



## Mouse Armour

1/35 scale  
Kit MA111 Detail set for  
AFV Club Centurion

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### Background

Australian Centurions in Vietnam underwent a series of changes, most of which have been addressed by the AFV Club Centurion. A couple of small items that are missing are from a late version: mud scrapers for crew both front and back, US military pickets that were welded onto the side stowage bins to reduce the ripping off of the bin latches and the 30 cal ammo liners and PRC25 radio in a rack on the turret roof.

### Parts

2 x mud scrapers	2 x reinforced stowage bin faces
3 x Australian pattern star pickets	1 x wash basin
1 x ammo liner rack with PRC 25 radio	1 x metal foot locker
	1 x US Army hot box

### Tools

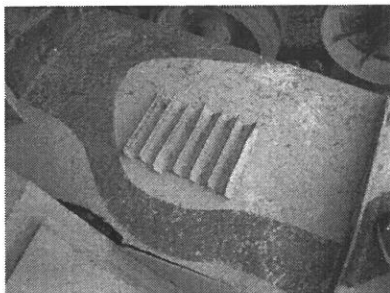
Handy tools would include a sharp model knife and wet and dry sandpaper.

### 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

- Glue the mud scrapers as per the image below – centre of the track guard about level with the glacis meets the track guard. Check your references but another two were sometimes seen on the exhaust shields at the rear.
- Replace parts F25-27 (ammo rack) with resin part (ammo rack + PRC25 radio) supplied.
- Replace kit parts C3 and C4 with resin parts (reinforcing pickets in place).
- The Australian star pickets can be used as stowage basket stuff or to provide support bracing from rear of basket to rear of turret – to stop basket sag. Later generally replaced by tubing.



### Other Mouse House items that can be used with this set:

MA302 Australian pattern plastic water jerrycans (Australian Centurions often carried 10-12 water jerrycans across the rear of the engine deck – enough water for a radiator refill). These were a mix of Australian plastic and US plastic and even sometimes standard metal jerrycans.

The metal footlocker was often tied down to the rear fuel tank.