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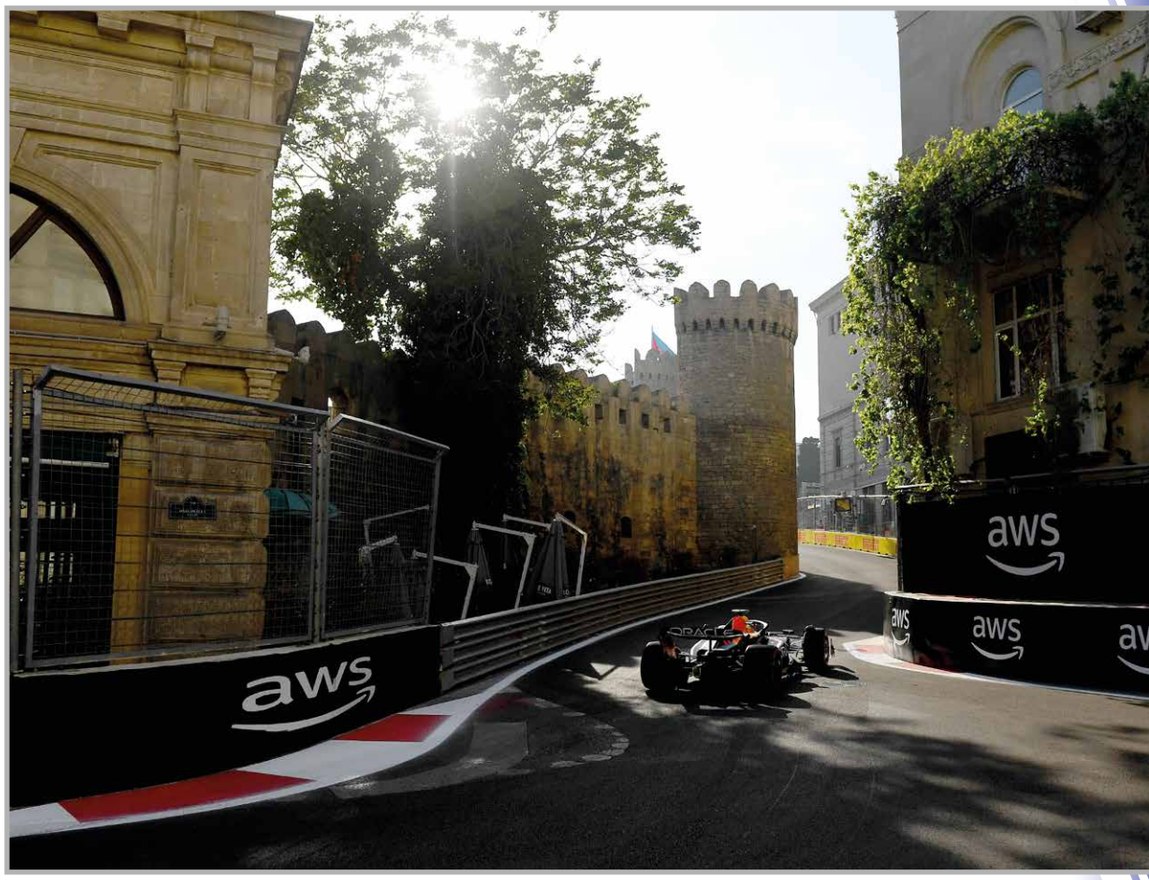
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Azerbaijan 2023

Free practice and qualifying



The narrow and tricky Baku track forced the drivers to adapt quickly to the new sprint race format, which proved to be tense and competitive.

Stretching 3.73 miles (6.OO3 km), the urban Baku circuit in the heart of Azerbaijan's capital takes in some of the city's main sights, such as the popular Maiden Tower. But Formula 1 drivers have no time to admire monuments when they are at full speed and have to concentrate on the peculiarities of a track that includes 2O challenging corners. The Baku circuit always throws up strong emotions, such as those experienced during the practice and qualifying sessions for the 2O23 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

Intense battle

Friday April 28 saw the only free practice session of the weekend. With the new sprint race format, the drivers only had 6O minutes to adapt to the track and adjust their cars before qualifying for Sunday's

Sergio Pérez driving the (11) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 during qualifying for the F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix at Baku City circuit on April 28, 2O23.



Sergio Pérez leaves the garage during qualifying ahead of the 2023 F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.



Max Verstappen driving the (1) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 in the pit lane during qualifying at Baku City circuit on April 28, 2023.

race. Once again showing his dominance, Max Verstappen led the session with a time of 1:42.315, followed O.037 seconds later by Ferrari's Charles Leclerc. Third place was taken by Sergio Pérez, making it clear what Oracle Red Bull Racing's strategy was for the race: take advantage of every second of running time on track and adjust the necessary details to maintain advantageous positions.

Behind them, the Baku circuit claimed its first victims. Yuki Tsunoda's AlphaTauri-Honda went into the barrier at turn 3, and the impact seriously damaged his right rear tire. Not long after, Alpine's Pierre Gasly had to stop his car due to a hydraulic problem that caused a fire.

Further complications, this time with fuel pressure, also put Kevin Magnussen out of action. These incidents put some teams at a disadvantage before the qualifying session even started.

Duel for pole

The tension between the drivers was palpable during qualifying for Sunday's race. As predicted from the practice session, the duel for pole position was fierce. Max Verstappen and Charles Leclerc fought for it every lap, without giving an inch. The RB19, with its unbeatable speed on the straights, and the Ferrari, more agile in the corners, put on a great show for the fans.

The first qualifying was resolved with several incidents that caused significant time losses for several drivers. The appearance of the wind made things even more complicated. Red flags were shown on several occasions, such as when de Vries failed to avoid his car going into the barriers and when Gasly's heavy crash resulted in parts of his car being scattered all over the track. Completely oblivious to the dramas of his rivals, Leclerc held his nerve to beat his rivals with a time of 1:41.269.

In Q2, with the sun already retreating, Verstappen took his revenge and imposed himself. The uncertainty over who would take pole position had to be resolved in Q3 and the question remained for most of the session,



Sergio Pérez, Christian Horner, and Max Verstappen wish Red Bull Racing Team Consultant Dr Helmut Marko a Happy 80th Birthday in the garage before practice for the F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

as the two main contenders set identical times. In the end, the Monegasque set the fastest time on his final lap to secure pole, while Verstappen and Pérez took second and third respectively.



Oracle Red Bull Racing's Mexican driver managed to take third place on the grid, behind the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc and teammate Max Verstappen.

Carlos Sainz Jr. qualified fourth, albeit a considerable distance behind teammate Leclerc.

A superb performance

Despite Ferrari's pole position, the faces in the Oracle Red Bull Racing paddock were not worried. The performance of the RB19s in Baku left no doubt that they were on another level. Verstappen and Pérez's cars proved incredibly quick on the straights, which is crucial on the long sections of the Baku circuit, which allow the drivers to put the pedal to the metal.

Both during the practice session and the fight for pole, Max was uncompromising in maintaining a consistent race pace and once again stood out for his ability to get the best out of his car in extreme situations. For his part, Checo once again lived up to his nickname of "The King of the Streets", a term coined by journalists after seeing him win on the championship's urban circuits the previous season. Proving that on this type of track you have to be mentally strong and know how to manage the pressure, the Mexican showed that he was ready to fight for the top positions in the Azerbaijan GP.

Max and Sergio managed to stay in control at all times on the unpredictable Baku track, where any mistake can be costly. The Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers stayed focused and avoided the setbacks that plagued the weekend for other rivals, securing strong grid positions for the team.

Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q 3	Final grid
1	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:41.269	1:41.037	1:40.203	1
2	1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:41.398	1:40.822	1:40.391	2
3	11	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:41.756	1:41.131	1:40.495	3
4	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:42.197	1:41.369	1:41.016	4
5	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:42.113	1:41.650	1:41.177	5
6	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:41.720	1:41.370	1:41.253	6
7	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:42.154	1:41.485	1:41.281	7
8	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:42.234	1:41.569	1:41.581	8
9	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:42.524	1:41.576	1:41.6111	9
10	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:42.455	1:41.636	1:41.6111	10
11	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:42.073	1:41.654	N/A	11
12	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:42.622	1:41.798	N/A	PL1*
13	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:42.171	1:41.818	N/A	12
14	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:42.582	1:42.259	N/A	13
15	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:42.242	1:42.395	N/A	14
16	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:42.642	N/A	N/A	15
17	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:42.755	N/A	N/A	PL2*
18	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:43.417	N/A	N/A	16
19	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:44.853	N/A	N/A	17
NC	21	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:55.282	N/A	N/A	—

* Esteban Ocon (12th) and Nico Hülkenberg (17th), were required to start the race from the pit lane as the setup of the suspension was changed while the car was under *parc fermé*.

2023 Azerbaijan Grand Prix

Triumph and lessons





Charles Leclerc driving the (16) Ferrari SF-23 and Max Verstappen in the (1) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 line up on the front row of the grid during the 2023 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

A prodigious race at the 2023 Azerbaijan GP confirmed that Checo Pérez was not only capable of driving fast, but also of doing so while dodging the pitfalls of Baku and under constant harassment from the fittest driver on the grid: his teammate Max Verstappen. The two drivers ensured that Oracle Red Bull Racing dominated the Baku circuit with the excitement and forcefulness for which the Austrian team is renowned.

Two bulls in action

Since Friday, the fans had been enjoying the new format agreed by the Formula 1 Commission. The competitiveness between the drivers had only increased with each race, so Sunday's race came with emotions running high. Although Charles Leclerc had shown his class at the wheel to take pole position, F1 fans knew that the RB19s were ready to take to the track like two real bulls. And so they did.

When the lights went out, the Ferrari driver put his foot on the accelerator, ready to impose his pace and maintain his early lead. But, right from the first corner, he began to feel the breath of Max Verstappen, who had stuck to the Ferrari's rear wing as if it were his shadow. Just when the DRS (Drag Reduction System) was enabled, Verstappen's RB19 overtook Leclerc's Ferrari like a missile. The Monegasque had almost no time to recover when, again with the DRS activated and the surgical precision that characterizes him, Checo Pérez also overtook Leclerc and moved into second position. The two RB19s were already in the lead of the race!

Max Verstappen took advantage of the DRS to overtake Charles Leclerc and take the lead in the opening laps of the race.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

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An unfortunate pit stop by Max Verstappen allowed Checo Pérez to move into first position in the 2023 Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

There is only one winner

From then on, the real show was between the two Oracle Red Bull Racing cars. Max and Checo began to trade fastest laps, maintaining and even increasing the gap between them and their rivals. Both were fully aware that the race could only have one winner, and, despite being on the same team, neither was prepared to give up the victory. Verstappen made this clear, fighting off any chance of an overtake from Checo.

But the Baku circuit was quick to remind the drivers that it's best not to plan too far ahead. AlphaTauri driver Nyck de Vries had a collision with the wall at turn 5, which resulted in a yellow flag. Without hesitation, Max thought it was a good moment for a tire change and pitted. But he was unlucky. On the next lap, the safety car came out on track and Checo took the opportunity to pit himself, returning to the race in first position.

Max suddenly found himself in third place. Even Leclerc had passed him. That infuriated the Dutch driver, who held on until the safety car left and then overtook the Ferrari like an arrow. The two RB19s were back at the front, but this time it was Checo who was leading the race, and the Mexican driver didn't seem too keen to let Max take the win away from him.

A thrilling race

The Azerbaijan GP was a great spectacle for motor racing fans as the entire race featured exciting duels between drivers and teams. Apart from the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers at the front, Fernando Alonso started to put pressure on Leclerc to try to take third place from him. The Spaniard fought relentlessly, but was unable to overtake the Ferrari. Although he missed out on a podium finish, Aston Martin continued to prove that it was a team able to challenge for the top positions.

On the other hand, Carlos Sainz Jr. had to deal with Lewis Hamilton's overtaking attempts, especially in the closing laps. Although Sainz's Ferrari was not powerful enough to fight for the podium, he was able to keep his rival at bay. In this way, Carlos Sainz Jr. secured fifth place, just ahead of Hamilton's Mercedes.

Although there were times in the race when it was difficult to decide where to focus attention, as the race drew to a close all eyes were on the leader, Sergio Pérez, who was in complete control of his RB19. Max kept following him closely, hoping that a mistake from his teammate would open the door to victory. But Checo kept his concentration and maintained his lead.



Race winner Sergio Pérez of Mexico celebrates in *parc fermé* after the GP.

A real masterclass

The final laps could not have been more exciting. There was no doubt that Oracle Red Bull Racing would take the win and secure another one-two, but the question was which of its two drivers would cross the finish line first?

Aware that time was against him, Max put his foot down and tried to close the gap. Checo didn't lose his cool. Every lap seemed like a masterclass in how to lead a race on an urban circuit. The excitement was maintained until the very last moment. Many believed that the pressure would get to the Mexican, but it was

Lessons from Baku



Max Verstappen driving the (1) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 comes in for a pit stop during the F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix at Baku City circuit on April 30, 2023.

Unsurprisingly, second place at the Baku circuit in 2023 felt like defeat for Max Verstappen. Although he was delighted with his teammate's triumph, he had grown accustomed to being the driver on top of the podium. However, as time went on, he acknowledged that the Azerbaijan Grand Prix provided him with valuable lessons, which helped him to later dominate the championship. "Without the lessons of Baku I probably wouldn't have won the title," said the champion. "What happened at the circuit helped me to improve the car, to understand it better, and to get it the way I wanted it. The RB19 was still quite new, and on a circuit with a lot of 90-degree corners I had to try a lot of different setups, which allowed me to learn a lot for the following races."

Christian Horner agreed with Max when it came to learning from the mistakes made in the Azerbaijan capital. "We were unlucky with the safety car and Max's pit stop," admitted the team boss. "Sometimes those things don't go the way you want them to, but that's racing and we will learn from it. Apart from that, it was an excellent performance from the whole team."

not to be. Pérez crossed the finish line first, with Verstappen a couple of seconds behind and Leclerc in third.

Checo rounded off a great day by taking the Driver of the Day title. He had done everything perfectly, from Saturday's sprint to Sunday's race. Just six points behind Max Verstappen in the championship fight, Sergio Pérez made it clear that he was the only driver on the grid who could trouble his teammate.

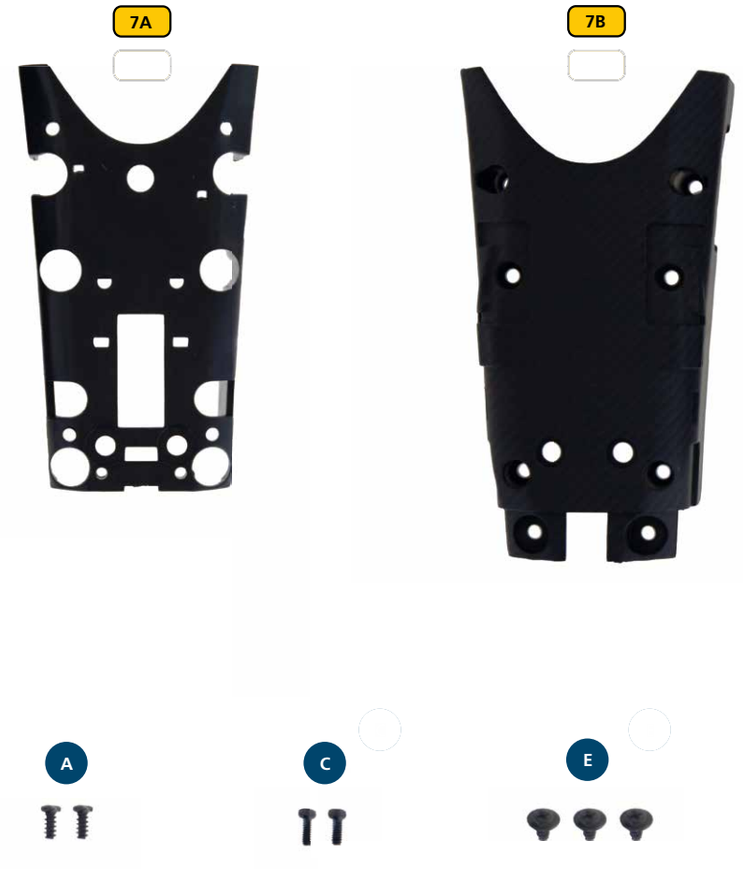
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SURVIVAL CELL (1)

In this issue we will start assembling the front part of the survival cell.

PIECES IN THIS ISSUE



7A Survival cell inner front panel
7B Survival cell front structure

A Screws 2.3 mm x 4 mm (1 + 1*)
C Screws 2.3 mm x 4 mm (1 + 1*)
E Screws 2.3 mm x 3 mm (2 + 1*)

* Spare screw

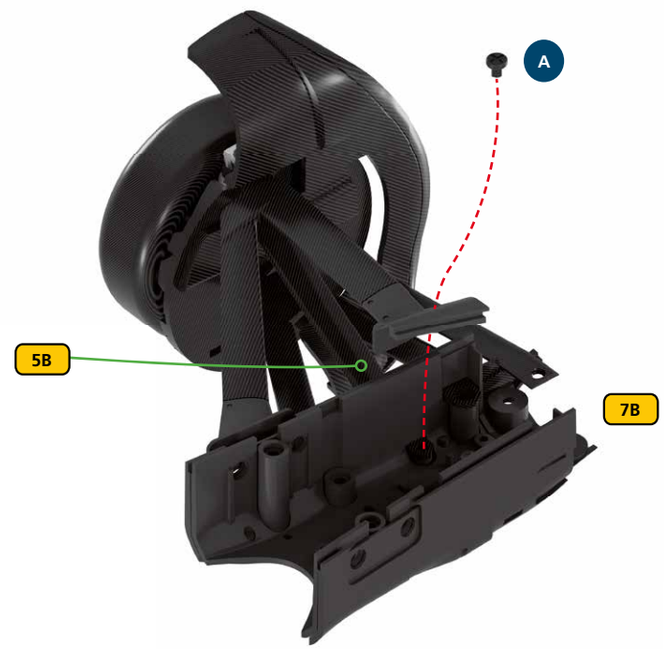


STEP 7-1

Insert the survival cell inner front panel **7A** into the survival cell front structure **7B**, as shown in the picture.

STEP 7-3

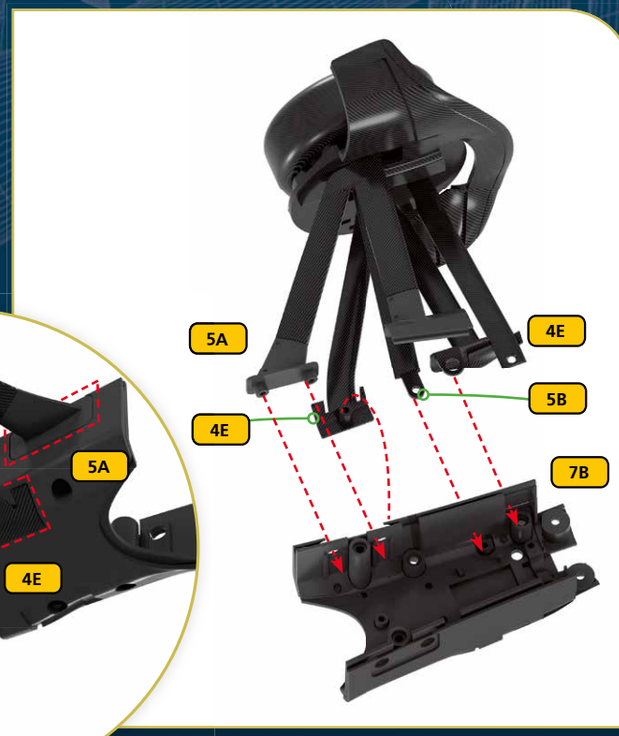
Attach the front left suspension lower arm **5B** to the survival cell front structure **7B** with an **A** screw.

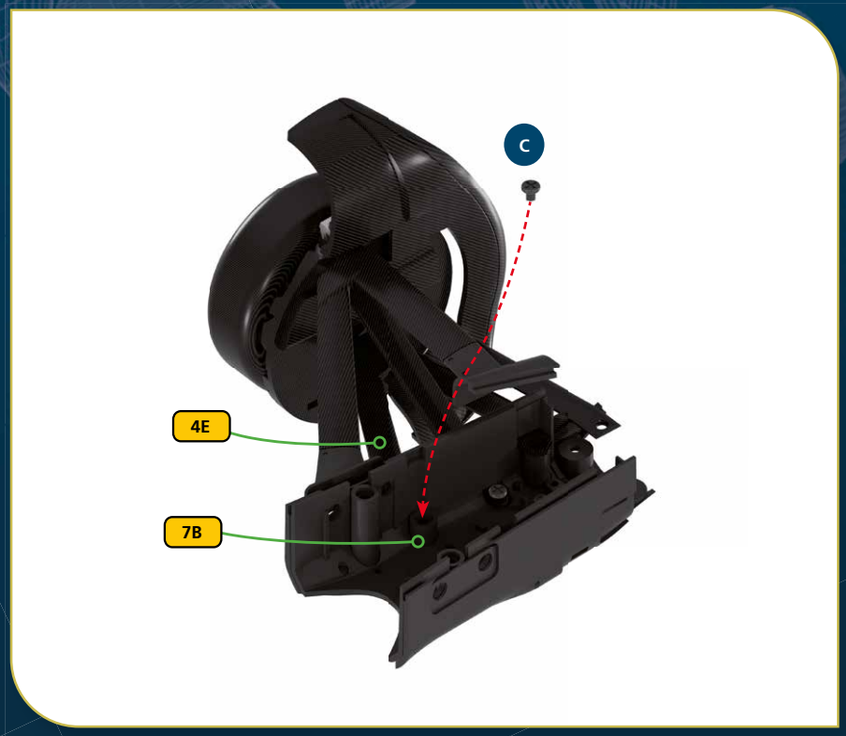


STEP 7-2

Insert the tab on the front left suspension lower arm **4E** and the tab on the front left upper reinforcement arm **5B** into the highlighted holes in the survival cell front structure **7B**. Also insert the front left suspension upper arm **5A** and the other tab on the front left suspension lower arm **4E**.





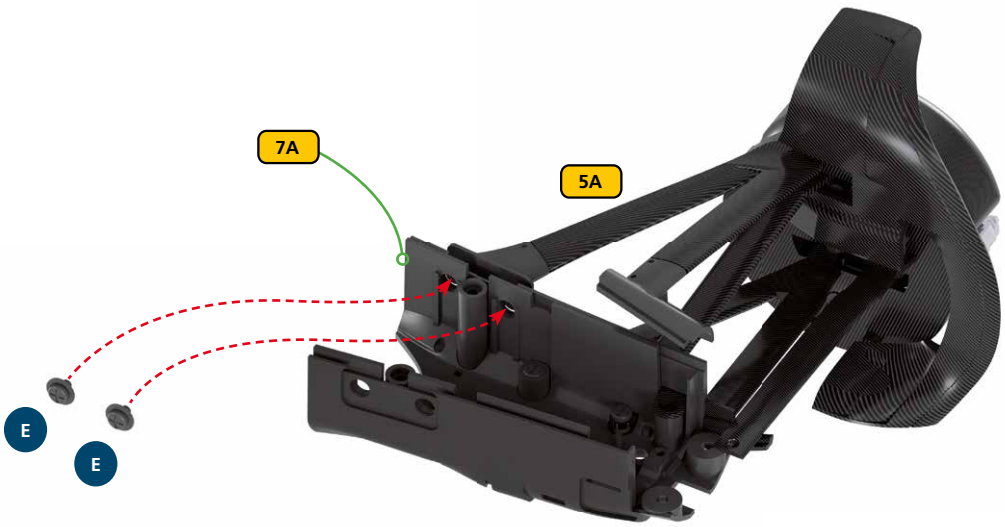


STEP 7-4

Use a **C** screw to attach one end of the front left suspension lower arm **4E** to the highlighted hole in the survival cell front structure **7B**.

STEP **7-5**

Finally, attach the front left suspension upper arm **5A** to the survival cell inner front panel **7A** with two **E** screws.



FINAL RESULT



This is what the parts that have been assembled at this stage of the assembly look like.