



## Mouse Armour

1/35 scale  
MA118  
Australian 109 inch  
wheelbase Land Rover  
Series II GS body

### Background

The Australian Military Forces started to take delivery of 109 inch wheelbase Series II Land Rovers in 1959. The Series II Land Rover was used by all services and it started to be replaced by the Series III in 1977. Series II Land Rovers were used in Vietnam. Some Series II Land Rovers were still in service in 1985 and were seen in three tone camouflage colours. Check your references.

This conversion is specifically based on the Tamiya Pink Panther and provides a general service rear body and standard bar tread tyres/ wheels.

Parts		
	Left and right front side body panels	Rear bumper bar
	Rear body panel (version A)	4 x rear seats (2 parts each)
	Rear floor / tray with side body panels	2 x metal jerrycans
	Front wall of rear tray	2 x jerrycan handles
	windscreen	2 x jerrycan holders
	Front brush guard	1 x spare wheel
	2 x brush guard supports	2 x front wheels
	Left front seat mount	2 x rear wheels
	Left front seat back	2 x indicator light protectors

### Tools

Handy tools would include a sharp model knife, wet and dry sand paper, straight edge and super glue.

### Options

This conversion set offers two options and you should make the choice as to which version you wish to make.

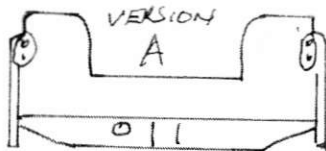
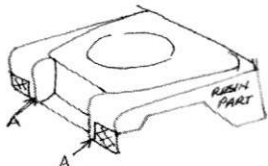
**Version A** uses the resin one piece rear body panel (does not have a tailgate) provided and has two jerrycans in holders mounted on the rear of the Land Rover.

**Version B** uses the Pink Panther rear panel with tailgate (part B25), in which case the jerrycans and holders are not used but the kit parts B4 bumperettes are used. These need to be mounted on the resin bumper and outboard of the tailgate.

### Common assembly applies to both versions.

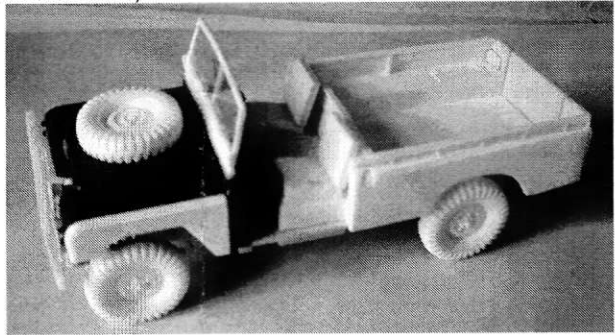
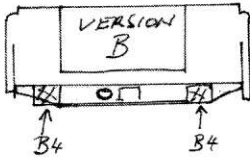
Assemble according to the Tamiya instructions for stages 1, 2, 3 and 5. DO NOT use

- The Tamiya kit wheels.
  - Parts B30 – this is replaced with the resin brush guard and brush guard supports
  - Do not use parts B4 if you are making Version A
1. Use the replacement bar tread tyres –
    - Noting that there is a spare tyre to replace parts C1 and C3
    - Replace kit parts C2+C3+A32 with the resin bar tread tyre provided. Note that the front resin wheel has the tab on the inside of the wheel to fit into parts A9 + A10;
    - Replace the kit parts C1+C2+A31 with the rear resin wheel provided
  2. Proceed with Tamiya stage 6 but replace kits parts B28+B29 with resin parts provided (left seat mount and back rest). Once the replacement panels are glued in place the forward wings (part A28) needs to be cut to the same shortened size as the resin panels. **IMPORTANT:** see below drawing for cut out and note that there is a thin piece of the front wheel arch that is left behind (arrow A). It is the thickness of the panel.



3. Proceed with Tamiya stage 7 leaving off parts B5, B6, B19, A23 and A24. Replace the last two parts with resin parts provided.
4. Ignore the remaining stages (8-13) except for headlight lenses B20 and the bridging plate A38

5. Glue the resin front divider (between driver/passenger and the rear cargo area) so that it is level with the top of the cargo compartment and flush with the rear deck floor. The resin panel has two fuel pipes that will abut the fuel filler area.
6. **IMPORTANT:** the new resin panel will be awkward to paint so glue the driver and passenger seat backs on last after the base coat has been applied.
7. **Version B** – glue Tamiya part B25 to the rear of the cargo compartment OR cut the tailgate out and then glue it in place. (see Version B completed model below)



8. **OPTION** – assemble the four troop seats and glue them in place. These can be left off all together or only two seats can be added. Check your references.
9. Add the resin front windscreen provided (this is optional as some Land Rovers were used without the windscreen erected. Add a "glass" panel from clear plastic (not provided)
10. **For version A** add jerry can holders to the rear of the vehicle, mounted on the supports on the resin rear bumper. Trim reflectors off if your references indicate that they are not required. Add resin jerrycans and handles. Jerrycan access latches were generally pointed toward the centre of the vehicle to avoid being opened by brush / branches.
11. A feature of Australian Series II Land Rovers was that the rear brake light and indicators were protected by a raised "bathtub". Insert the resin "bathtubs" over the lights at the rear.
12. **PANTING:** The vehicle should be painted in Olive Drab lusterless or as per your references.

#### References.

- a. ANZAC Steel - [http://anzacsteel.hobbyvista.com/military\\_vehicle\\_frames.htm](http://anzacsteel.hobbyvista.com/military_vehicle_frames.htm).
- b. "My Vietnam" book has several interesting images
- c. Australian & New Zealand Defender magazine also has some images from time to time.

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

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

- MA302 – Australian Pattern plastic water jerrycans
- MA303 - Australian Pattern plastic water jerrycans in vehicle holders
- MA306/307 – Ration boxes (cardboard)
- MA311 – Military metal chests
- MA312 – Jackie boxes

White Ensign Models – Australian Olive Drab (Humbrol size tinlets)