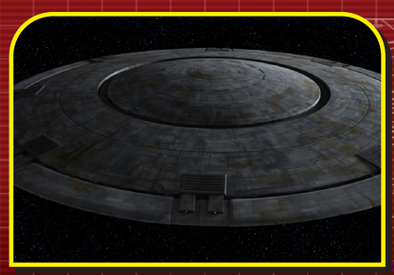
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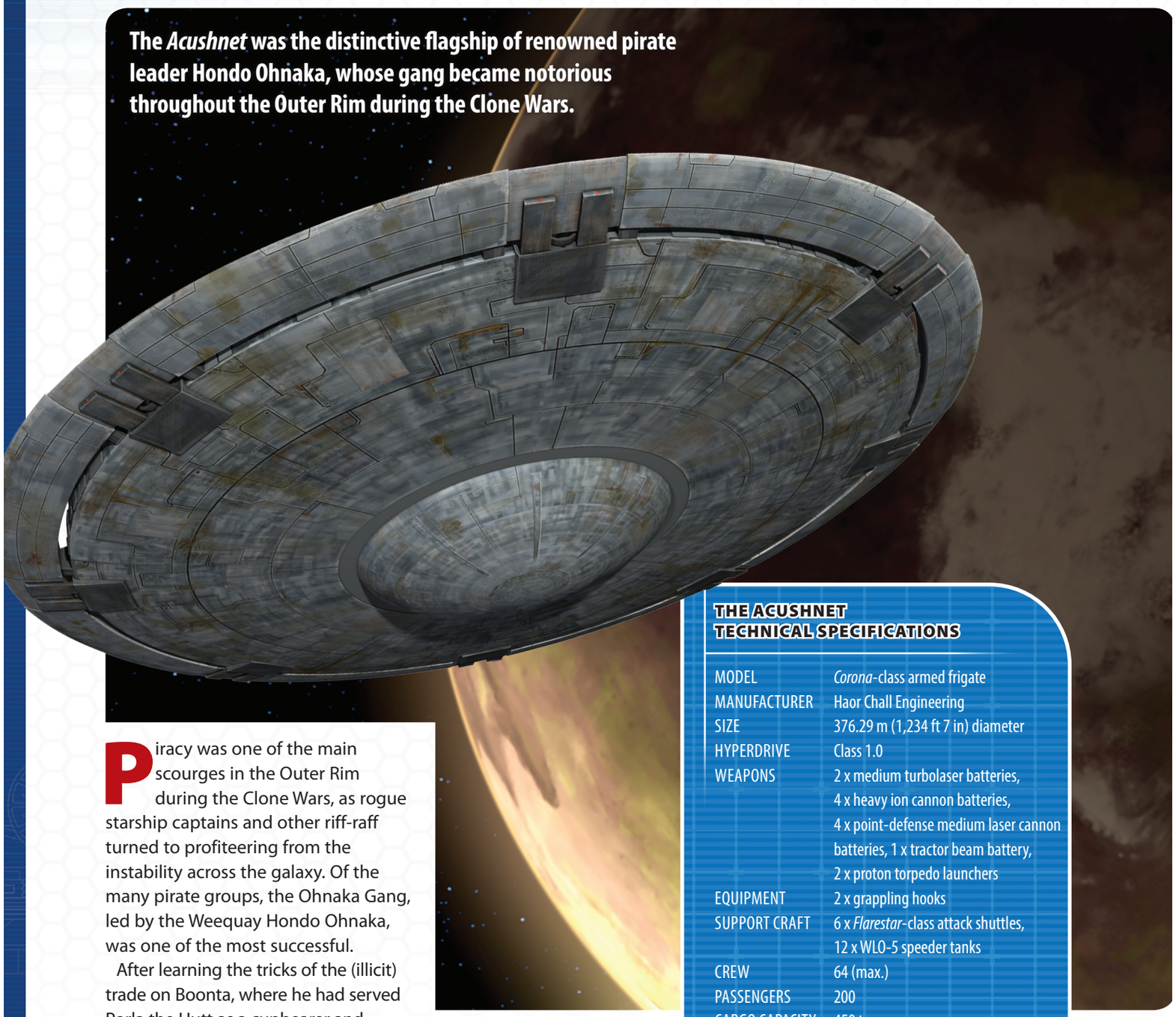
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CORONA-CLASS FRIGATE

THE *ACUSHNET* – HONDO OHNAKA'S FRIGATE

The *Acushnet* was the distinctive flagship of renowned pirate leader Hondo Ohnaka, whose gang became notorious throughout the Outer Rim during the Clone Wars.



Piracy was one of the main scourges in the Outer Rim during the Clone Wars, as rogue starship captains and other riff-raff turned to profiteering from the instability across the galaxy. Of the many pirate groups, the Ohnaka Gang, led by the Weequay Hondo Ohnaka, was one of the most successful.

After learning the tricks of the (illicit) trade on Boonta, where he had served Porla the Hutt as a cupbearer and adviser, Hondo Ohnaka had run off with a couple of other servants to start a new life. The life they chose was that of piracy, and before long Hondo and

Hondo Ohnaka's flagship was not the most powerful vessel flown during the Clone Wars, but might well have been one of the most distinctive. Travelling throughout the Outer Rim with his gang, the Weequay became rich and infamous in equal measure.

THE ACUSHNET TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	*Corona*-class armed frigate
MANUFACTURER	Haor Chall Engineering
SIZE	376.29 m (1,234 ft 7 in) diameter
HYPERDRIVE	Class 1.0
WEAPONS	2 x medium turbolaser batteries, 4 x heavy ion cannon batteries, 4 x point-defense medium laser cannon batteries, 1 x tractor beam battery, 2 x proton torpedo launchers
EQUIPMENT	2 x grappling hooks
SUPPORT CRAFT	6 x *Flarestar*-class attack shuttles, 12 x WLO-5 speeder tanks
CREW	64 (max.)
PASSENGERS	200
CARGO CAPACITY	450 tonnes
CONSUMABLES	1 year
AFFILIATION	Hondo Ohnaka

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SURRONIAN CRUISER

The *Corona*-class was a knock-off of an ancient and rare design, known by historians as the Surronian Cruiser. The saucer-shaped frigates had originally been presented by its manufacturer, the renowned Haor Chall Engineering, to the Confederacy of Independent Systems. But when the CIS Council decided against using the craft, as they weren't able to adequately transport their droid armies, the limited run was sold off to become collectors' items – or, in the case of the *Acushnet,* the flagship of a stylish pirate leader.

his gang begun ambushing ships travelling in the remote region of space situated between the Corporate Sector and the Tion Hegemony. On the planet Farana, located in Wild Space, Hondo stumbled upon an arsenal of starships from a collector of antiquities. Aside from six *Flarestar*-class attack shuttles, the first prize was a *Corona*-class armed frigate, begging to become Ohnaka's flagship.

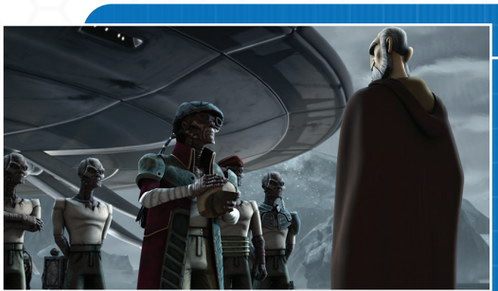
Sure enough, Hondo managed to acquire the *Corona*-class, which he named the *Acushnet*, by wreaking chaos around Farana. The collector promised no retribution if the Ohnaka Gang would just leave with the *Corona* and its *Flarestars*. Hondo left, but not before having accepted an additional bribe. This swindle allowed Hondo command of his own personal fleet and, as the reputation and prowess of his gang grew, he was able to establish a headquarters on Florrum.



The *Acushnet*'s eight landing struts also functioned as loading ramps, though cargo elevators were also present to load the heaviest cargo into the ship's docking bay.

TO FIT HONDO'S EGO

The striking, circular *Acushnet* measured 376.29 m (1,234 ft 7 in) across, with no true fore or aft section. When flying, the ship's outer section would spin rapidly around the inner section, which propelled it as well as giving it a very recognizable sound. The maximum crew for the frigate was 64, but Hondo usually used far fewer seasoned pirates to run the ship. It was also very well armed, with



HONDO OHNAKA

Sold into servitude at a young age, Hondo Ohnaka's ambition saw him go on to become one of the most successful pirates of the Clone Wars era. A natural leader, Hondo wasn't afraid to strike a deal whenever he had no alternative, but, during the reign of the Empire, the old pirate's power and influence gradually diminished, and he found himself without a crew.

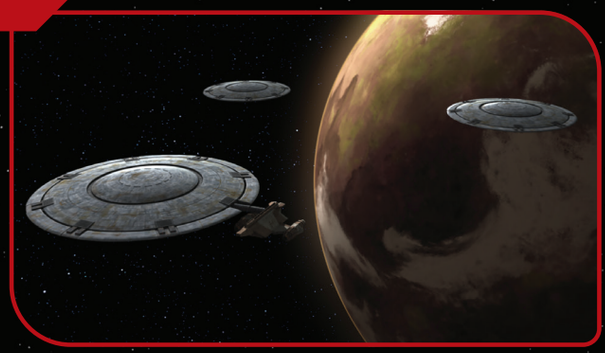
Stylish and self-made, sharp and sure-footed, Hondo Ohnaka was a natural leader. Along with his pirate gang, Hondo would become one of the most infamous pirates of the Clone Wars era.

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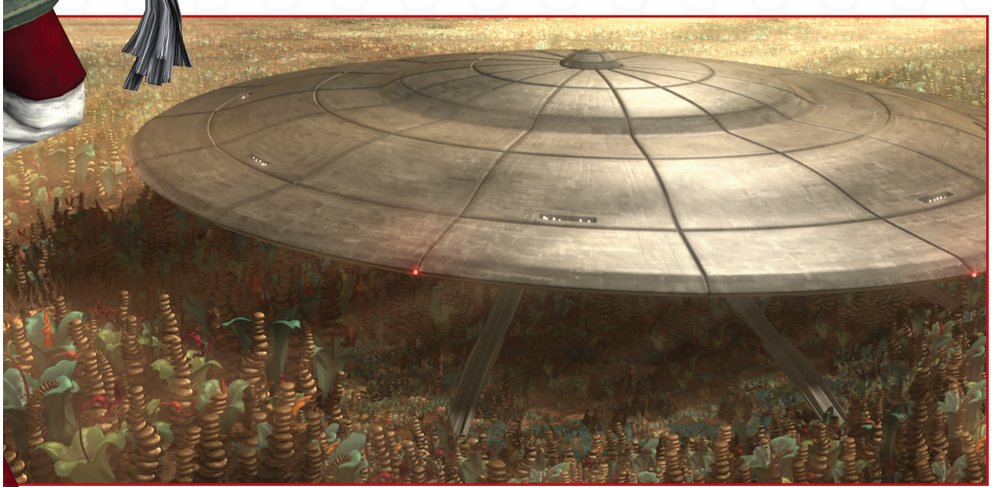
ATTACK ON FLORRUM

NEW CORONAS

After the devastating raid by General Grievous on Hondo's headquarters on Florrum, Hondo used smaller vessels, such as the *Fortune and Glory*, to get his crew to safety. However, Hondo still had some aces up his sleeve, and, while he stored the *Acushnet* itself out of sight from both his allies and enemies, he soon acquired three additional *Corona*-class frigates. These were used by Hondo's captains Jiro, Sabo, and Goru as mobile bases, from which they patrolled the Florrum system to avoid another surprise visit from the CIS. After a temporary mutiny by Jiro and Goru, staged under the influence of Darth Maul and Savage Opress, the Ohnaka Gang reformed and took again to the skies in its *Coronas*, to continue its hunt for limitless wealth.



Though the *Acushnet* itself was stored safely out of sight after the sacking of Hondo's base by Grievous, three more *Corona*-class friagates were acquired by the Ohnaka Gang, and were used as mobile bases patrolling the Florrum system.



The wide, shiny, saucer-like *Acushnet* was nothing if not distinctive. It was meant to be: Hondo Ohnaka wanted anyone and everyone in the vicinity to pay attention when he made his entrance.

turbolasers, ion cannons, point-defense laser cannons, a tractor beam, and two large grappling hooks to reel in hijacked enemy vessels.

The ship possessed several extendable docking tubes to latch the *Acushnet* onto captured ships, which were deployed when a small section of the circular hull opened up. When grounded, the ship perched on eight landing struts resembling the tentacles of a prehistoric sea creature, which extended from the sloped underside of the hull. The distinctive sound and appearance of the vast *Acushnet* was – wholly intentionally – designed to announce that Hondo and his infamous gang had arrived.

STYLE AND PURPOSE

The frigate's circular cockpit was spacious, but, despite the presence of many artificial lights and large illuminated computer terminals, the space remained fairly dark, with the slightly elevated captain's seat in its center.

The *Acushnet* was fast and could take on multiple roles. Its array of weaponry could destroy ships completely, or render them inoperable, depending on the mission. It certainly wasn't the most powerful ship on the market, but it boasted a more than decent cargo capacity, which was used for vessels, troops or stolen loot. Such attributes made it the perfect vessel for an organization such as Hondo's, but, most importantly, the *Acushnet*'s uniqueness appealed to Hondo's sense of style.

BEHIND THE SCENES

CLASSIC SCI-FI

Also called Weequay Saucer Ships, the *Corona*-class recalls the familiar representation of a UFO, seen in many classic science fiction movies of the 1950s, such as *Earth vs the Flying Saucers* (1956). This iconic design had been suggested for several *Star Wars* projects, planned to be developed as a Trade Federation or Alderaanian vessel, but it was ultimately left on the drawing board. The saucer shape was finally picked up when developing Hondo Ohnaka's vessel for *Dooku Captured*, the eleventh episode of the first season of *The Clone Wars*, and after its debut, the *Acushnet* would make multiple appearances in the series. Its final confirmed appearance was in *A Test of Strength* (season five), although other *Corona*-class frigates would appear afterwards.



Hondo Ohnaka used the *Acushnet* to attack the *Crucible*, which carried a party of Jedi Padawans from Ilum to Coruscant.

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MAIN SENSOR RECTENNA

Most of the *Millennium Falcon*'s sophisticated sensor and communications systems are based on the military-grade rectenna that gives its crew vital early warnings of trouble.



The *Millennium Falcon*'s rectenna was struck clean from its position on the hull's upper port side, when Lando Calrissian flew the ship into the narrow conduit tunnels of the second Death Star during the Battle of Endor.

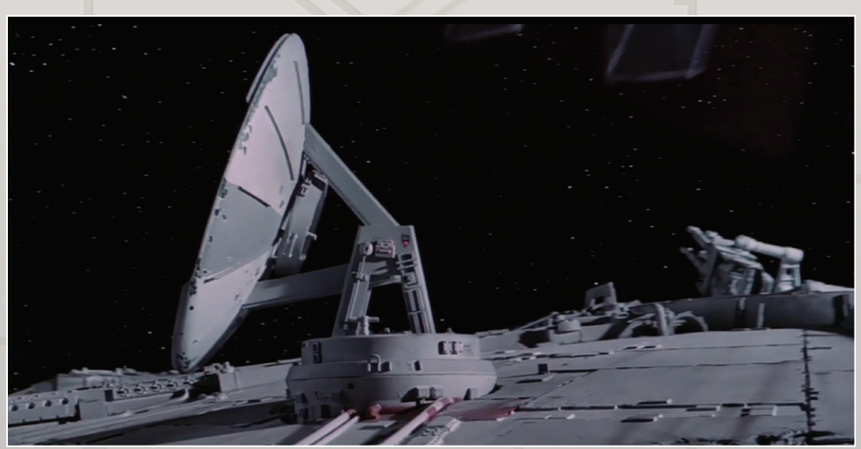
One of the most visible external signs that the *Millennium Falcon* was no ordinary tramp freighter was the large rectenna sensor dish mounted on the forward port side of the upper hull, opposite the cockpit. Its ability to detect trouble at long distance was key to helping Han Solo avoid unwanted entanglements with Imperial officials and rival smugglers. However, the *Falcon*'s circular rectenna was swept away when it struck a bulkhead girder in a conduit tunnel during the dash through the superstructure of the second Death Star at the Battle of Endor, and had to be replaced with a smaller one.

RANGE AND SENSITIVITY

Rectennas are commonly installed on YT-1300 light freighters, but CEC's standard rectangular model sensor is much smaller than the military-grade circular dish that was mounted on the *Falcon*. Purely in terms of area, the latter was some 75 per cent larger, but its capability was also in a wholly different league. It was linked to a Fabritech ANq-51 sensor array computer that controlled the ship's active and passive sensors, short-range target acquisition equipment, ship-to-ship transmitters, and jamming systems.

Standing 4.5 m (14 ft 9 in) high, the rectenna's range stretched out for more than 1.5 light-seconds. The dish was mounted on a steerable double A-frame, whose whole base rotated through 360 degrees to sweep the entire area around the *Falcon*, while two attitude adjuster servos were used to rotate the dish to angle up at different altitudes above the plane of the ship's hull. Used together, these controls meant that the rectenna could scan or transmit signals across a hemisphere extending out half a million kilometers above the ship. Of course, it was impossible for beams to penetrate the hull (and the dish could not be depressed below a line slightly above the horizontal), so it was necessary to roll the ship to cover the area below it.

Similarly, the offset location of the cockpit means that all YT-1300s have a large blind spot. To minimize this, regular pilots become used to putting the ship into a slow left-hand roll when



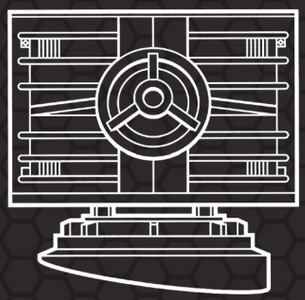
In the world of smuggling, it always paid to know if anyone was on your tail – be it an Imperial patrol or rival criminals. To stay one step ahead, Han Solo upgraded the *Millennium Falcon*'s rectenna.

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RECTENNA DESIGN

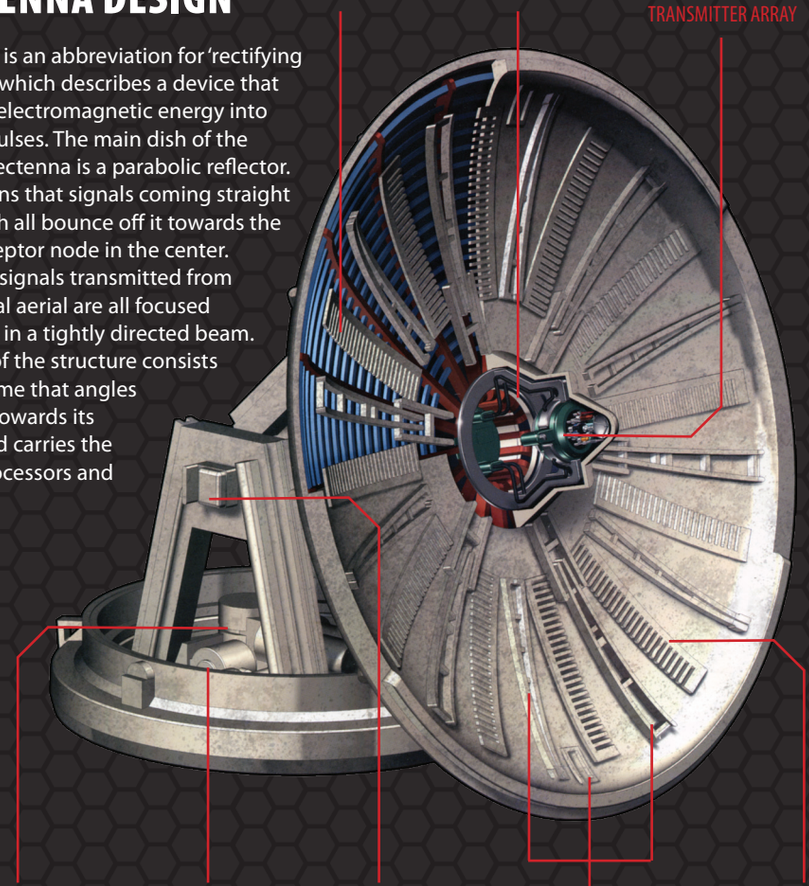
Rectenna is an abbreviation for 'rectifying antenna', which describes a device that converts electromagnetic energy into electric pulses. The main dish of the *Falcon*'s rectenna is a parabolic reflector. That means that signals coming straight at the dish all bounce off it towards the small receptor node in the center. Similarly, signals transmitted from the central aerial are all focused outwards in a tightly directed beam. The rest of the structure consists of the frame that angles the dish towards its target and carries the signal processors and amplifier.

CIVILIAN MODEL SENSOR DISH



MILITARY MODEL SENSOR DISH



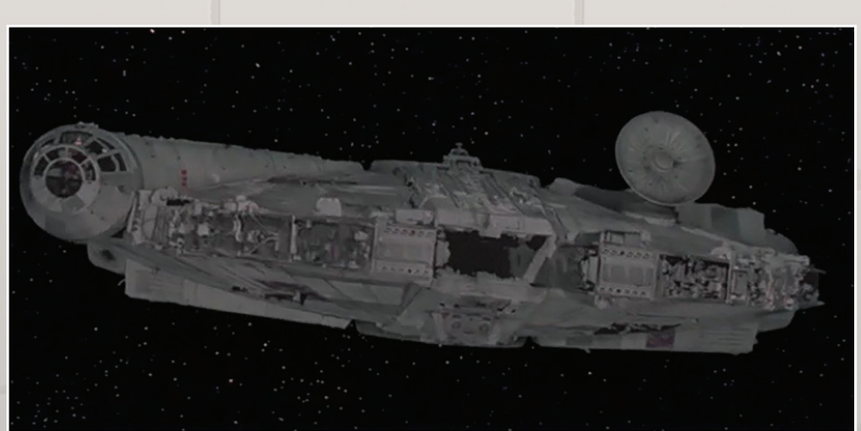


CEC's standard-issue sensor rectenna for YT-1300 light freighters was a modestly sized rectangular model (near image), but, until the Battle of Endor at least, the *Millennium Falcon* boasted a much larger, much more powerful – though illegal – military-grade model (far image).

making a close approach in docking, or when coming under heavy fire. The *Falcon*'s large rectenna made its blind spot much bigger than usual.

FABRITECH

Fabritech is a long-established leading manufacturer of sensors and comms devices, ranging from small handheld comlinks to the largest starship-mounted equipment. Based on Fabrin, in the Expansion Region, the company has an enviable reputation for quality and durability, and was a major supplier to both sides in the Galactic Civil War.



Seen here in its forward-pointing configuration, the *Millennium Falcon*'s 4.5 metre-high rectenna could also be pivoted through 360 degrees, allowing Han Solo and Chewbacca to scan or transmit to a vast area of space around the ship.

BACK TO BASICS

One of the last times the *Millennium Falcon* is seen in the original trilogy is during its daring assault on the second Death Star, in the climactic Battle of Endor scene from *Return of the Jedi*. In the scene, the craft's distinctive round rectenna is struck from the hull as Lando Calrissian flies into the narrow conduit tunnels of the battle station to attack its reactor core. By the time the iconic ship is seen in 2015's *The Force Awakens*, set some three decades after *Return of the Jedi*, it is no longer in the possession of Han Solo, having been stolen and fallen into disrepair, sitting unused in a junkyard on Jakku. One of the differences immediately noticeable from the earlier films is that Solo's custom-built round sensor dish has been replaced with a more standard-model rectangular rectenna.

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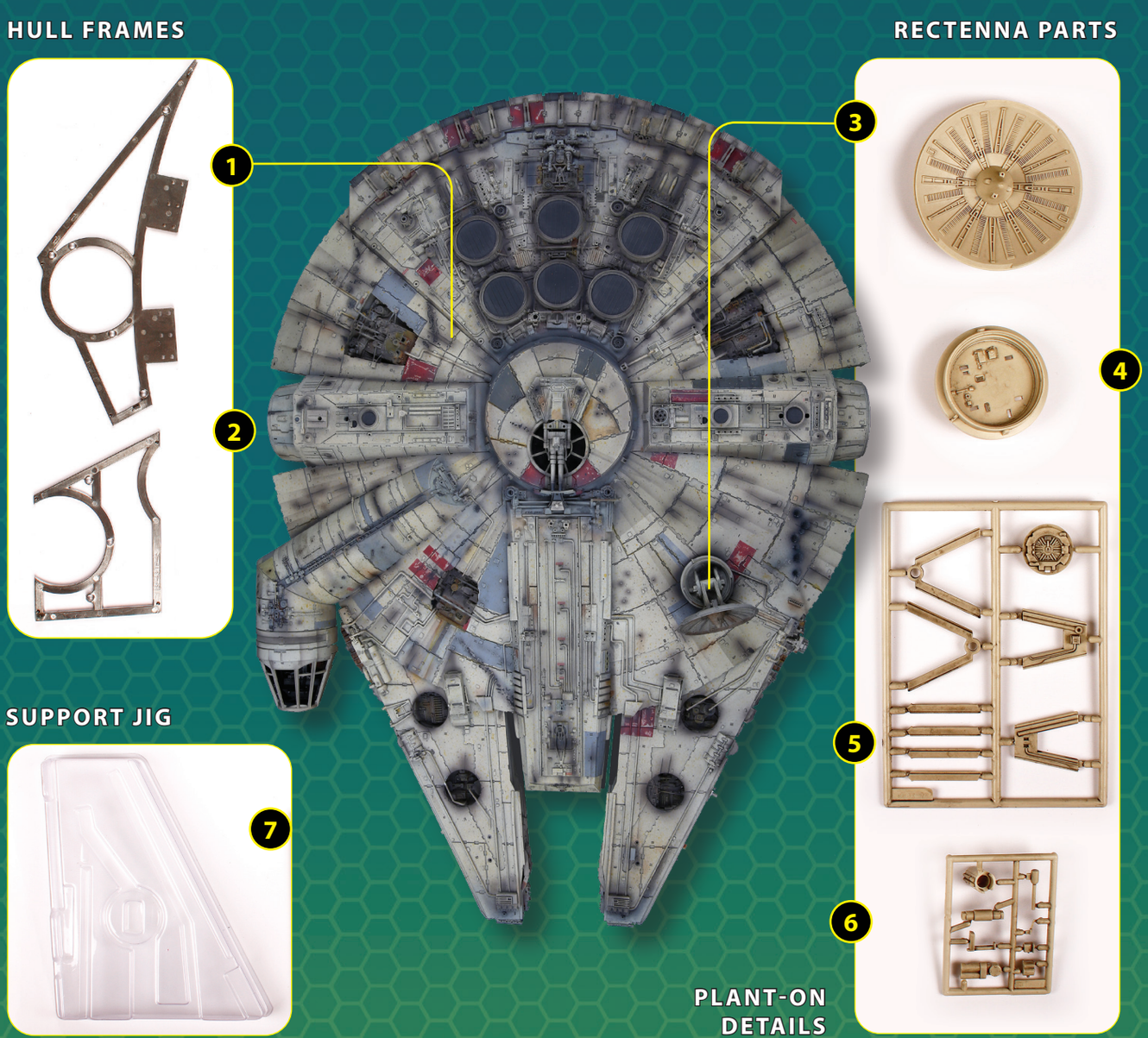
COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1. Bottom frame BF-42 (mandible)
2. Bottom frame BF-43 (mandible)
3. Rectenna dish
4. Rectenna mount
5. Rectenna frame parts (9 on sprue)
6. Rectenna plant-on details (8 on sprue)
7. Support jig

This issue's parts include all the components you need to assemble the *Falcon*'s rectenna dish and its mountings. You have also received the first frames and support jig for the forward mandibles, which you will start making soon.

The steps on the next four pages show you how to build the rectenna and test-fit it to the upper hull. The dish is on a movable mounting, which is free to tilt and revolve to any position. Keep the parts for the mandibles until you have received the next set of components and the blueprint that shows where all the frames and panels fit.

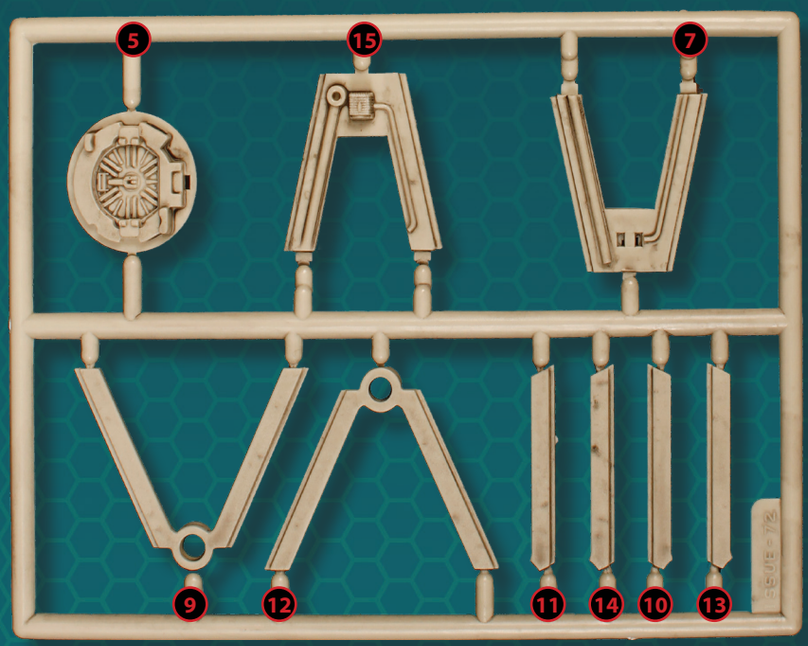
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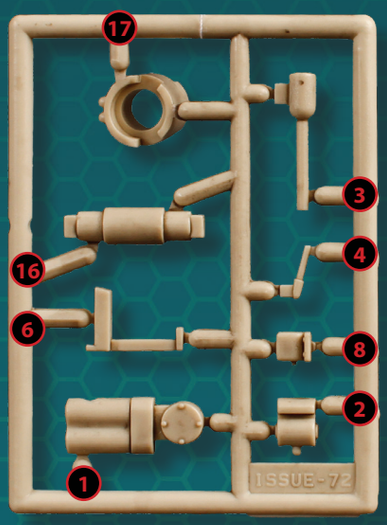
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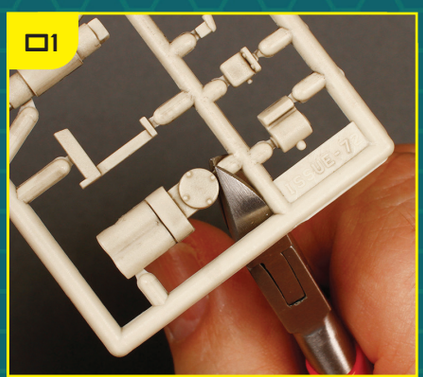
The work in this stage begins with you adding the small plant-on details to the circular revolving mount.



Most of the parts for this stage are supplied on the two sprues, which include both plant-on details and structural components. Follow the numbers below carefully to identify each one.

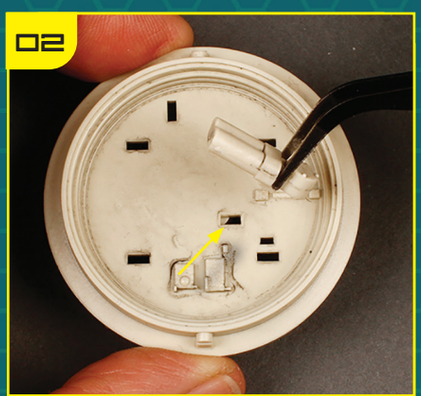


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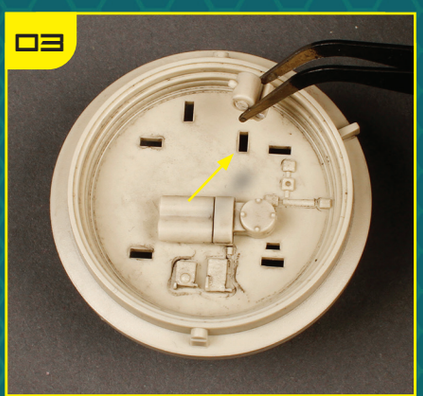
Start by removing detail (1) from the smaller sprue.

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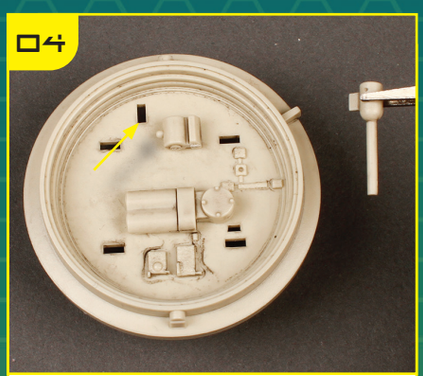
Glue (1) into this hole.

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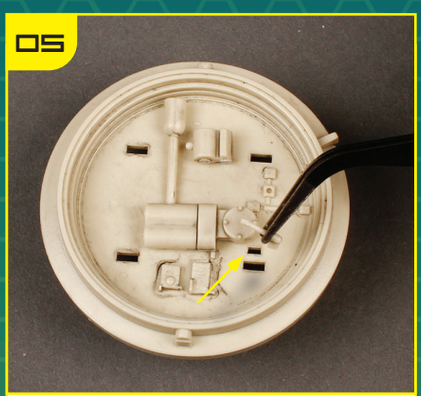
Glue (2) into this hole.

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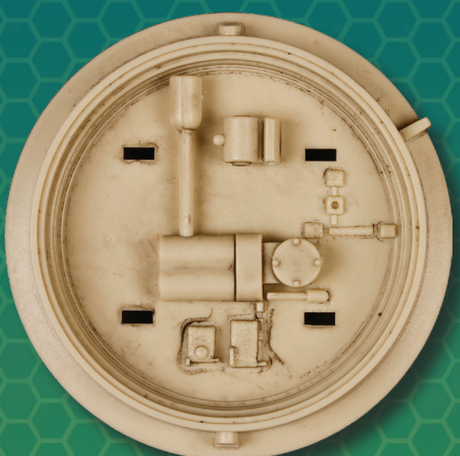
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Glue (4) into this hole.

The completed mount should look like this.

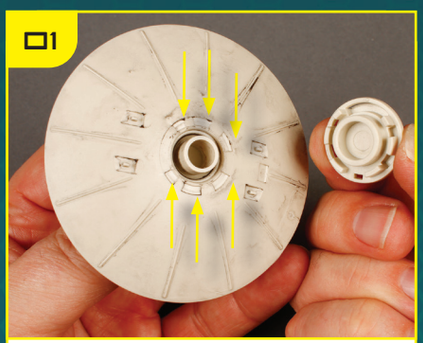


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ADDING DETAILS TO THE DISH

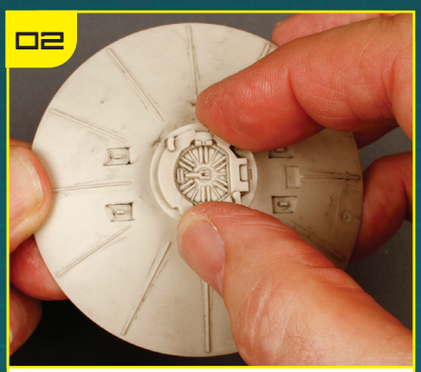
There are two plant-on details on the back of the rectenna dish, one of which is supplied on each of the sprues.

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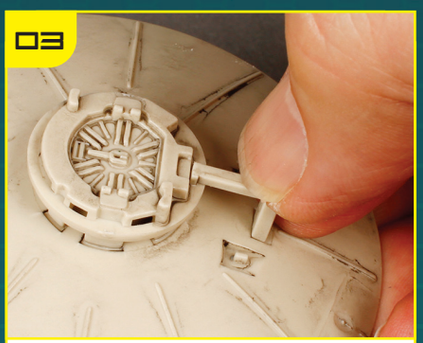
Start with detail (5), supplied on the larger sprue. It has six pins on the back, which match recesses in the rectenna.

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Glue detail (5) in place. It only fits this way around.

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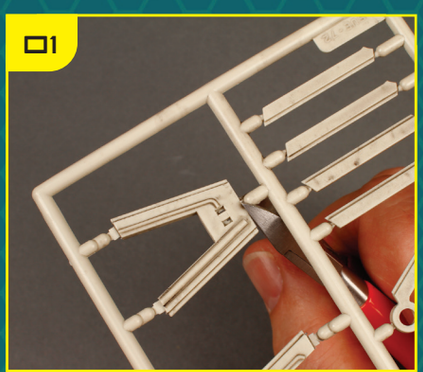


Glue detail (6), which is on the smaller sprue, into the recesses in the rectenna and detail (5).

ASSEMBLING THE A-FRAMES

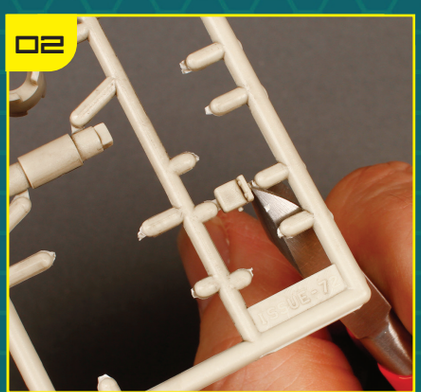
The rectenna support consists of four A-frames, which are joined at the points by a pivot bar inside a hollow tube. It is important that no glue gets in between the bar and the tube, as it will stop the dish from tilting, so the parts are assembled dry between Steps 8 and 16.

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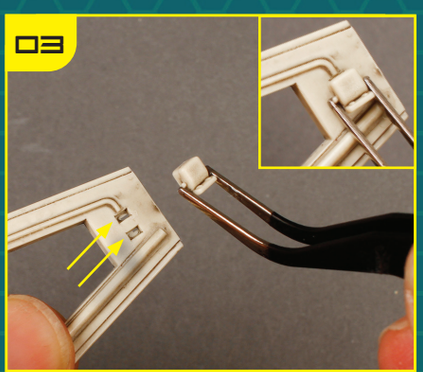
Start by removing the first A-frame (7) from the larger sprue.

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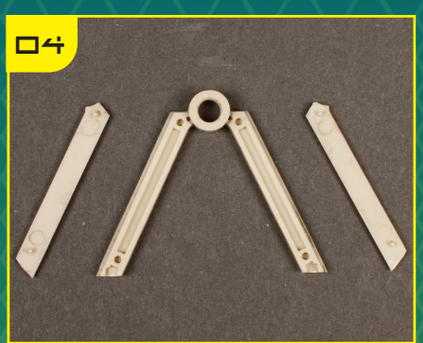
Remove detail (8) from the other sprue.

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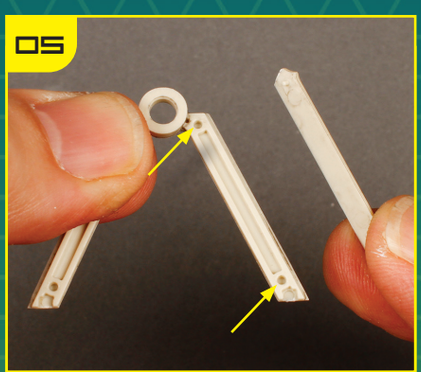
Glue detail (8) to these two recesses in (7), noting which way round it goes.

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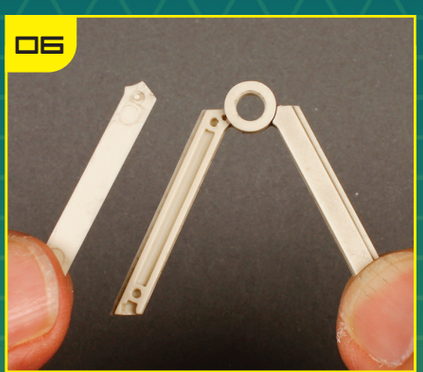
Collect A-frame (9) and the two reinforcing bars (10) and (11), and lay them out in this order.

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Glue (10) to (9), fitting the pins on the ends of (10) into these two holes.

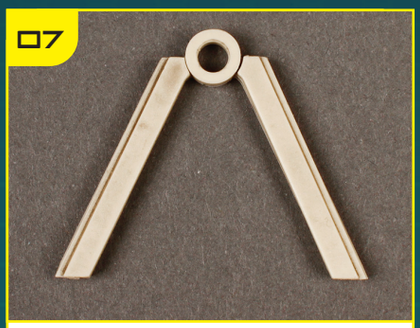
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Glue (11) to the other arm of (9) in a similar way.

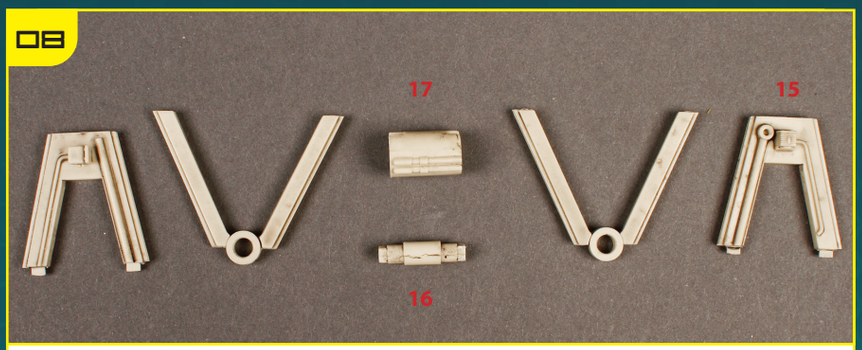
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07



Assemble a matching A frame from parts (12), (13) and (14) in the same way as in Steps 4 to 6.

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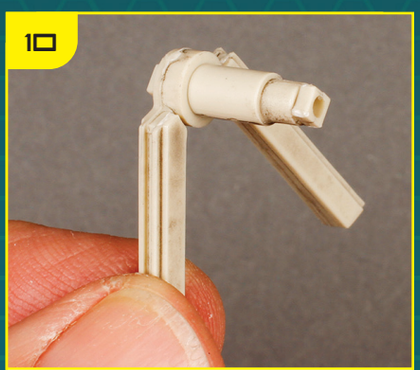
Take the frames you completed in Steps 3, 6 and 7, plus parts (15), (16) and (17), and lay them out as shown above.

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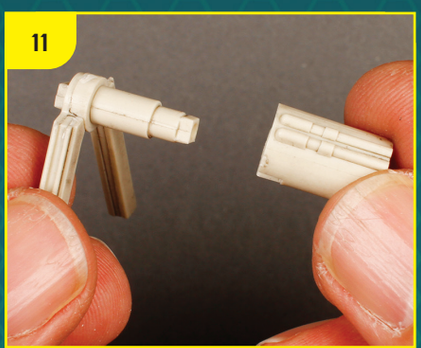
Insert one end of the pivot (16) into the A frame from Step 6 or 7, working from the side that you glued the parts to.

10



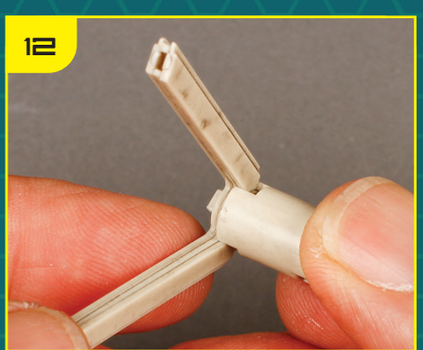
The assembly should look like this.

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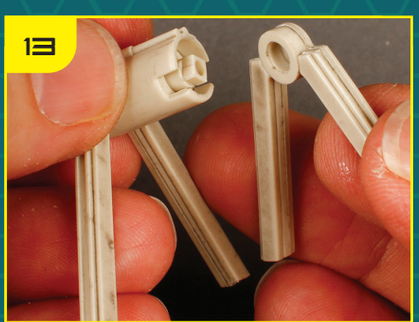
Fit the tube (17) over the pivot like this, noting which way up it goes.

12



Fit the notches in the ends of (17) over the legs of the A frame as shown.

13



Fit the matching A frame over the other end of the pivot, fitting the legs of the A frame into the two notches in the tube.

14



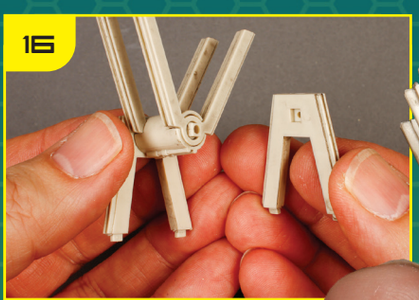
The assembly should look like this.

15



Fit the square end of the pivot into the square recess in (15).

16



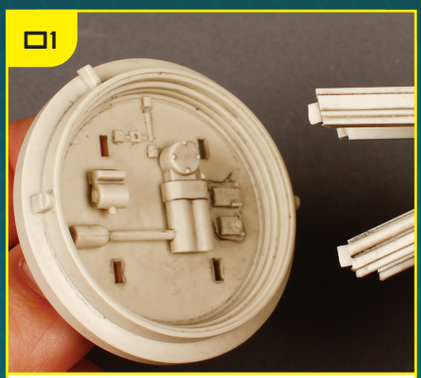
Fit the assembly from Step 3 over the other end of the pivot.

Keep the whole A-frame assembly pushed firmly together until you lock the outer frames into the mount.

ASSEMBLING THE RECTENNA

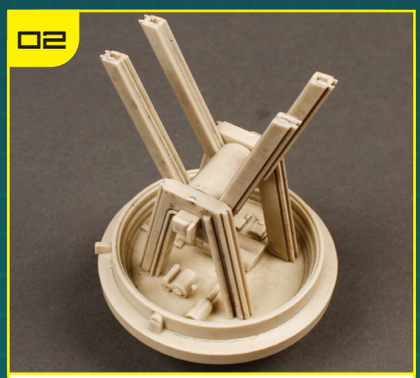
The section of plating you have received with this issue will complete the removable panel that you began in Stage 68. As before, you use shaped strips to connect the parts.

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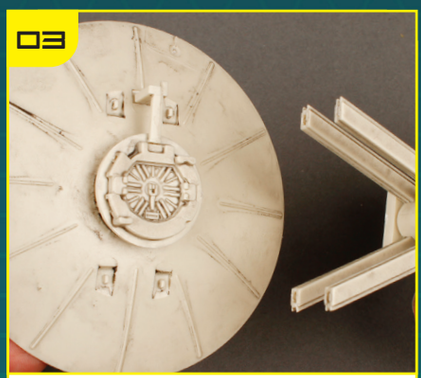
Glue the four tabs on the ends of the A frames into the slots in the mount.

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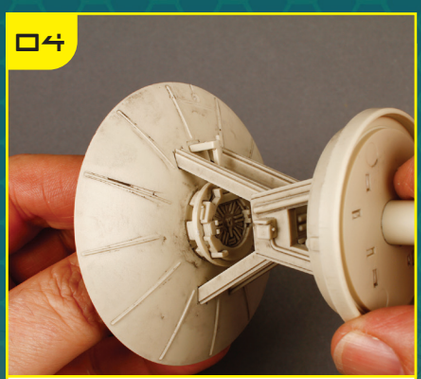
Make sure the A frames are flush with each other at the pivot point.

03



There are four recesses on the back of the dish that match the ends of the frames.

04



Glue the A frames to the back of the rectenna.

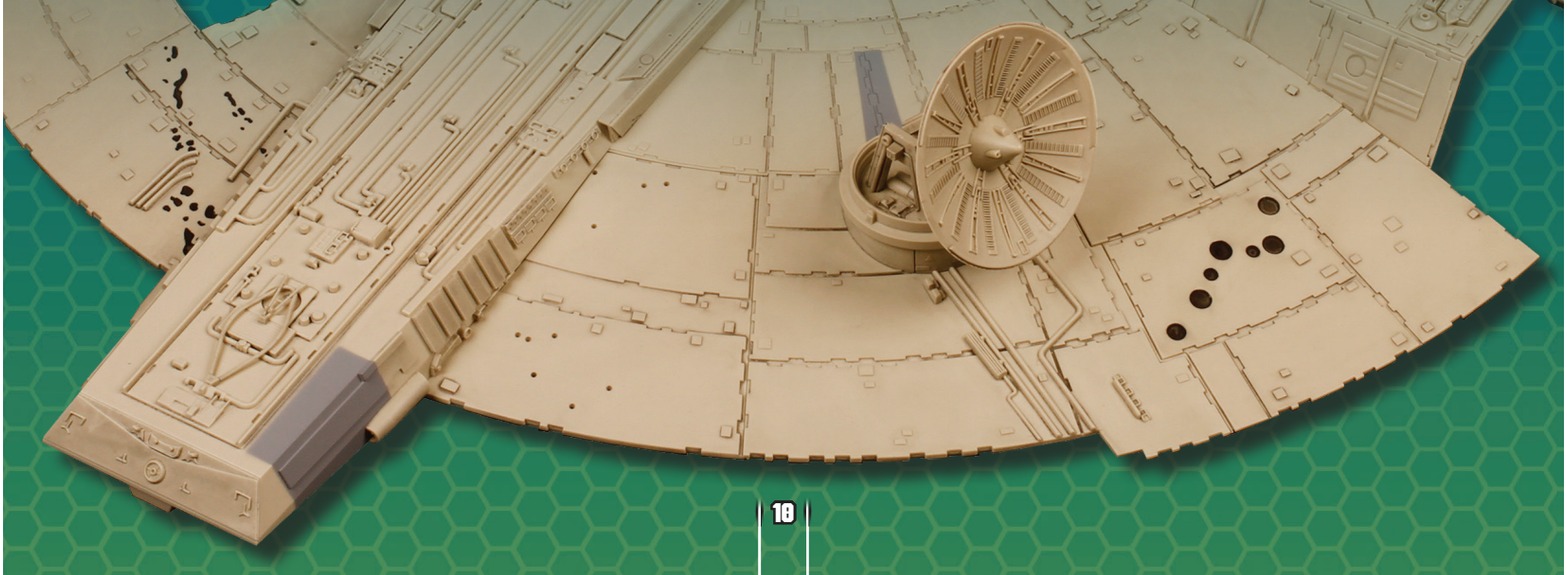




Make sure the dish pivots freely up and down.

FITTING THE RECTENNA

You can test-fit the pin on the back of the rectenna mount into the hole in the plating and check that it revolves freely.



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