M3 Halftrack

Assembly Instructions

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Parts List:

Bag A:

Return roller wheels 4 Front Unditching roller 1 Cross brace tube 1 Front roller end caps 2 Front roller springs 2 Headlights 2 Front tire hub 2 Front tire inner hub core 2

Bullet splash 1 Gear shift lever A 1

Gear shift lever B 1

Gear shift lever C 1

Gear shift lever D 1

Steering wheel 1

Tow hitch body 1

Tow hitch hook 1

Tow hitch latch 1

Rear mudflaps flexible 2

Crew compartment seat square 10 Crew compartment seat rectangle 1 Crew compartment seat back long 1 Crew compartment seat back short 1 Crew compartment seat back medium 2



Bullet Splash RM3-145



Return Rollers RM3-149

Tow hitch

Tow hitch Hook RM3-156

Latch

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Front Unditching Roller RM3-150







Front Roller Endcaps x 2 RM3-151

Front Tire Hub



Crew Rectangle Seat x10





Front Tire Inner Hub Core RM3-147



Front Roller **Springs** RM3-152



Cross Brace Tube

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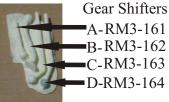
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Steering Wheel RM3-154



Rear Mudflaps x 2 RM3-160



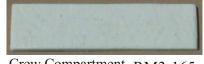


Crew Compartment seat back short RM3-166



Crew Compartment seat back medium x 2 RM3-167



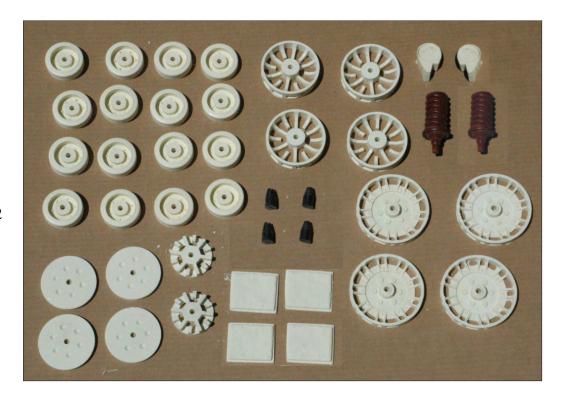


Crew Compartment RM3-165 seat back long



Bag B:

Bogie wheels 16 Drive gears hubs 4 Drive gear hub spacer 4 Idler wheels hubs 4 Idler wheel inner core 2 Suspension springs 4 Rear tension springs 2 Rear tension spring holder 2 Front seat cushions 4





Bogie Wheels x16 RM3-168



Drive Gear Hub Spacer x4 RM3-169



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Bag C:

Rivets X 250 Long rivets x 16 2 ½ inch 8/32 screws x 16 Push nuts x 22 Screws for track x 120 Nuts for track x120

8-32 locknuts x 16 8-32 regular nuts x 8 Hinges x 17



Rivets x 250

HM3-177

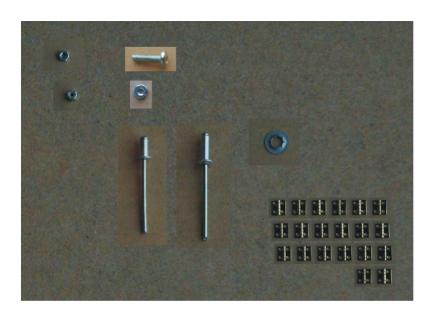


Long
Rivets x 250

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2 ½ inch 8/32 Screws x 16 HM3-179



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Pushnuts x 22 HM3-180



Screws for track x 120 HM3-181



Nuts for track x 120 HM3-182



8-32 locknuts x 16 HM3-183



8-32 regular nuts x 8 HM3-184



Hinges x 17 HM3-185

Wheel Spacers

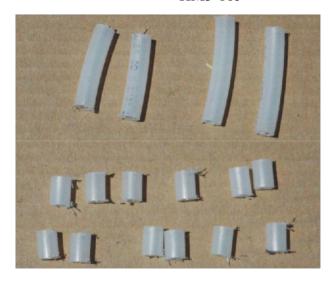
Front wheel – Longest Spacer 2 Inches x 2 Idler wheel – .5 (½ inch) x 2 Drive gear – Second Longest 1 5/8th inches) x 2 Bogie – .5 (½ inch) x 8 Return wheel – .5 (½ inch) x 2



Front Wheel Spacer 2 Inches x 2 SM3-186



Drive Gear Spacer 1 5/8th inches x 2 SM3-187



All Other Spacers ½ x 12 SM3-188

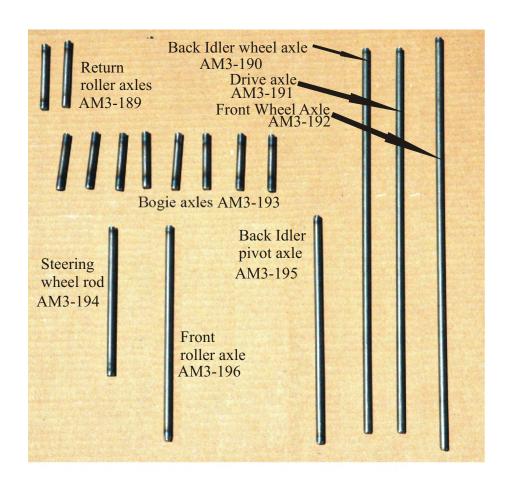
Additional Parts

Axles

Front roller axle (1) 7 1/8 inches Steering wheel rod (1) 4 ½ inches Drive axle (1) 13 1/4 inches Back Idler wheel axle (1) 13 1/4 inches Front Wheel Axle (1) Back Idler pivot axle (1) 7 5/8 inches Return roller axles (2) 2½ inches Bogie axles (8) 2 1/8 inches

Front fenders left Front fender right

Rubber Tracks x 2 Rubber Tires x 2 (4 halves)

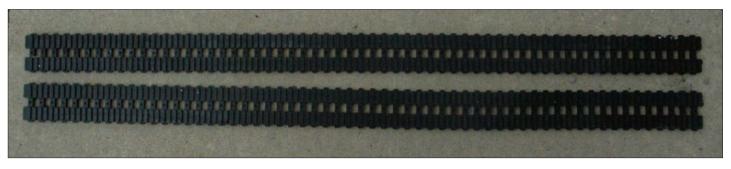






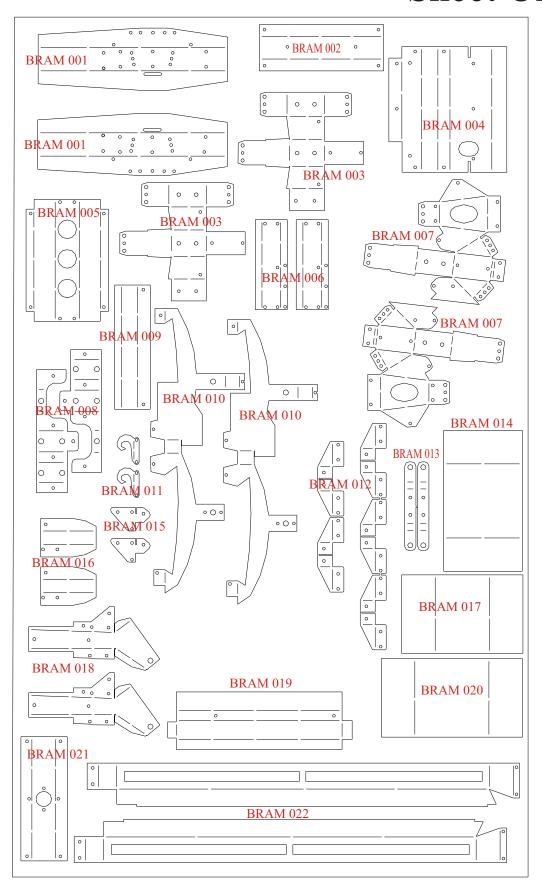


Front Tire x4 RM3-199

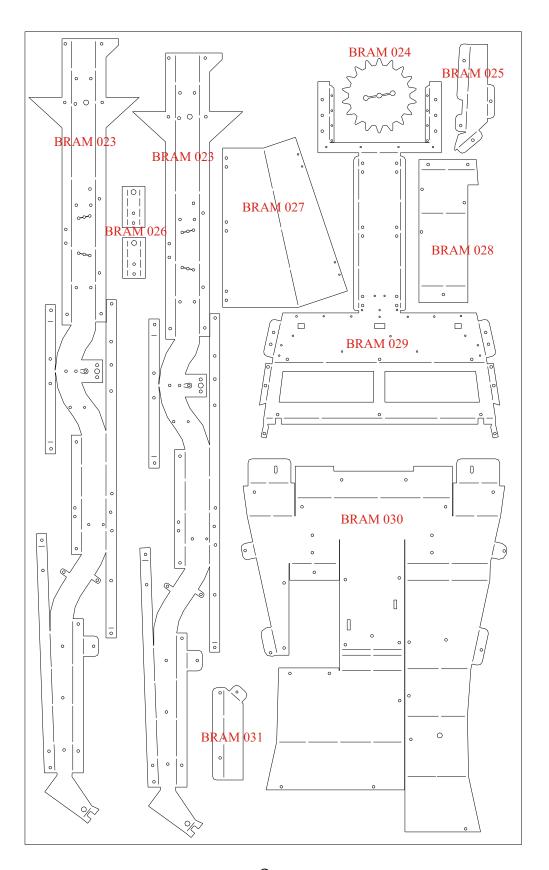


Metal Parts

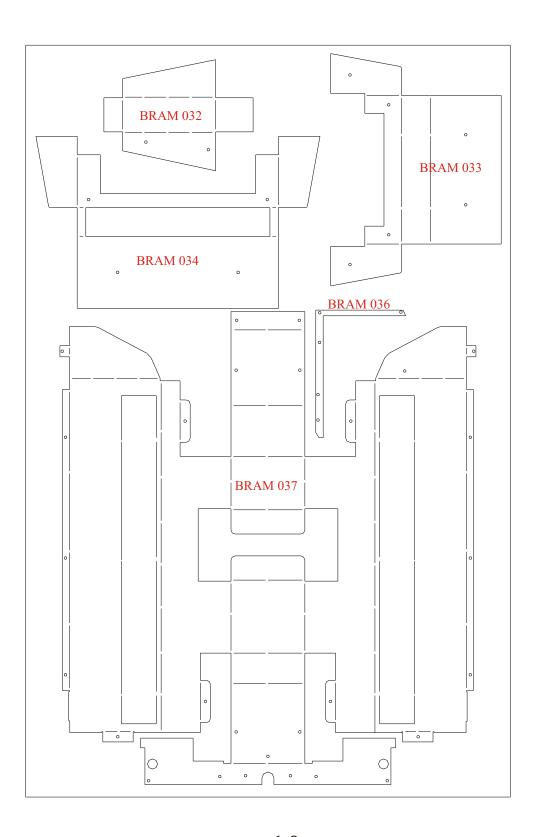
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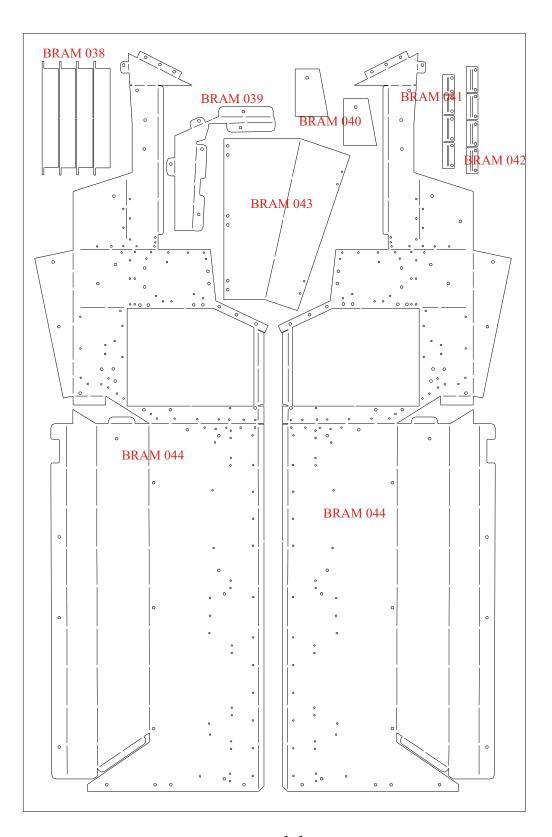
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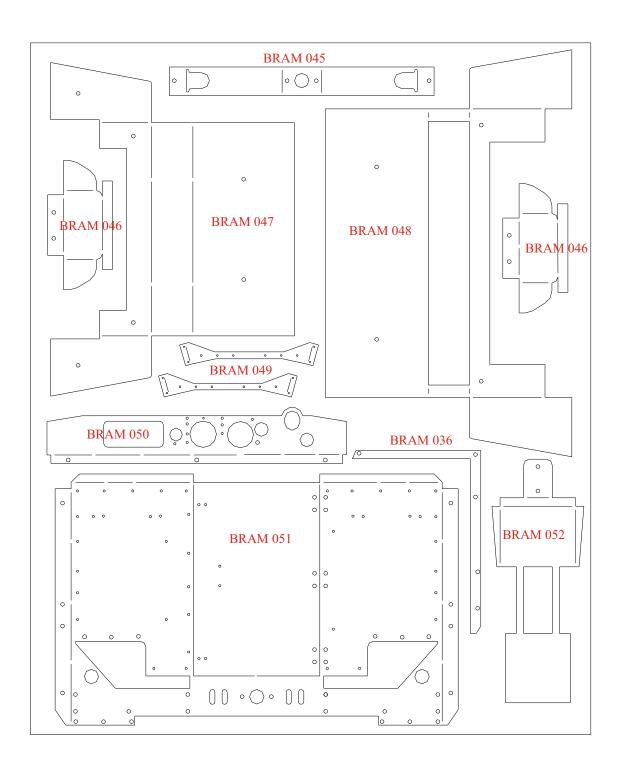
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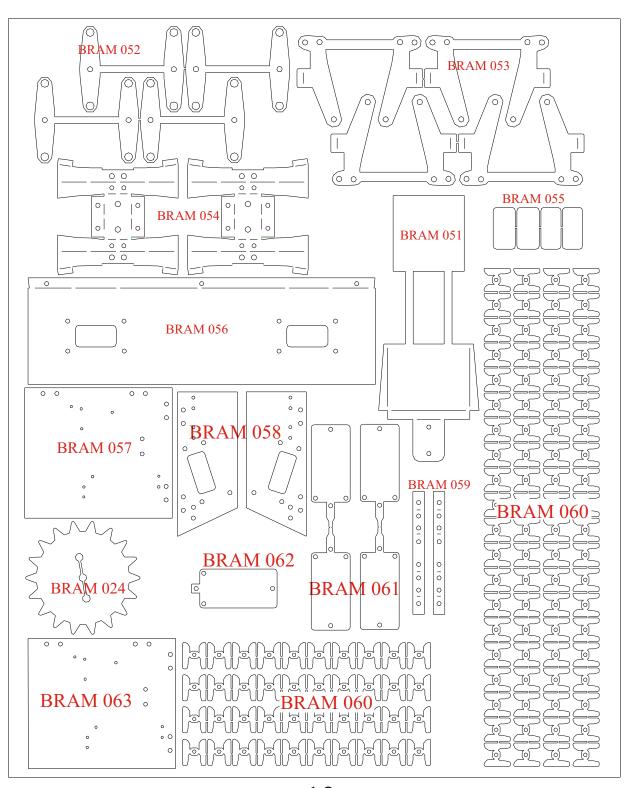
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Metal Sheet Five



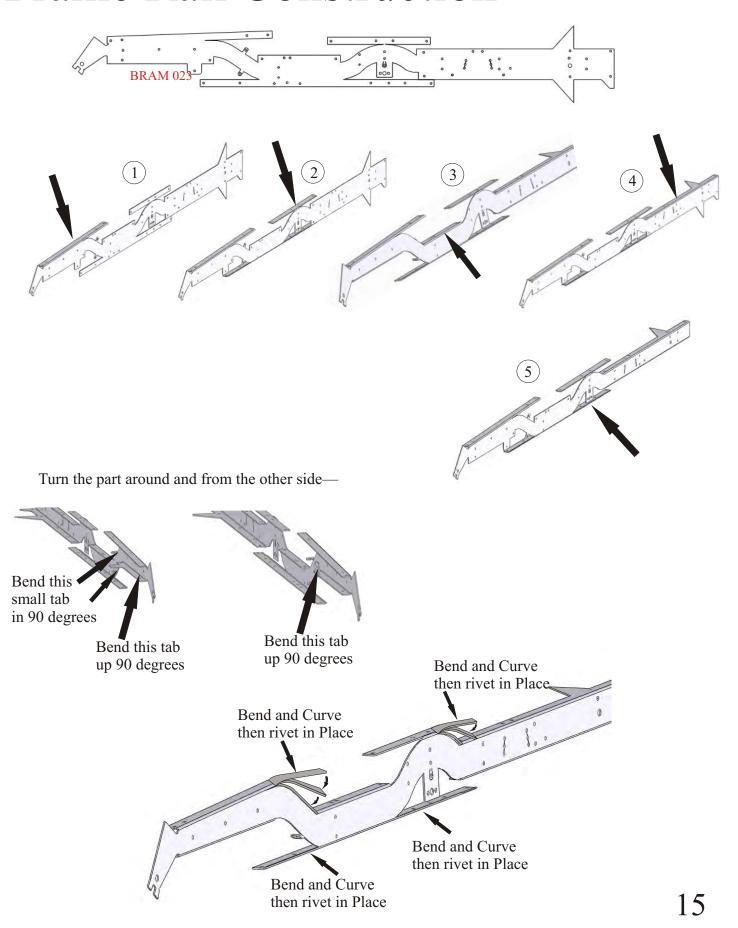
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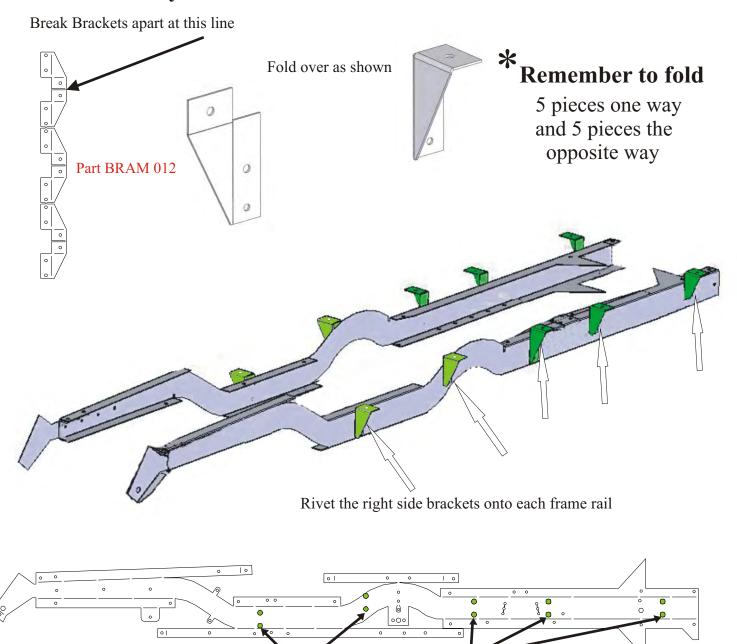
Parts for Frame Construction



Frame Rail Construction

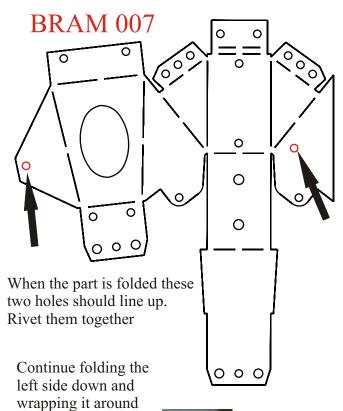


Floor and Body Holder Brackets



Brackets go in these Double Hole Configurations

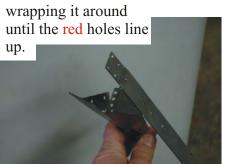
Outer Rear Suspension Block

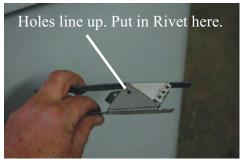




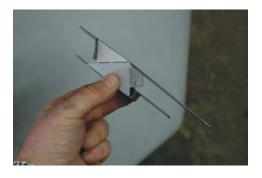


Hold the part as shown and fold down and around to have the red holes line up

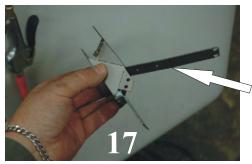








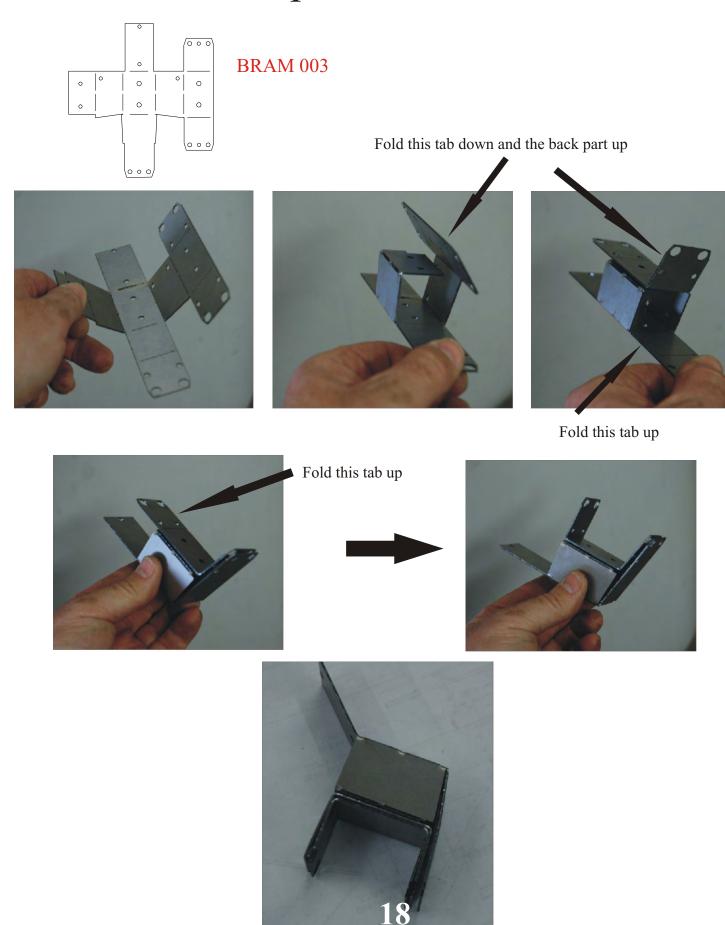






Bend this long tab up in preparation for inserting the inner bogie block

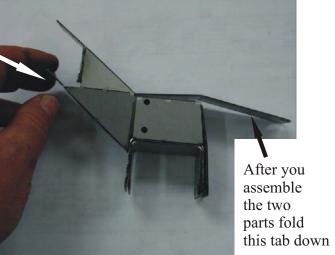
Inner Rear Suspension Block



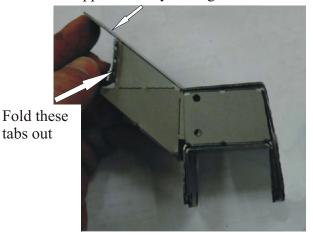
Assemble Outer and Inner Rear Suspension Blocks

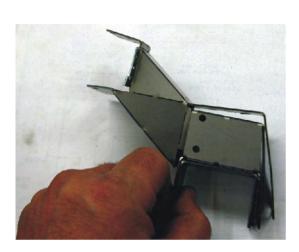


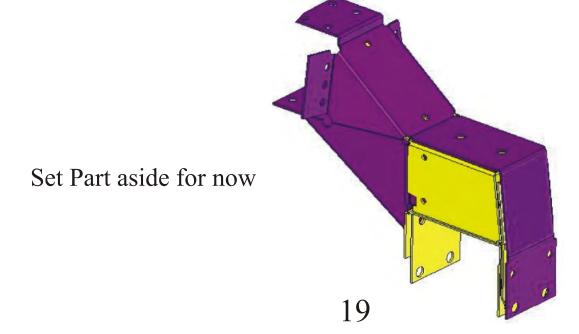
Fold this Lower tab down approximately 45 degrees



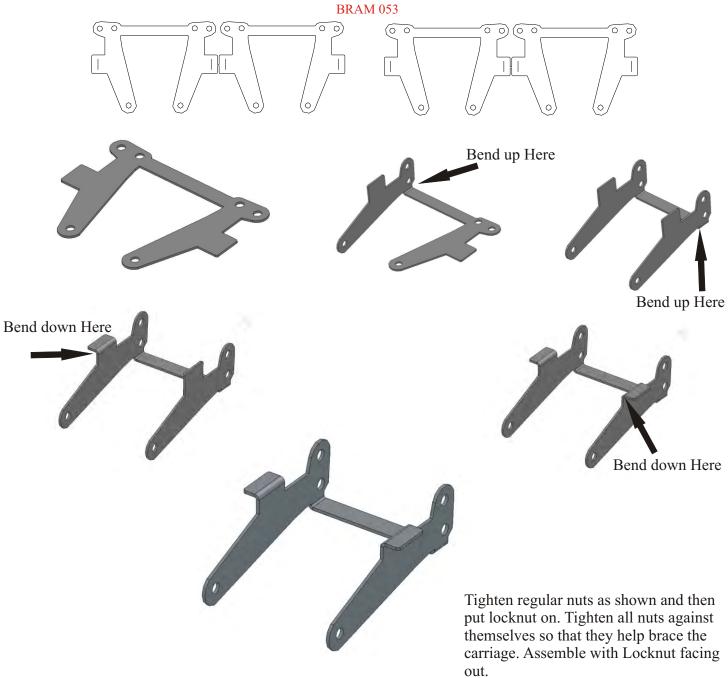
Fold this tab down approximately 45 degrees







Roadwheel Carriage Holder

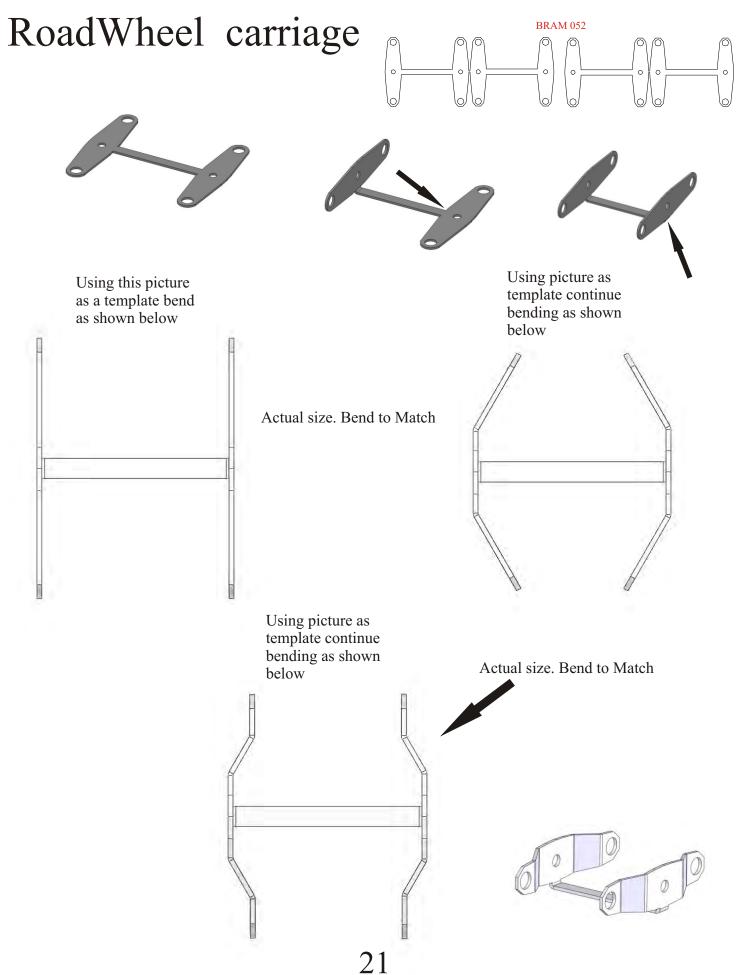




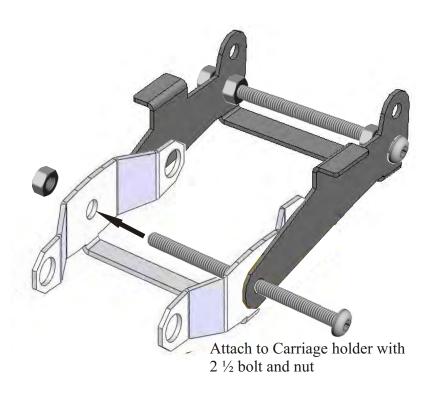


Insert the bolt into the Carriage and screw on <u>TWO</u> regular



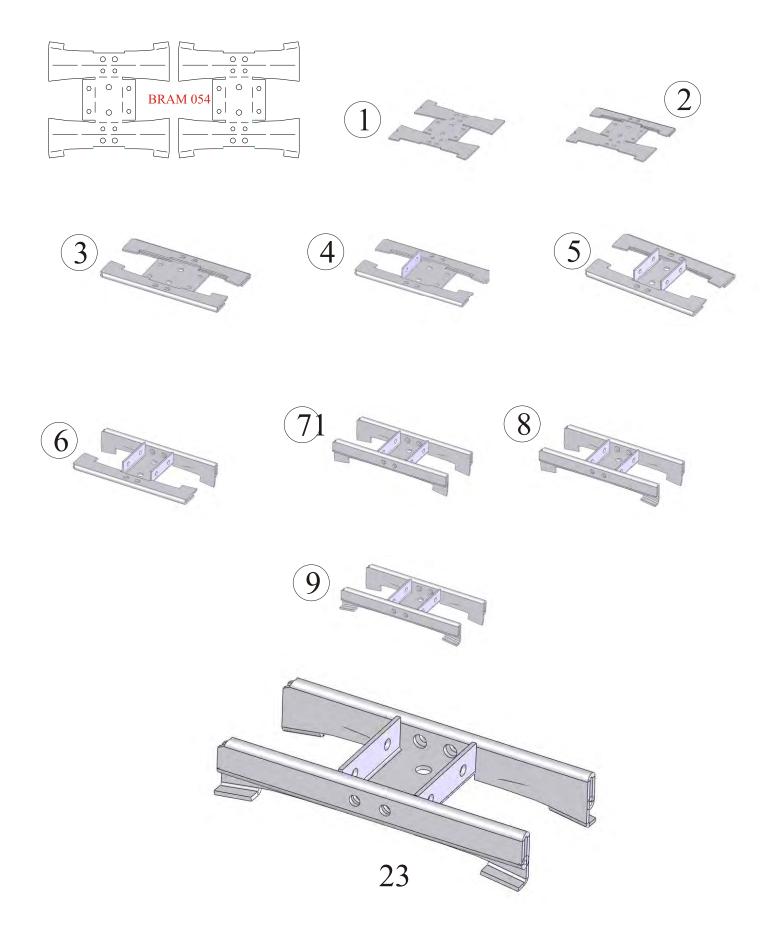


Assemble Carriage as shown below





Suspension Rocker



Rocker Support Bracket

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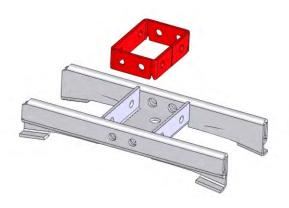


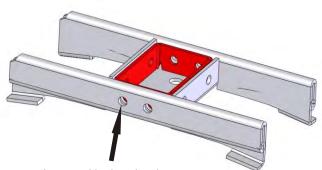








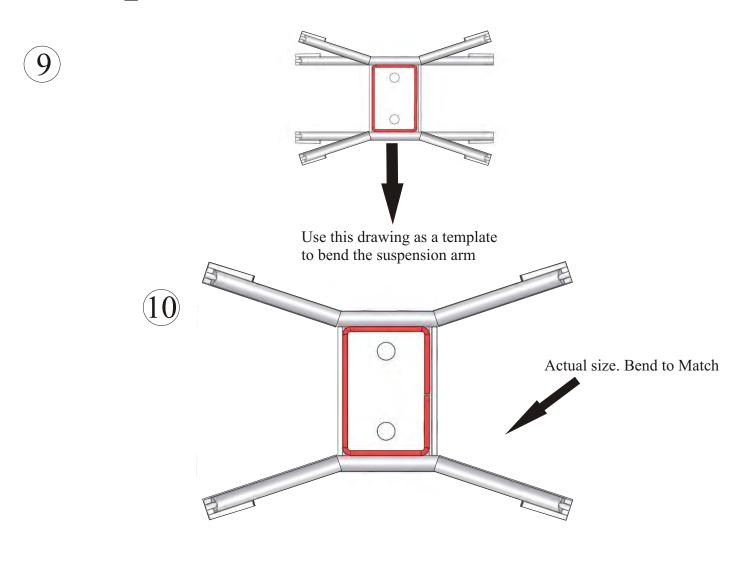


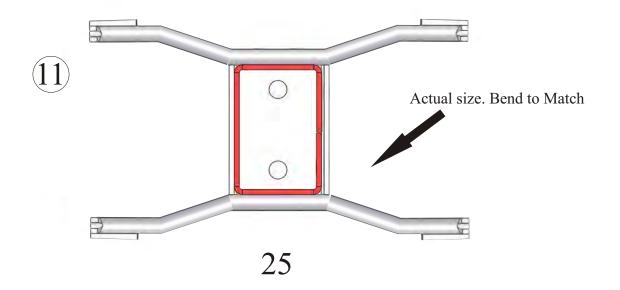


Rivet all the holes to attach rocker support bracket

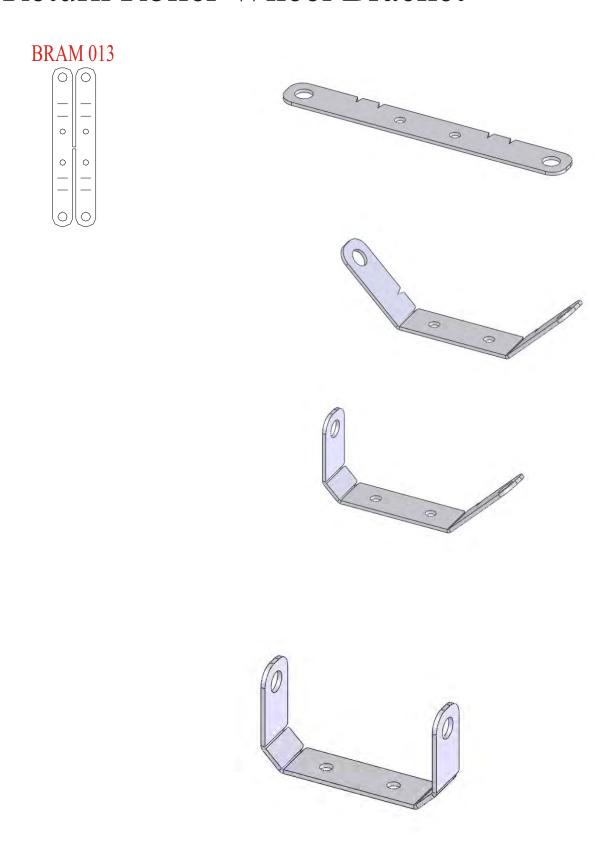


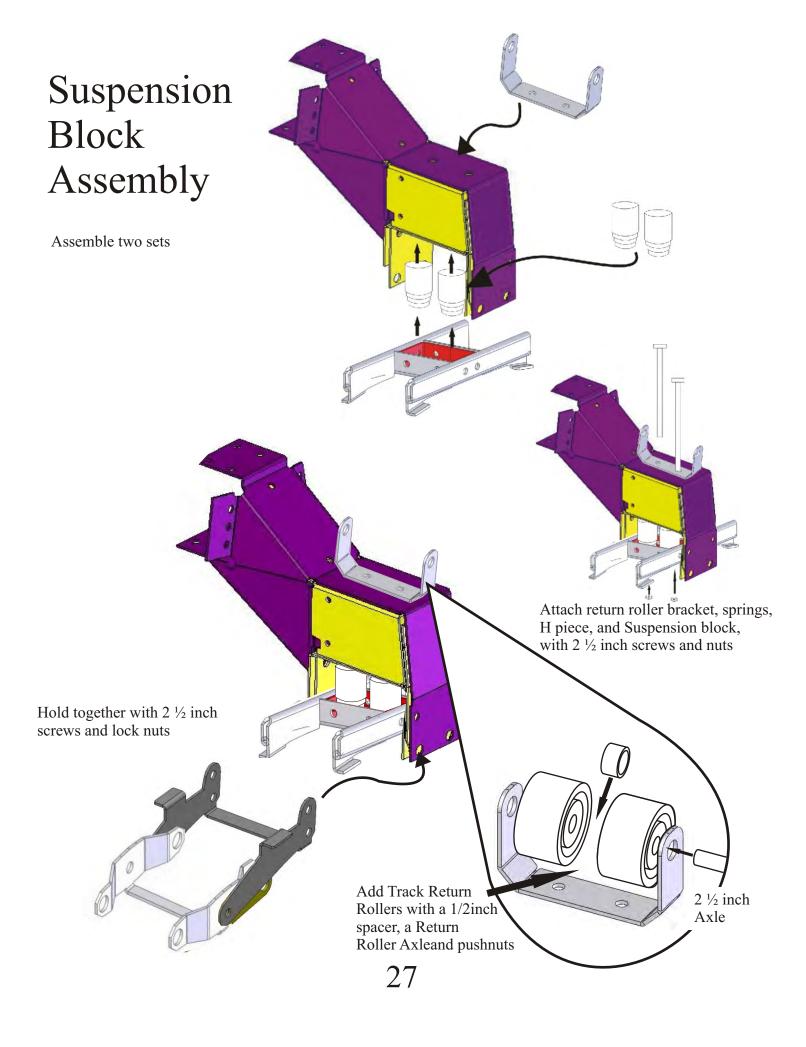
Suspension Rocker (Continued)



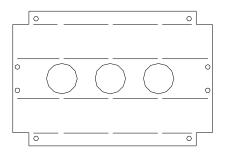


Return Roller Wheel Bracket

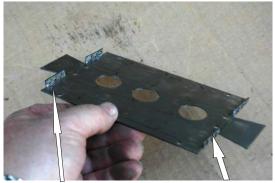




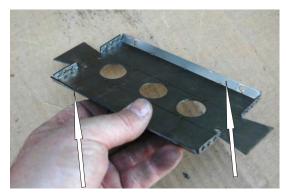
A Frame Cross Brace



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Orient the part as shown and bend the end tabs up.



Bend the side tabs up

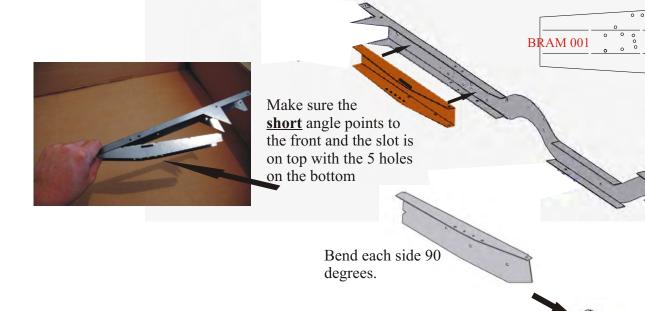


Bend all the remaining tabs down

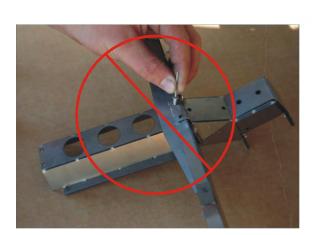




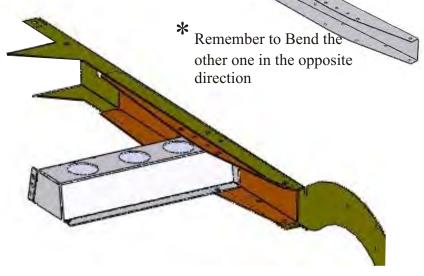
Frame Reinforcing and Cross bracing







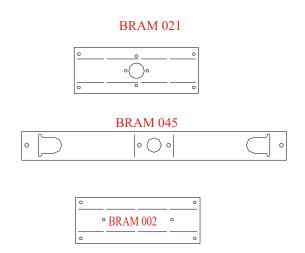
<u>DO NOT</u> place top rivets in at this time



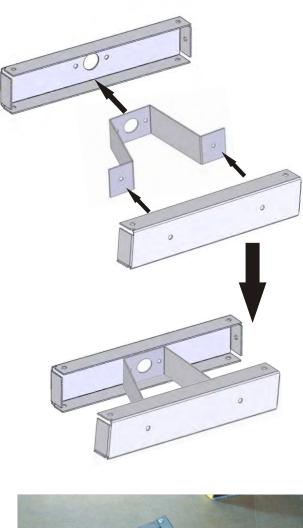
Put in Bottom Rivets



Rear Frame Support and tow Hitch Receiver





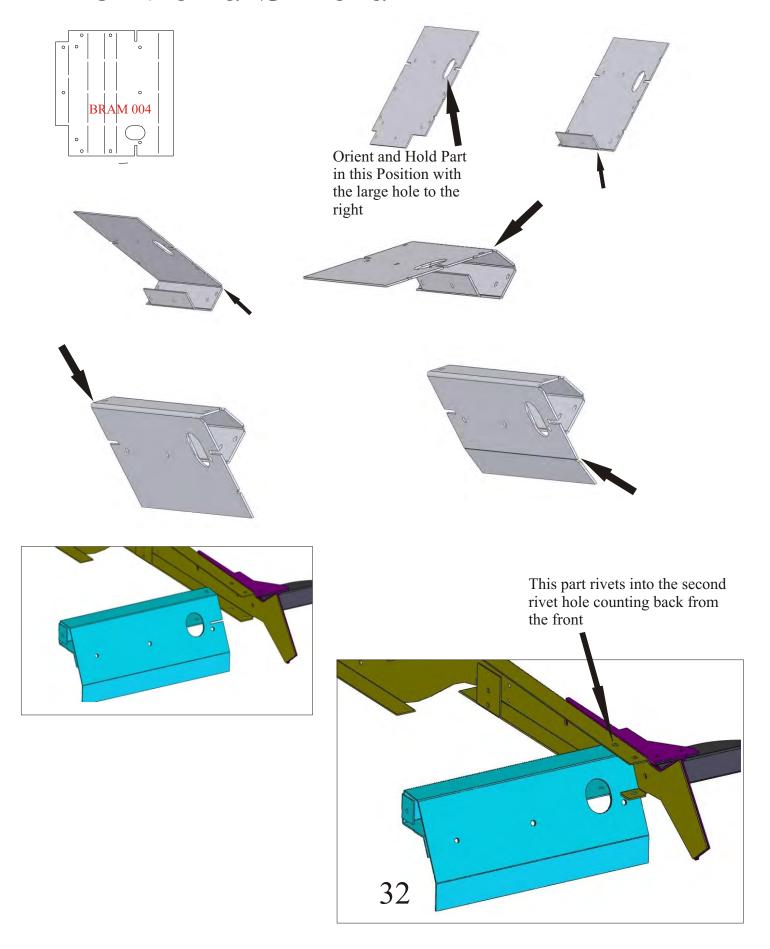




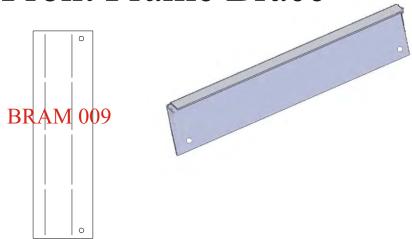
Transmission Cross Brace

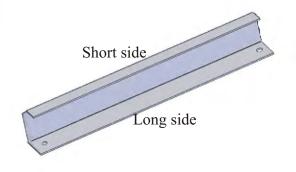
BRAM 019 Fold in tabs 90 degrees Fold 90 degrees along these lines Fold 90 degrees along this line to finish the part

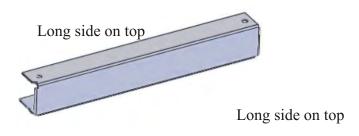
Front end Shield



Front Frame Brace



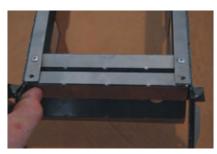


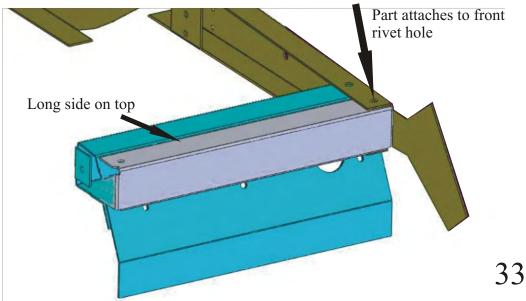




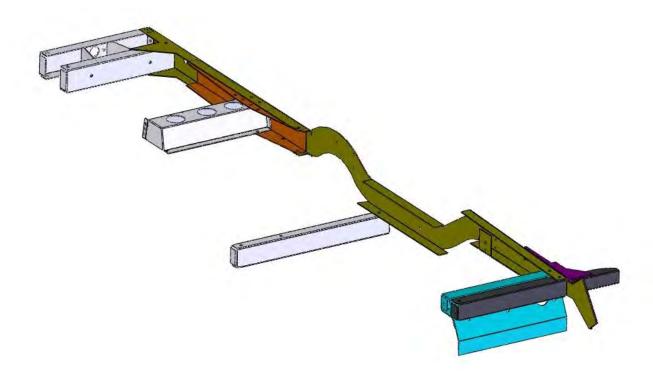


Orient the piece so that the Short side is on the bottom

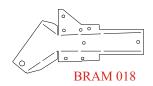


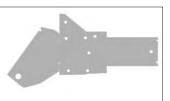


All the frame braces are in place. You can attach the other side rail at this point,

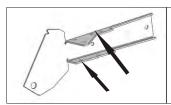


Front Bumper and Roller Support





Orient the part to face like above



Bend these tabs over 90 degrees towards you



Next, bend these tabs over 90 degrees again toward you

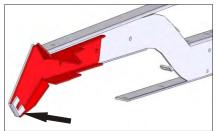


Finished Part





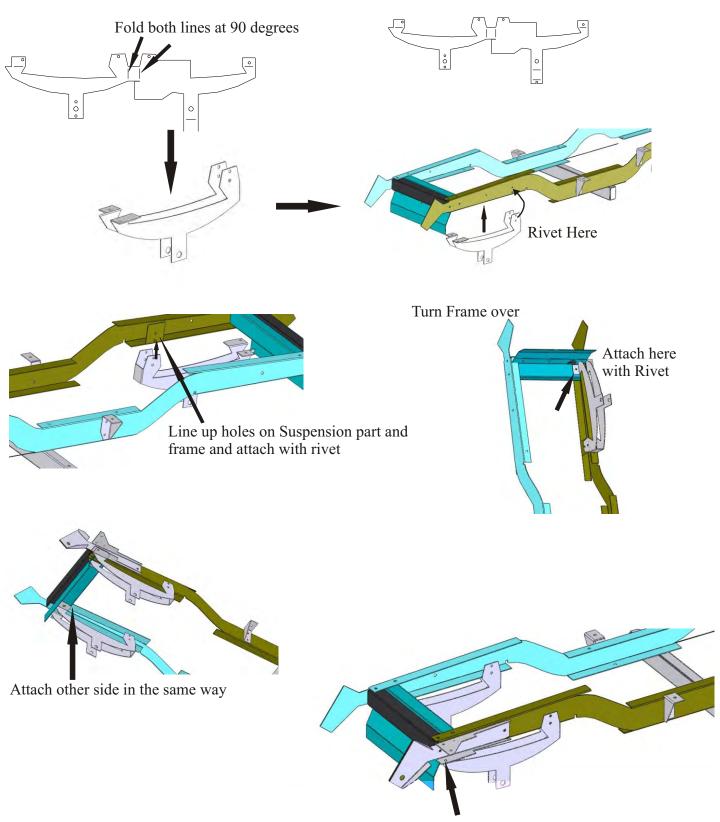
Put part on frame and rivet into place



Bend the small tab on the frame all the way around to capture and secure the brace

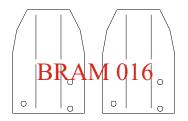
Front Suspension

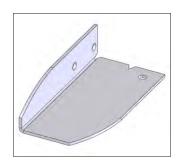
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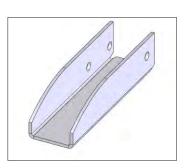


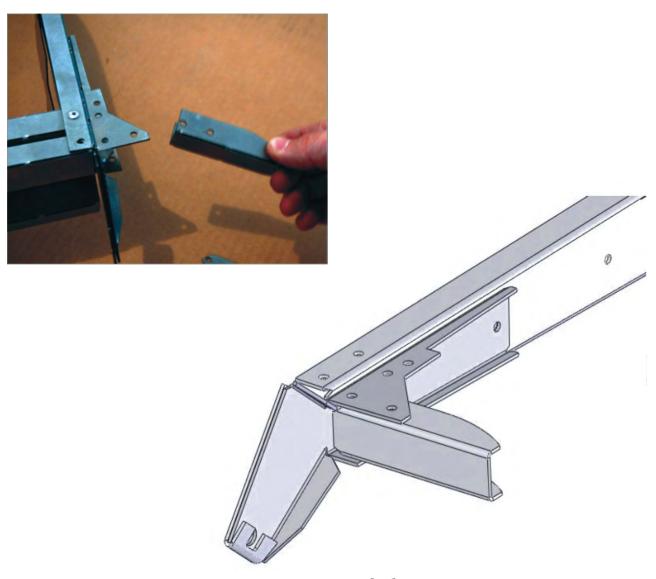
Rivet the Front Suspension piece to the front roller support bar

Front bumper Arm

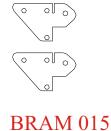


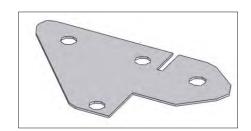


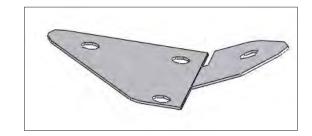


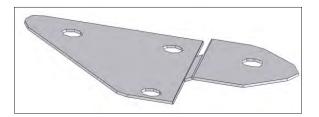


Tow Hook and Bumper Brace Plate





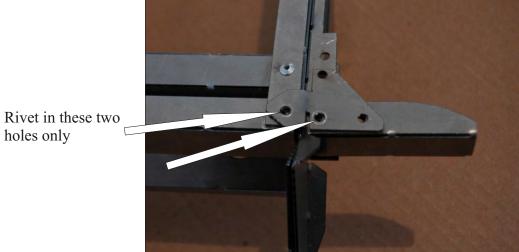








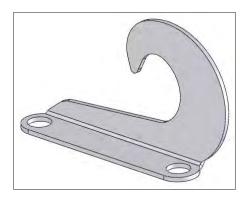
Place part on frame



Front Tow Hooks

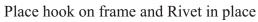






Bend up 90 degrees at line



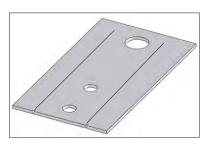


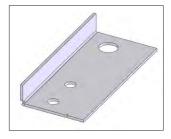


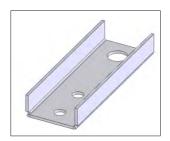


Drive Axle Bracket





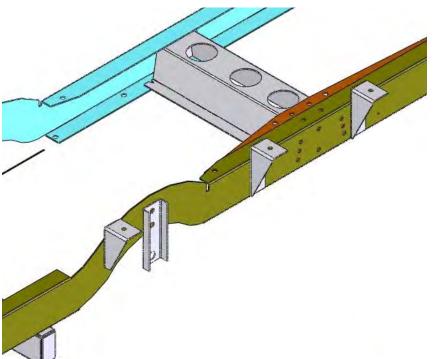




Orient Part as above

Bend up first side

Bend up final side



Orient frame and Rivet Part onto frame



Rivet Here



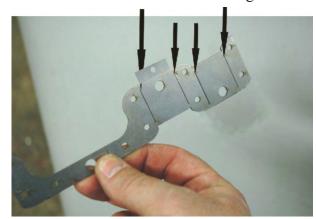
Rear Idler Swivel and Axle Assembly

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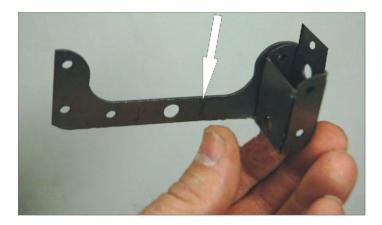




Bend each line forward at 90 degrees



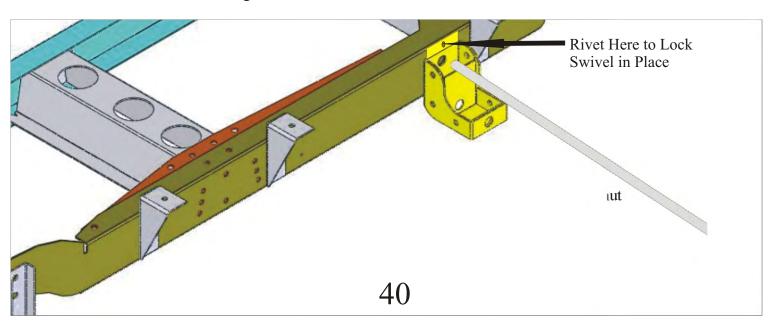
Bend on this line 90 degrees



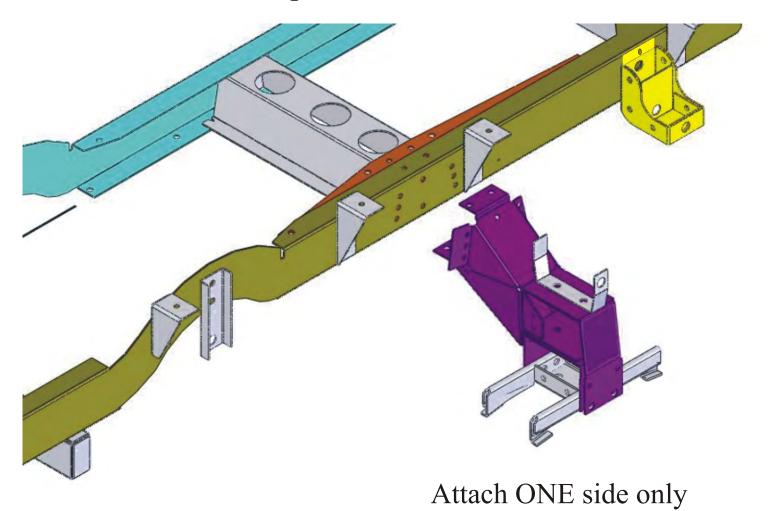


Bend on this line 90 degrees



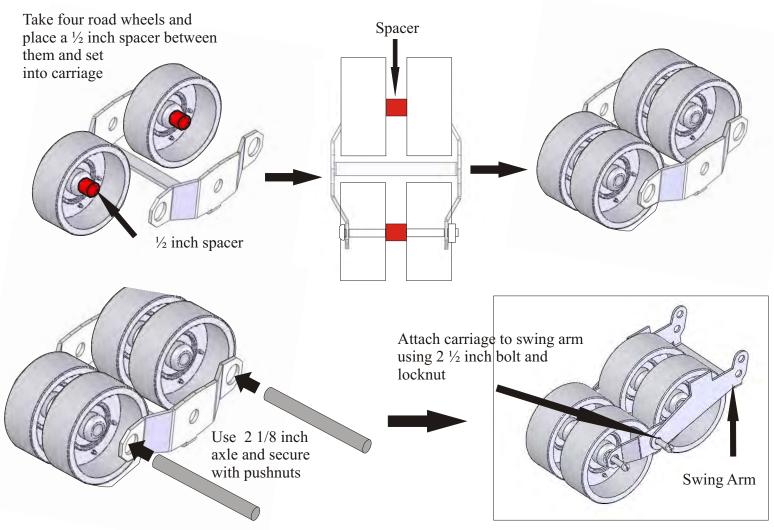


Attach finished Suspension Block to Frame





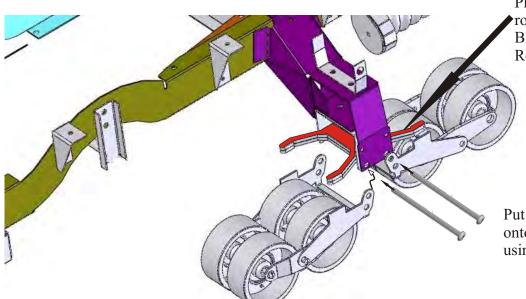
Bogie wheels





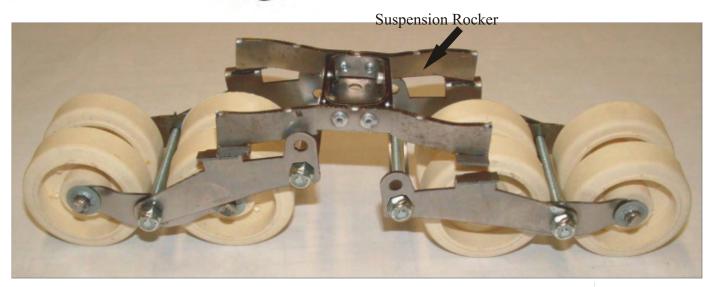
Locknuts should face outward.

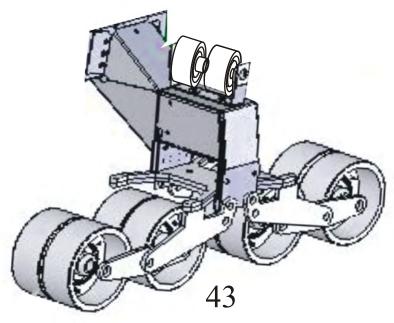
Make left and right assemblies



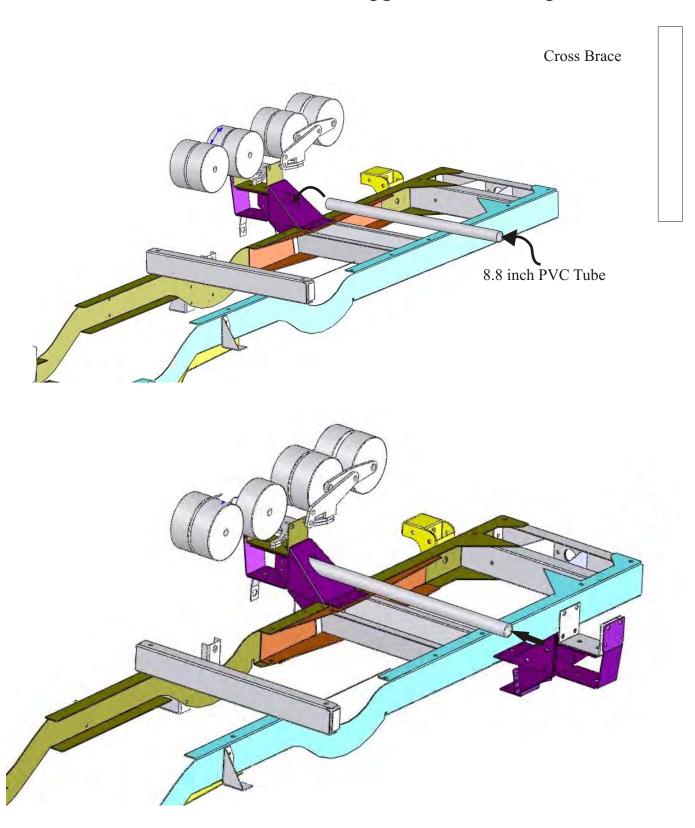
Place the suspension rocker up into the Suspension Block and attach swing arm Roadwheel assembly

Put the Roadwheel assembly onto the Suspension block using 2 ½ inch screws

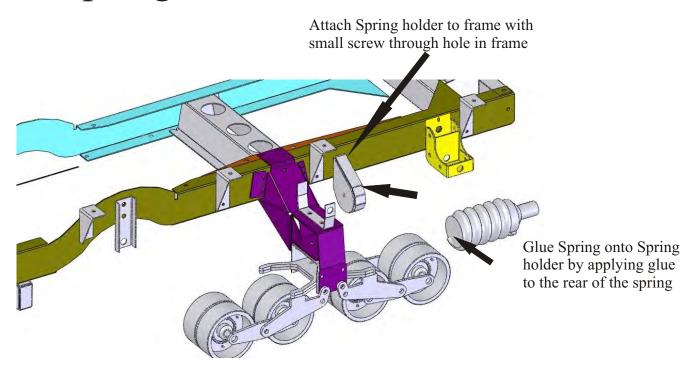


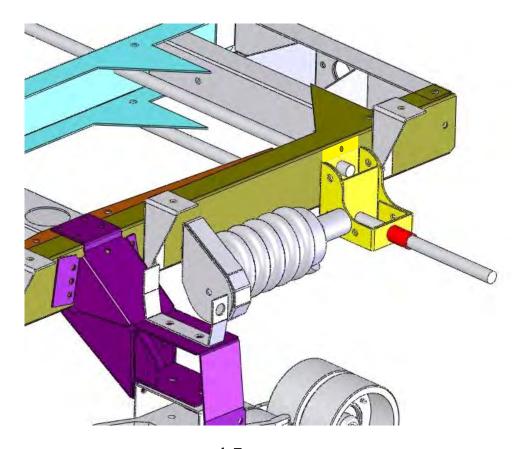


Slide in Cross brace and Attach opposite Side Suspension Block

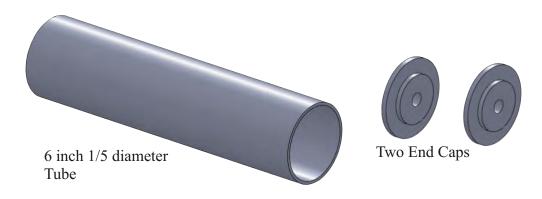


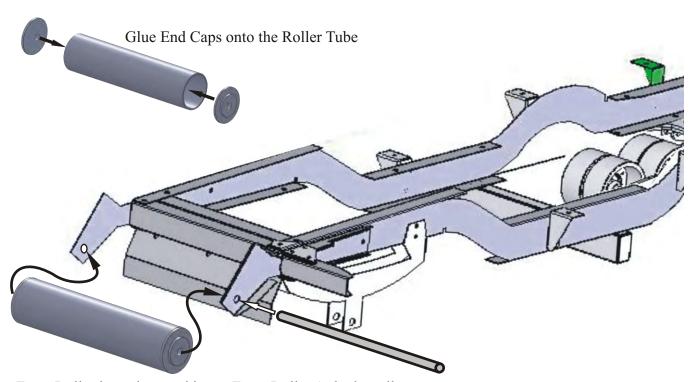
Idler spring





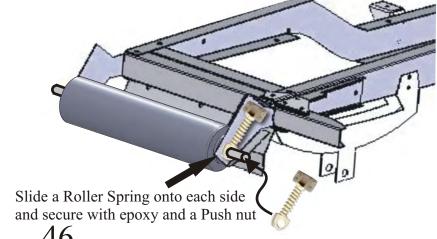
Front Roller Assembly





Put Front Roller into place and insert Front Roller Axle thru all to secure.



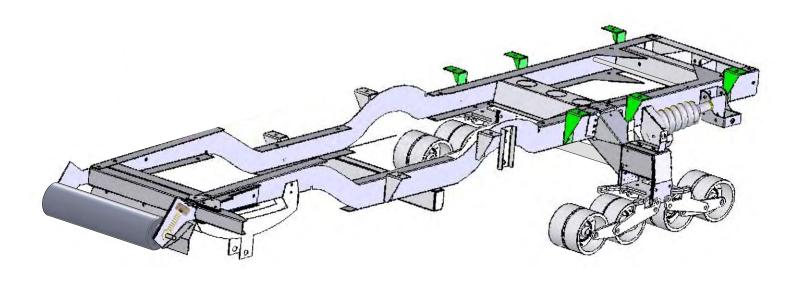


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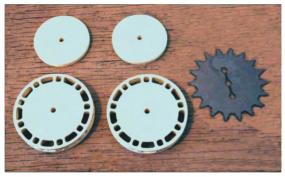
Finished Frame

(Some duplicate parts not shown)





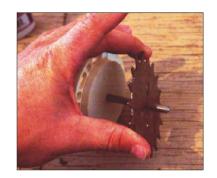
Drive Gear Assembly









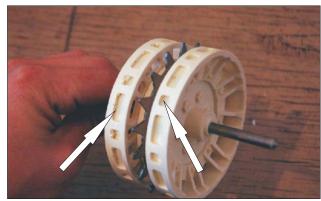




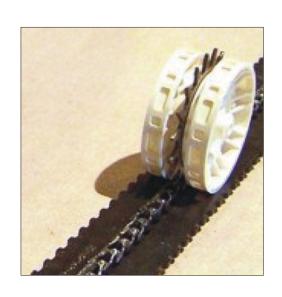




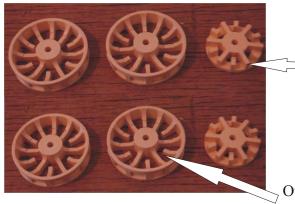




For a more realistic look cut out the webbing in the holes of the wheels. The resin here has purposely been left thin.



Rear Idler Wheel



Make two idler wheel assemblies

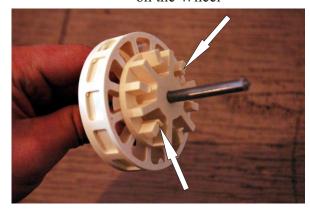
Inner Hub

Outer Wheel

Small tabs line up with Spokes on the Wheel



Apply glue to spokes of one wheel. Keep Glue closer to the center since the inner hub is smaller than the wheel

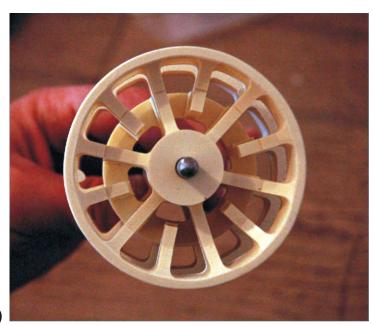


Place inner hub as shown. Make sure to line up spokes from the inner hub with the wheel spokes

Apply glue to inner hub spokes and attach the other wheel making sure to line up the spokes



For a more realistic look cut out the webbing in the holes of the wheels. The resin here has purposely been left thin.



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Front tires

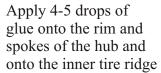


Off set the Lugs in the tires so that they have a staggerd pattern





Without applying glue insert the inner hub into the tire. Seat the hub flush with the tires inner ridge.





IF inner and outer hubs axle holes don't line up perfectly simply run a 1/4 inch drill through to create the proper clearance.

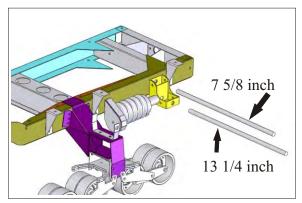
HINT: Use one of the short axles to line up the inner and outer hubs before and when you glue them together

Place the outer hub into the tire ridge.

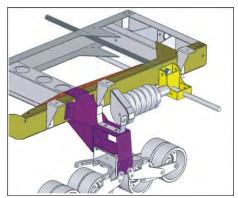


Axles

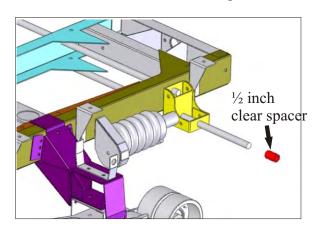
Use Back Idler Pivot 7 5/8 inch axle and the 13 1/4 inch Back Idler Wheel Axle

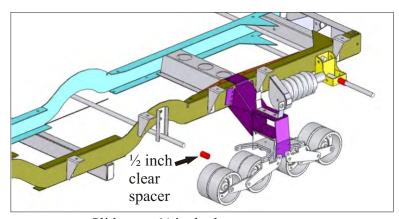


Put the 7 5/8 inch axle through the top and the 13 1/4 inch axle through the bottom Secure both with Pushnuts

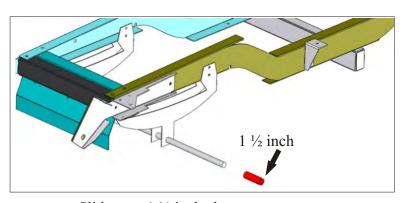


Slide on a ½ inch clear spacer

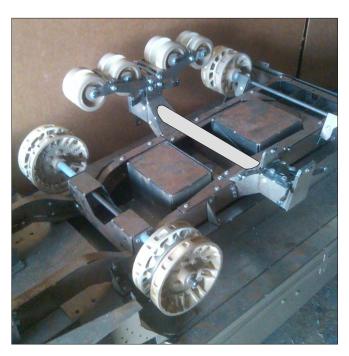


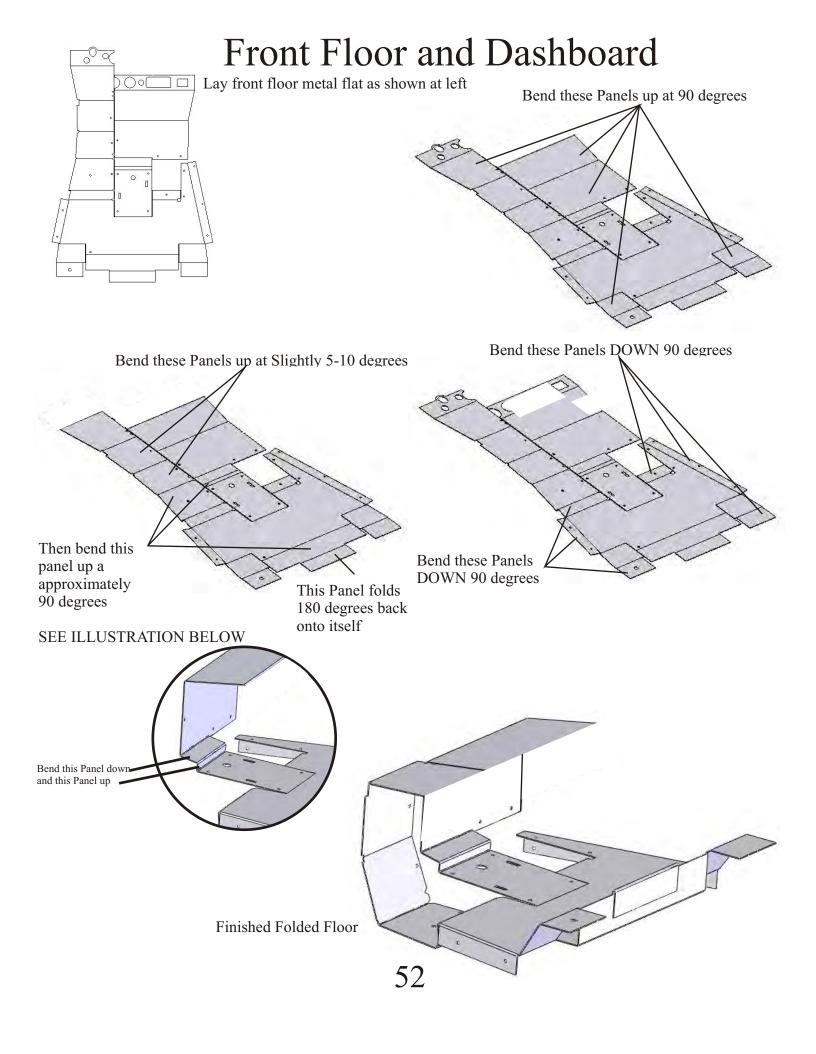


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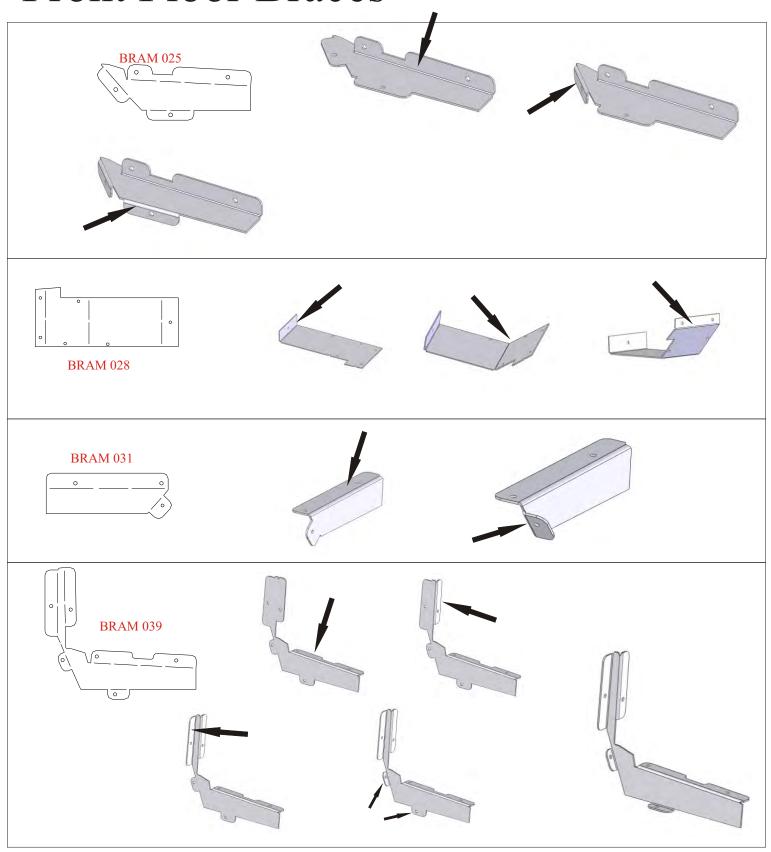


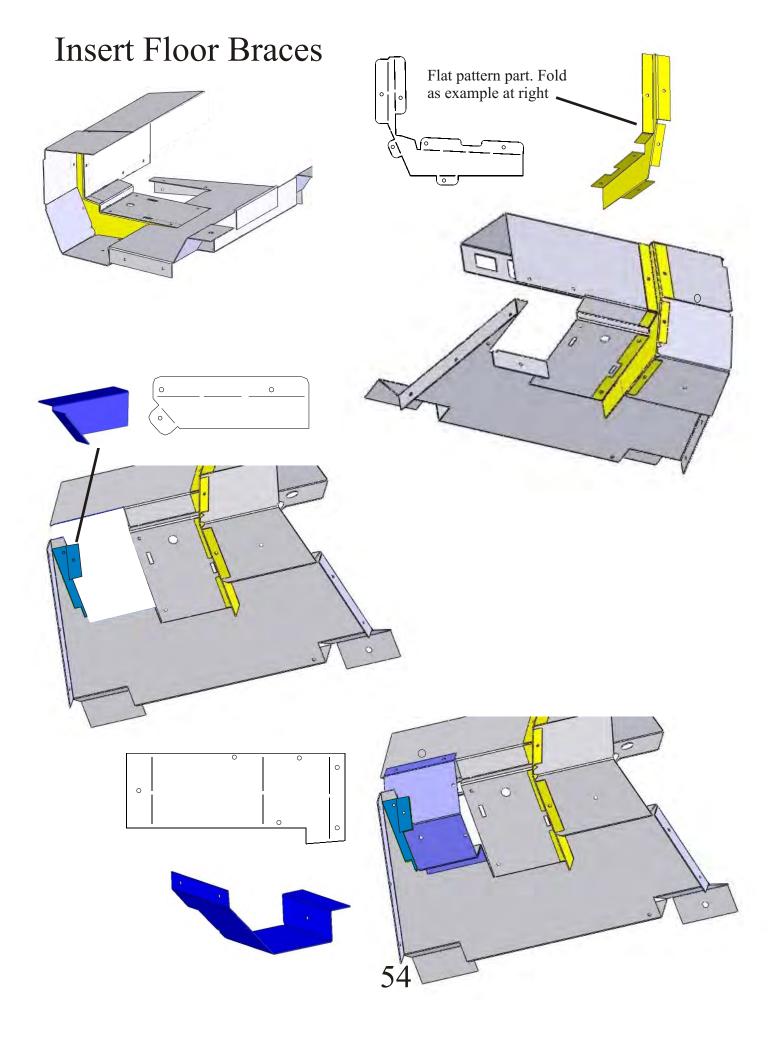
Slide on a 1 ½ inch clear spacer

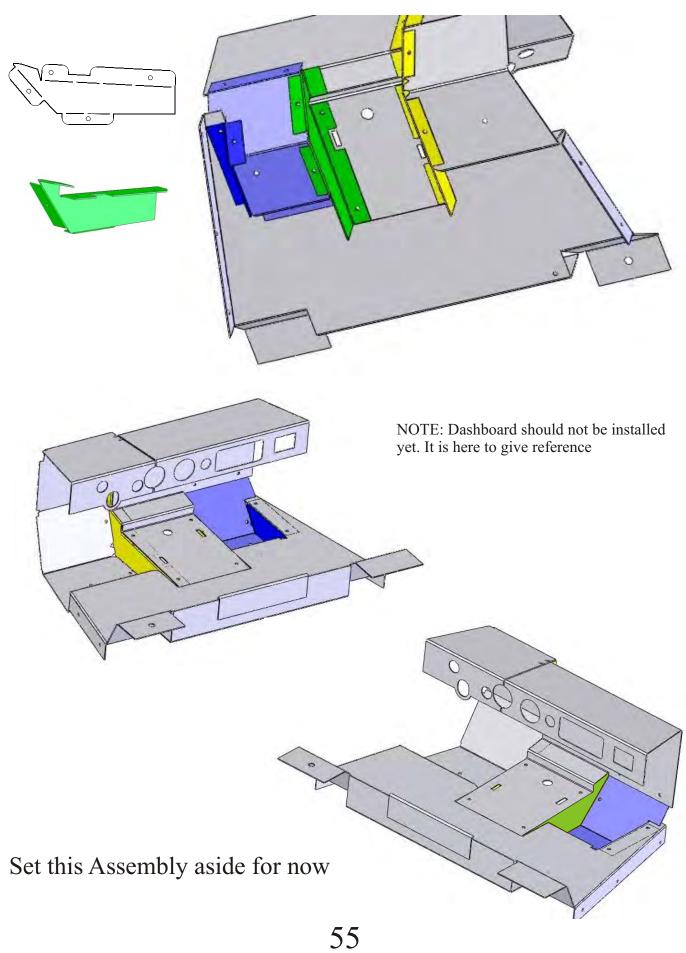




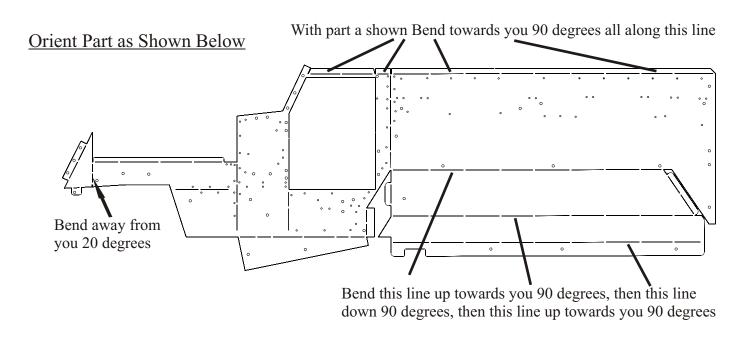
Front Floor Braces

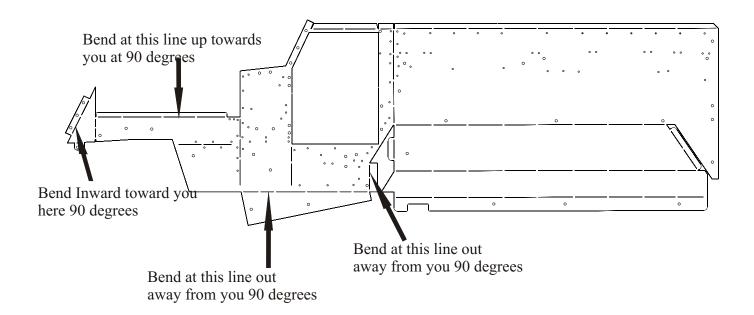






Body Panels

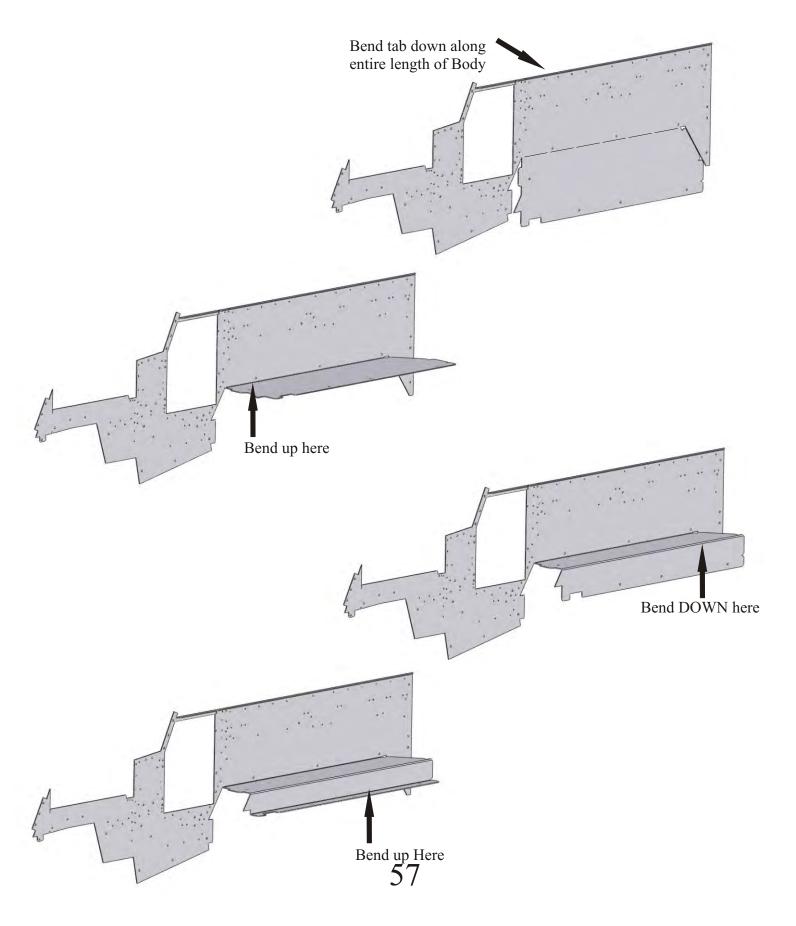


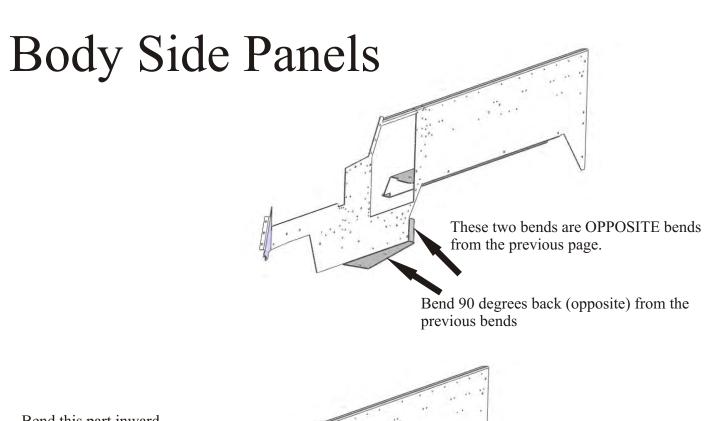


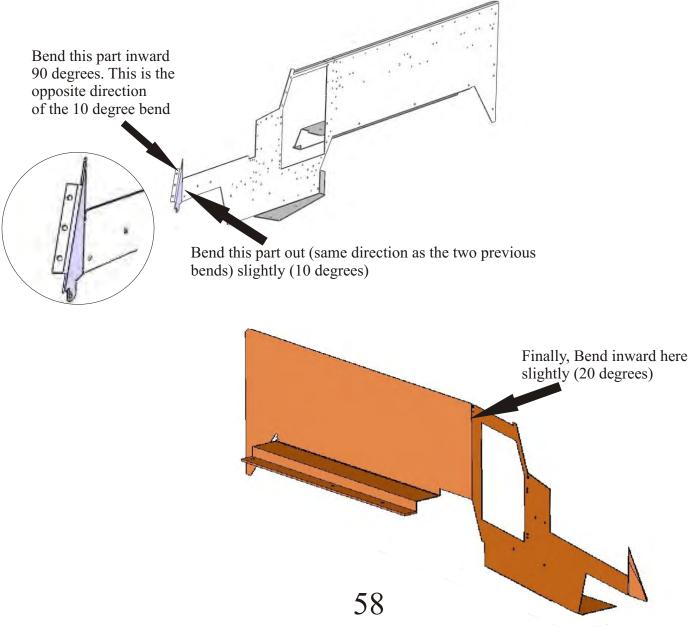


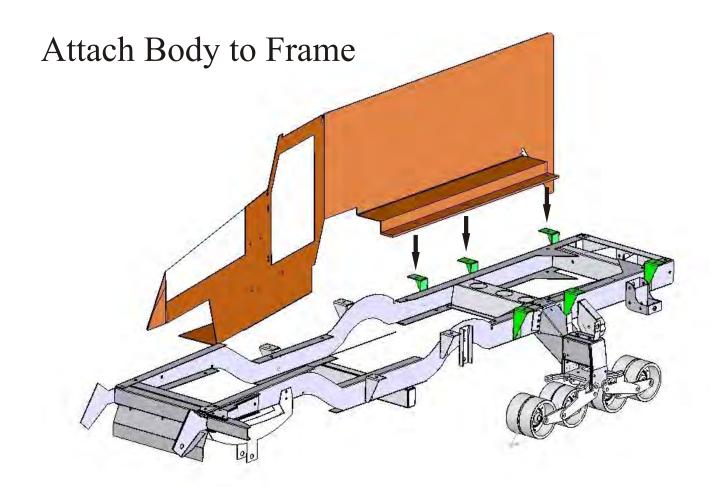
Fold the other Body side panel in the opposite manner so that you have a mirror image creating a left and right side parts

Body side Bending Detail

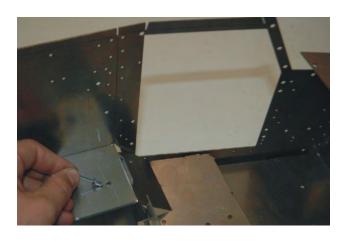










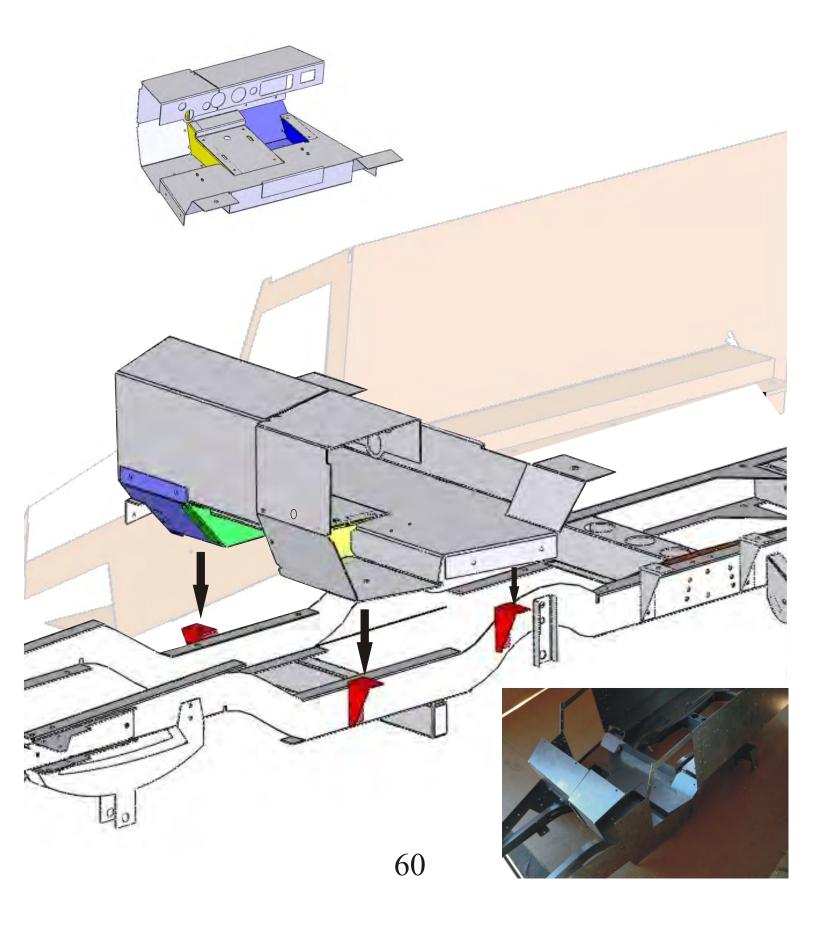




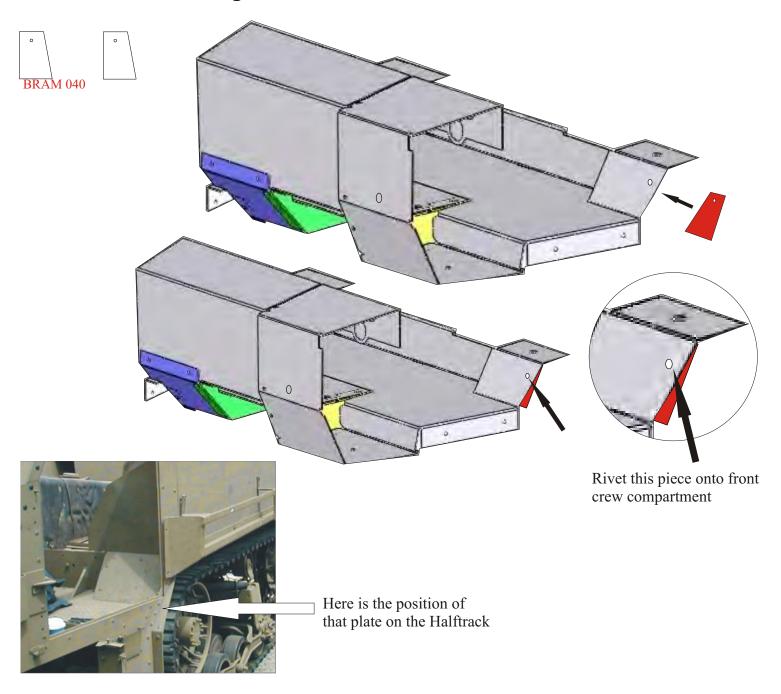


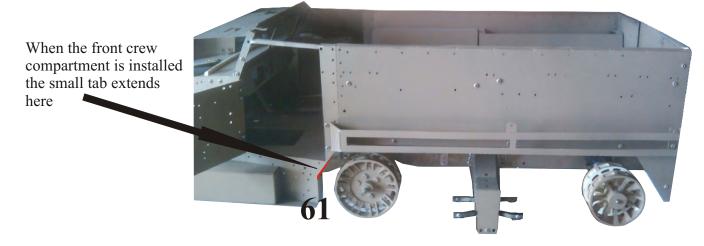
NOTE:
Install both left and right Body Side panels

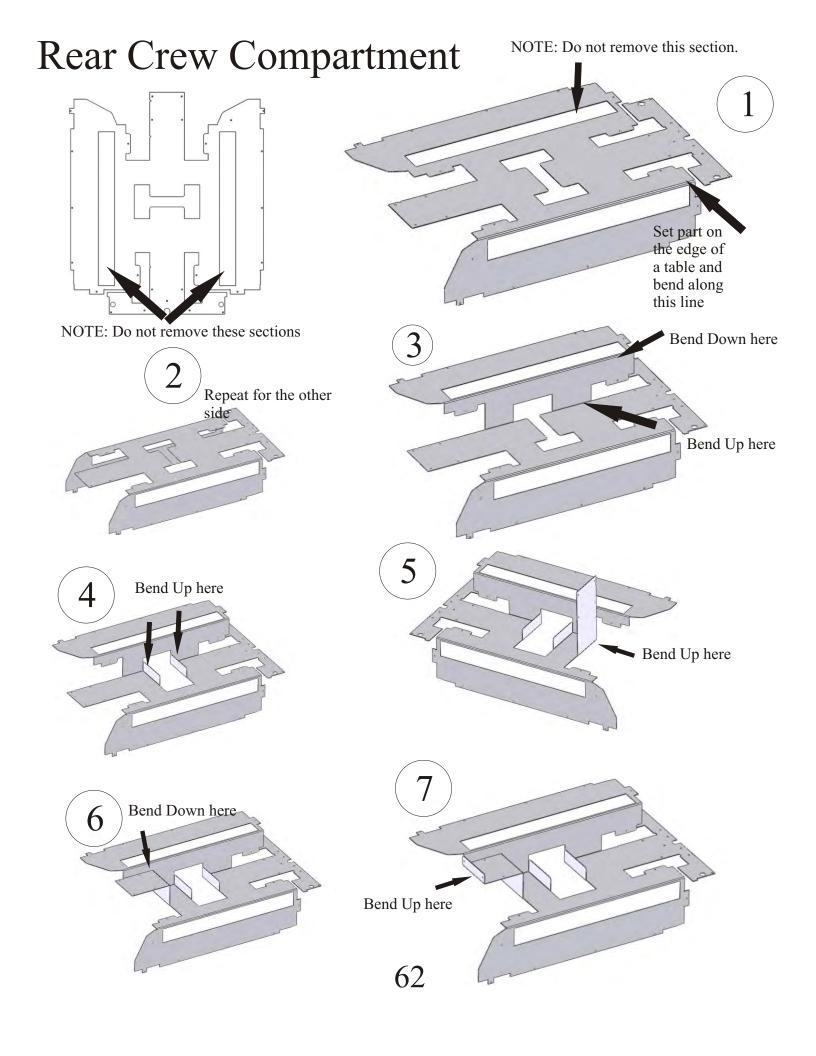
Installing the front floor onto the frame

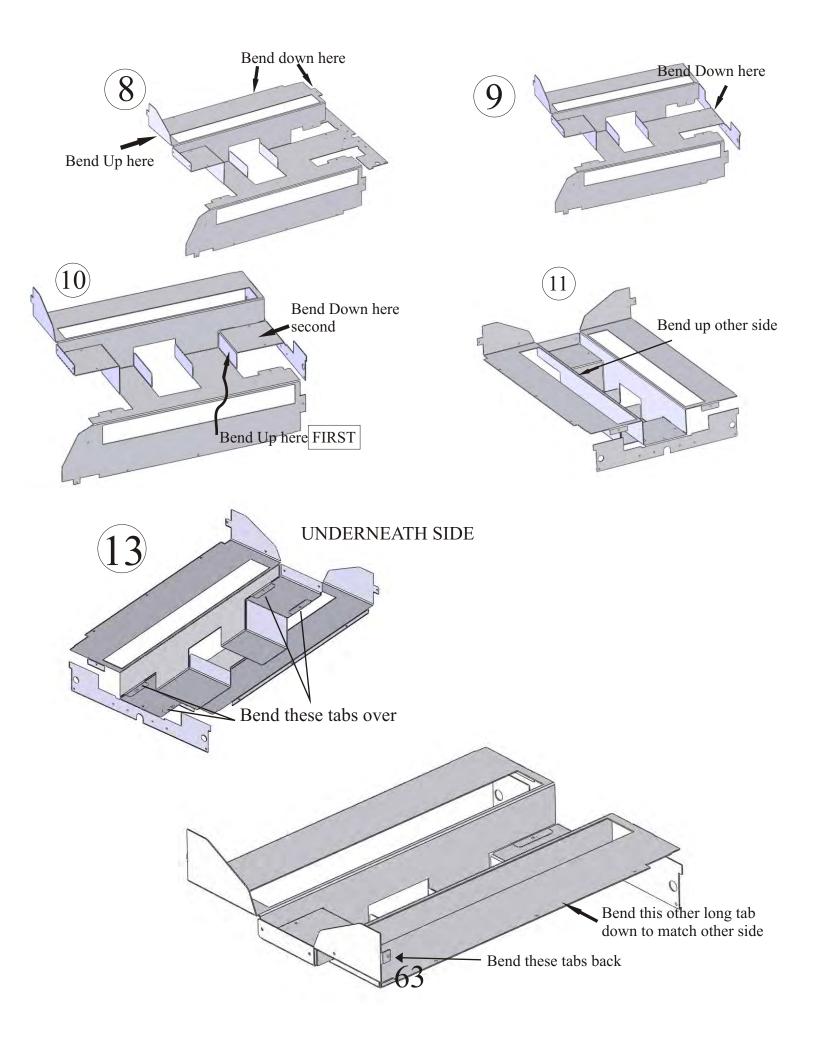


Front crew compartment Plate







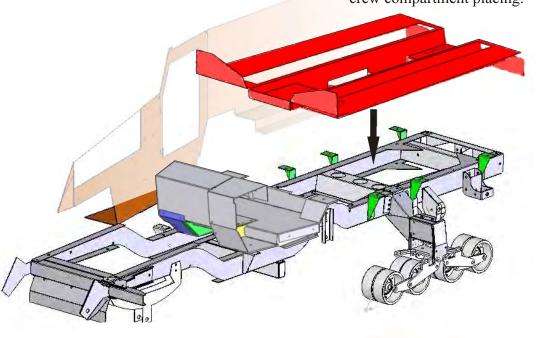


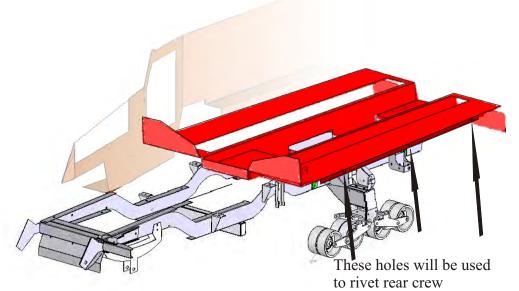
Crew compartment here

Rear Crew compartment goes on after sides go on. Front side is not shown so that you can see the crew compartment placing.

compartment to body

side panels





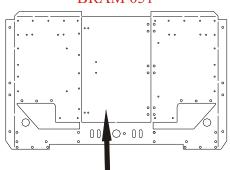
Once the rear crew compart

Once the rear crew compartment is in place rivet it to the body sides in these three places on each side.

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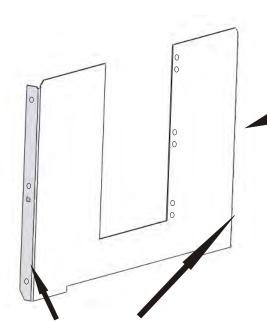
Back Panel and Door



Carefully remove back door from back panel

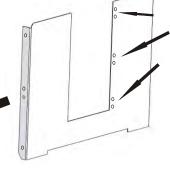


Remove Back Door

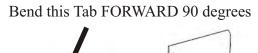


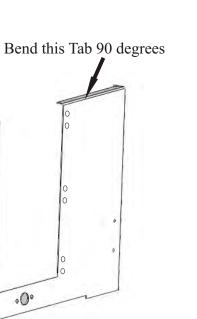
Bend this Tab on each side FORWARD 90 degrees

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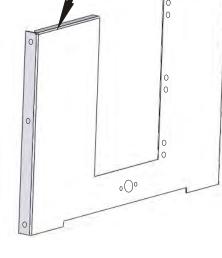


Orient Door so that these holes are on the Right Side









Attaching Back Panel and Rear Door

Make sure you put a Rivet here before attaching back Panel



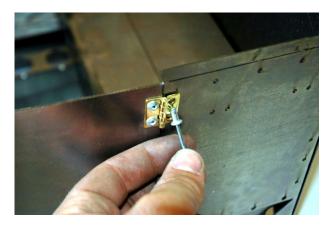


Put in Three Rivets through the side panel into the bend tab of the Rear Panel

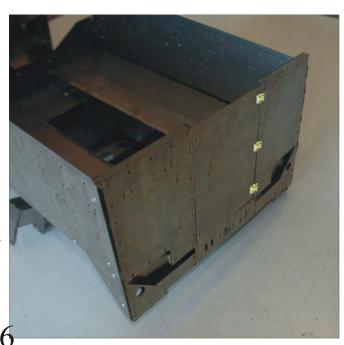




Attach Hinges to Rear Door

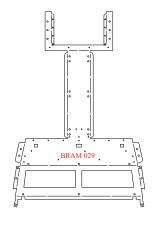


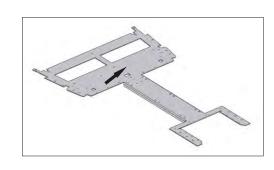
Attch Rear Door to Back Panel

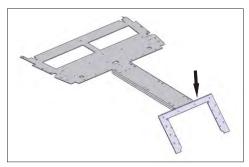


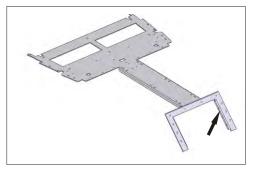
Finished Rear End

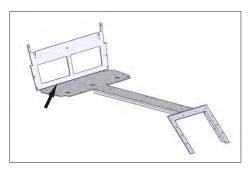
Front Hood

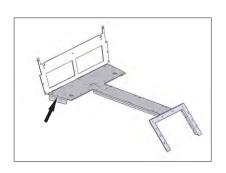




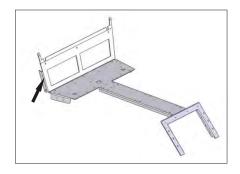


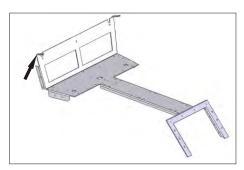


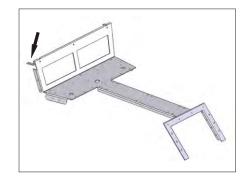


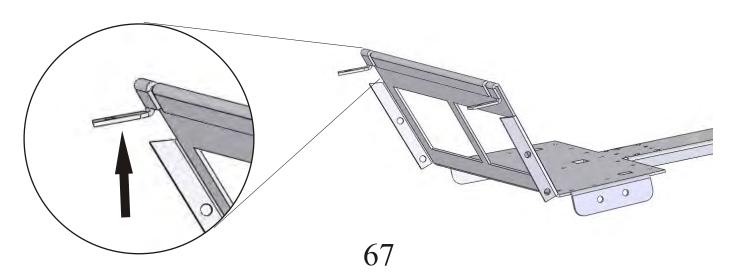


Bend Grill housing tabs inward



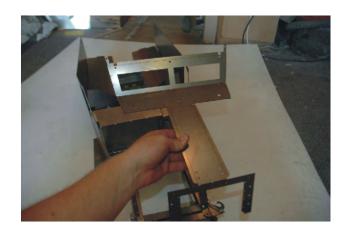


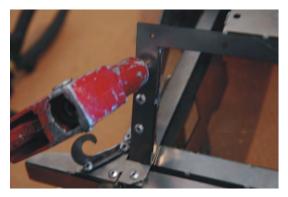




Front Hood Assembly







Rivet front hood to front body



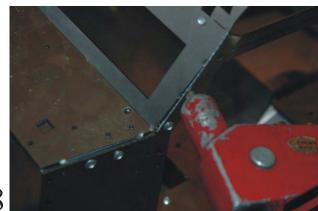
Don't rivet the front hood here yet.



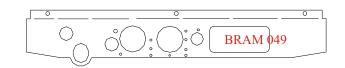
Rivet to Body at the window frame



Rivet to Body



Dashboard

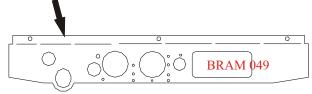




Rivet from the top of the front hood through the dashboard holes



Bend this tab forward 90 degrees

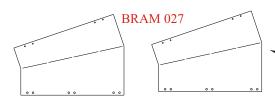


Slide Dashboard in between front panel and top of front floor board





Hood Panels



Bend the panels at 90 degrees. Make sure to bend a LEFT and RIGHT.

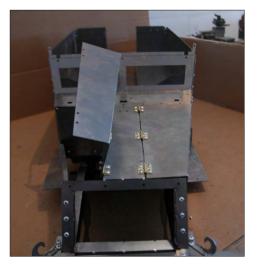




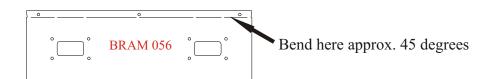




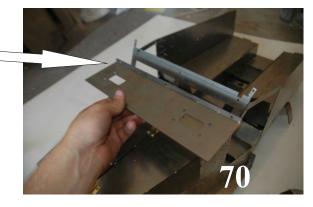


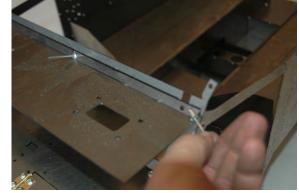


Armored Windshield

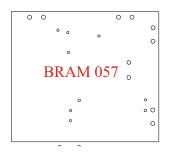


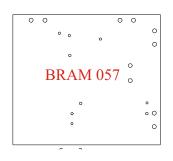
Rivet to the Front Hood here

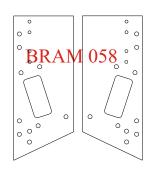


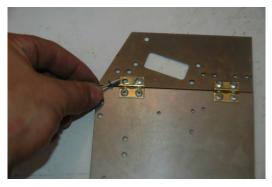


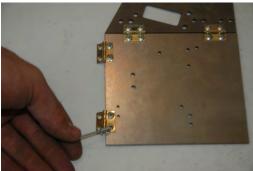
Front door



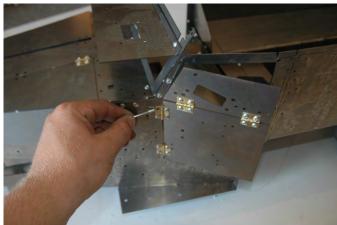






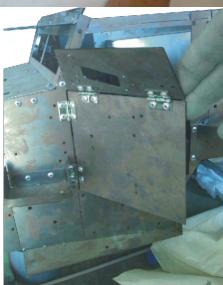










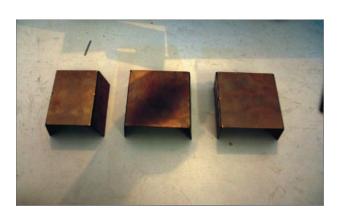


Rear Floor Storage Covers

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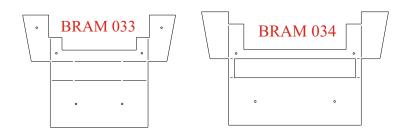


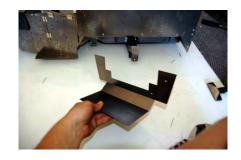






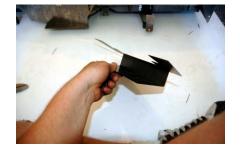
Fuel Tank and Rifle Rack















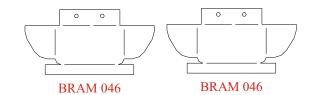




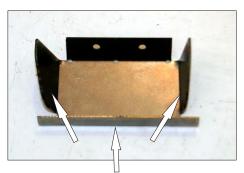




Spare Gas Can Holder



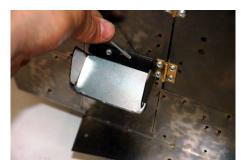




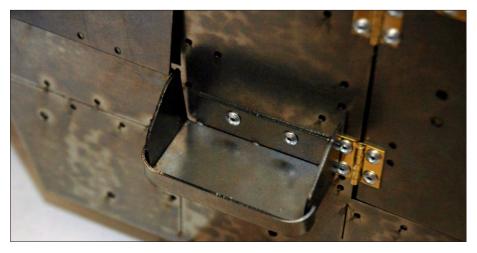
Bend up these three tabs

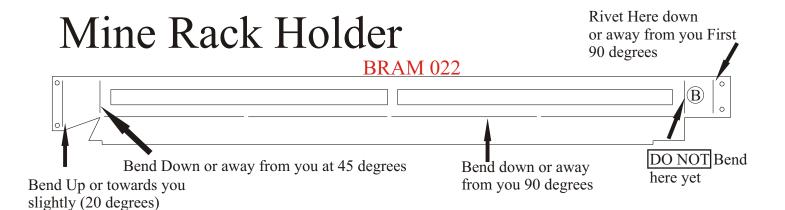


*NOTE: Bend this tab only part way up (20 degrees)

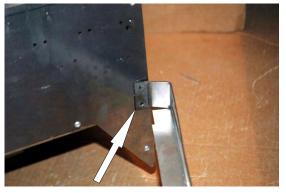


Attach extra fuel can to side of halftrack. After riveting finish bending part up to 90 degrees





*NOTE: Make sure to bend one in the opposite direction



Rivet to rear side of halftrack and bend at "B" bend line



Bend Mine Rack and align front holes.



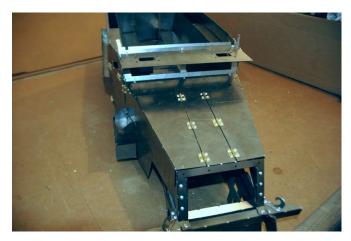
Bend tabs to fit on holes in front of halftrack.





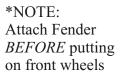


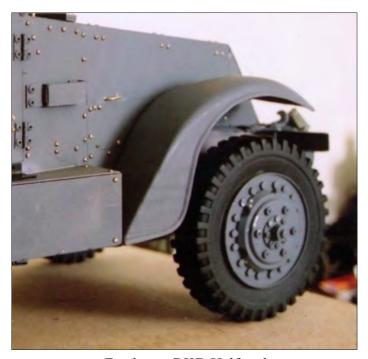
Front Fender





Holes in Body Panel





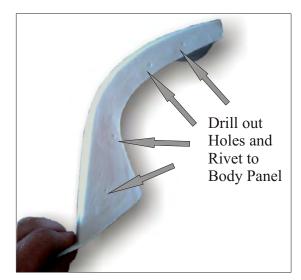
Fender on RKD Halftrack

Trimming the Front Fenders



Trim Fender by following the Pencil Line.



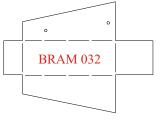




Reference of real Halftrack Fender

Side tool Box

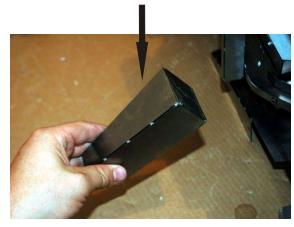
Install on the PASSENGER SIDE

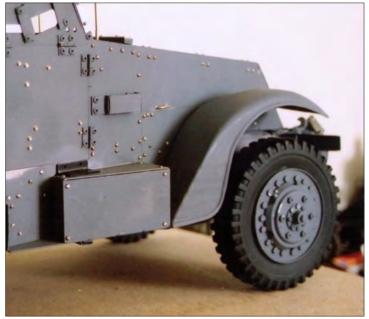


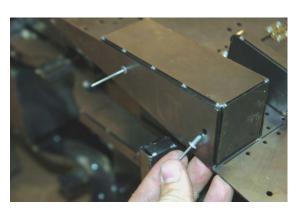
Orient the metal part as shown above. Fold all four flaps 90 degrees up to form a box like below.



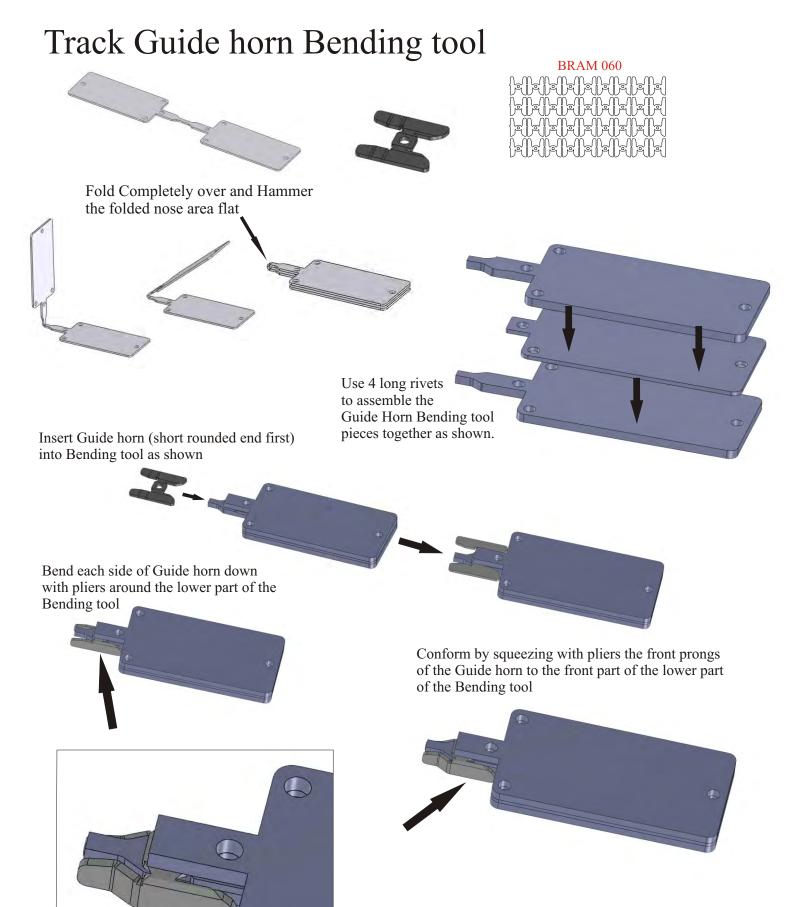
Folded Tool Box on the Passenger Side











Track and Guide Horn Assembly

















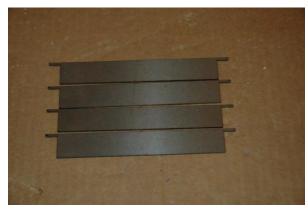


Fit track together and take note of which surfaces touch. Sand these surfaces and then Super glue (cynoacrelate) the track together.

Front Armored Grill

BRAM 038

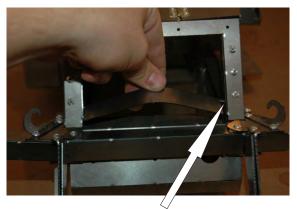




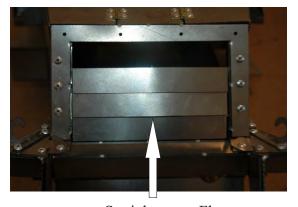




Bend front Armored Flap to fit into front Grill

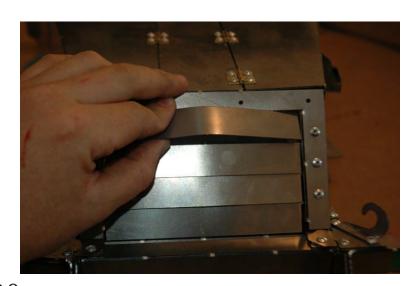


Insert bent flap into Grill Housing. Make sure small tabs fit into holes inside Grill housing



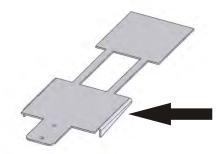
Straighten out Flap



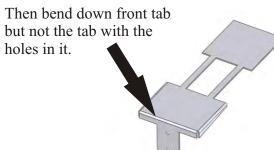


Front Seat and Cushion





Bend both sides down

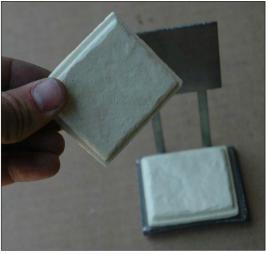




With the seat leaning forward rivet it to the front floor of the driver and passenger area.



After the seat is riveted fold it back and glue on the seat cushions



Glue on seat cushions onto the metal seat frame with Epoxy or body filler (Bondo)

Shifter Levers





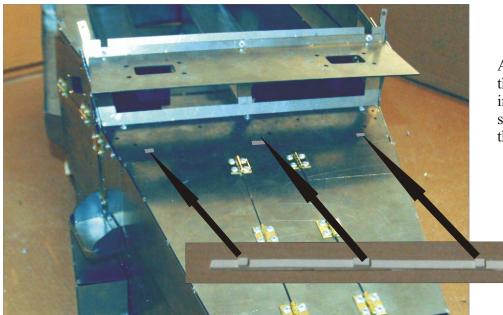


Bullet Splash



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RM3-145



Align the Three tabs on the Bullet Splash and insert them into the three square holes in the top of the hood and glue in place

Bullet Splash in Place



Rear Seat Cushions

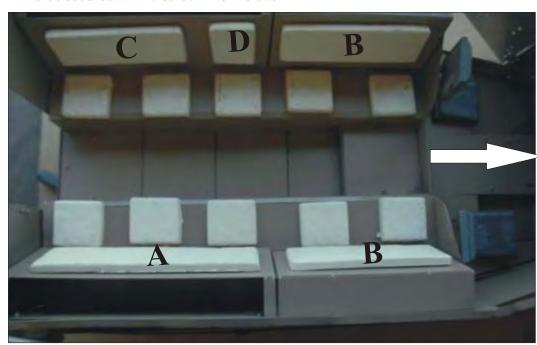
Attach Seat cushions with Epoxy or body filler (Bondo).





Seat cushion "D" is more rectangular

A hole in the Gas tank and Rifle rack parts allow the seat cushions, A,B,C to be secured with a screw into the back



Front of Halftrack



Towhook





Drill out the parts and insert pins as shown



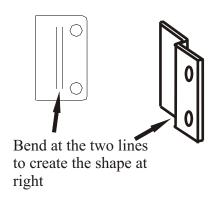
Insert Tow hitch in large hole on the back of the Halftrack

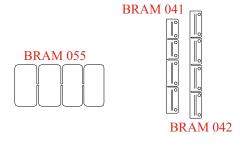


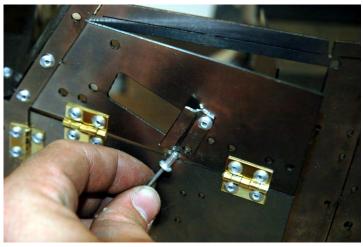


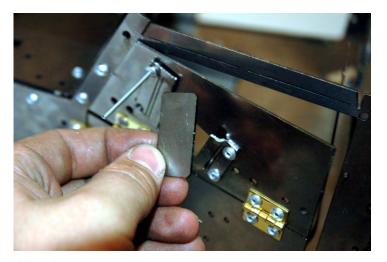
The tow hitch was positioned in either an upright posture or on its side as in each of the above photos. Both photos are from real WWll era M3 Halftracks

Armored window Shields

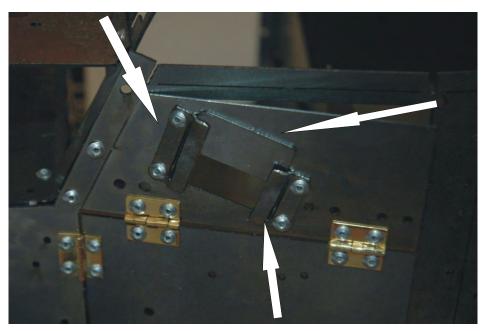








Attach the longer part BRAM 042 to the front of the door



Slide in part BRAM 055 in the space between BRAM 042 and BRAM041

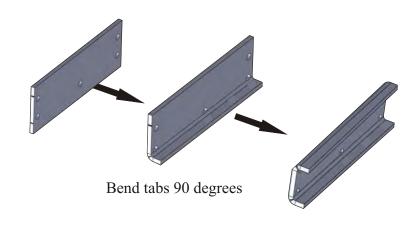
Attach the shorter part BRAM 041 to the front of the door

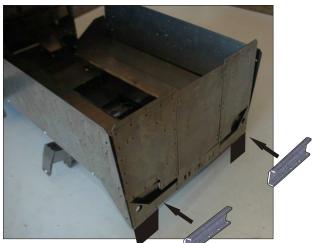
Rear Bumper and Mudflap





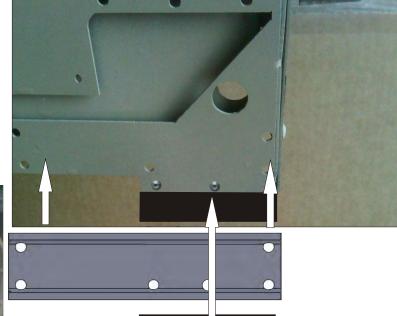




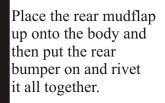


Put mudflaps on behind the back panel. Hold them in place while you rivet the rear bumper on.

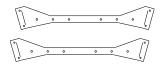








Headlight and Bracket





Bend Headlight bracket into rounded shape. It be helpful to use a pipe or other similar 1-1/24 inch rounded shape.

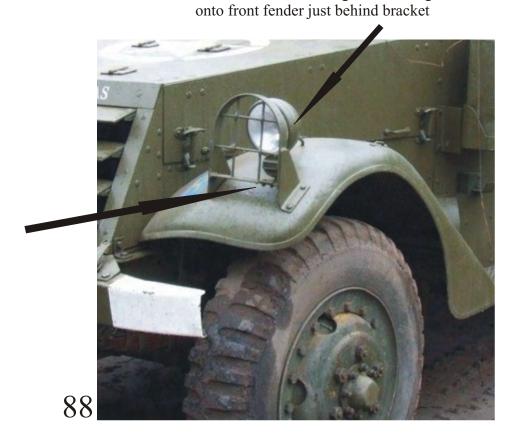


The Photo below is to scale. Use as a size template for bending bracket



Paint and Detail headlight and then glue

Bend tabs on the bottom of bracket outward and attach to front fender as shown at right

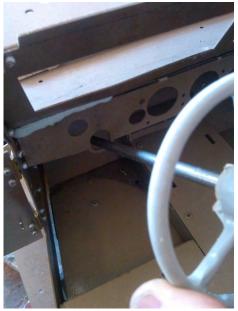


Steering wheel



There should be a hole in the steering wheel for the steering shaft. Insert shaft into steering wheel and glue in place.

41/2 inch axle

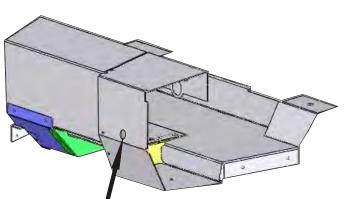


Place steering wheel shaft into oval hole and then through the hole in the back of the floorboard



Open up the right side hood and slide a Pushnut onto this end of the steering shaft





Hole for Steering Wheel rod

