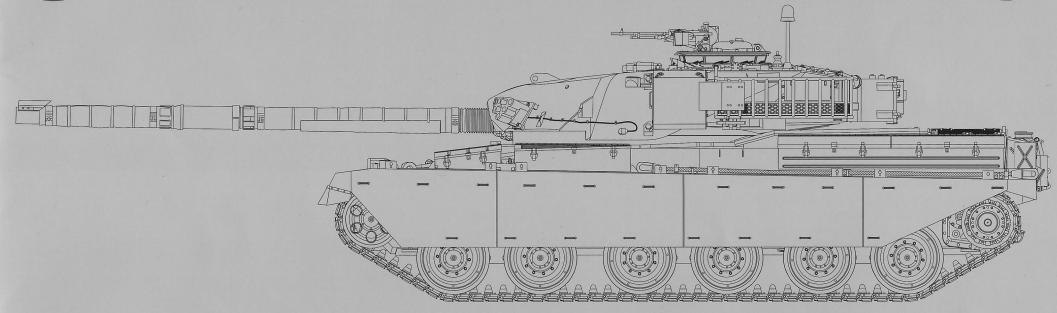
BRITISH MAIN BATTLE TANK

GHEFTAN MK. IC



The Chieftain had been the most powerful Tank in NATO since its introduction to service in 1966, and had been upgraded throughout its service life with improved ammunition, fire control systems (including a laser range-finding sight & deleting the ranging gun), new radios (Clansman) and many attempts to fix the flawed L60 engine.

The Chieftain's armour protection had not been improved, as it was considered proof against any existing Soviet weapon. However, by the early 1980's it was recognised that with new Soviet tank guns and ammunition, developed directly to counter the Chieftain's long range and massive frontal armour, that an upgrade to the Chieftain's survivability was required. Intelligence gathered from battles of the Iran-Iraq war confirmed that the 125mm 2A46 gun of the T-72 could penetrate the frontal armour of a Chieftain at 1km.

An armoured upgrade program was developed in order to ensure that the Chieftain could survive hits from these new weapons at normal combat ranges, and this was introduced as the Stillbrew Armour Package. Stillbrew added armour to the frontal arc of the turret and had extra armour blocks at each side of the driver's position to protect the turret ring. The new armour radically changed the Chieftain's profile, making it look even more aggressive and much more modern than it actually was. Almost the entire Chieftain fleet was retrofitted with the armour package during base workshop overhauls, and any Chieftain that received it was classified as a Chieftain Mk.10.

Live firing tests with the T-72 and T-80 after the end of the cold war validated the design, as it was proof against penetration at all but point blank range. Rumours about the composition of the armour have persisted to the present day, with some saying it was the first Chobham armour, when in fact it is nothing more than steel boxes filled with slabs of rubber, fronted by a thick piece of armour plate, and then skimmed with concrete.

The Mk.10 was used by all the regiments of the Armoured Corps of the British Army, but was phased out as those regiments converted to the Chieftain Mk.11 or Challenger 1 and returned to war reserve. A small number of Mk.10's did continue to serve in BAOR with the Berlin Brigade, and these Mk.10's became some of the most photographed tanks of any Nation due to the radical and very effective Urban camouflage used on the Armoured vehicles of the Berlin Brigade. The Chieftain Mk.10's remained in Berlin to the very end of the Cold War, as it was assumed the Berlin Brigade would be rapidly overwhelmed in a Soviet attack on NATO, and the new technologies of Chobham armour and TOGs fitted to more the modern British tanks would have been at risk of being captured by the Soviets.

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.





Instant Glue for Metal



Apply Decal



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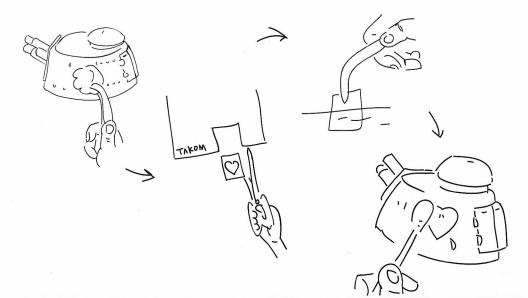




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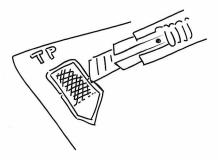
REMOVING PE APPLYING DECALS

- 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.



PAINTS REQUIRED

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Be careful not to hurt when removing PE parts.

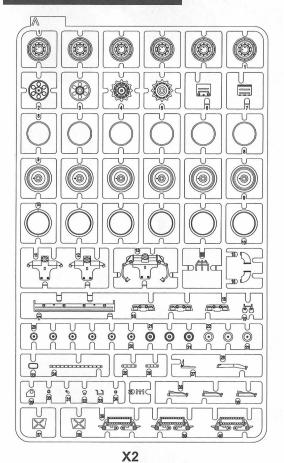


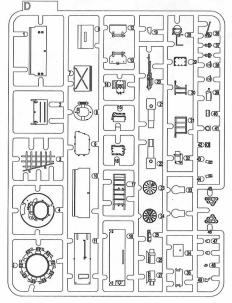
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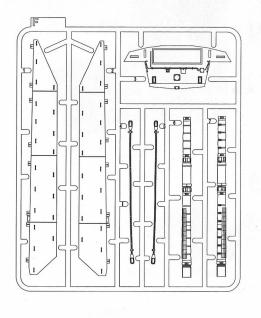


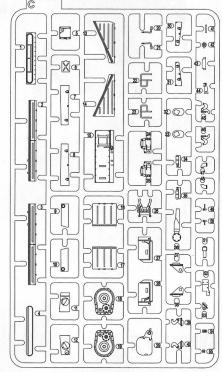
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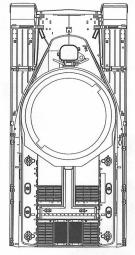
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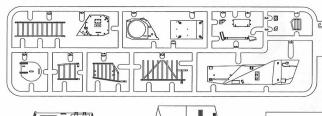


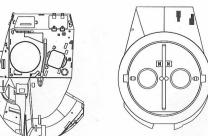


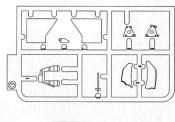




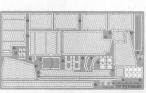








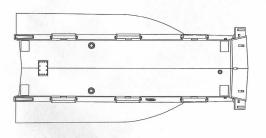








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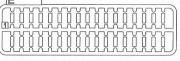


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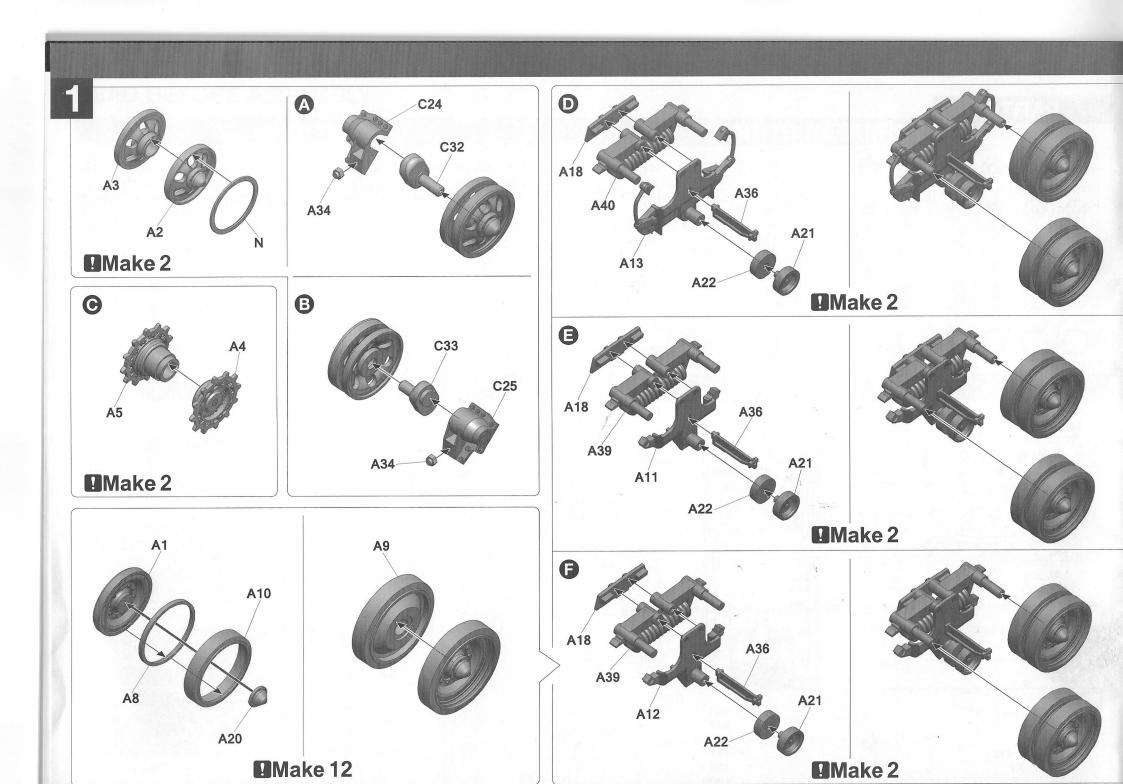


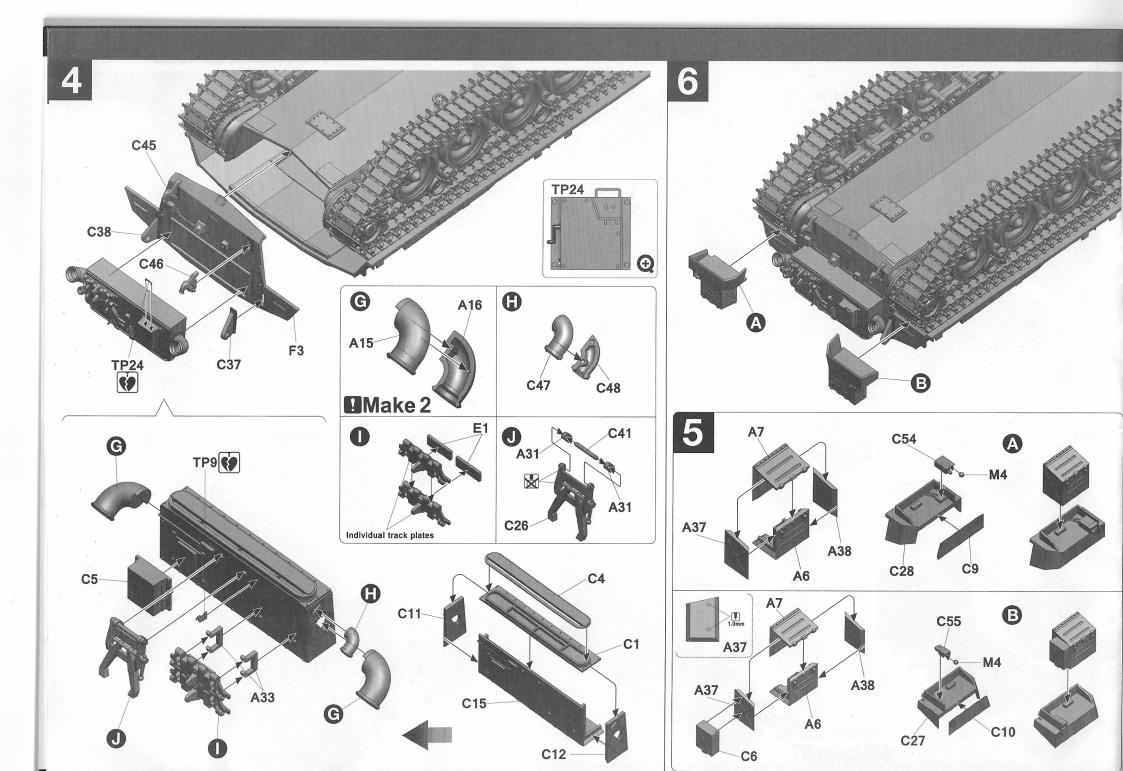


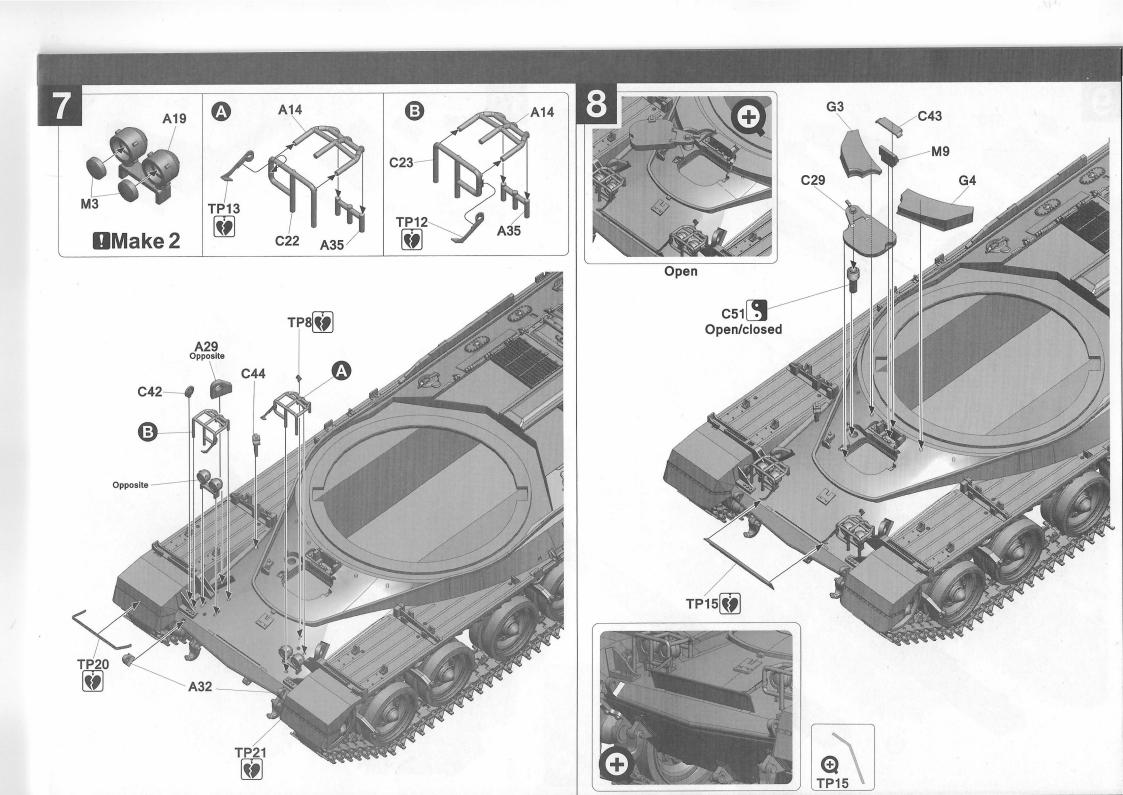
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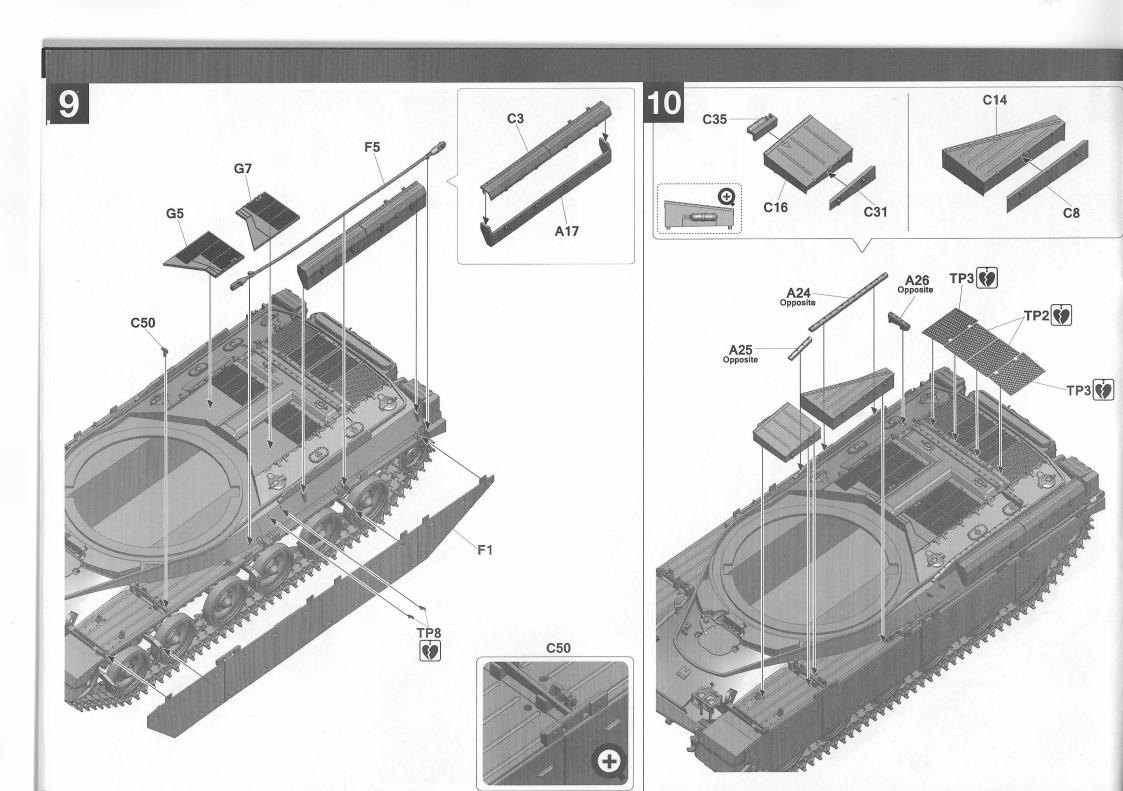


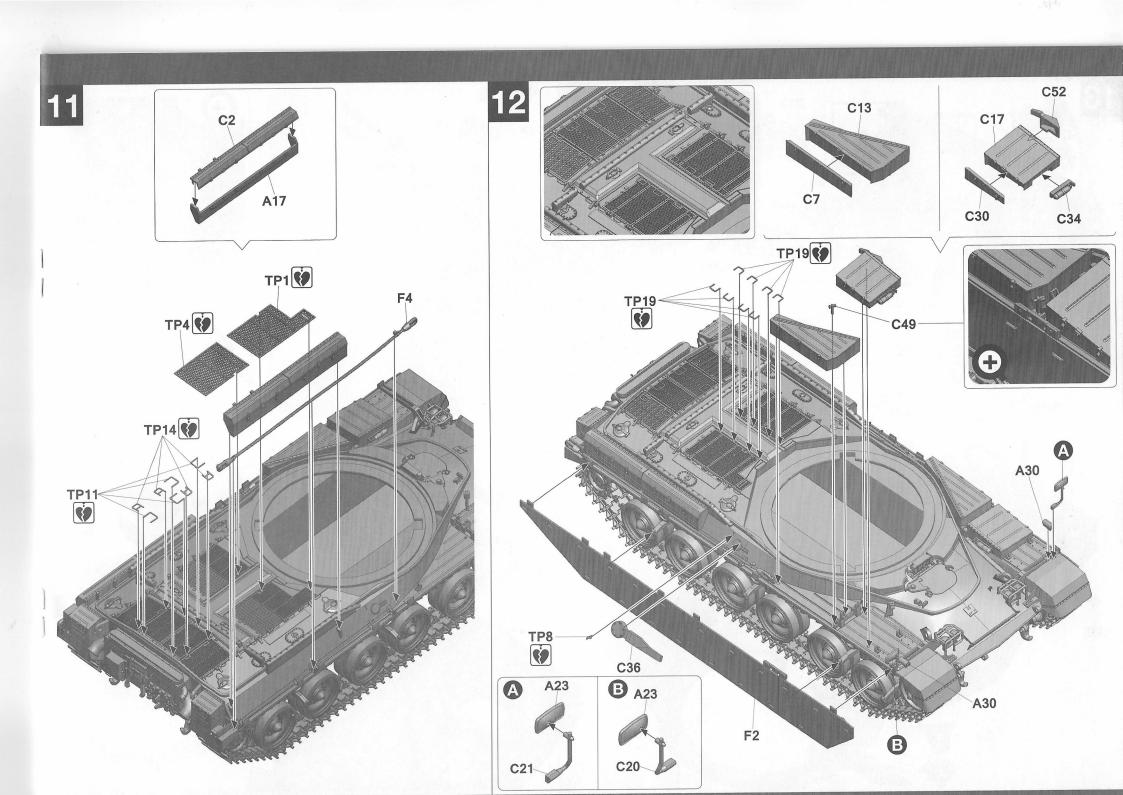


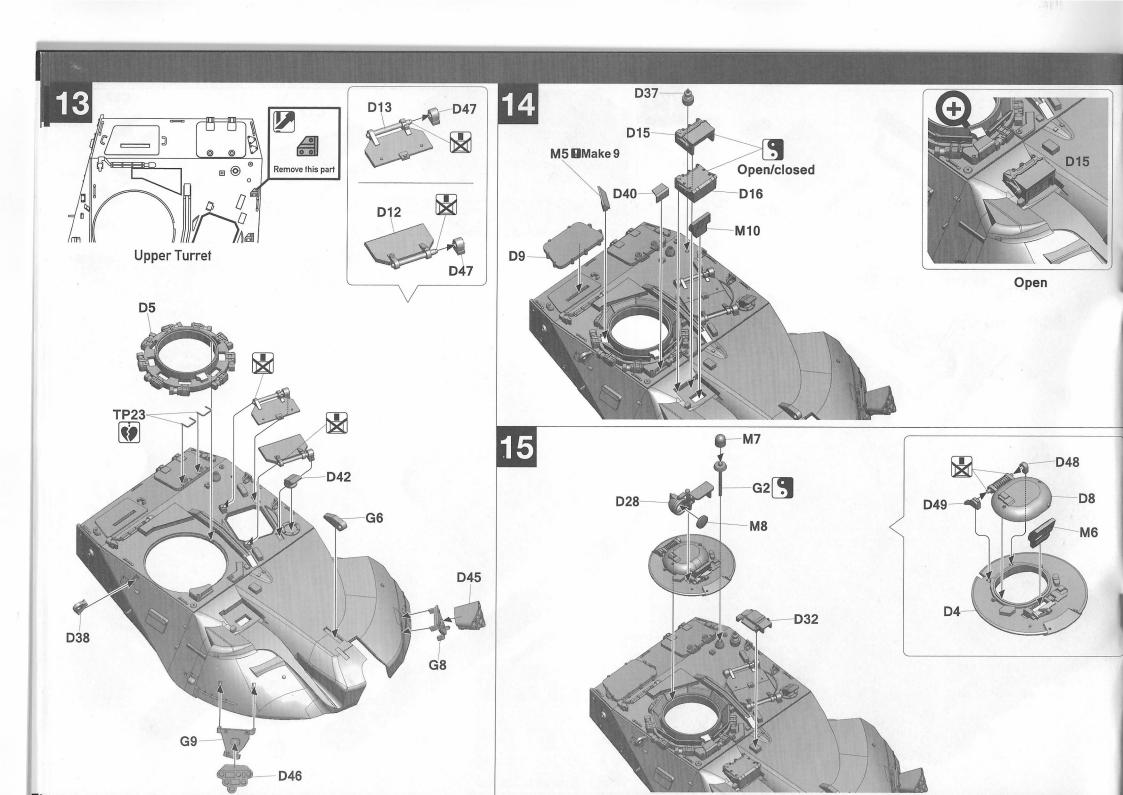


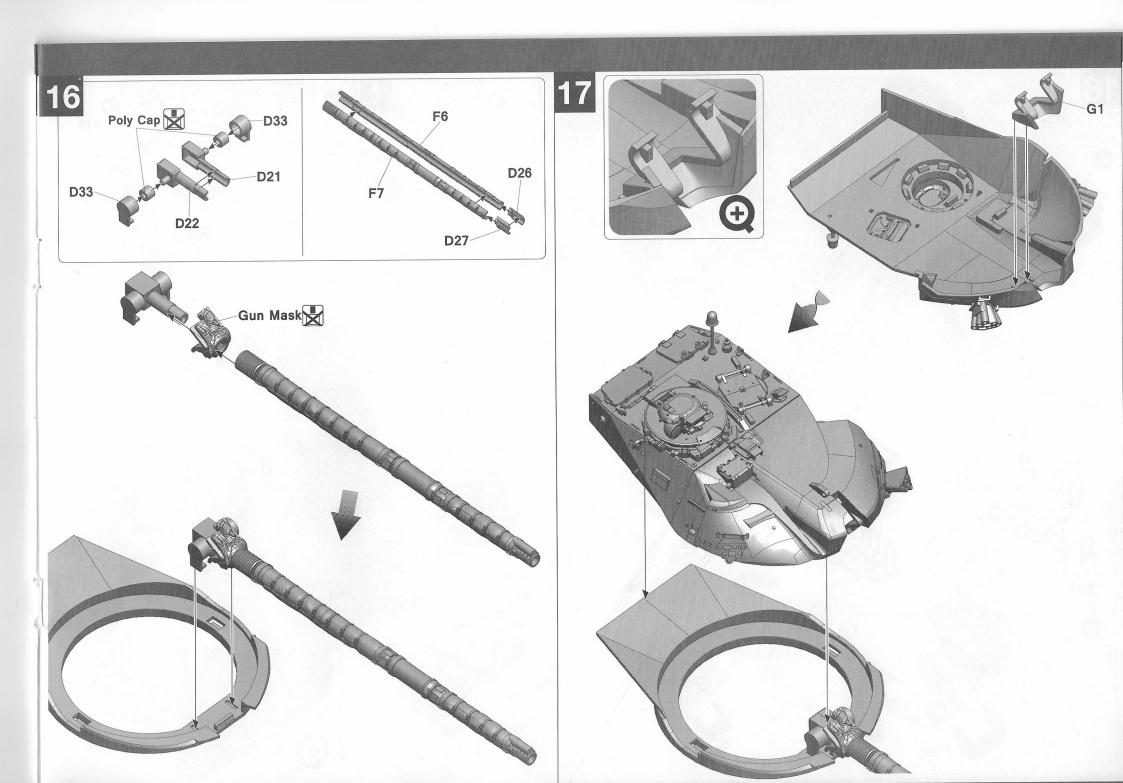


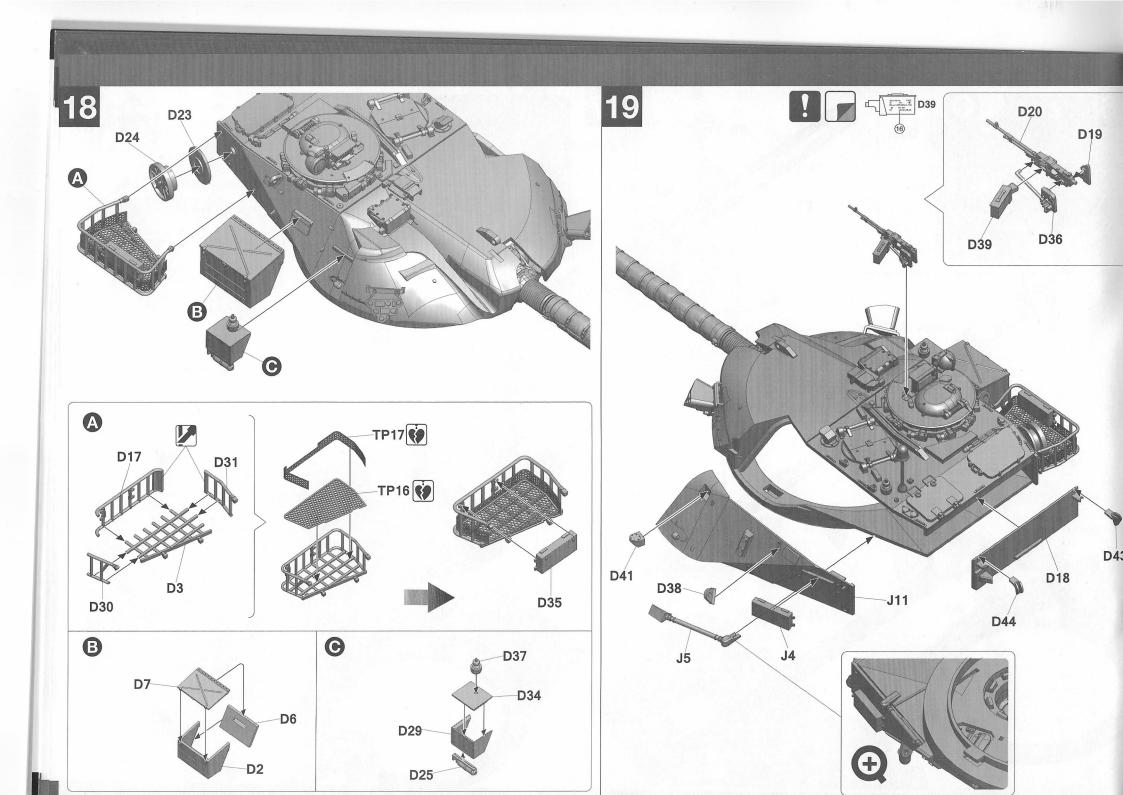


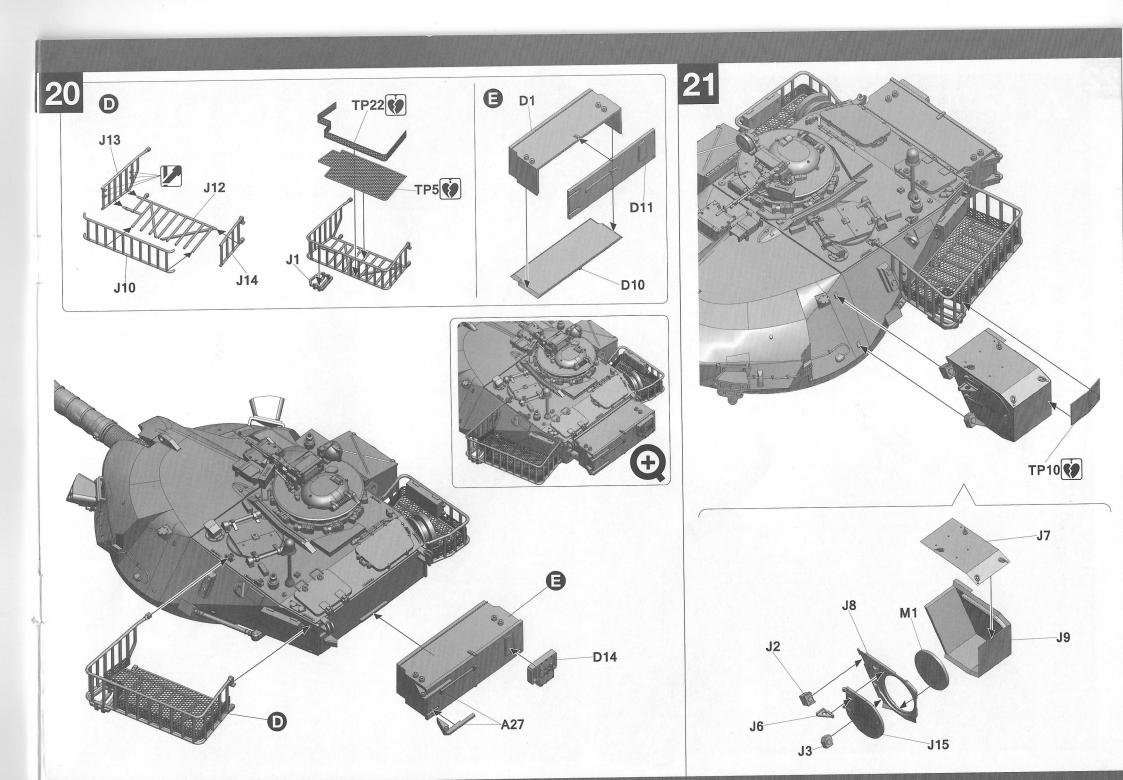


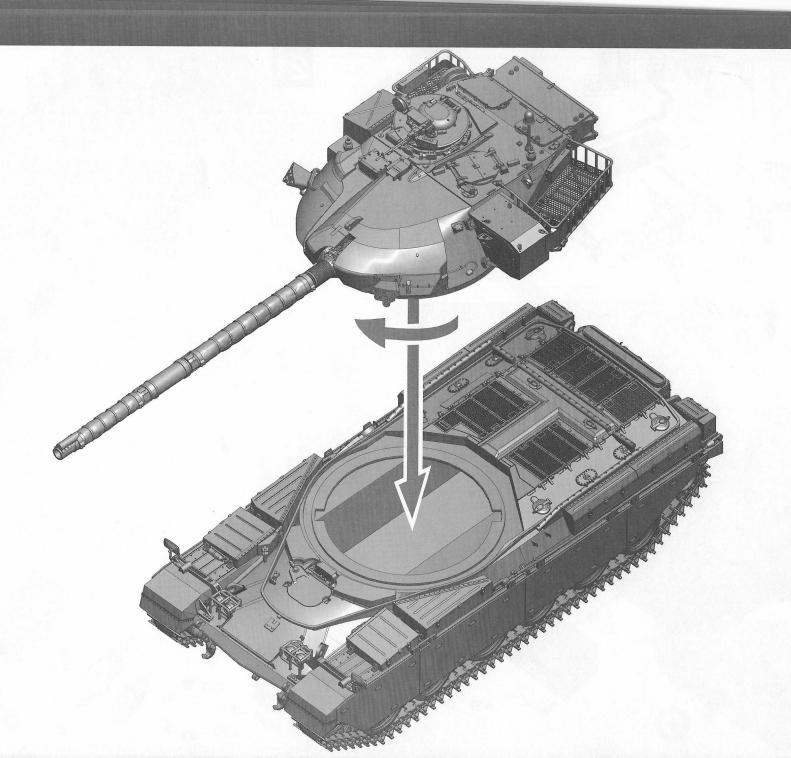














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Painting and Marking Guide

To make this version, it's necessary to change the Browning machine gun model M2H1. Remove the infrared box and modify the gun to give the look of the version featured on the M1 Abrams'.









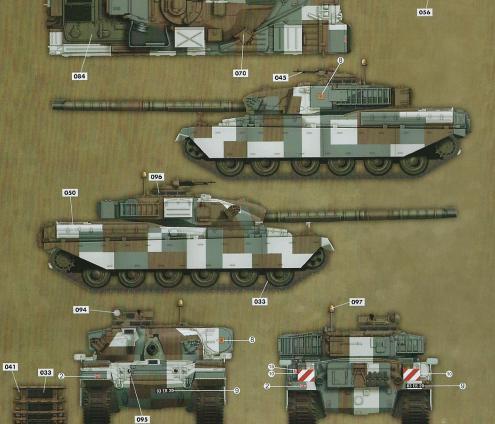














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