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Crusader Mk.III

The Crusader concept stemmed from the "Fast Tank" concept, designed and produced around 1930 by the American Walter Christie, and could have evolved to generate an all -round fine tank. Instead, Crusader paid the consequenses of ill-defined high command theories and uncertain piecemeal decicions, hastily made by committee, and suffered from unfortunate shortcomings for most of its existence.

Crusader came from a lineage of "Cruiser Tanks" produced to complement the heavier armoured and slow going "Infantry Tanks" Then in service, such as the Matilda. Conceived to exploit the latter's break through, cruisers were characterised by a light armour, a good range and speed and a running gear and suspension designed for fast going. Their main armament invariably consisted of the ubiquitous two-pounder or 40mm gun. The narrow and long hull was of simple rectangular section, stiffened with cross-braces and bulkheads to withstand the starins and stresses provoked by the fast riding on rough terrein and the consequent rolling and pitching. The multifaceted turret was given its characteristic hexagonal cross section -developing into an octagonal one towards the centre- to afford more internal space, limited otherwise by the narrow hull and small ring diameter. The suspension, a slightly improved version of the American Christie design, consisted of one spring unit for each of the wheels, enclosed in an individual housing within the double -walled vertical sides of the hull.

Like most other British tanks of the period, Crusader was armed with a two-pounder anti-tank gun, a 7.92mm Besa mg (derived from an original Czechslovakian design, the Zb-model 53) coaxially mounted at the right of the main gun, a two-inch bomb thrower further to the right, and a second Besa MG installed in a small auxiliary turret, set in the left side of the glacis, next to the driver's compartiment. The latter had a pistol port in the armoured hood, for the use of his side arm.

十字军是第二次世界大战早期的主要英国巡洋坦克之一,也许也是北非战役中最重要的英国坦克。十字军的机动能力使得它成为英国坦克兵最喜欢的玩物,而它的QF6磅炮使它在与德军II号,IV号坦克的战斗中更胜一筹。十字军的服役时间被延长至1942年末,由于缺乏装备升级并且面临着非洲军团的虎坦克以及高温沙漠环境导致的过热问题,最终使军方淘汰了该设计,而更多地支持美国提供的谢尔曼坦克。在接下来的战斗中英国巡洋坦克的主力将是克伦威尔重型巡洋坦克。

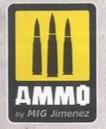
1940年在吸收苏、美坦克结构基础上研制成功。总重20吨,平均每平方厘米压重0.9公斤,装甲厚24—49毫米,装备1门2磅炮(40毫米)火炮(后改为6磅炮,即57mm)和1挺机枪。最大时速45公里,行程320公里,乘员4人。

十字军式坦克于1941年6月在北非沙漠投入实战,反击隆美尔"战斧"的进攻。英国人发现十字军式坦克的速度高,悬挂系统优良,但故障太多,因故障而落入敌手的坦克比被打坏的坦克还多,它的装甲也很薄,火力也太弱。英国人遂将之改进,把装甲增至52毫米,用6磅炮替换了2磅炮,其近距火力支援型换装了17磅榴弹炮(76.2mm,3英寸)。改进后的十字军式坦克在阿拉曼战役之前,一直是"沙漠之鼠"第7装甲师的主力标准坦克。德国人和意大利人对十字军式坦克的机动性羡慕不已,意大利还试图仿制十字军式坦克。十字军式坦克战时共制造5300辆,占战时英国坦克总产量的19.6%,1943年起改作训练车。

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BORDER MODEL REF: BT-012 6th Armoured Div. Tunisia 1943.

A.MIG-0035 Dark Tracks

A.MIG-0036 Old Wood

A.MIG-0034 Plust Tracks

A.MIG-0195 Sylver

A.MIG-0033 Rubber & Tires

A.MIG-0045 Gun Metal

A.MIG-0094 Crystal Glass

A.MIG-0061 BS 381c No.61 Light Stone

A.MIG-0113 Khaki Green





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A.MIG-1000 Brown Wash for Dark Yellow

A.MIG-1503 Ochre For Light Sand

A.MIG-1257 Streakingbrusher Warm Dirty Grey

A.MIG-1002 Tracks Wash

A.MIG-3003 North Africa Dust

A.MIG-1702 Turned Earth

A.MIG-1751 Dry Steppe

A.MIG-1409 Fuel Stains

A.MIG-1408 Fresh Engine Oil





BORDER MODEL REF: BT-012 9th Queen's lancers, 1st Armoured Div. El Alamein 1942.

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A.MIG-0033 Rubber & Tires

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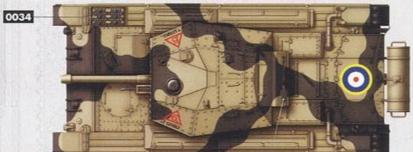
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- A.MIG-1251 Streakingbrusher Cold Dirty Grey
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- A.MIG-1002 Tracks Wash
- A.MIG-3002 Light Dust
- A.MIG-1701 Thick Soil
- A.MIG-1750 Dry Earth
- A.MIG-1409 Fuel Stains
- A.MIG-1408 Fresh Engine Oil





BORDER MODEL REF: BT-012 26th Armoured Brigade, 6th Armoured Div. Tunisia 1943.

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A.MIG-0034 Rust Tracks

A.MIG-0033 Rubber & Tires

A.MIG-0045 Gun Metal

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A.MIG-0195 Sylver

A.MIG-0094 Crystal Glass A.MIG-0113 Khaki Green





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1 GENERAL WASH

A.MIG-1005 Dark Brown Wash for Green Vehicles

A.MIG-1508 Green for Grey Green

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5 TRACKS WASH

A.MIG-1002 Tracks Wash

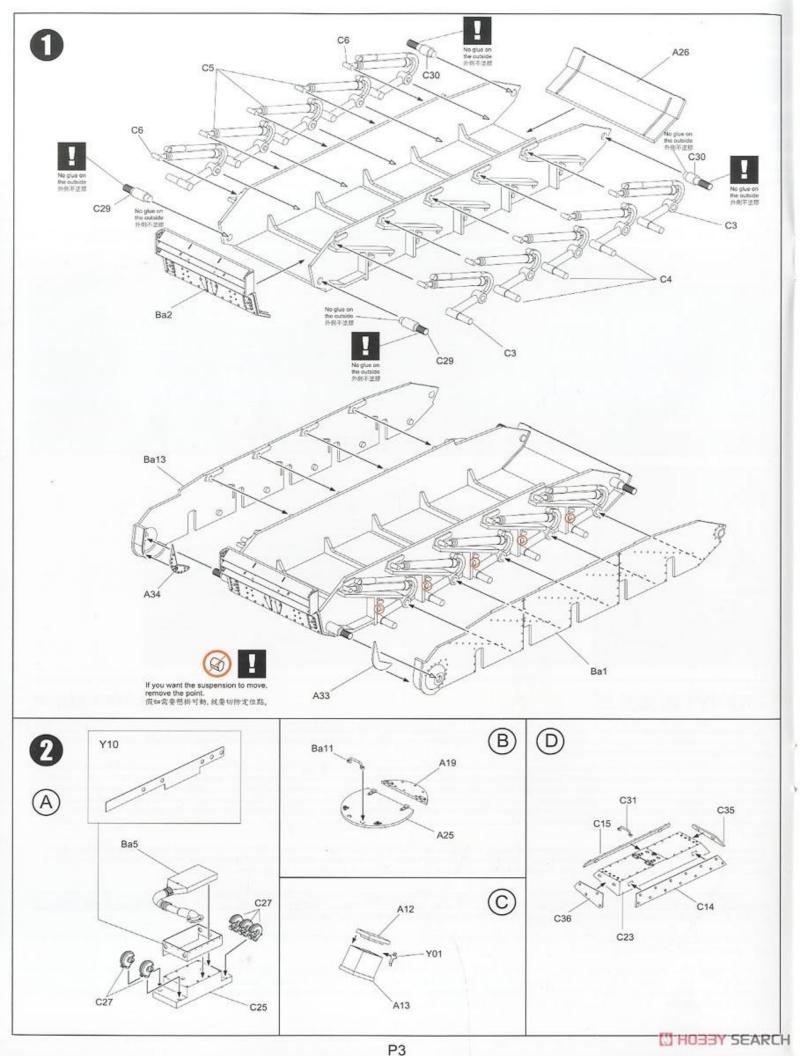
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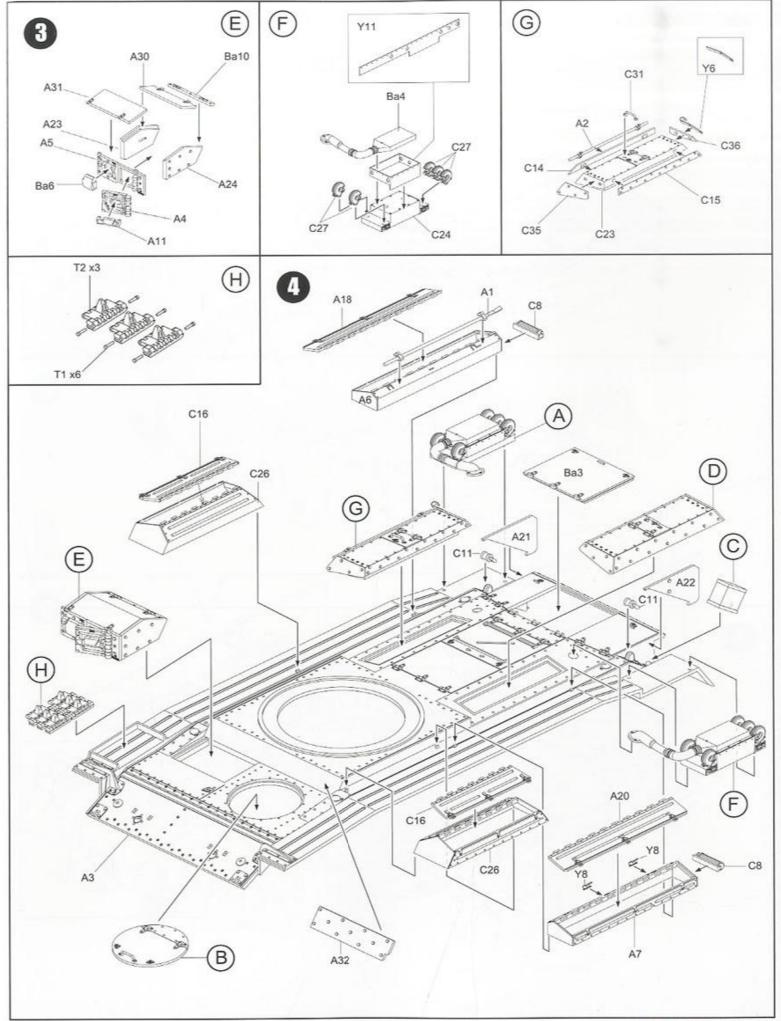
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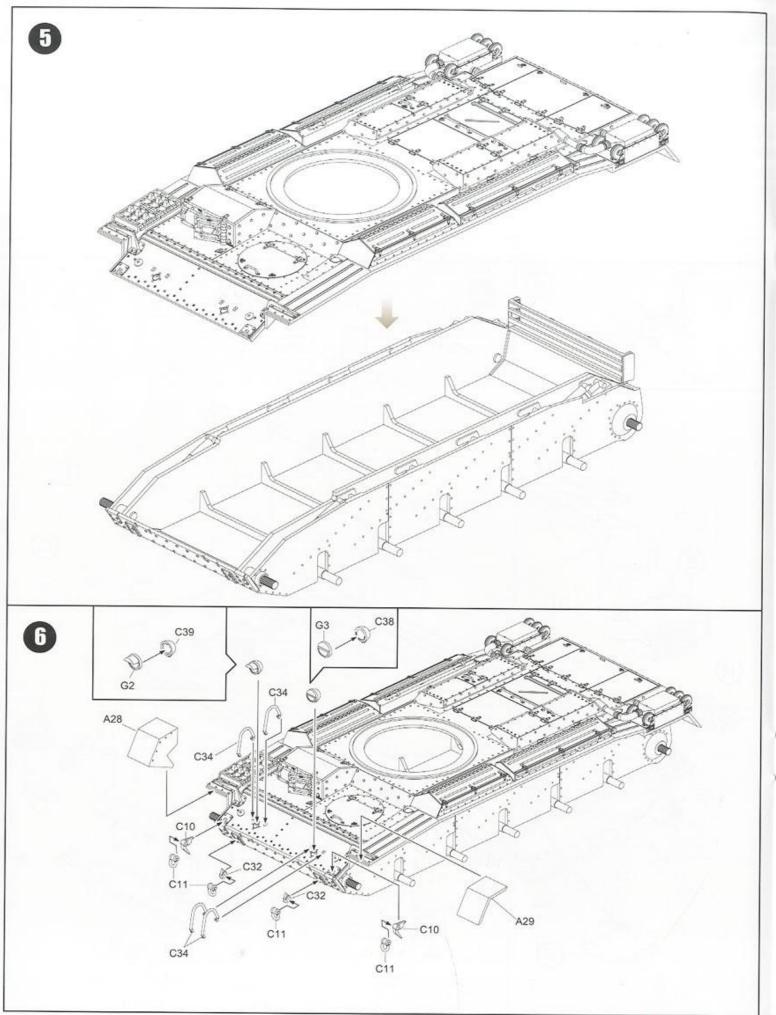
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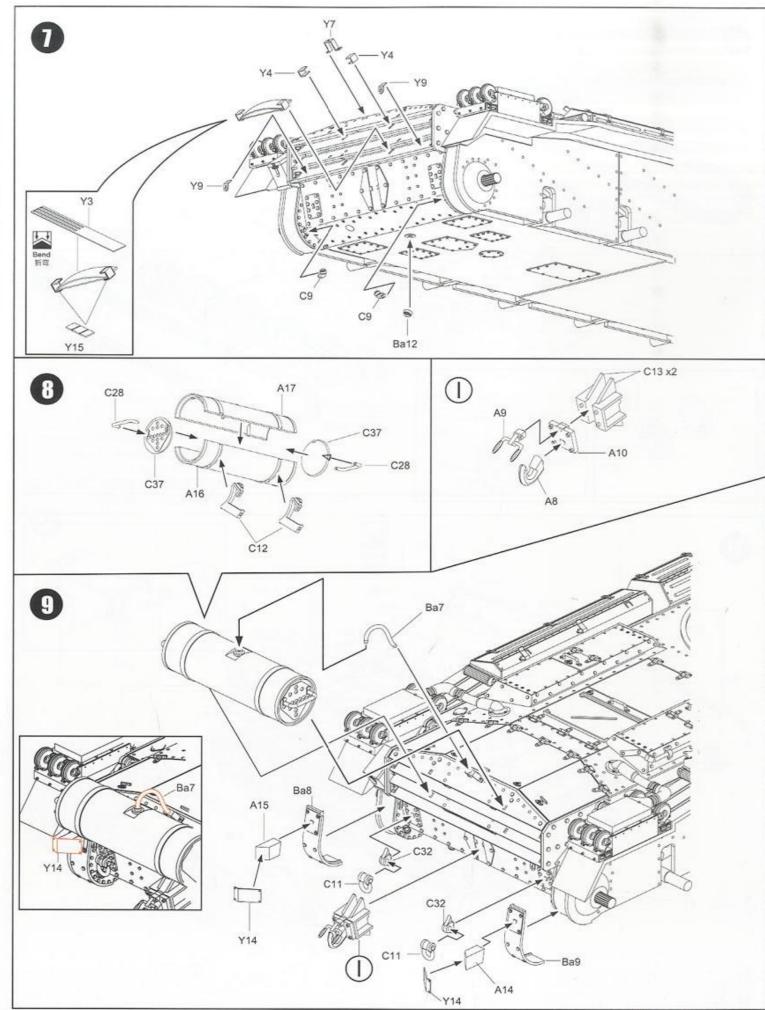
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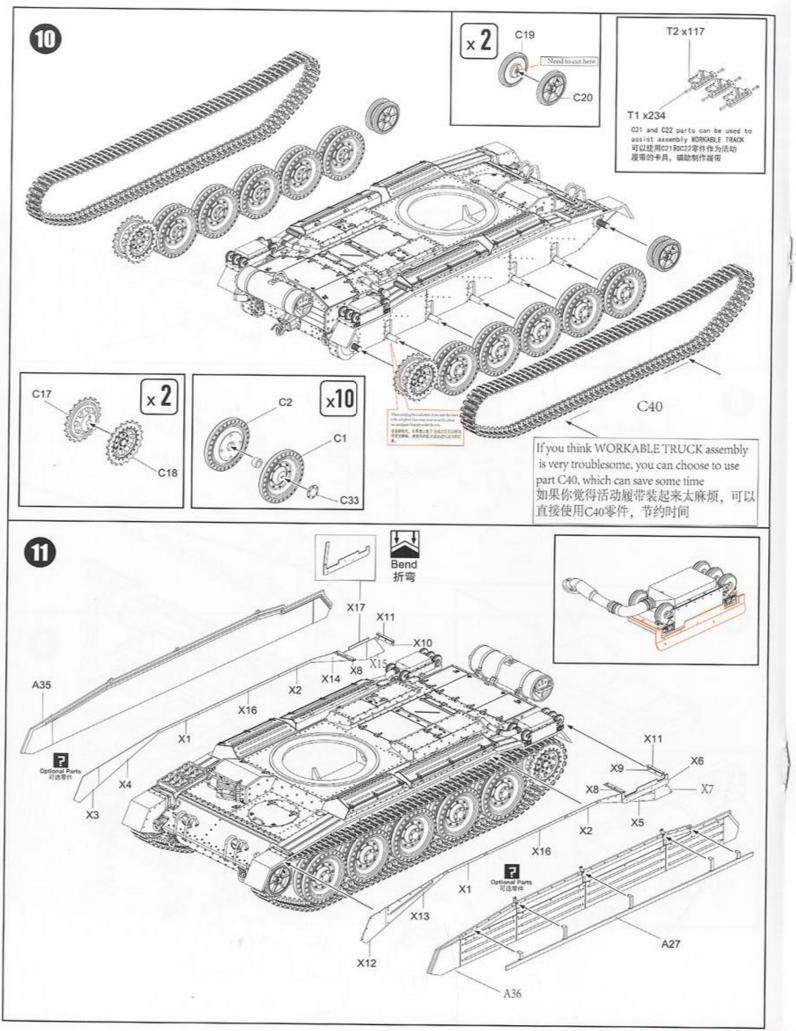
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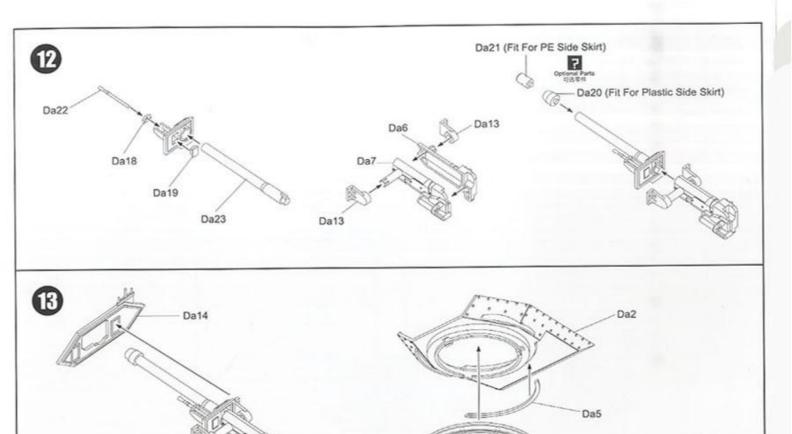


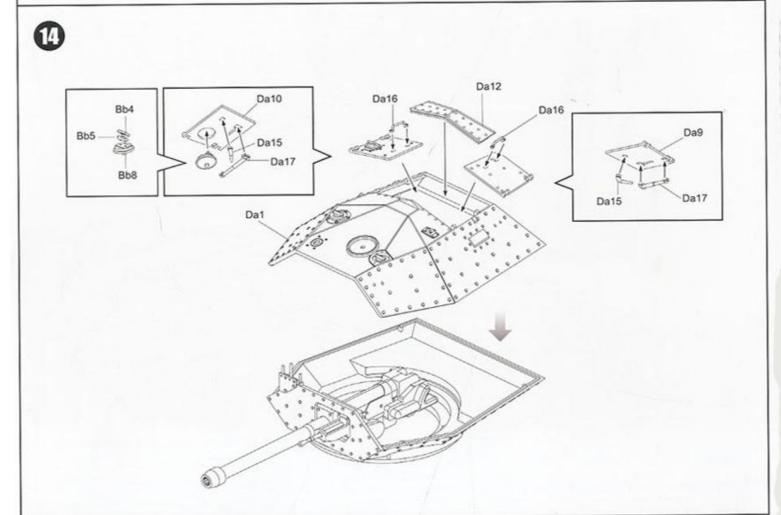




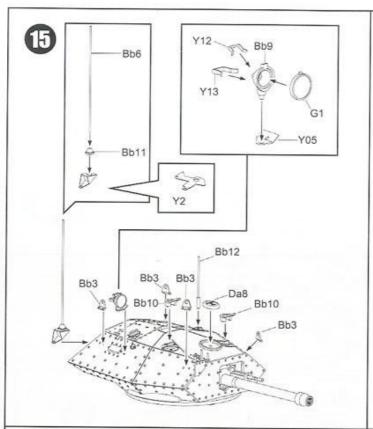


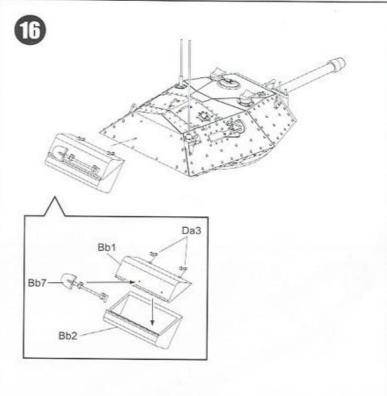


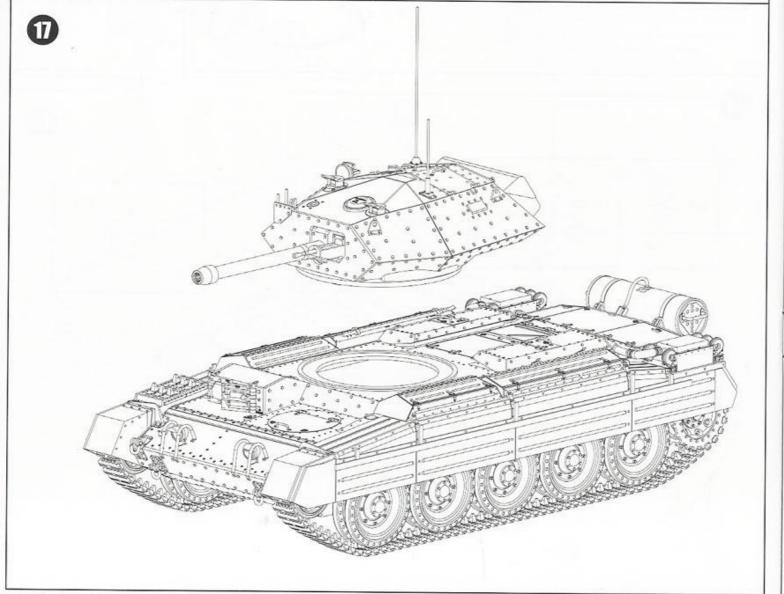




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