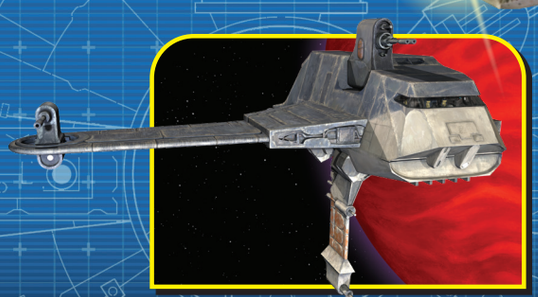
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MODIFIED LIGHT FREIGHTER

G9 RIGGER-CLASS – *TWILIGHT*

The *Twilight* was a refitted G9 *Rigger*-class light freighter that was originally used by the Separatists. On a mission to the planet Teth to rescue Rotta the Hutt, Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano were ambushed and had their ship destroyed. After a narrow escape from Asajj Ventress, they stumbled upon the *Twilight*, and stole it.



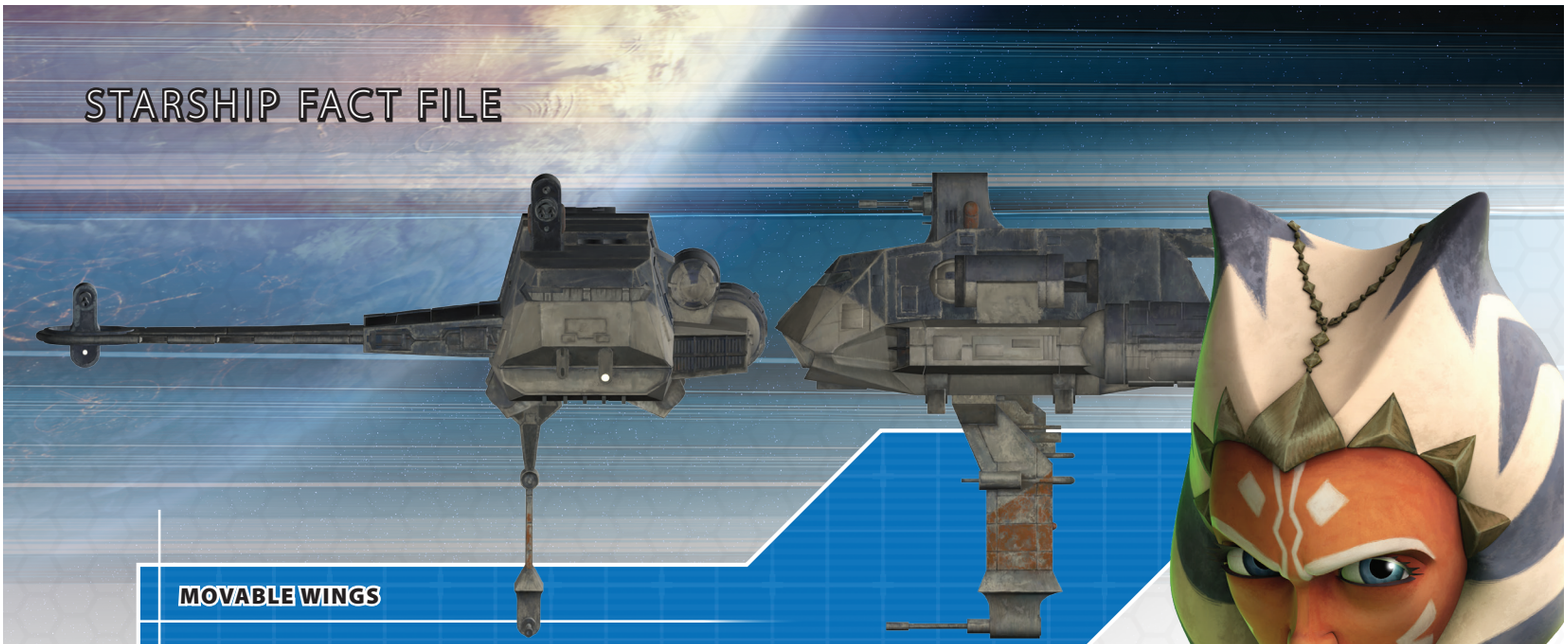
By the time the Clone Wars broke out, the G9 *Rigger*-class Corellian light freighter was already an old design, and was considered slow and unwieldy. But although the G9 Rigger possessed few of the attributes of a military model, at least one saw action, when Jedi General Anakin Skywalker stole the *Twilight* during the Battle of Teth. His ability to fight off an attack by two *Rogue*-class starfighters demonstrated the surprising potential of the model, and he kept it as a personal project throughout the war, making repairs and modifying it from time to time.

With its boxy hull, long starboard wing, and two smaller folding wings, the G9 *Rigger*-class freighter was an unlikely military vessel. But it was rugged, heavily armed and able to accept upgrades, and Anakin Skywalker saw its potential.

THE TWILIGHT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER	Corellian Engineering Corporation
MODEL	G9 *Rigger*-class light freighter
CLASS	Freighter
LENGTH	34.1 m (111 ft 10 in)
WIDTH	16.97 m (55 ft 9 in)
HEIGHT/DEPTH	15.73 m (51 ft 7 in) wings extended
MAXIMUM SPEED	700km/h (434 mph) in atmosphere
ENGINES	3
HYPERDRIVE	Class 3
ARMAMENT	3 x heavy blasters, 1 x rotating laser cannon with periscope control, concussion missiles
CREW	1 x pilot and 1 x co-pilot
PASSENGERS	6
CARGO CAPACITY	70 tonnes

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MOVABLE WINGS

The *Rigger*-class had one large main wing projecting to starboard and two secondary wings that folded against it. The larger of these pivoted down under the hull, and was called a Tal Nami Freighter Swing Wing. It was about half the size of the main wing and gave the ship extra maneuverability, as well as being equipped with a heavy blaster. A smaller folding wing was fitted above the main wing. This carried a double heavy blaster cannon and would move into the upright position to allow the weapons to be fired.

There were several similarities between the G9 *Rigger*-class light freighter and the Imperial *Lambda*-class T-4a shuttle, although they were built by different companies. Both had three wings, two of which were pivoted, although the *Lambda* was symmetrical and the Rigger was not. In the case of the Rigger, the cockpit was positioned between the main wing and the main engine. Just next to the cockpit, the main wing housed two secondary engines. The ship was armed with concussion missiles, three heavy blasters, located on the folding wings, and also had a rotating laser cannon mounted on the main wing.

HUMBLE ORIGINS

The ship was originally designed to carry freight, which could be pulled into the hold by a tow cable or a magnetic field to allow transfer of goods in deep space. There was a boarding ramp underneath, which acted as the main entrance. A secondary entrance and exit to the ship was via a door to a hangar compartment at the rear. This was big enough to fit a small starfighter, although it was normally used as a cargo hold.

The freighter that came into Anakin's possession was originally used to smuggle illegal spice for crime lord Ziro the Hutt, and was old by the time of the Clone Wars. Even so, Anakin saw its potential, and it became a personal project. He modified the ship heavily to make it his own – though he kept the *Twilight* name. The

As well as her Force powers and lightsaber combat skills, Anakin Skywalker's Padawan Ahsoka Tano was also a talented pilot, and often took the second control seat in the *Twilight*.



IN JEDI SERVICE

The G9 Rigger's cockpit was located at the front of the hull, where a wrap-around screen gave good forward visibility and a view to either side. The console was very spacious, but the controls were laid out to suit a crew of two (a pilot and co-pilot). The vessel also had accommodation for up to six passengers, although Anakin Skywalker normally only took astromech droid R2-D2 along inside the cockpit on his missions across the galaxy.

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THE BATTLE OF TETH

ACQUIRING THE TWILIGHT

After Anakin Skywalker and Ahsoka Tano lost their ship on the planet Teth during the rescue of Jabba the Hutt's son, Rotta, they found the *Twilight* being loaded by battle droids. The two Jedi destroyed the battle droids and took the ship. At first, it refused to start, but astromech droid R2-D2 managed to fire up the battered engines. The Jedi attempted to take the *Twilight* to the nearest Republic cruiser, but the battle above Teth prevented them from docking, so they were forced to take the ship to Tatooine. On arrival over the planet, Skywalker diverted power to the front shields, but was ambushed from the rear by two *Rogue*-class starfighters. Skywalker destroyed both fighters, but extensive damage to the *Twilight* resulted in it crash-landing. Skywalker later reclaimed the ship and began to address its many shortcomings.



After Rotta the Hutt was kidnapped by Asajj Ventress, Anakin Skywalker staged a rescue, but had to resort to stealing the *Twilight* to make his getaway.



The rear of the hull featured a large loading door, which gave access to a small hangar compartment and hold. The main engine was to port, but the ship had two secondary engines in the wing root.

modifications included a rebuild and upgrade of all systems, from cockpit to cargo bay, adding retractable landing gear, wings that rotated from landing to flight modes, a firing flick missile, movable laser cannon turrets, a side-mounted escape pod, and a working tow-cable winch. The ship was known to be temperamental, but extremely tough. Skywalker used the *Twilight* for most of the Clone Wars, keeping his Delta-7B *Aethersprite*-class starfighter in its hangar, but the craft was eventually destroyed during a mission to the planet Mandalore.

The *Twilight* was destroyed above the planet Mandalore, when it was struck by rockets fired by Darth Maul.



LAST FLIGHT

The ship's end came in the closing stages of the Clone Wars, after Obi-Wan Kenobi received a distress message from Duchess Satine, who was imprisoned on her home planet of Mandalore and needed help. Kenobi borrowed the *Twilight* from Anakin Skywalker to get there, but would see the ship be destroyed by rockets fired by Sith Lord Darth Maul, as Kenobi attempted to flee with the rescued duchess.

BEHIND THE SCENES

COLOUR CHANGE

The *Twilight* first appeared in the 2008 cinematic release of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* and its novelization, and also appears multiple times in the animated TV series that followed. LEGO released a *Twilight* set, #7680, in July 2008. The 882-piece set came with four minifigures of Anakin Skywalker, Ahsoka Tano, R2-D2, and Rotta, allowing purchasers to recreate what was played out on screen. Supervising director Dave Filoni described the *Twilight* as being taken from some of Erik Tiemens' abandoned designs for a firefighting ship. Confusingly, the *Twilight*'s laser fire changes color. In the film *The Clone Wars*, the blasts are red, as they are during the later TV episode 'Downfall of a Droid'. However, in the episodes 'Destroy *Malevolence*', 'Mystery of a Thousand Moons,' and 'The Lawless', the laser fire has become blue, although this could be explained as being an upgrade done by the *Twilight*'s owner Anakin Skywalker.



One of Erik Tiemens' concept sketches for *Revenge of the Sith* from July 2002, when he drew up what was then described as a 'gunship.'

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YOUR NEXT PARTS

COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1. Upper hull recess
2. Machinery in recess
3. Plant-on details (12 on sprue)
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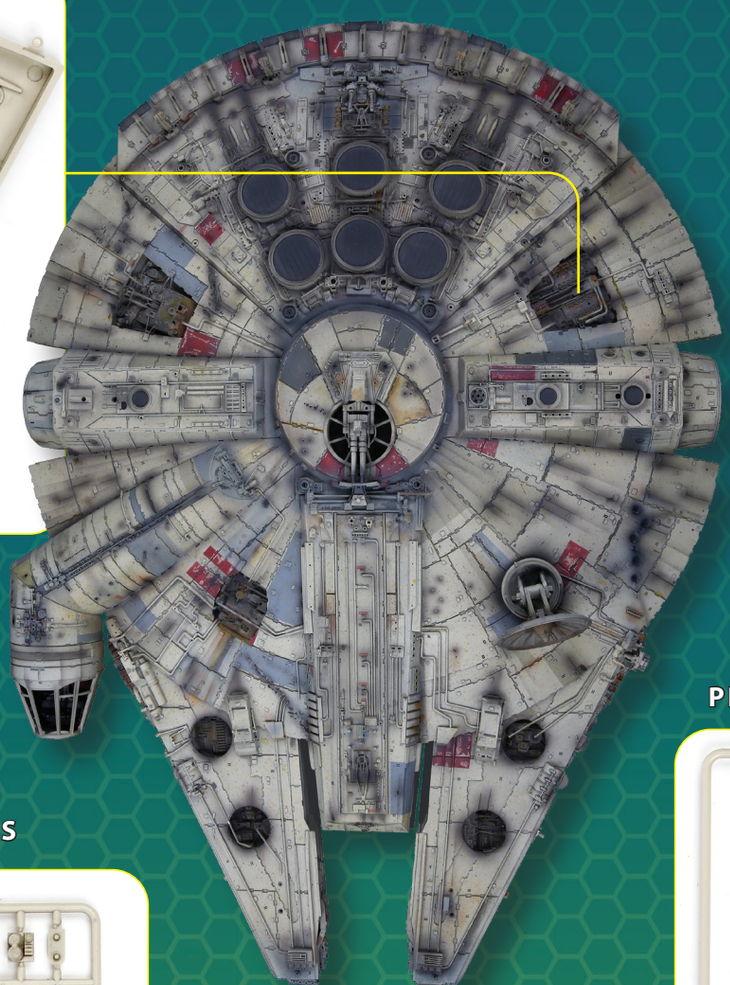
Now that you have all the sections of plating for the upper hull, it is time to start screwing the panels on, ahead of adding the recess detail supplied here.

The recess and its internal details are similar to the ones you assembled in Stages 53 and 63. Before installing them, you need to fit the upper hull plating – a satisfying job, which is covered in several stages. In the first of these, you will be fitting the sections forward of the quadrant that houses the *Falcon*'s engines. Unlike the lower plating, which you fitted in Stage 46, the upper hull has two gaps in the paneling, which are for sections that lift off to reveal the interior.

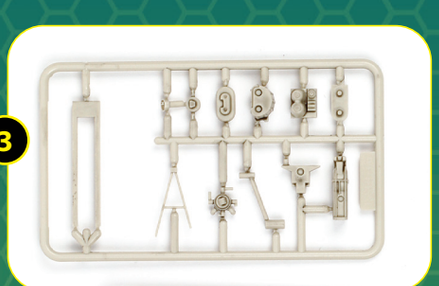
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HULL PANELS

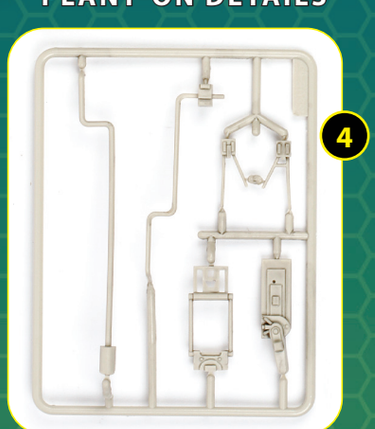




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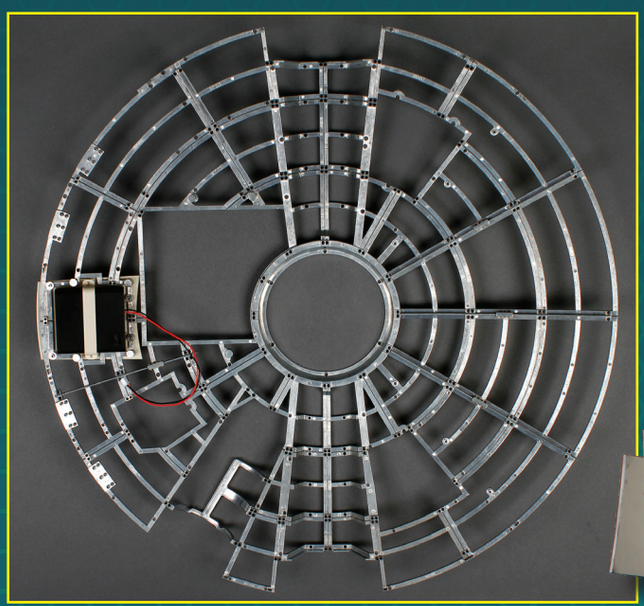
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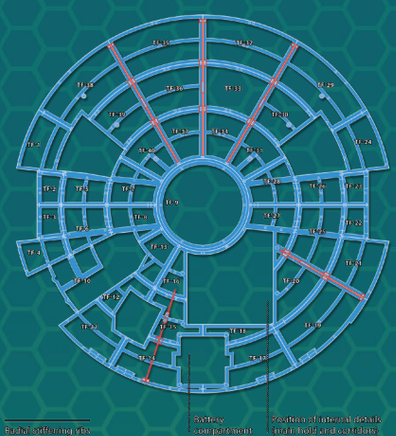
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COLLECTING THE PARTS

This stage involves fitting 18 hull panels, which were supplied between Issues 1 and 65, so start by getting these together.



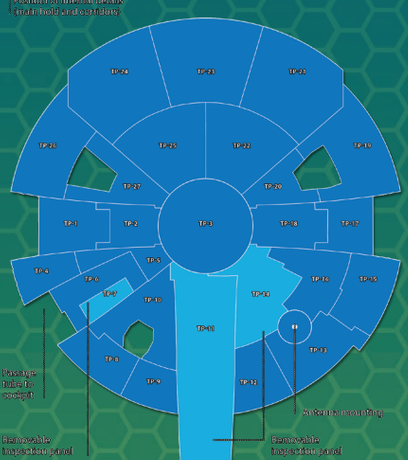
Each of the hull panels has mounting lugs that fit into holes in the metal frames. They will only fit in one place, so it is important you have assembled the framework correctly and that all the frame joints are secure before you start.





Use the silver self-tapping screws to hold all the hull panels to the framework.

The blueprint that came with Issue 1 shows you the correct positions of all the hull frames and each plating panel, so you may find this a useful reference.



The images below show all 18 hull panels that you need to assemble. Most of these were supplied between Issues 48 and 65, but the panels for the starboard corridor came with Issues 1 and 3. The numbers printed on top are the part numbers that are molded into each one. These panels have been laid out in the order that they need to be fitted – which makes the assembly easier to follow – but it isn't essential to do this, as the step-by-step instructions give all the part numbers and show you how to fit each one in turn. You may also find it useful to refer to the blueprint that came with Issue 1, as this shows where each panel fits on the lower hull. You also need 94 silver self-tapping screws – although a few spares may be useful in case you drop any.









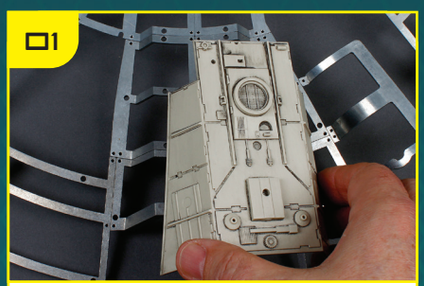


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FITTING THE CORRIDOR PANELS

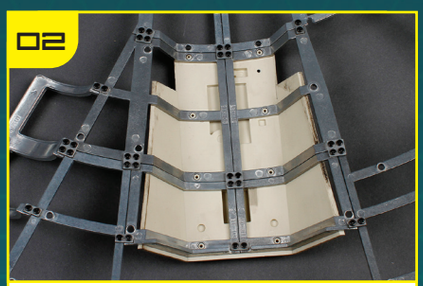
Start by fitting the two panels for the starboard corridor (next to the ramp), then add the corresponding parts on the other side.

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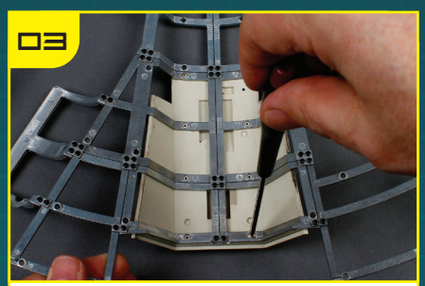
Start by fitting TP-02, which you test-fitted in Stages 1 and 4.

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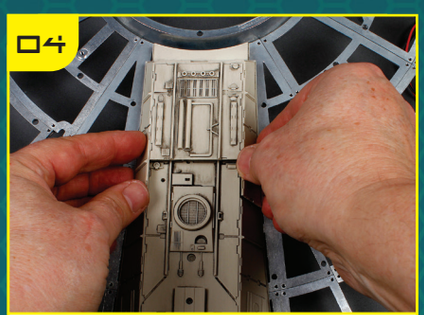
Turn the frame over and make sure all eight lugs are seated in their holes.

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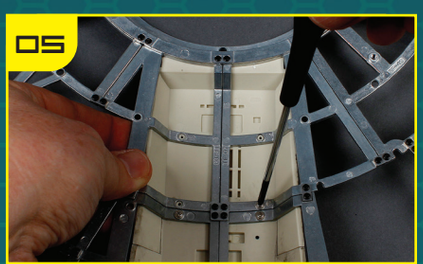
Secure the panel to the frames using eight screws.

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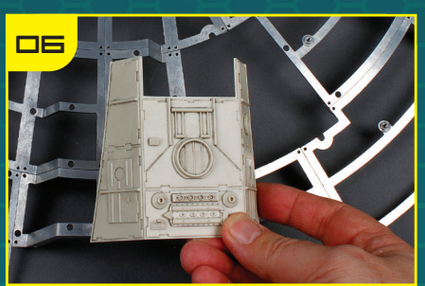
Fit TP-01, which overlaps TP-02

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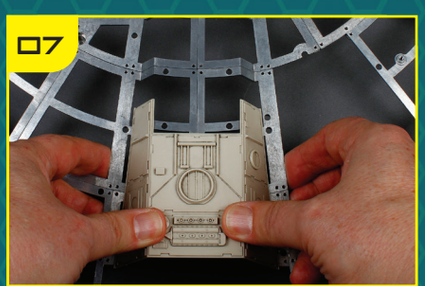
Make sure all four lugs are seated in their holes and secure the panel to the frames using four screws.

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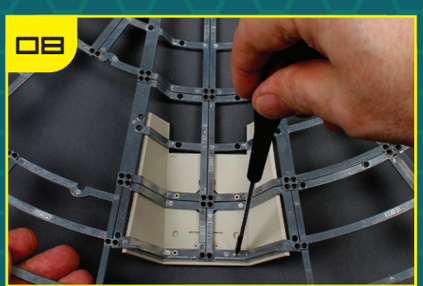
Fit panel TP-17, the outer port corridor panel, over the outer frame.

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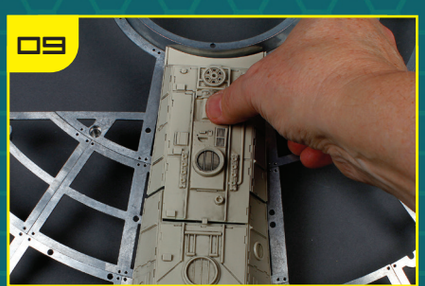
Make sure that all four lugs are fully seated in the holes in the framework.

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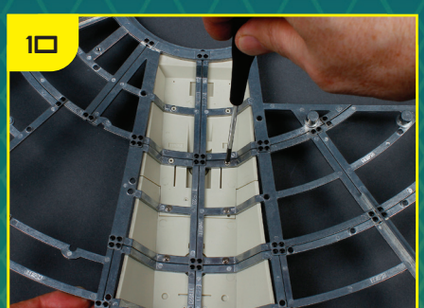
Insert a self-tapping screw into each lug to hold the panel in place.

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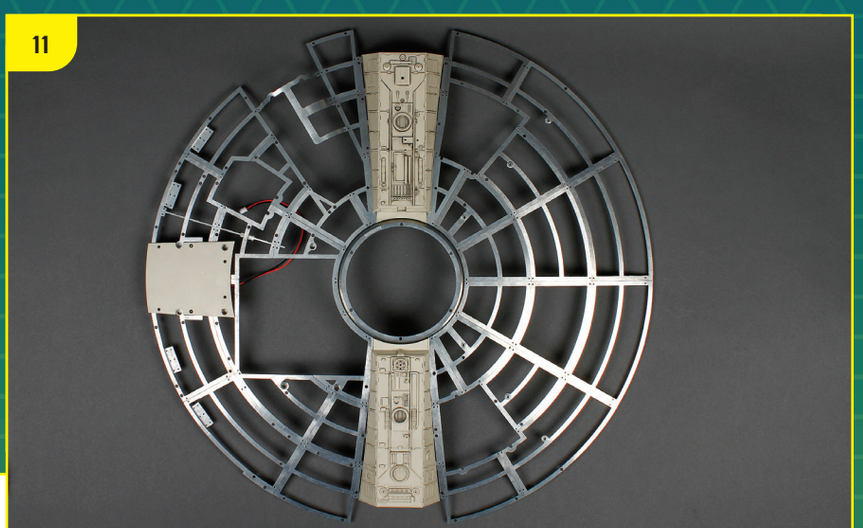
Fit panel TP-18, the inner port corridor panel, which overlaps TP-17.

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Secure TP-18 with six screws.

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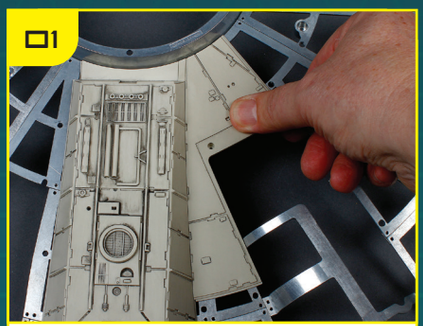
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COMPLETING THE PANELING

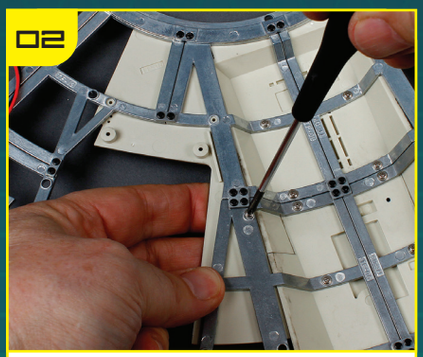
Fill in the sections of the plating that complete the forward half and the sections between the corridor and the engine bay.

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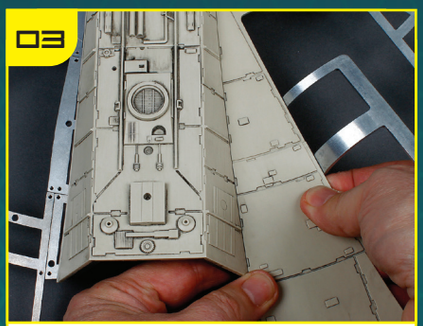
Fit TP-05, which overlaps the edge of the corridor panels.

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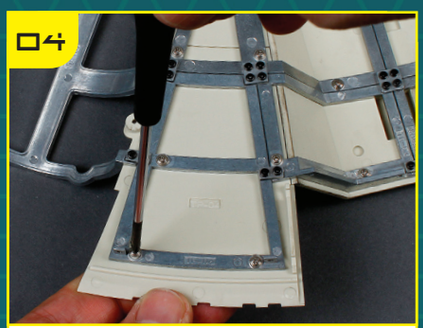
Screw TP-05 to the frames.

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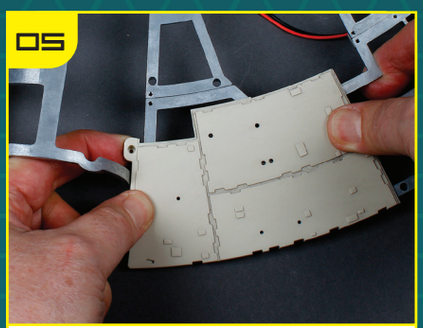
Fit TP-04, which overlaps TP-05 and the edge of the corridor panels.

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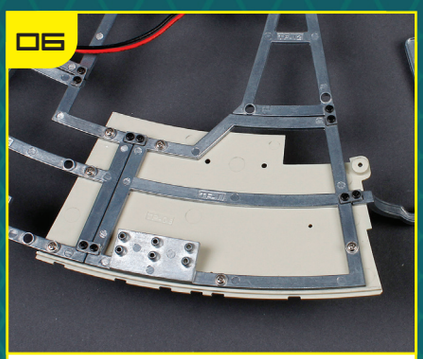
Screw TP-04 to the frames, noting how it overlaps the outer edge.

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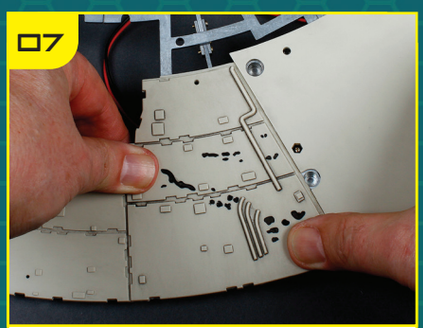
Fit TP-08, which goes on the opposite side of the passage tube.

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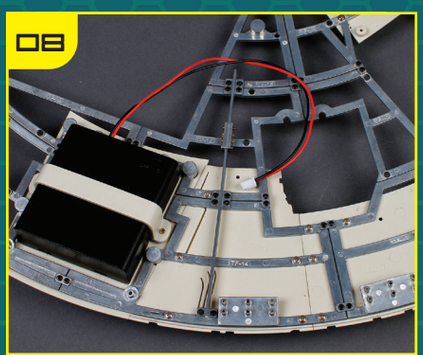
Screw TP-08 to the frame.

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Fit TP-09, which overlaps TP-08 and the battery box mounting plate.

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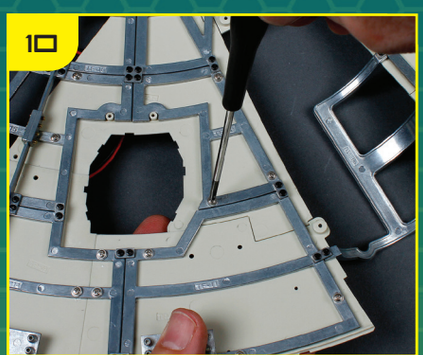
Screw TP-09 to the frame.

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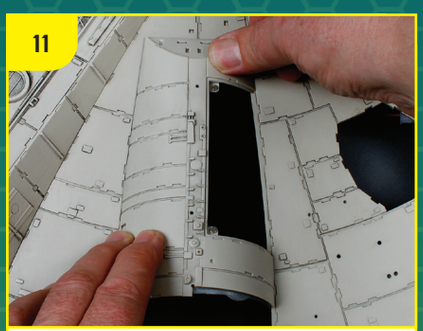
Fit TP-10, which overlaps TP-08 and TP-09.

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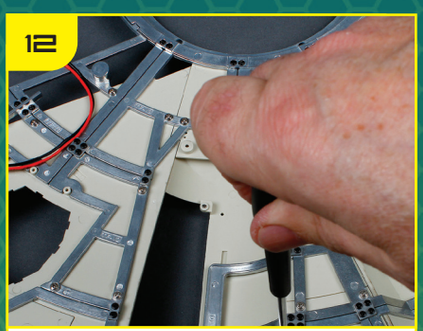
Screw TP-10 to the framework.

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Fit TP-06, the passage tube, which overlaps the adjacent paneling.

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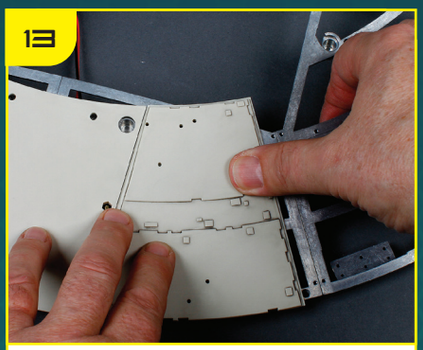


Screw TP-06 to the assembly via the four lugs in the adjacent paneling.

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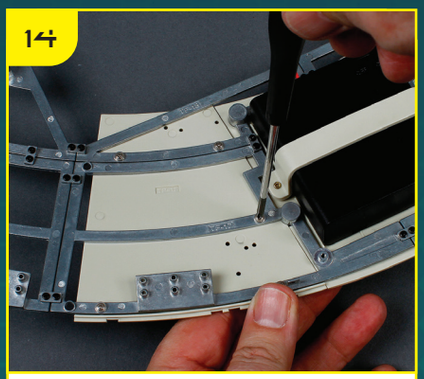
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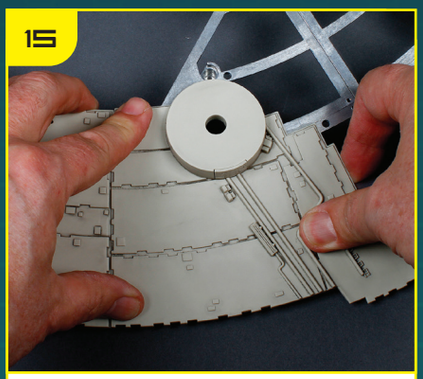
Fit TP-12 to the opposite side of the battery box mounting plate.

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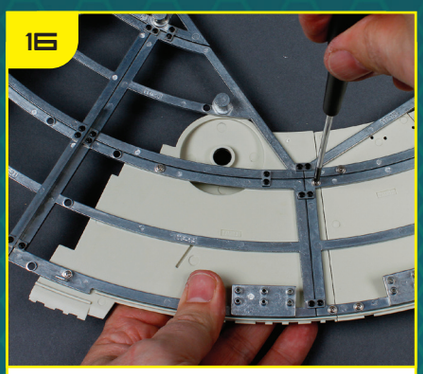
Screw TP-12 to the frame.

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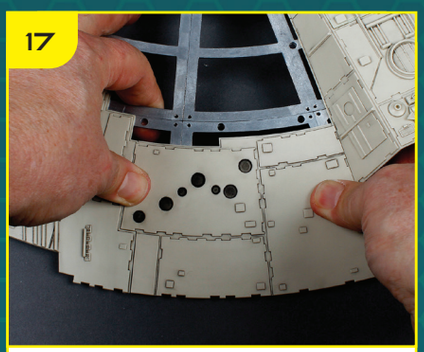
Fit TP-13 so that it overlaps TP-12.

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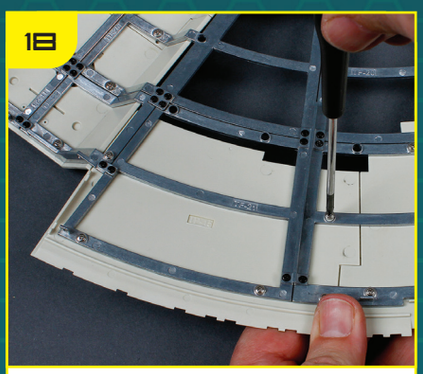
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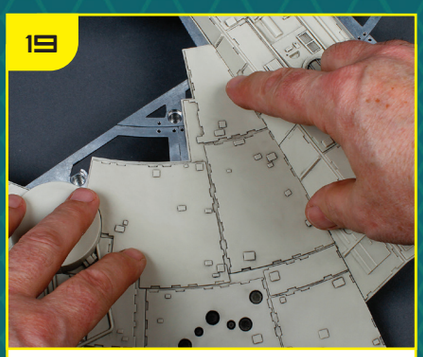
Fit TP-15 so that it overlaps TP-13 and the edge of the corridor.

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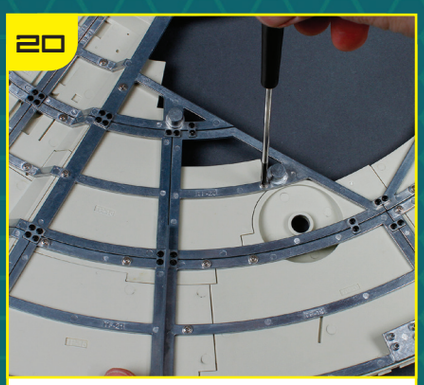
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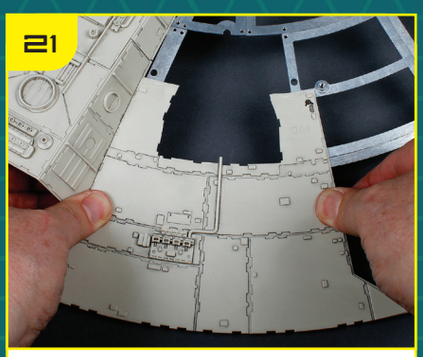
Fit TP-16 so that it overlaps TP-13, TP-15, and the edge of the corridor.

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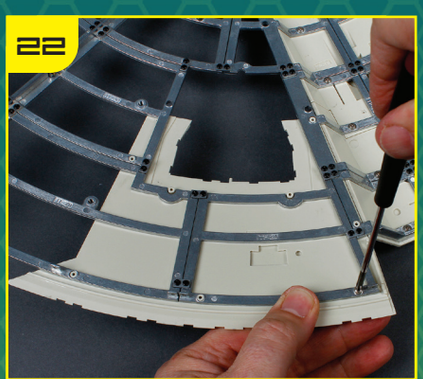
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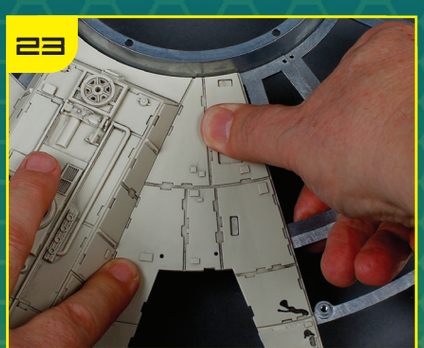
Fit TP-19 so that it overlaps the edge of the corridor.

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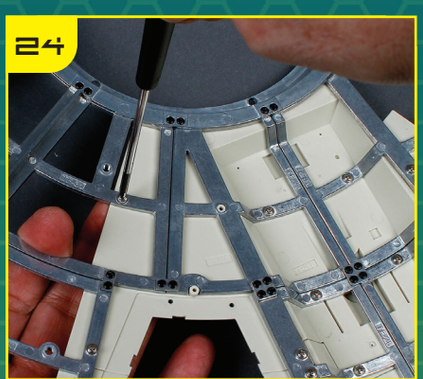
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Fit TP-20 so that it overlaps TP-19 and the edge of the corridor.

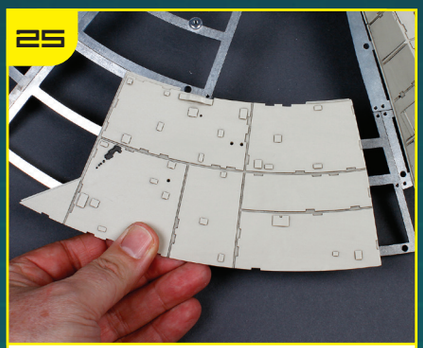
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Screw TP-20 to the frame.

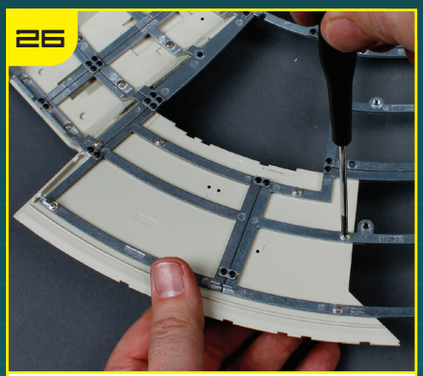
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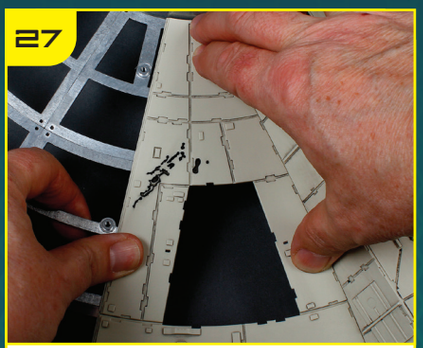
Fit TP-26 so that it overlaps the edge of the corridor.

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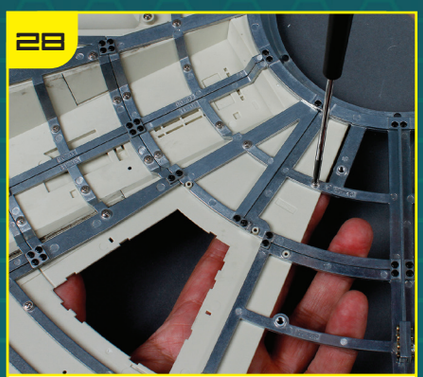
Screw TP-26 to the frame.

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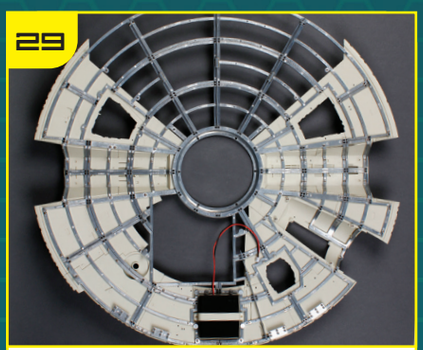
Fit TP-27 so that it overlaps TP-26 and the edge of the corridor.

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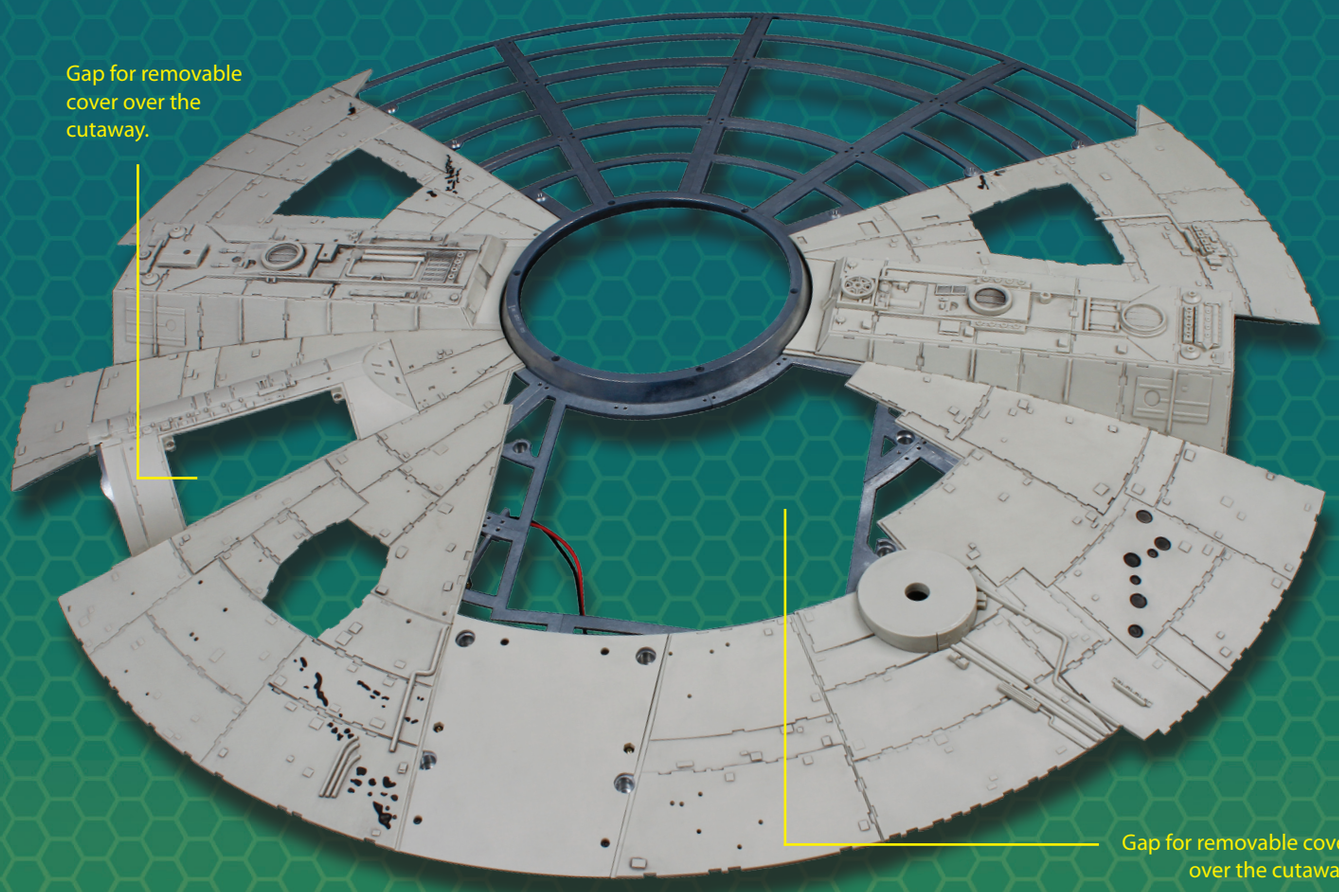
Screw TP-27 to the frame.

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Check that all the panels are firmly fixed in place.

This completes the assembly for this stage. You will soon start fitting the panels over the engine bay.



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