



Mouse Armour

1/35 scale
Australian Leopard ARVM
1989-2000
Update set

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Background

The Australian Army took delivery of an initial six followed by two extra Leopard 1 Armoured Recovery Vehicle medium (ARVM) in 1977. The hull had the same tropical air filter as the Leopard AS1 gun tank. Within a short period of time the RAEME troops who manned this ARVM added an extra tool box and from two to four water jerrycans to the rear engine deck. This update set is designed for the TAKOM kit 2122.

Parts

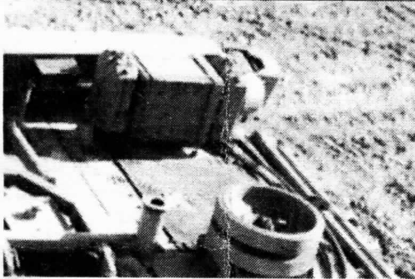
Tropical air filter	4 x Australian pattern water jerry cans in holders
Brass engine mesh	AS 1729 antenna with carbon fibre aerial
Jackie box	

Safety and tools.

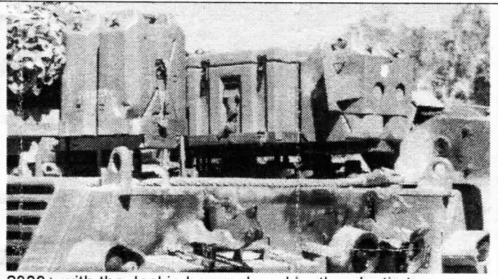
This is a resin product so keep it away from extreme heat and naked flames. When sanding do it in a well-ventilated area and do not inhale the resin dust – wear a mask. Use wet sanding methods to reduce the dust. Handy tools would include a sharp model knife and wet and dry sandpaper.

Construction

1. Build the kit out of the box to stage 9
2. Before going to stage 10 cut out the engine mesh and replace with Mouse House parts supplied
3. Continue with stage 10 to 12 but do not fit part E30
4. Stage 13 to 14 as per instructions
5. Stage 15 replace part H13 with Mouse House part antenna mount and aerial. **May be best to leave this antenna to last as the carbon fibre aerial could get in the way.**
6. Stage 19 – fit parts H4 but **DO NOT** fit the track links underneath. The resin parts for the storage / Jackie box fits onto these H4 struts. The water jerrycans are fitted – one at the front and one at the rear of the Jackie box+
7. Stage 19 brass part TP1 not required because Mouse House part is substituted
8. Stage 20 to 29 as per instructions
9. Extra water jerrycans were carried to the rear of the spare roadwheel mount on the left rear corner of the hull – **CHECK YOUR REFERENCES.**



1980



2000+ with the Jackie box replaced by the plastic top opening box

Other Mouse House products that can be used with this conversion.

MAP05 Three tone AUSCAM
Austencil 2 – 1st Armoured Regiment
MAD636 Leopard ARVM

MA302 Aust pattern plastic jerry cans
MA304 Aust plastic storage chests
MA306/307 Modern Australian ration packs
MA311 Aust metal military chests

<http://www.mhe aust.com.au/MHE/Catalogue.htm>

Best reference

Military Briefs No.5 – Australian Leopard AS1