

## SMM3564N Ferret 'Aden' Conversion Set

*Intended for use with the Airfix Ferret Mk.2.*

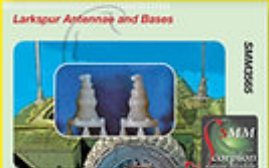
Aden is a city port in Yemen, near the southern approach to the Red Sea. The Aden Emergency (1963–67) was an insurgency against the British protectorate in the south of the Arabian Peninsula. This unrest hastened plans for withdrawal and marked the end of British colonisation. Ferrets, Saracens and Saladins were commonly used to enforce the protectorate, alongside Centurions. The Ferrets, in particular, saw 'home-brewed' modifications to suit the conditions. This conversion set attempts to replicate this interesting version.



Some Ferrets mounted the spare on the right side. I have one single photo of the box on the left (see page 6). I have verbal evidence (no photos) from a crew member that spares were fitted on both sides!



The model illustrated here also uses parts from other **SMM** Ferret sets.

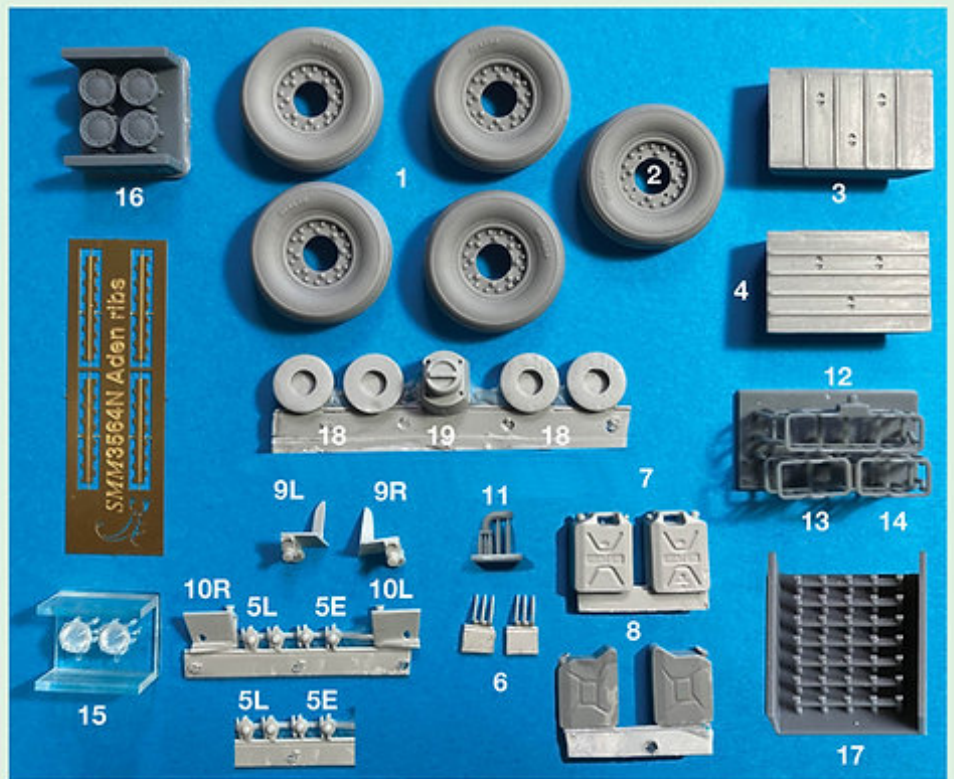


Most seemed to carry the rear jerrican rack, but not all had the side racks.



- 1 Sand tyres (4 supplied)
- 2 Spare sand tyre (holes in wheel)
- 3 Stow box vertical strakes
- 4 Stow box horizontal strakes
- 5 Suspension tops – early and late (4 of each)
- 6 Jerrican handle (2 supplied)
- 7 Fuel jerrican (2 supplied)
- 8 Water jerrican (2 supplied)
- 9 Rear light plates L and R
- 10 Front light plates L and R
- 11 Exhaust pipe
- 12 Jerrican rack rear
- 13 Jerrican rack L
- 14 Jerrican rack R
- 15 Headlights (clear)
- 16 Wheel hubs (4 supplied)
- 17 Tool box mounting plates
- 18 Brake drums (4 supplied)
- 19 Spare wheel carrier

3D-printed in Italics



### PE fret

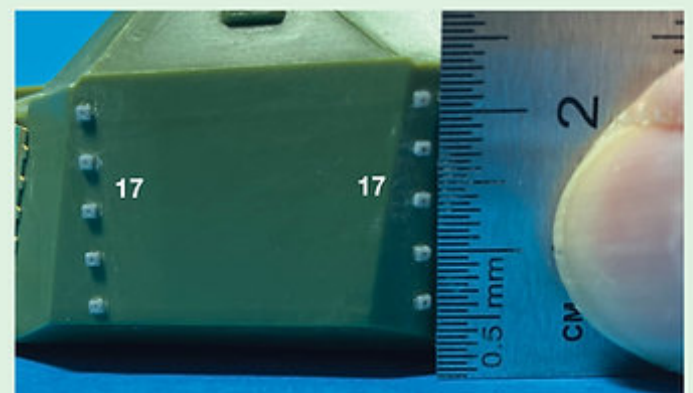
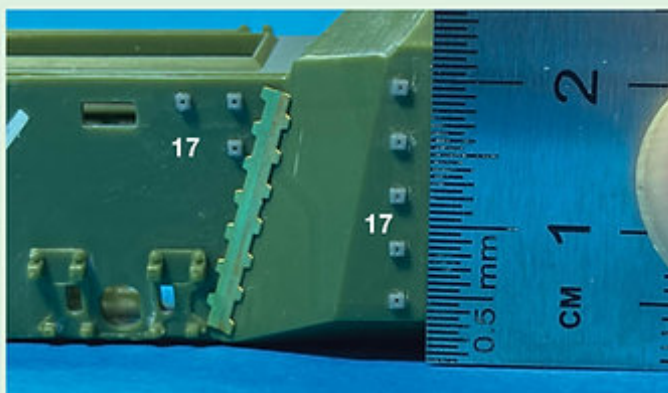
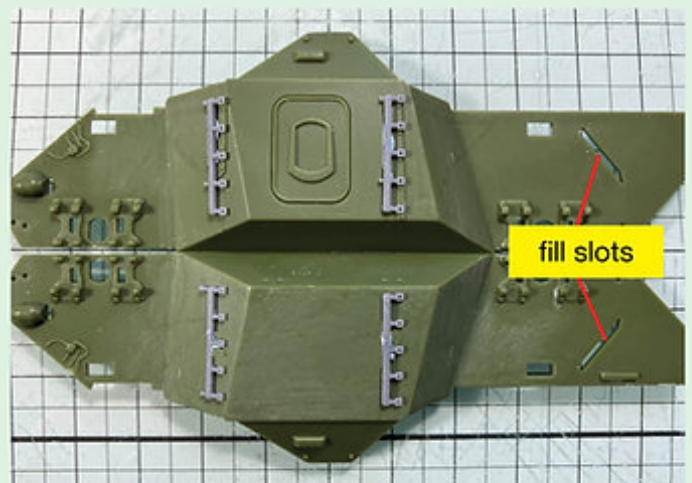
Hull reinforcement ribs (4 supplied)

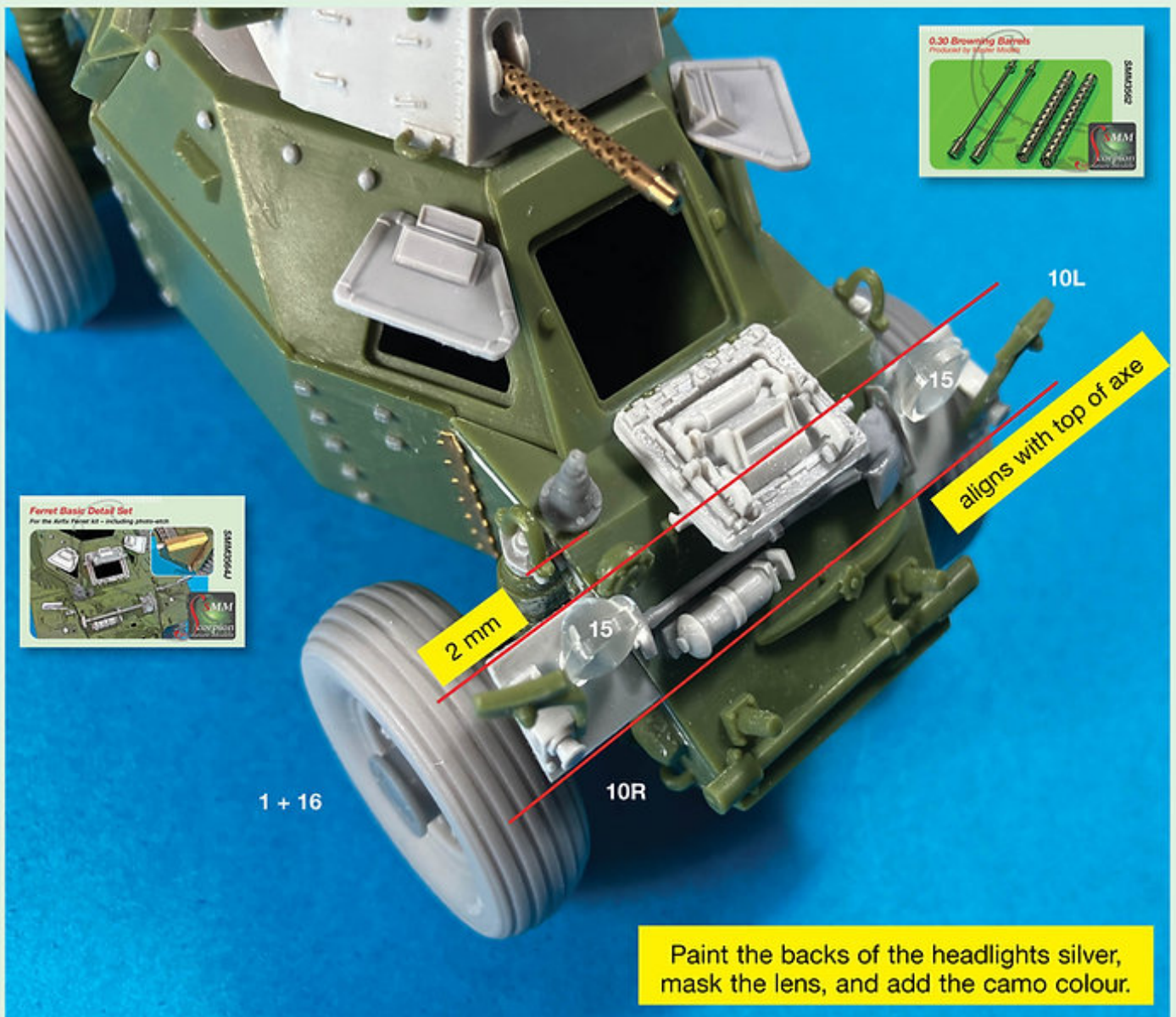
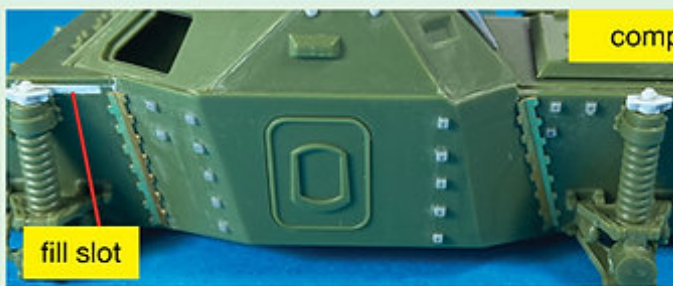
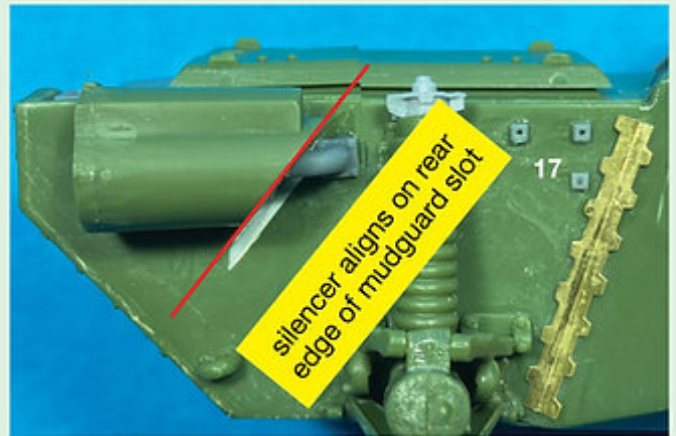
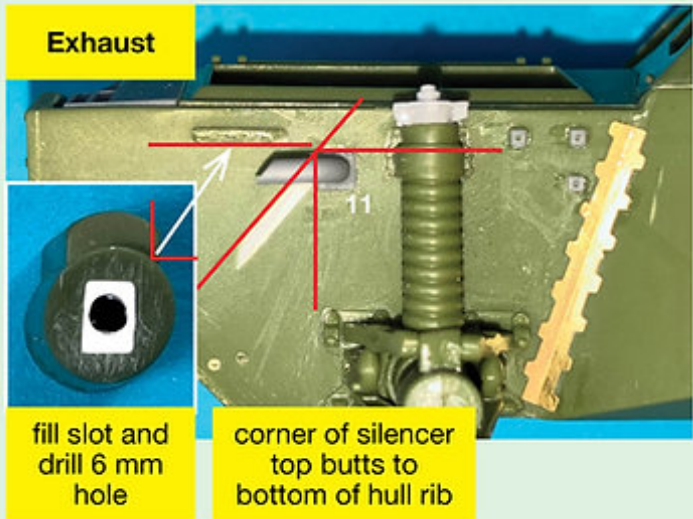
### Notes

The first – and worst – job is to remove ALL of the *Airfix* ribs from the sides of the hull. Leave the escape hatch. Add the PE reinforcing ribs first.

Doing one row at a time, position the mounting plates (parts 17), ensuring they are vertical to the bottom of the hull. DO NOT cut the runner off. Use something with a right-angle, like a metal ruler.

The 3D mounting plates (part 17) are correctly spaced, so use white glue and/or thin superglue to fix them in place. **AFTERWARDS**, cut off the runner and clean up. Each side is a mirror of the other.

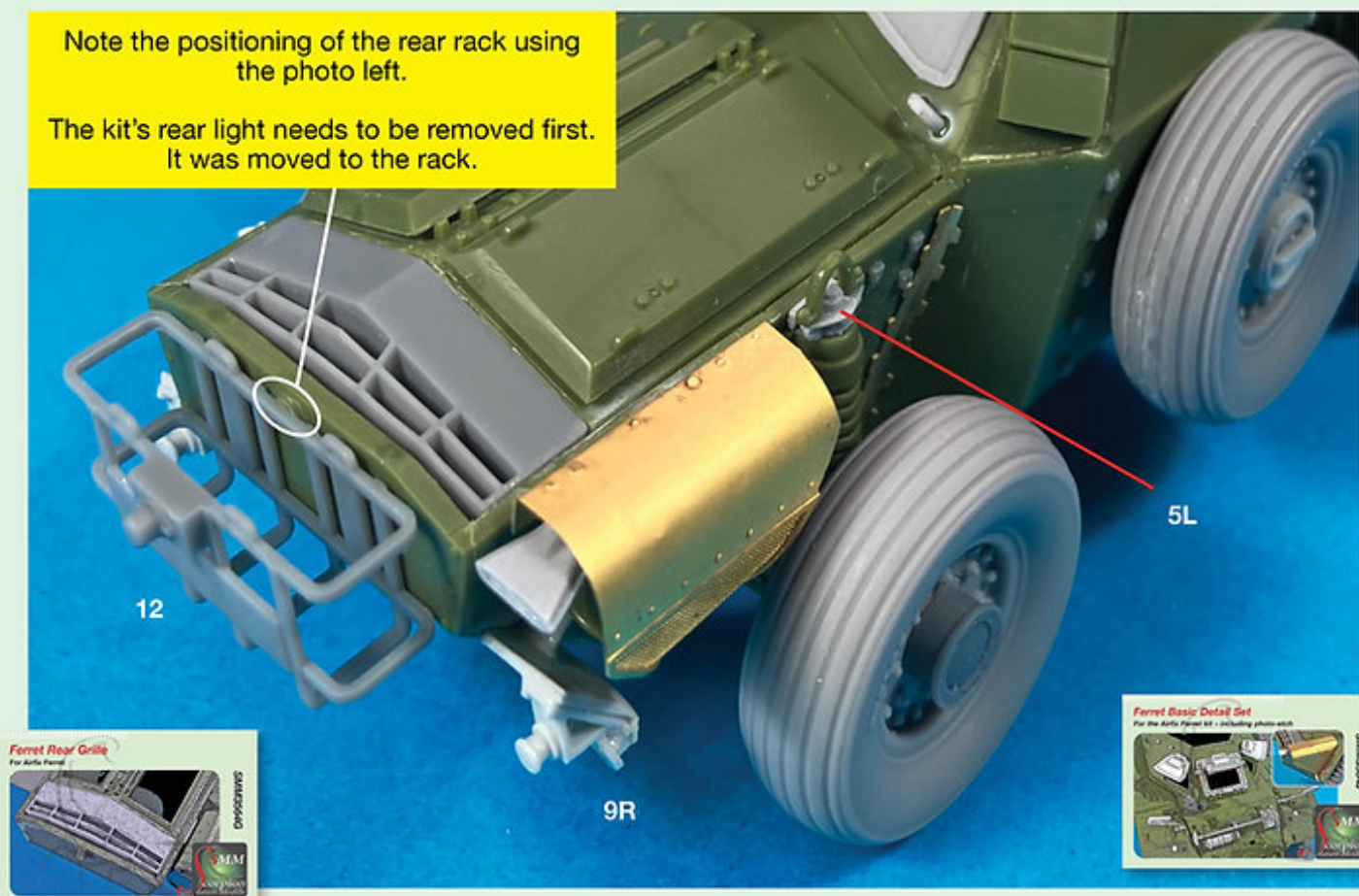






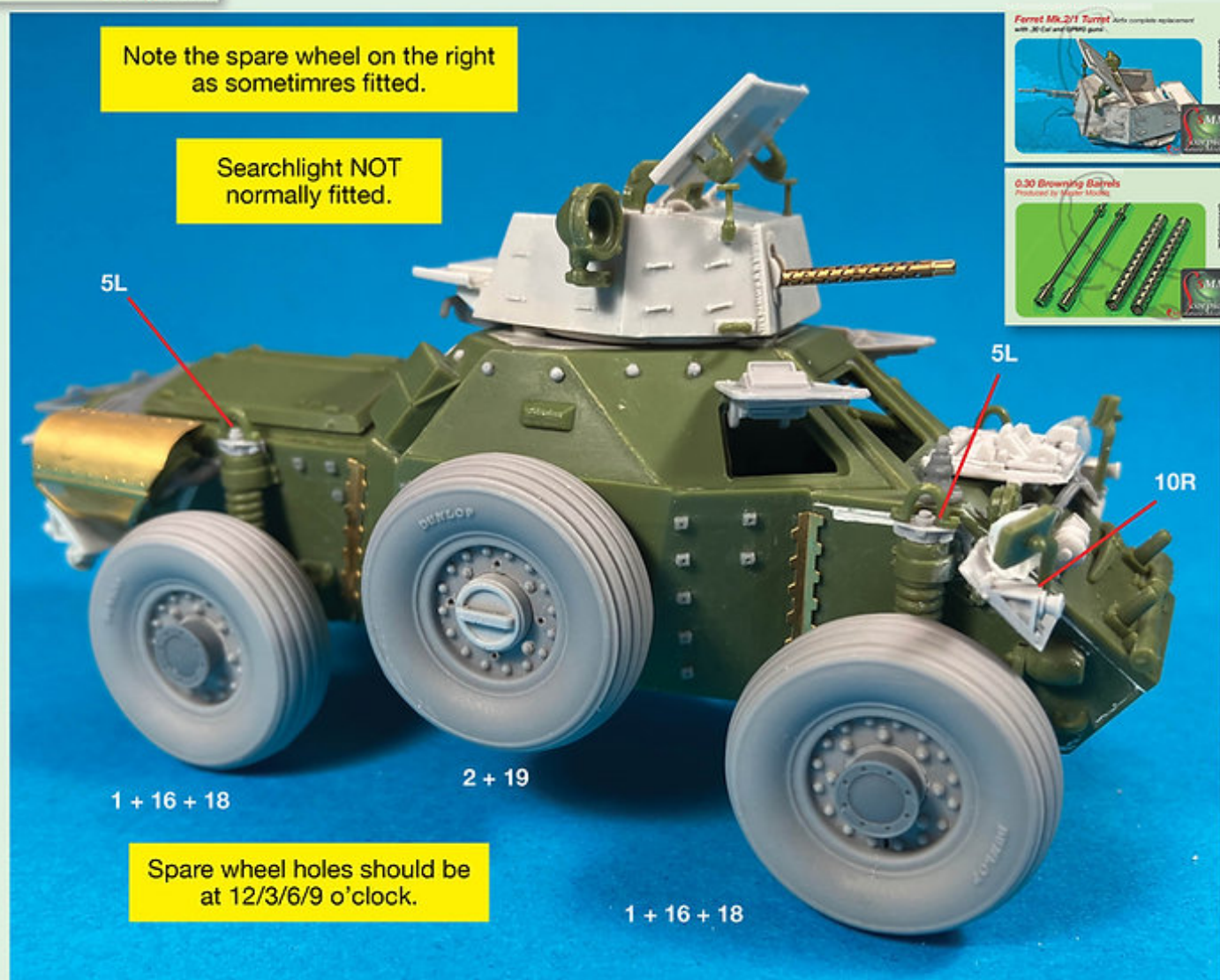
Note the positioning of the rear rack using the photo left.

The kit's rear light needs to be removed first. It was moved to the rack.



Note the spare wheel on the right as sometimes fitted.

Searchlight NOT normally fitted.



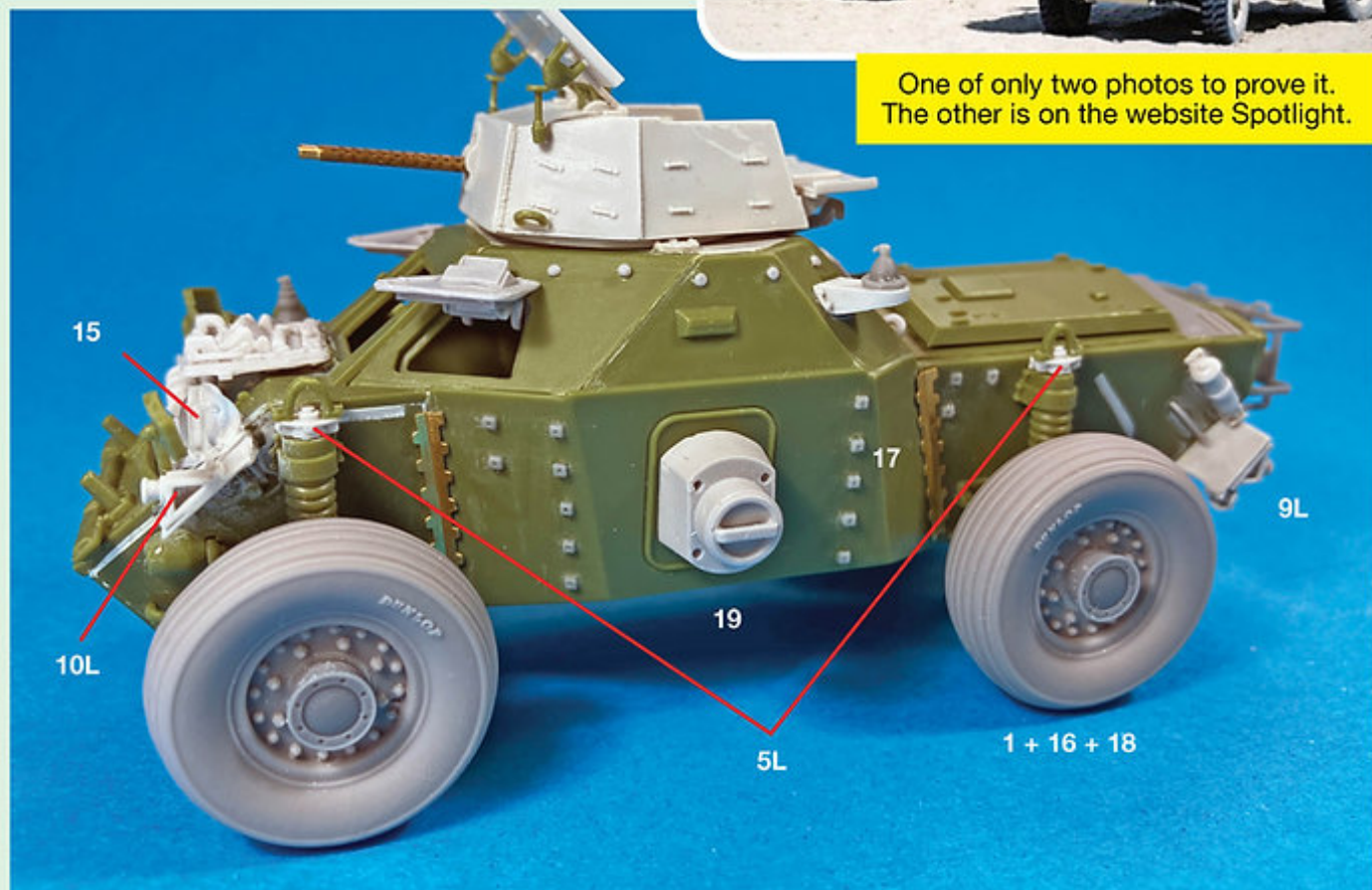
Spare wheel mounts and side boxes were both fitted to the hull escape hatches making them easy to swap over.

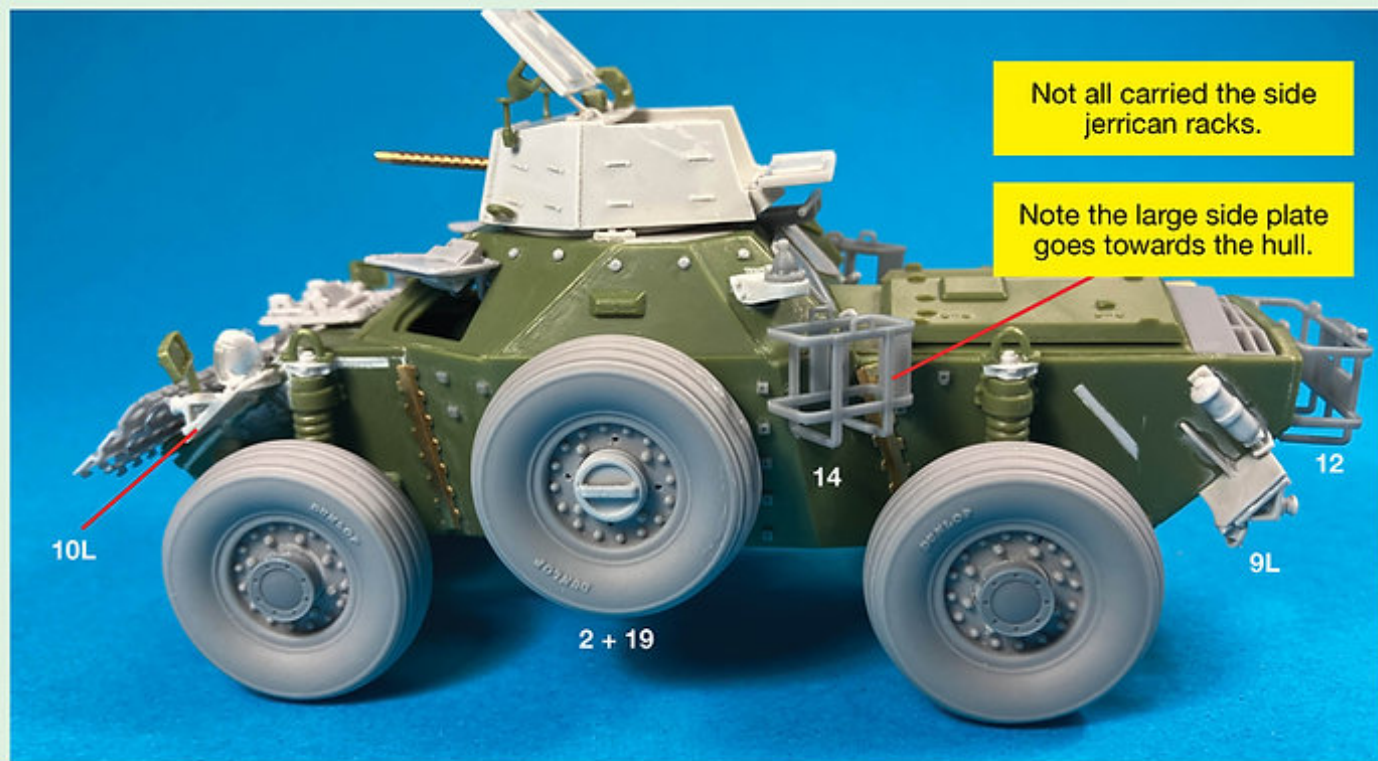


Box on the wrong side!



One of only two photos to prove it. The other is on the website Spotlight.





Jerricans (7 and 8) can be placed according to your references.



Exhaust guard was commonly curved under the silencer, with no apparent fixing to the hull.



PSP plates were cut to shorter lengths. Check references.





Photos from various unattributed internet sources plus Facebook Dairmler Ferret Armoured Scout Car Appreciation Society

A gallery of reference photographs can be found on the SMM website:

<https://www.scorpion-miniature-models.co.uk/ferret-mk-2-in-aden>

**Happy modelling and keep on building!**

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