



Mouse Armour

1/35 scale
MA120
Australian Leopard AS1
for Meng Leopard 1A3

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Background

The Australian Leopard AS1 was replaced by the US Abrams tank in 2007. The final version was identified by the full with turret basket, umbrella bag and refrigerator. The Australian Leopard AS1 is a 1A3 with Australian modifications. The conversion also improves components presented in other kits. This does not include a turret basket but you can choose from three – see below.

Parts

Left side turret blanking plug	1 long Hull bin
Wind sensor	2 short Hull bins
Temperature sensor	Spare road wheel
Left and right aerial bases	PE - wind sensor brush guard
Aerials mounting units (2)	TALAFIT plate

Tools

Handy tools would include a sharp model knife and wet and dry sandpaper.

Safety

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.

Construction

General

1. Follow the kit instructions for stage 1 and 2. At stage 3 select drive sprocket B1-B.
2. Follow stage 4. At stage 5 select engine grating D8 for an Australian version
3. Follow stage 6 and 7
4. At stage 8 / 9 / 10 & 11 DO NOT ADD THE EXTERNAL TOOLS. In Australian service these tools were carried in hull mounted tool bins.
5. Follow stage 12 and at stage 13 only add the searchlight. Other parts do not apply. Adding the searchlight is optional as well.
6. At stage 14 you can add MA122 Australian L7A3 if you have it.
7. At stage 15 omit parts H11 and H12. Follow stage 16
8. At stage 17 omit parts CA and CB. Glue in parts K10 and omit parts H29/H15. Replace part H31+E14 with resin blanking part provided. Sand off the molded round plate just behind the blanking plate.
9. At stage 18 only fit the smoke dischargers
10. At stage 19 DO NOT attach parts F / E / G. Replace these with resin aerial bases and antennae matching units provided. The left rear antennae base needs to be cut into the side of the open space – see drawing below.
11. Complete the model with stages 20 to 23 as per instructions.



1. The top arrow shows the cut out necessary for the left hand aerial mount.
2. The right hand side aerial mount fits into the corner of the open bin as shown.
3. Insert the aerial bases and your choice of aerials.

You now have a 1977 as delivered Leopard. To add turret baskets you can select from MA116 / MA117 / MA121

Additional items stocked by Mouse House Enterprises that can be used with this conversion.

Military Briefs No.5 – Australian leopard AS1 FOV
MA302 – Australian pattern water jerrycans
MA116 - Conformal turret baskets PE
MA117 – Square turret baskets PE

MA121 – Full width turret basket
MA122 – L7A3 105mm gun Australian pattern
MA317 – Complete equipment schedule for AFVs
MAD606 - 1st Armoured Regiment decals
MAP05 – OZCAM three pack camouflage paints

