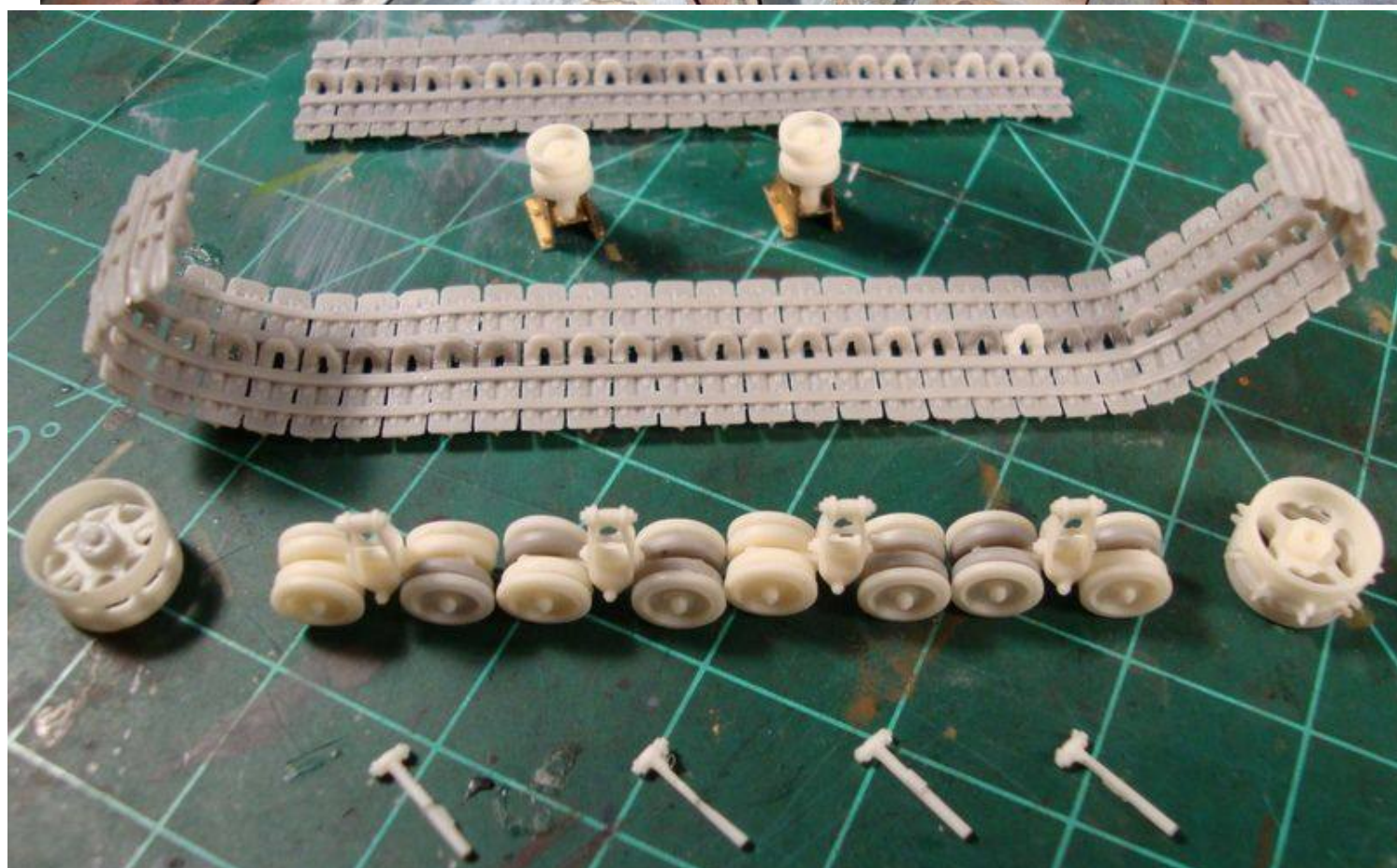
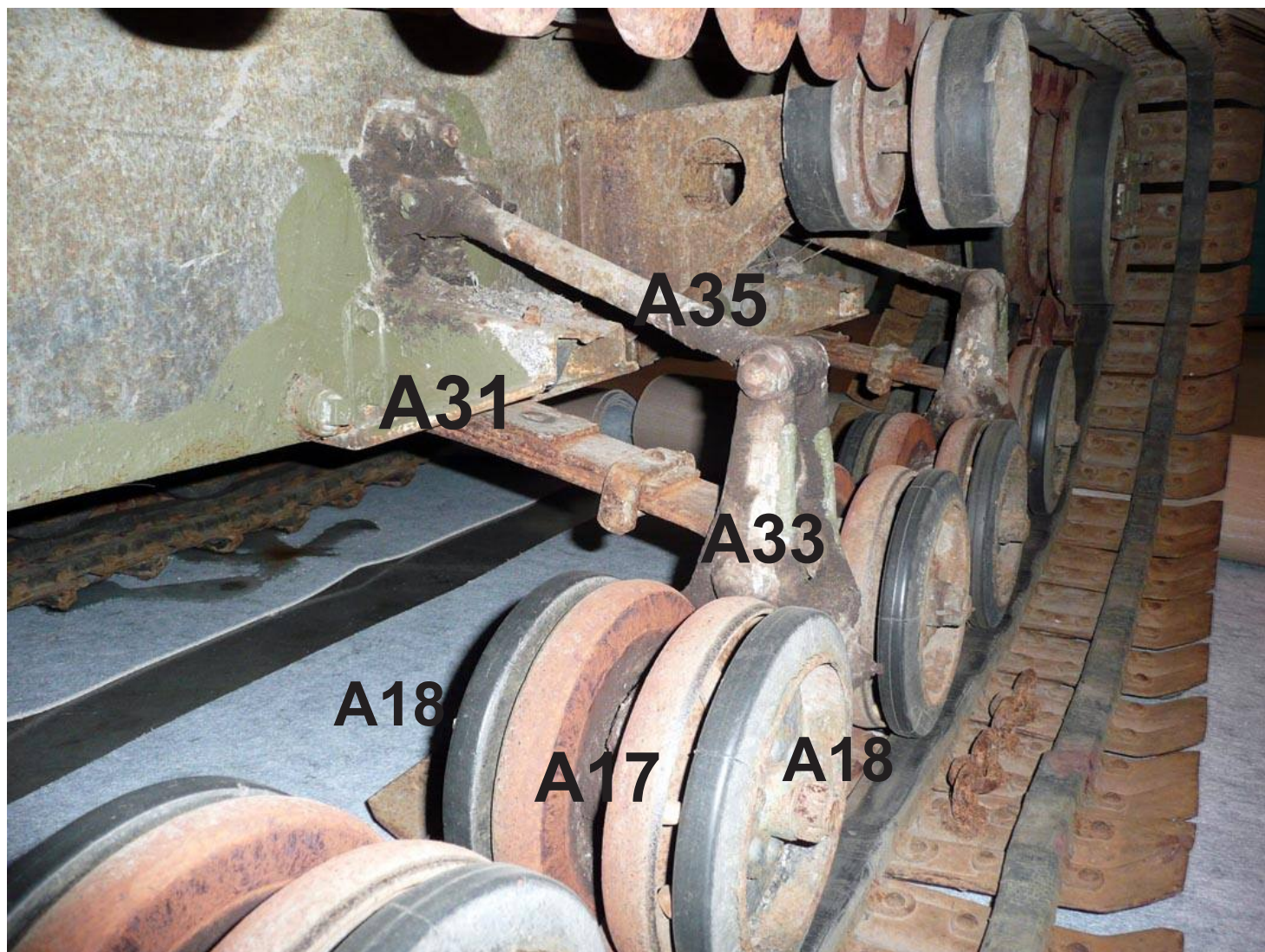


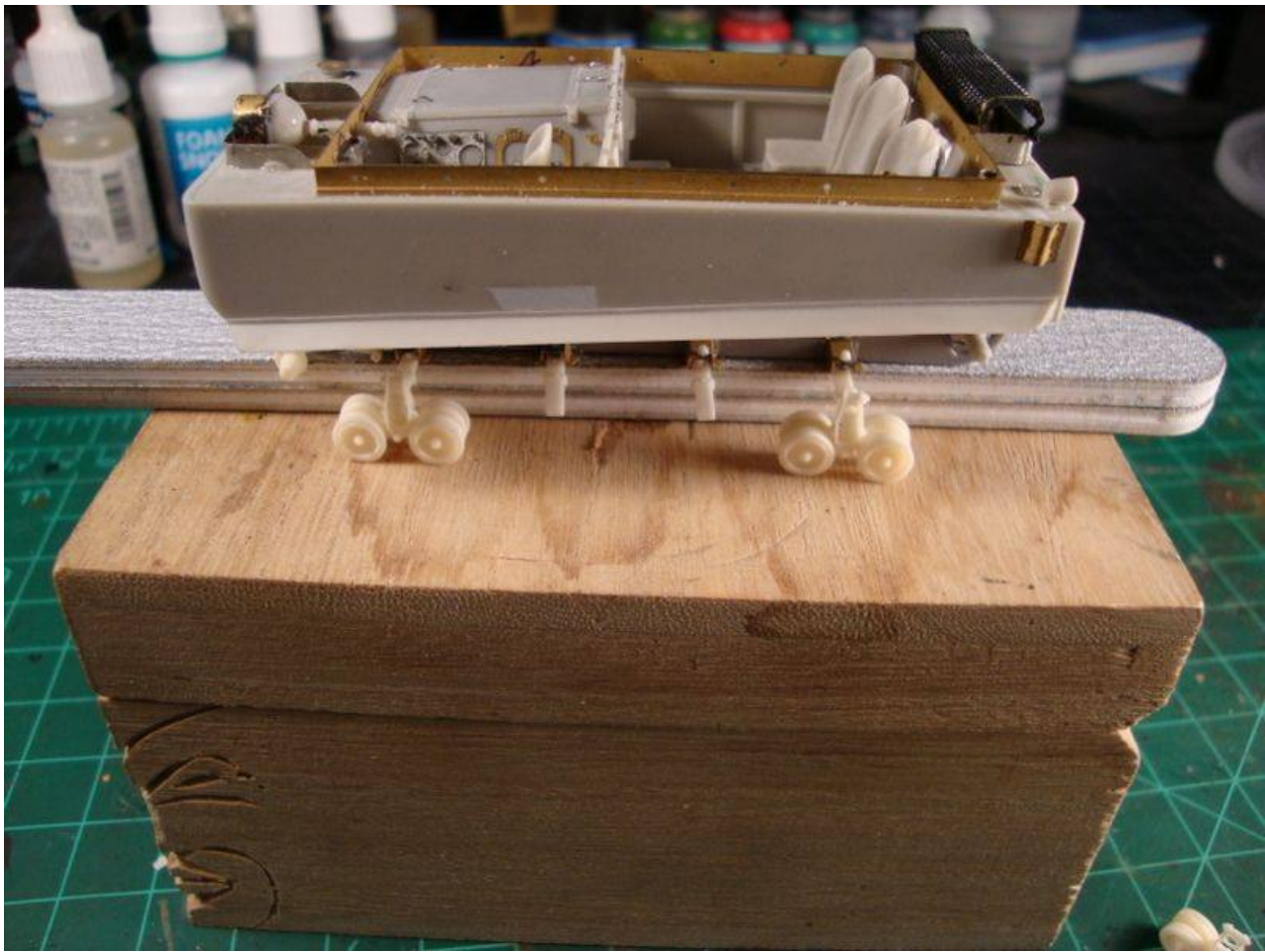


Drive wheels - put one A42 from the front and another from the back on hub A39

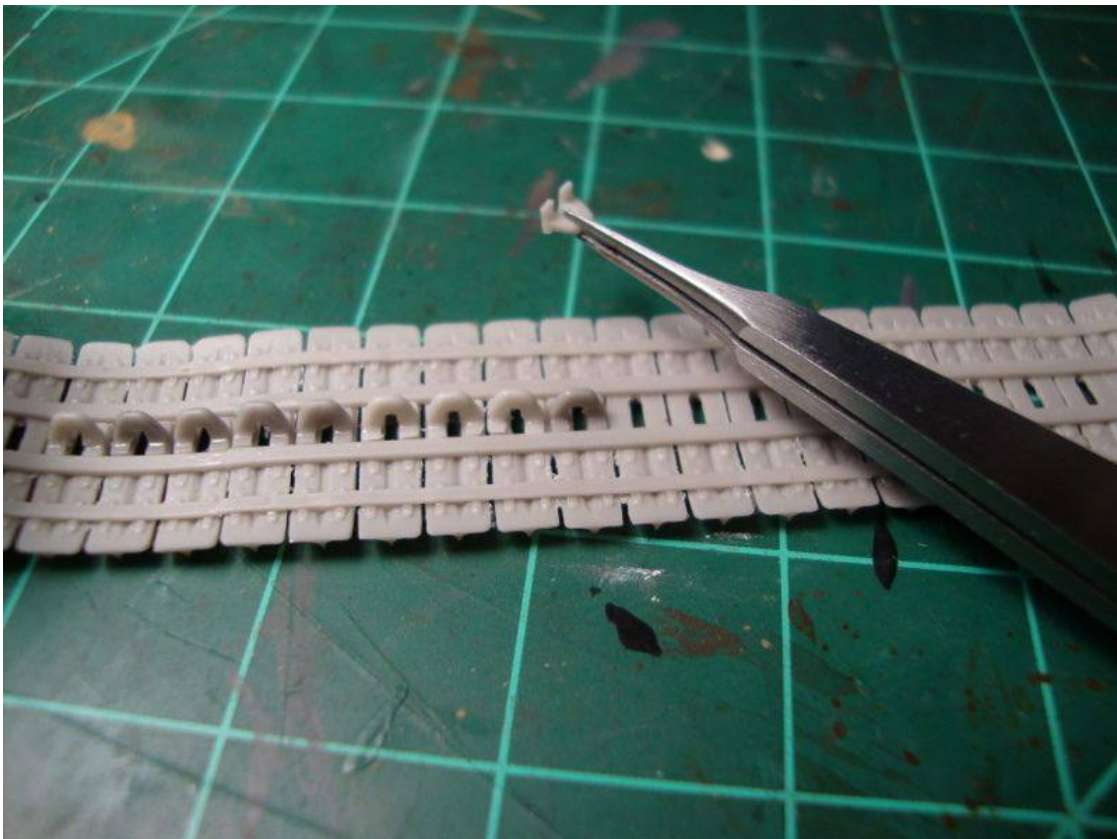


Idler wheels - put two A43 on longer hub A49 with spacer A45 between them, add A46 at the front and holder A36 at the back

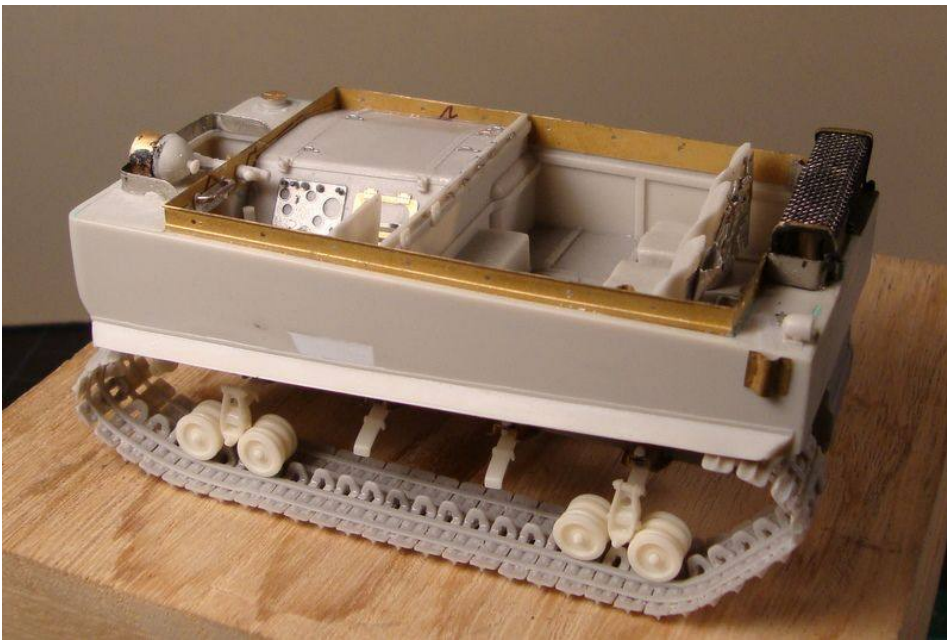




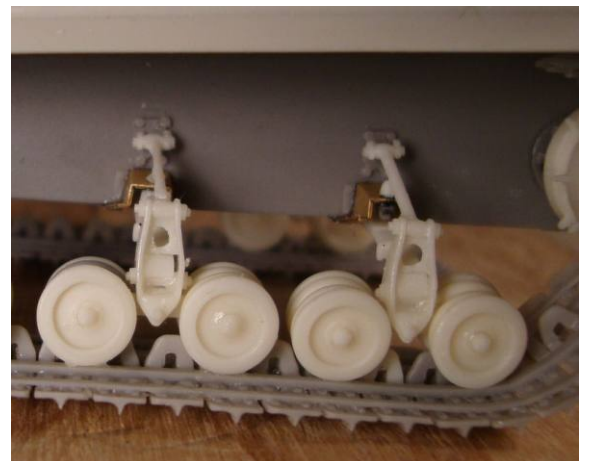
Bottom of the chassis is about 7,5mm above the working base



Guide horns assembly



Now the track can be shaped exactly with help of warm water or hair dryer - and then secured with drop of thin glue





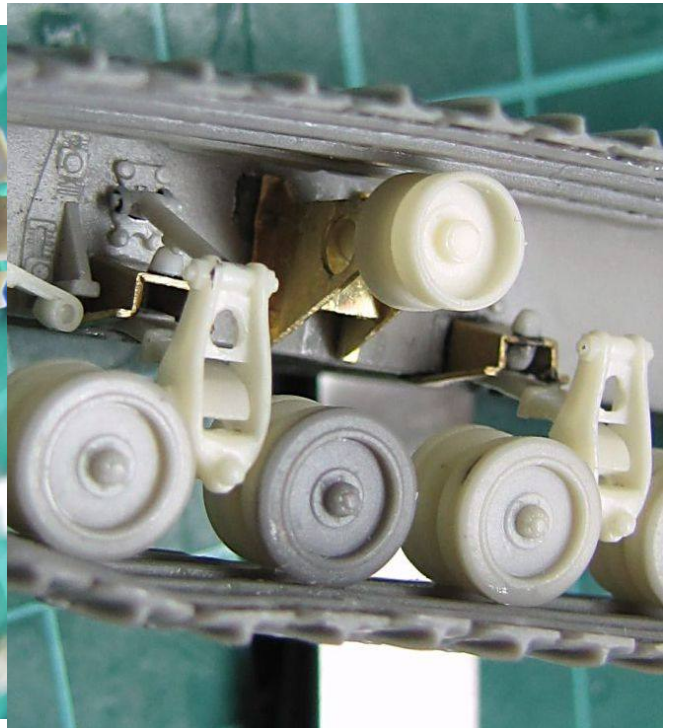
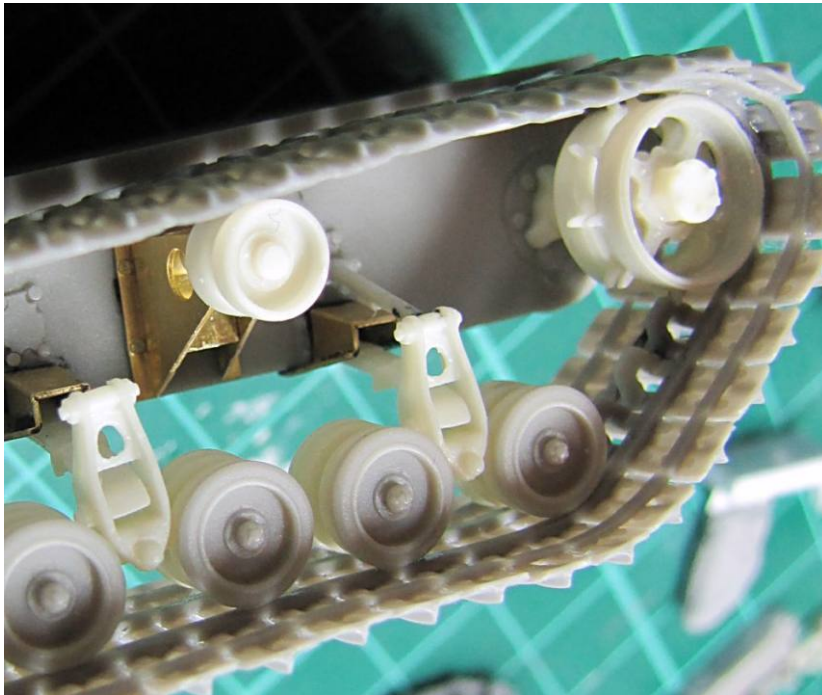
L+M

A19 + A20

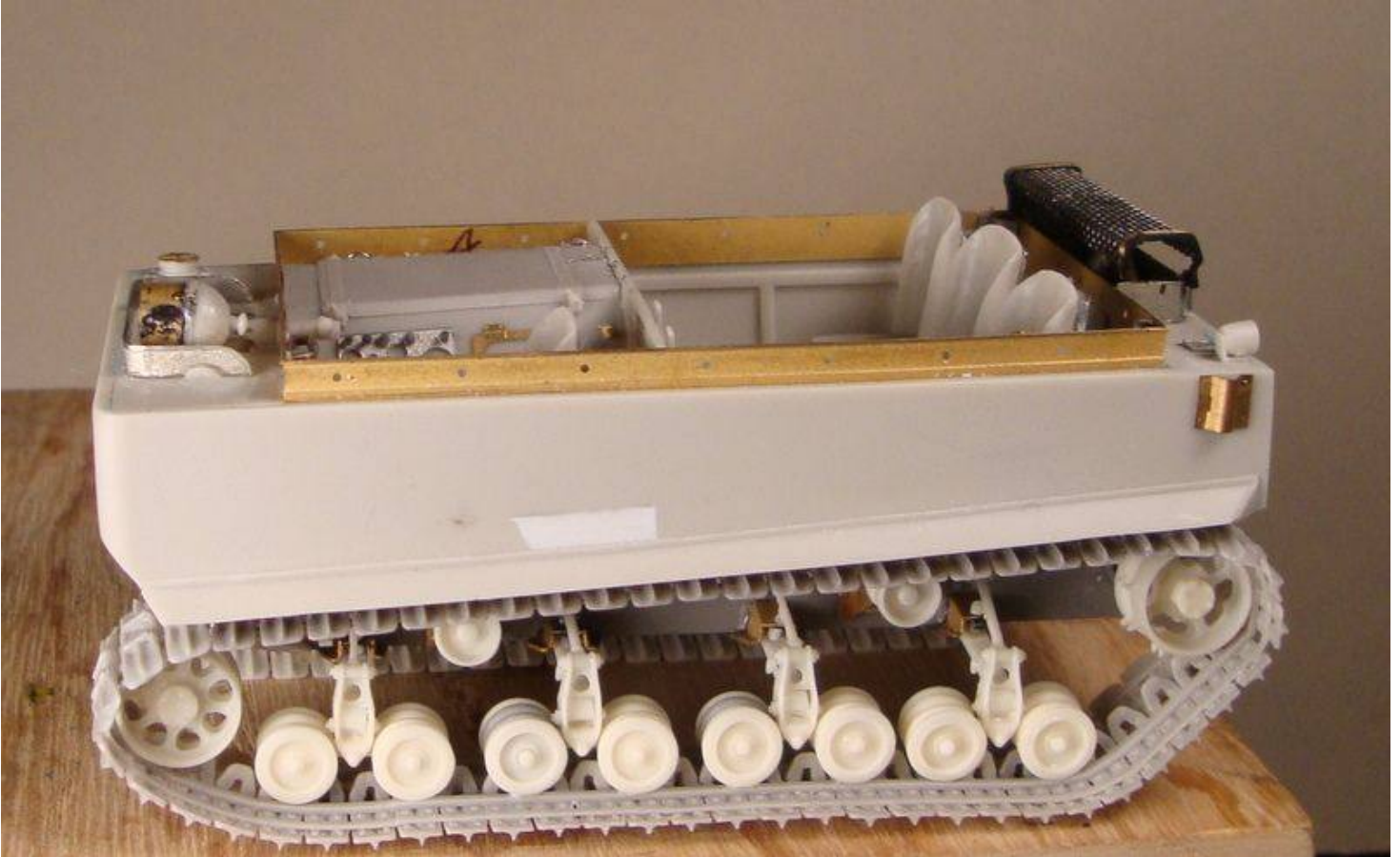
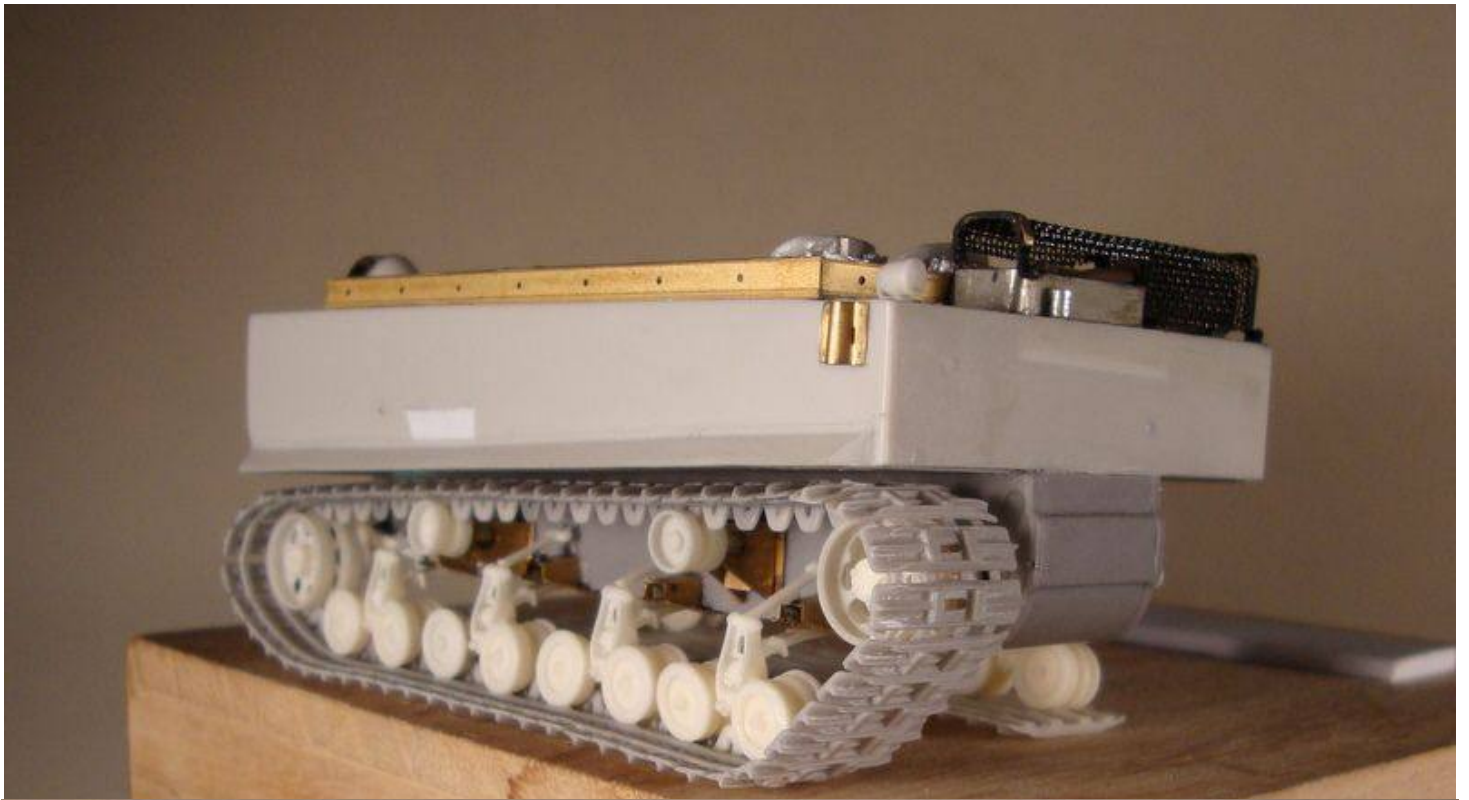
return rollers holders completed:

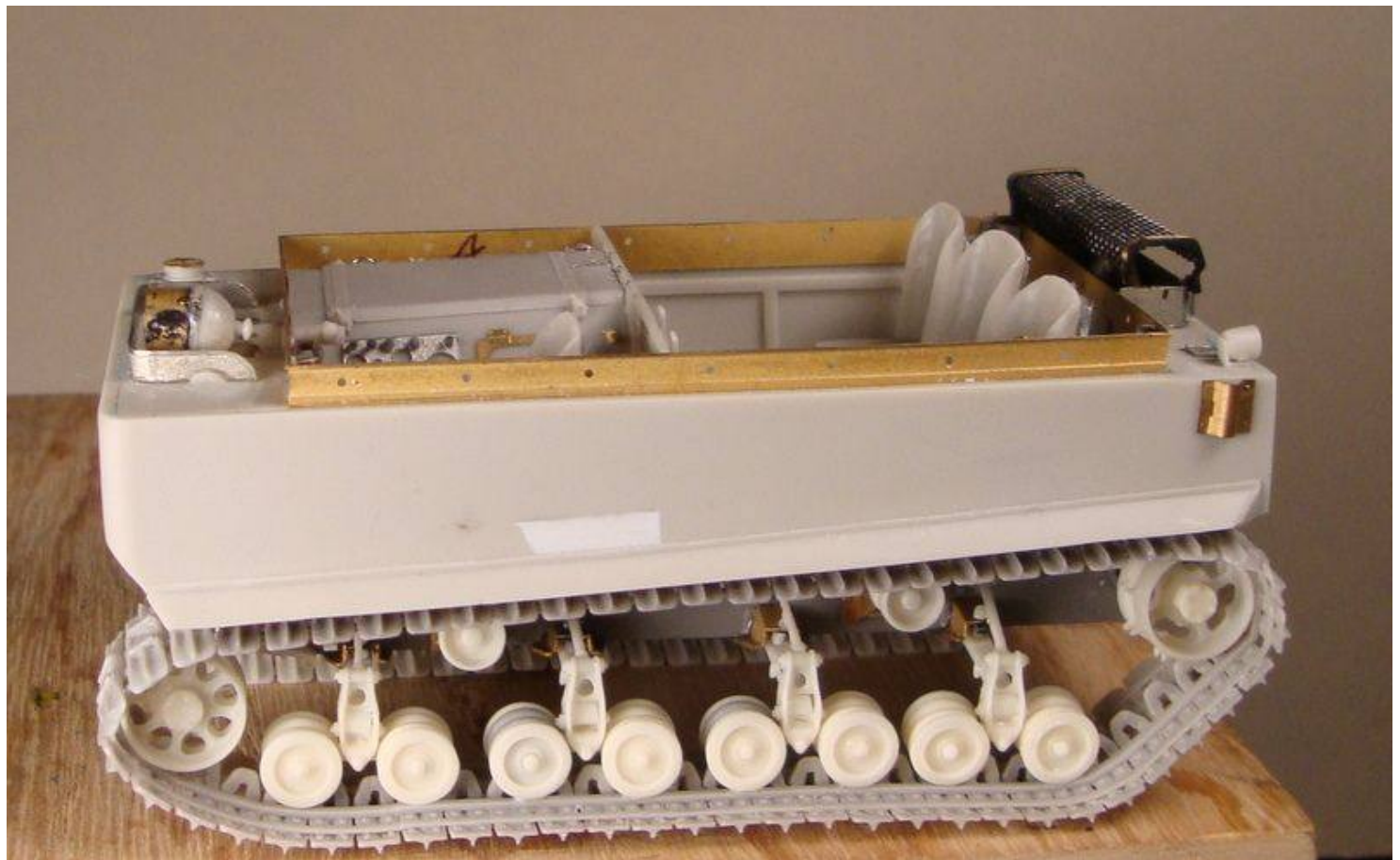
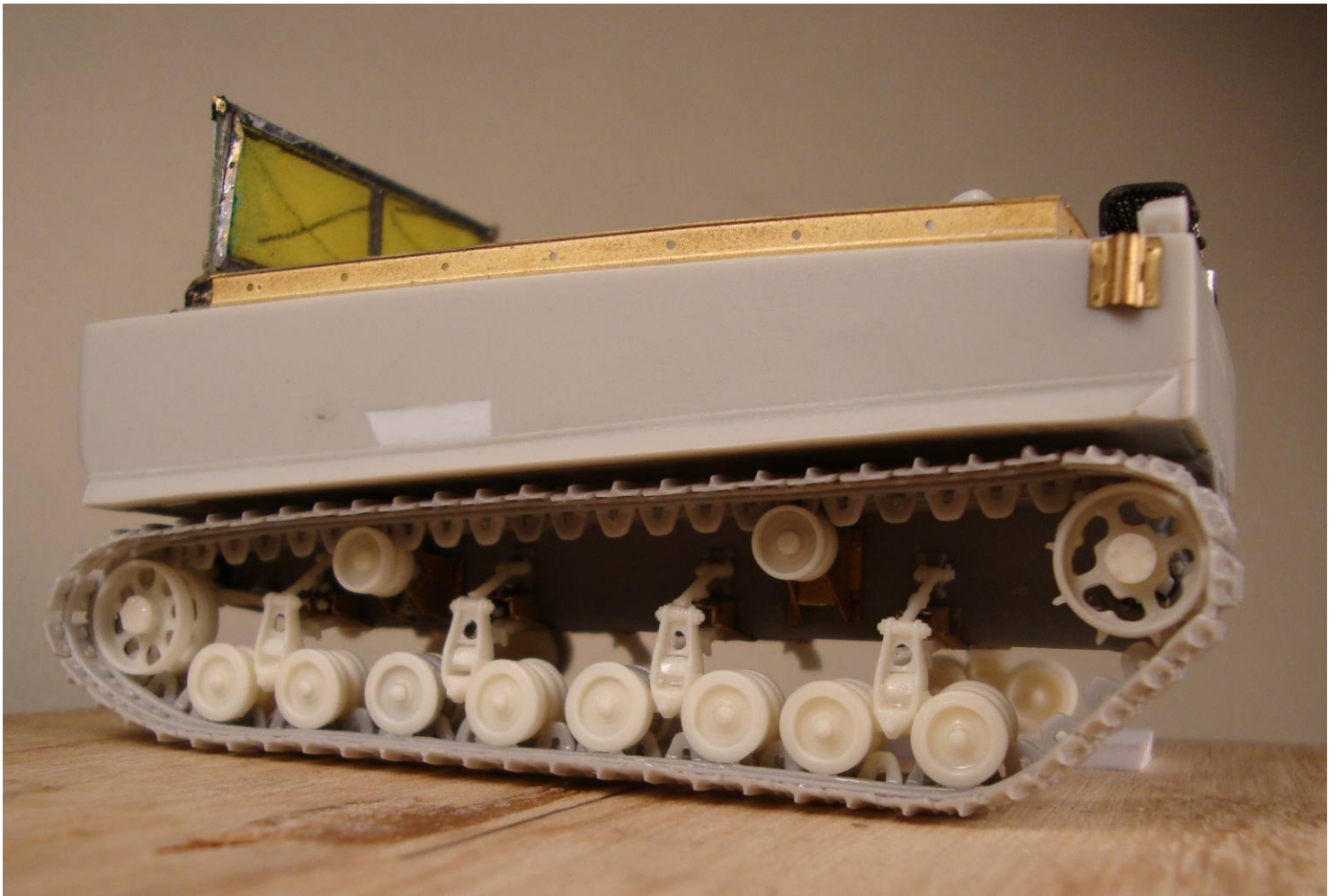
J+K next to the drive wheels,

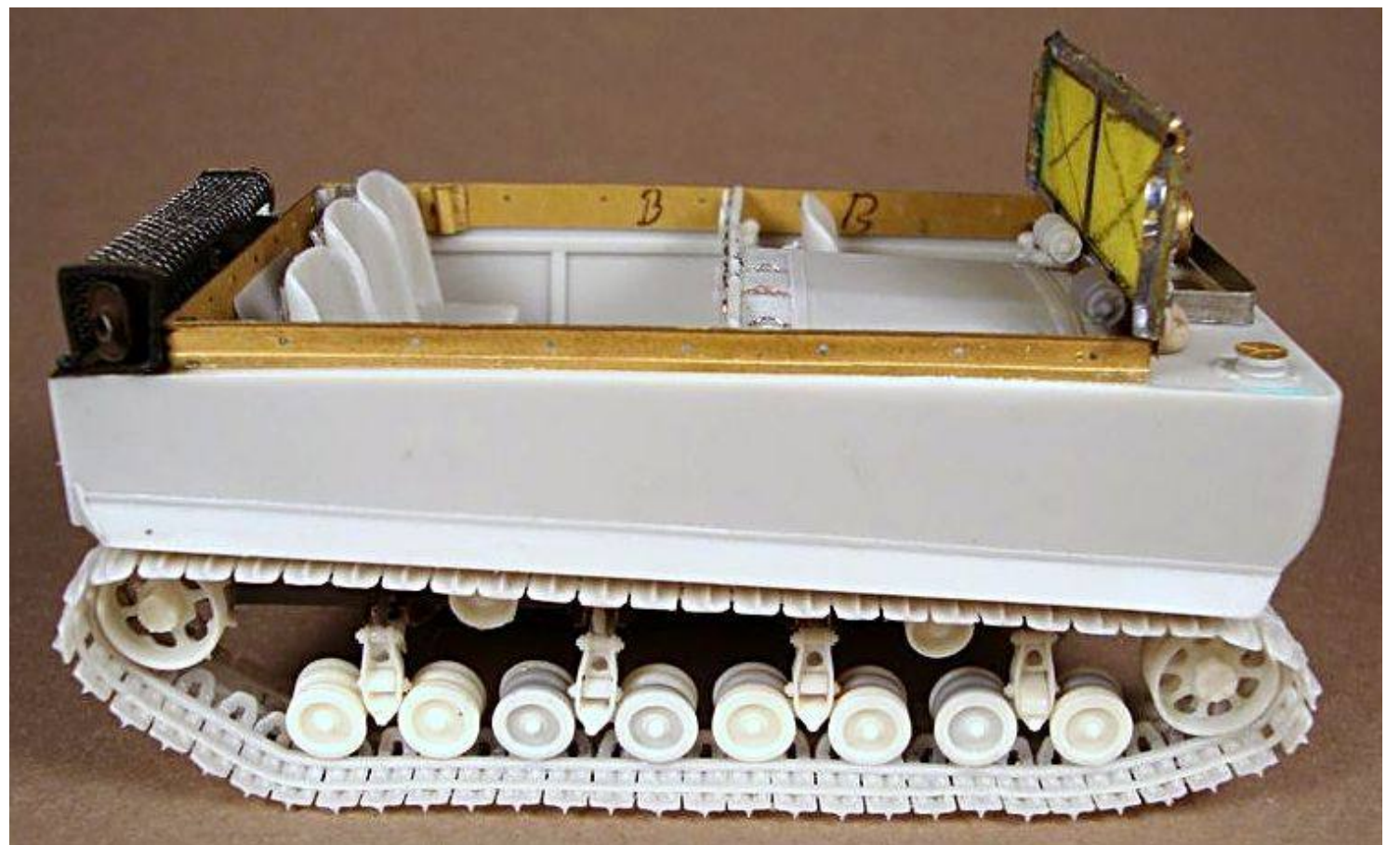
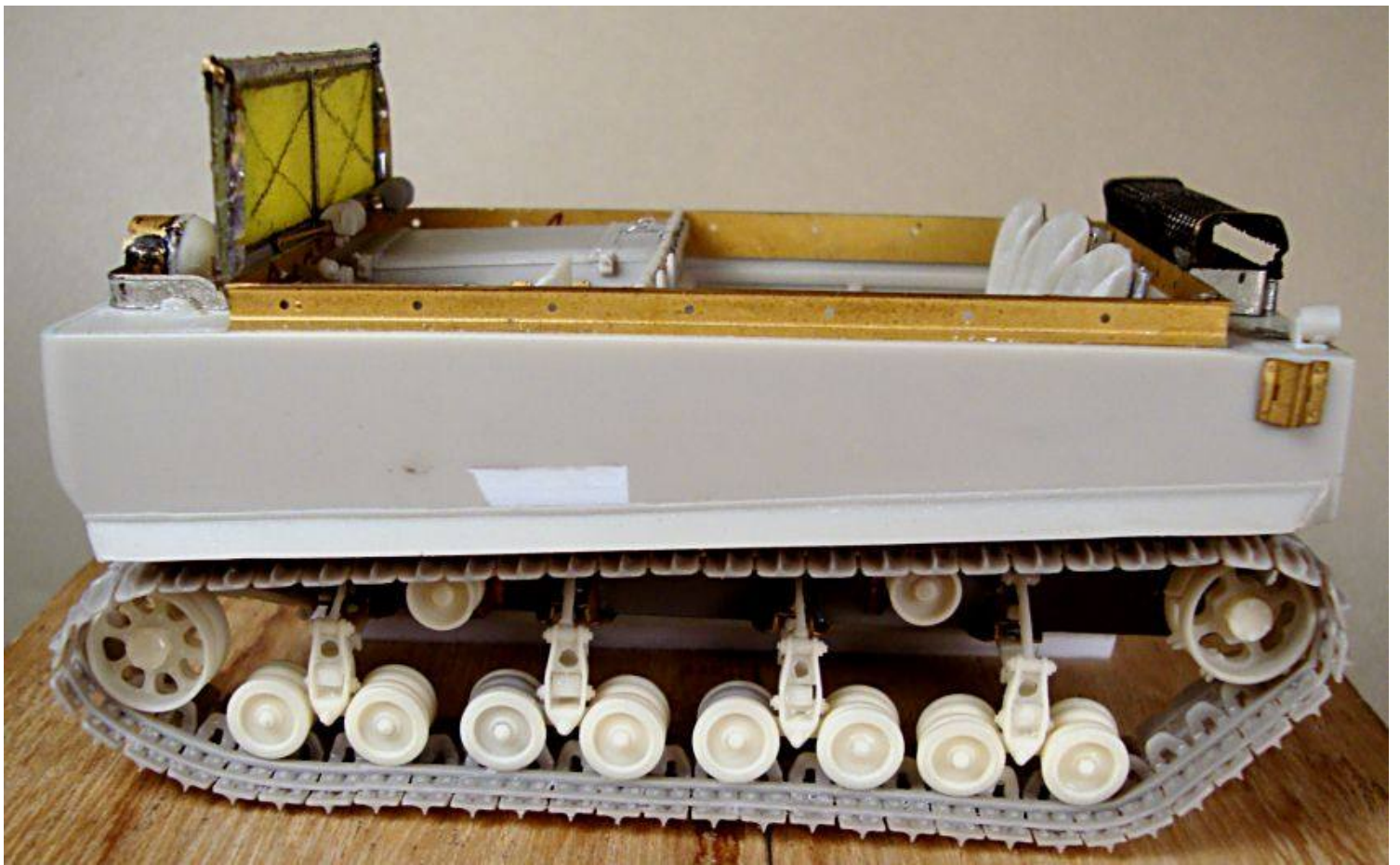
L+M next to the idler wheels

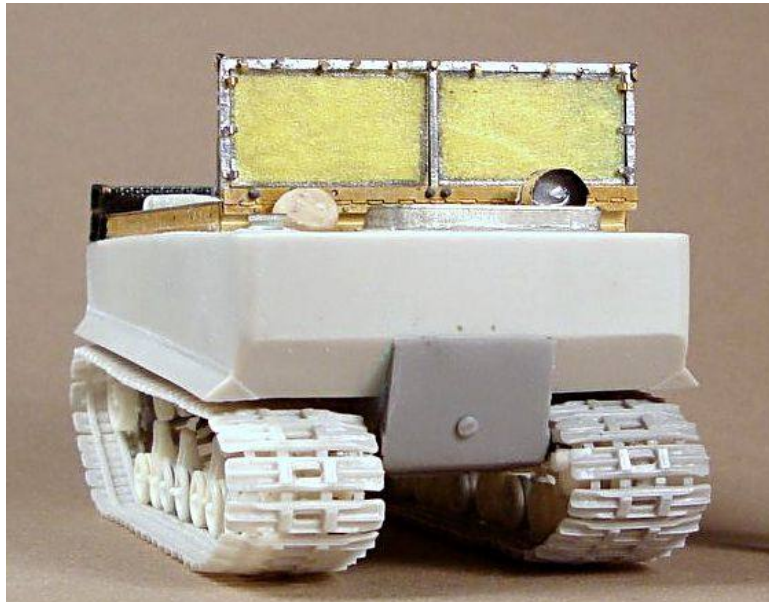


They are to be placed exactly in the middle of 1-2 and 3-4 bogies as shown in pics





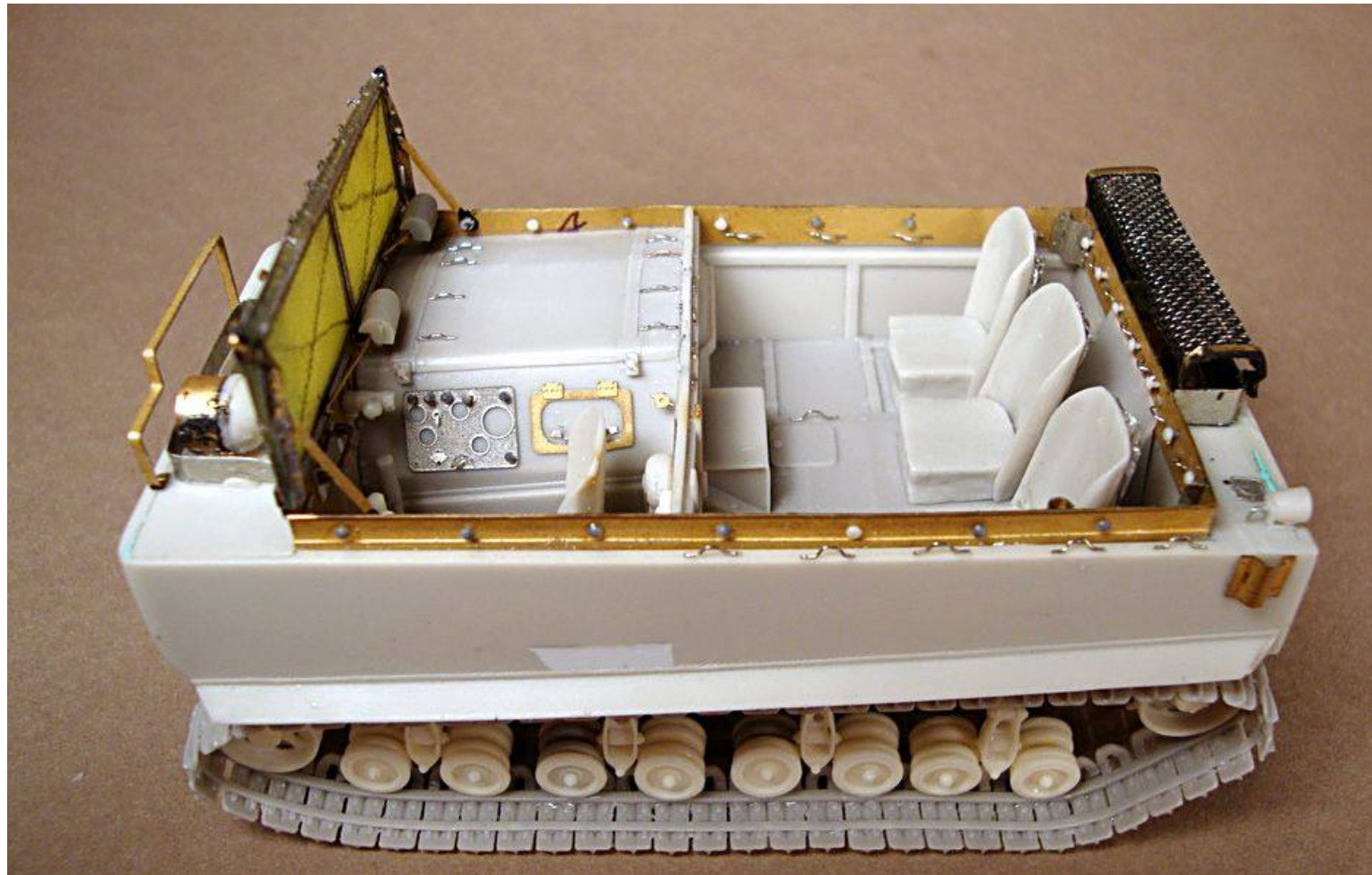


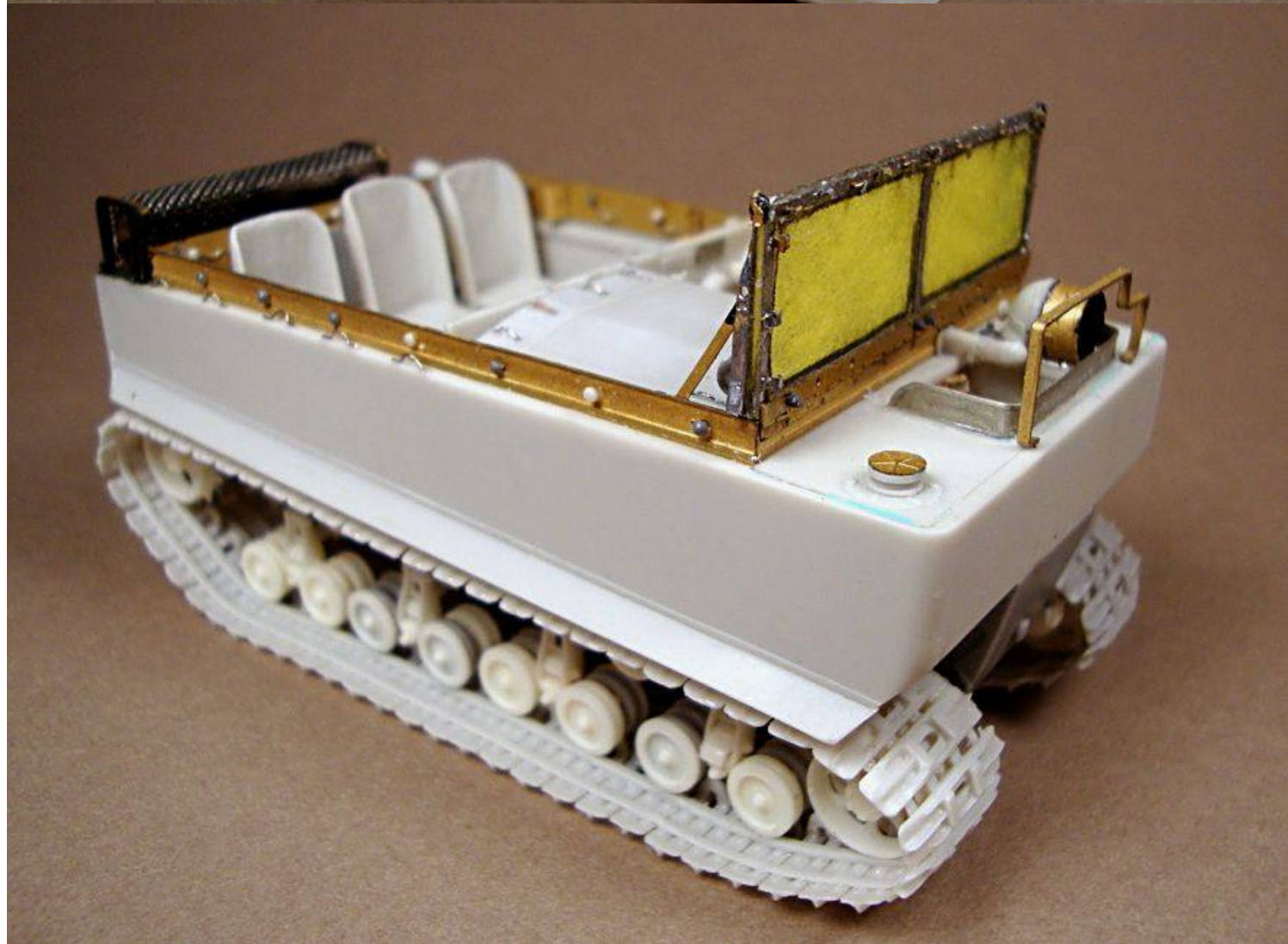
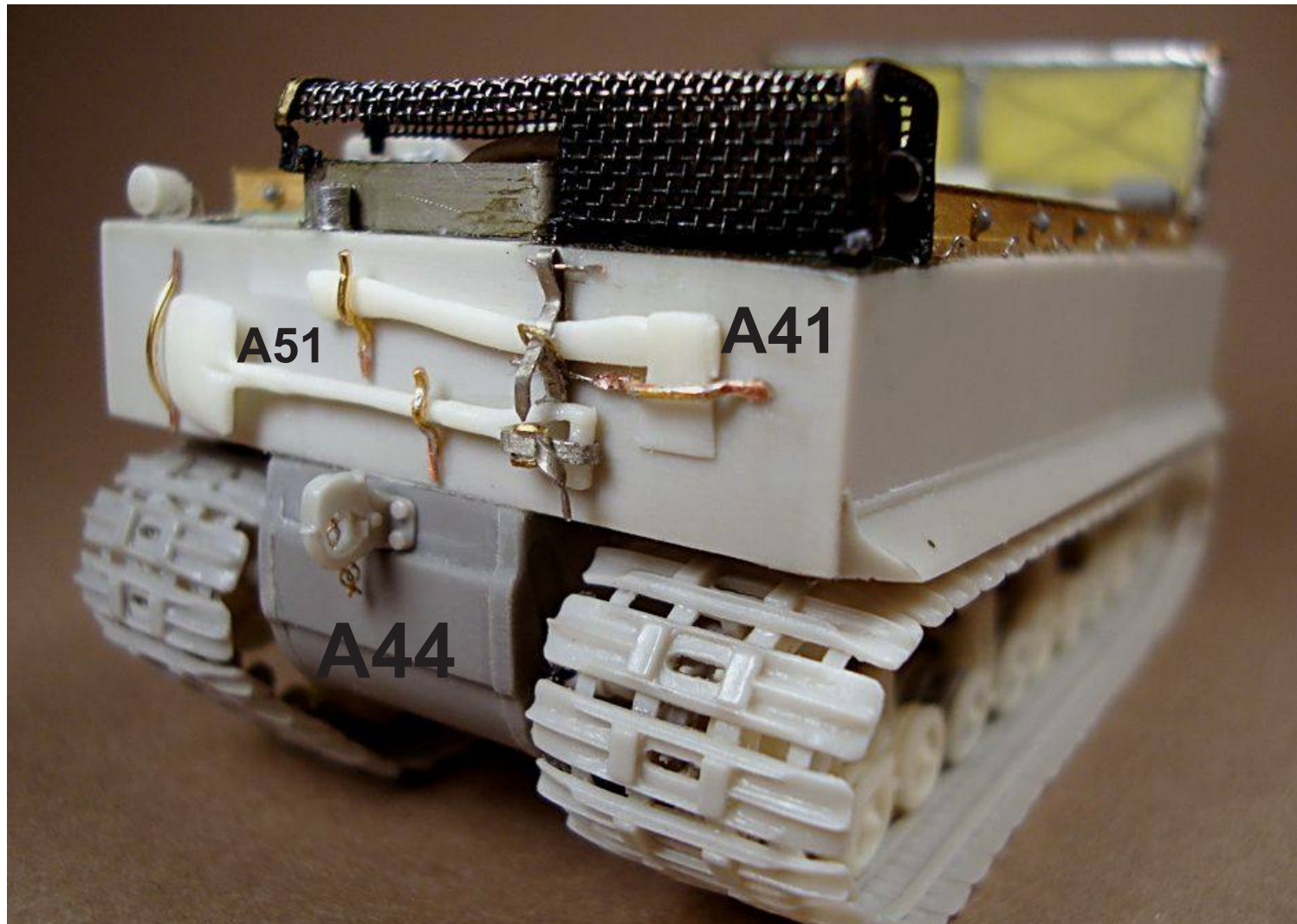


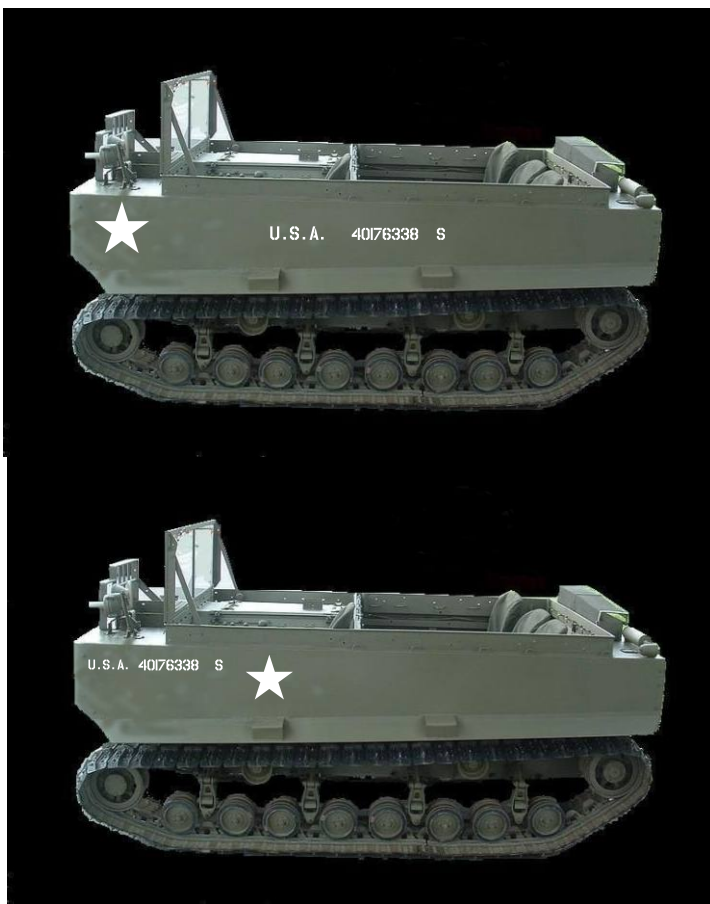
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**Tie downs made
of 0,2mm wire**

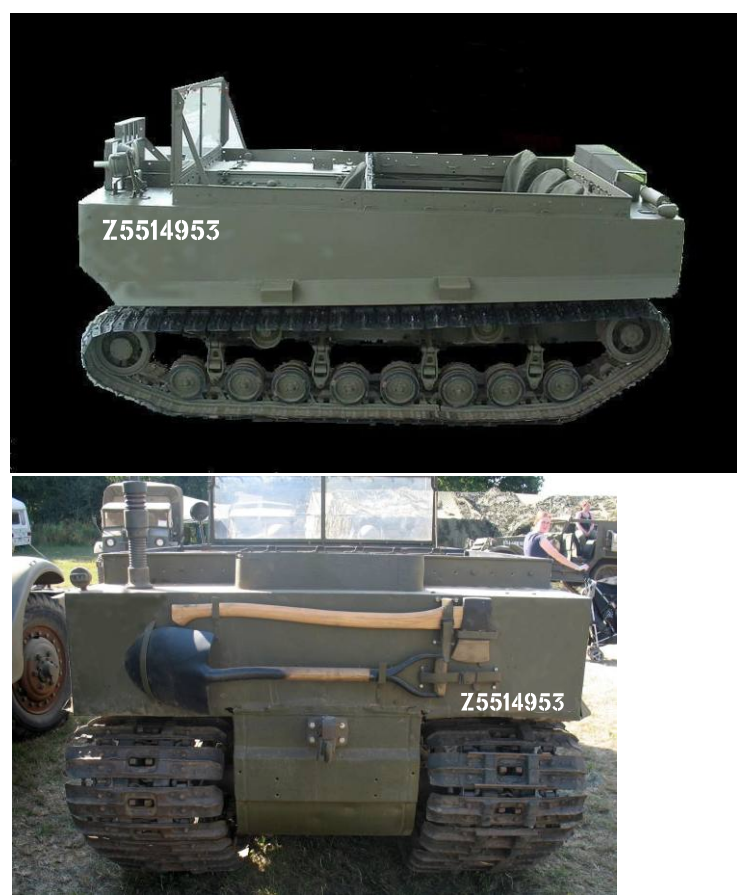
**resin cast
curtain buttons**



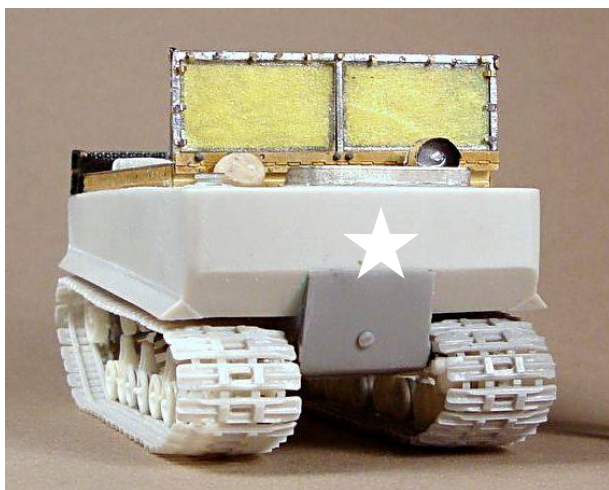




US Army service



British Army service



A vehicle painted in olive drab or often also seen in winter camo. Decal placing examples

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