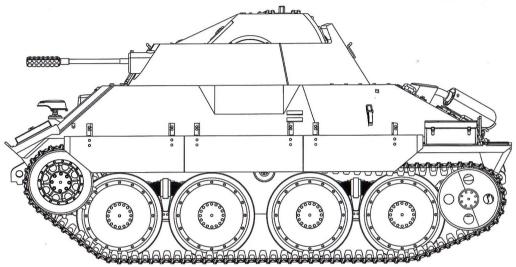
FLAKPANZER 38(t) 'Kugelblitz'



After the annexation of Czechoslovakia, Nazi Germany adopted the ČKD LT vz. 38 and modified the existing hull to create the 16-ton Jagdpanzer 38 (t), later known as the Hetzer. Designed to have a low profile, these tank hunters featured 60mm frontal armor sloped at 60 degrees and were ideal for ambush tactics. Operated by a four-man crew, they were armed with the powerful high velocity 75mm PaK 39 L/48 main gun, which could take out most enemy tanks. The secondary armament consisted of a top-mounted 7.92mm MG34 machine gun. The Hetzer was powered by a 158 hp Praga 6-cylinder AC/2000 water-cooled engine and 5 + 1 Praga-Wilson Typ CV transmission, which gave the vehicle a top speed of 26 mph (42 km/h) and operational range of up to 110 miles (180 km).

The development of the Flakpanzer V 'kugelblitz' began with the creation of a new project design to arm German U-Boats with a more effective anti-aircraft system. Starting in January 1944, the project was carried out by Alkett with plans to test a newly designed spherical turret armed with twin 3cm Mk 303 cannons. The project was never implemented as originally intended, but instead inspired the development of a similarly armed Flakpanzer.

One of the main shortcomings of German Flakpanzers was the lack of a fully protected fighting compartment, leaving the gun crews exposed to aerial attack. In May 1944, multiple Flakpanzer concepts were shown to General Heinz Guderian, who was the general inspector of German Armored units. Guderian ordered the design and realization of a fully protected Kugelblitz based on the Panzer IV in late 1944, but the war ended before the project could be realized. Had the war continued into 1946, we imagine the evolution of the project may have resulted in the Flakpanzer 38(t) 'Kugelblitz', based on the proven Jagdpanzer 38(t) tank hull & chassis.

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READ BEFORE ASSEMBLY

CAUTION

- Read carefully and fully understand the instructions before commencing assembly.
- A supervising adult should also read the instructions if a child assembles the model.

 When assembling this kit,tools including knives used.Extra care should be taken to
- avoid personal injury.

 Keep out of reach of small children.Children must not be allowed to suck any part, or pull vinyl bag over their heads.





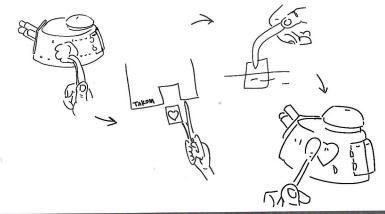


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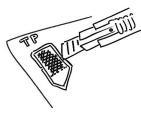
Instant Glue for Metal

APPLYING DECALS

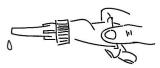
- 1.Clean the model surface with a wet cloth.
- 2.Cut out each decal design from sheet,and dip it in tepid water for 15~20 sec.
- 3.Hold the backing sheet edge and slide decal onto the model. 4.Move decal into position by wetting decal with finger.
- 5.Press decal gently down with a soft cloth until excess water and air bubbles are gone.



REMOVING PE



Be careful not to hurt when removing PE parts.

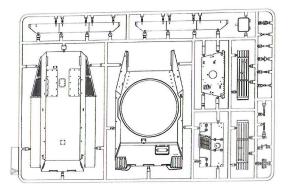


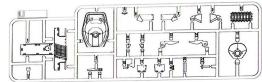
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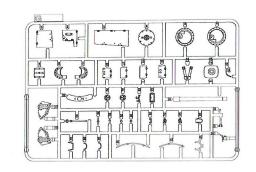


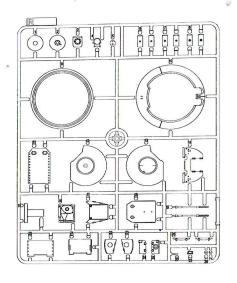
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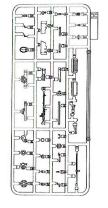
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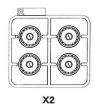










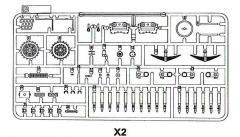


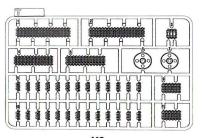
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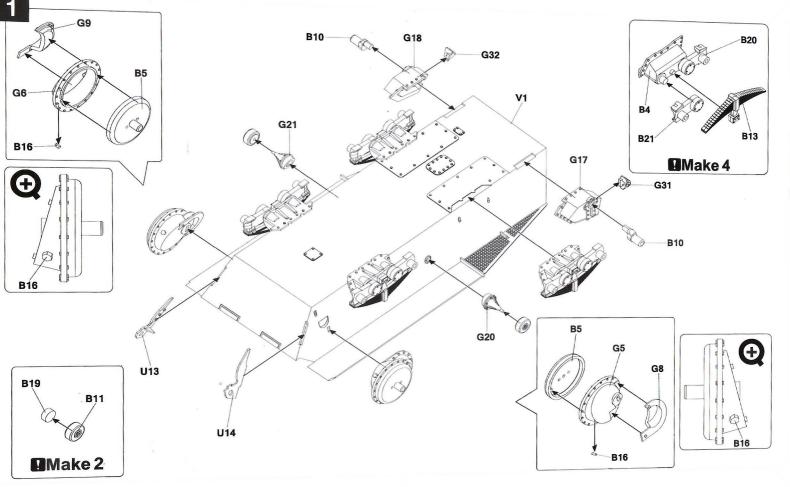


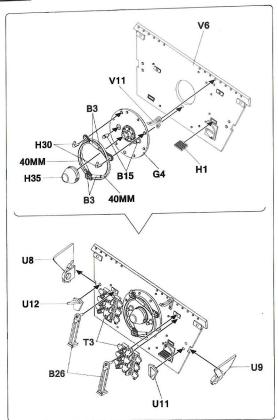
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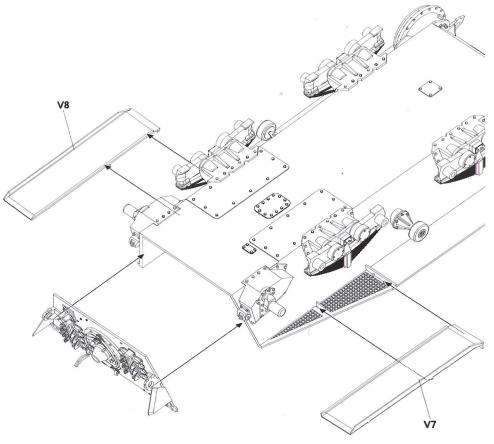


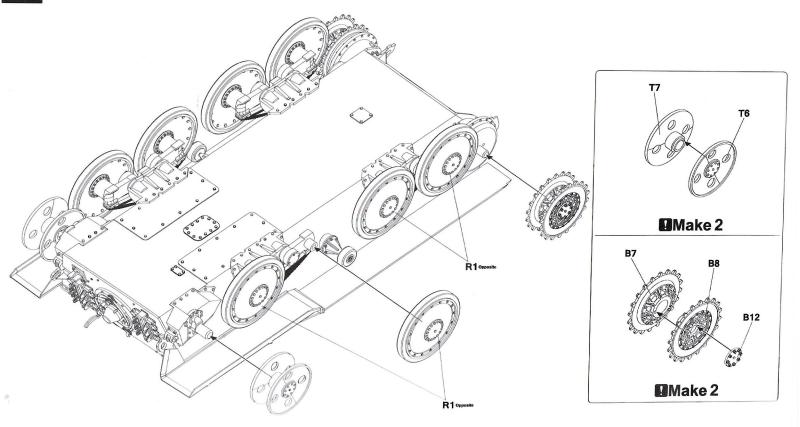


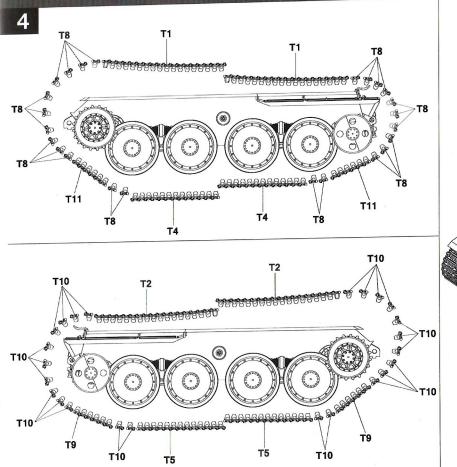
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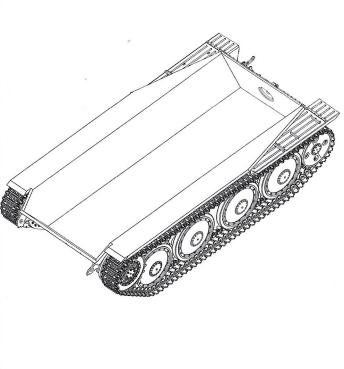


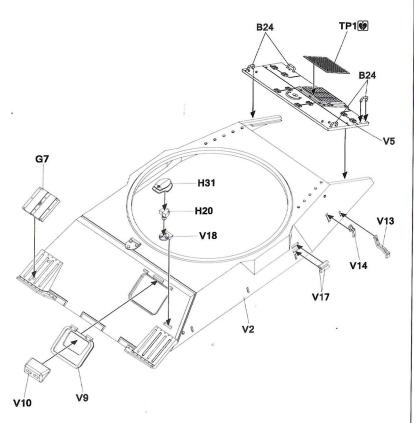


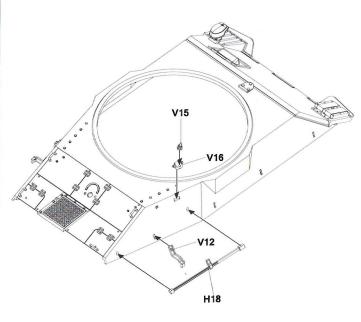


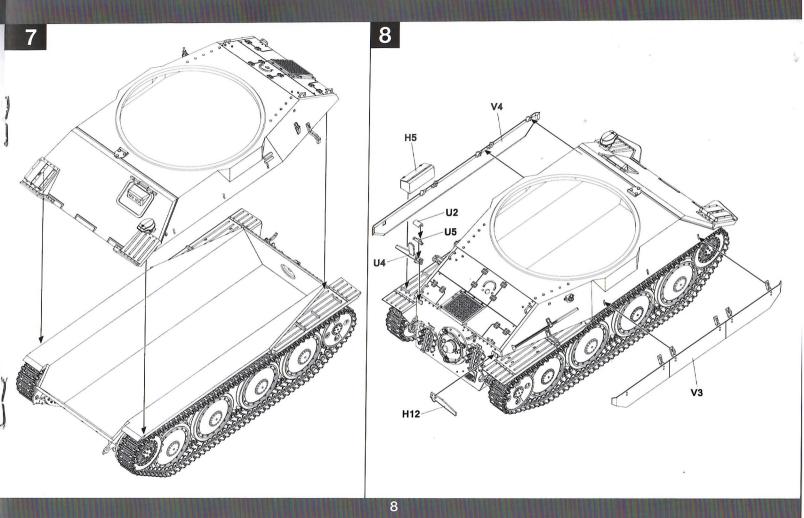




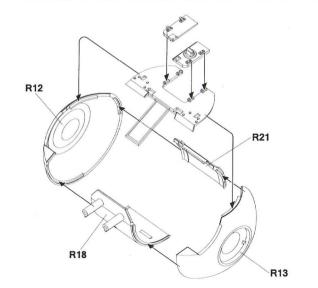


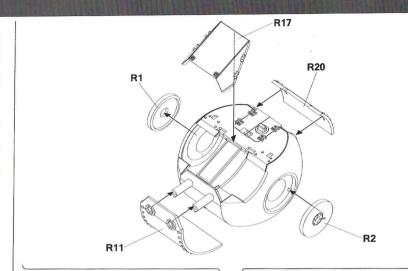


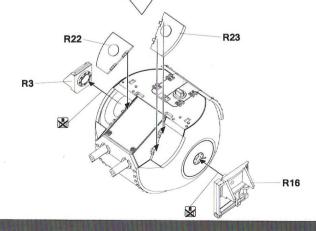


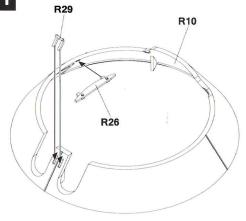


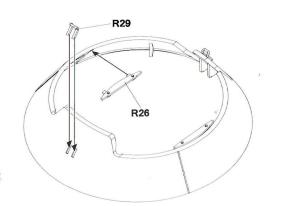
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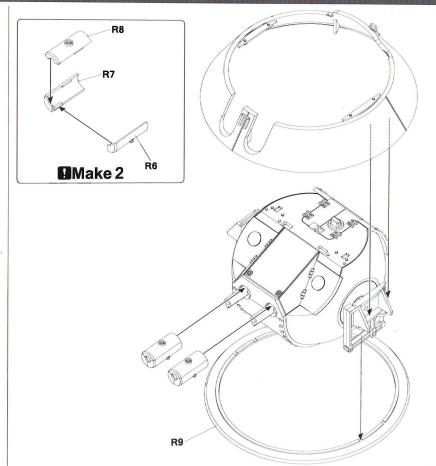


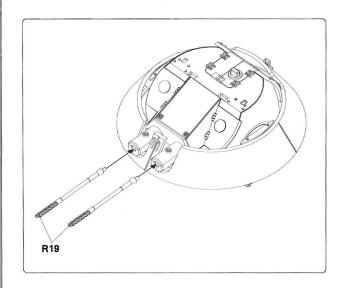


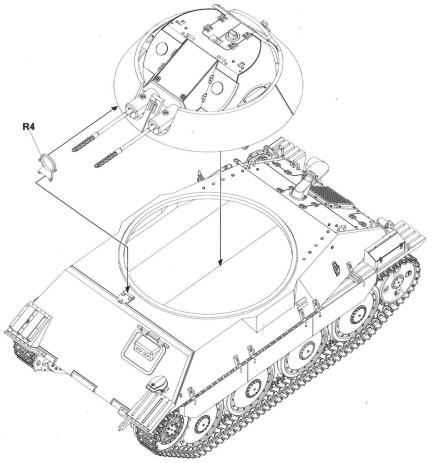














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