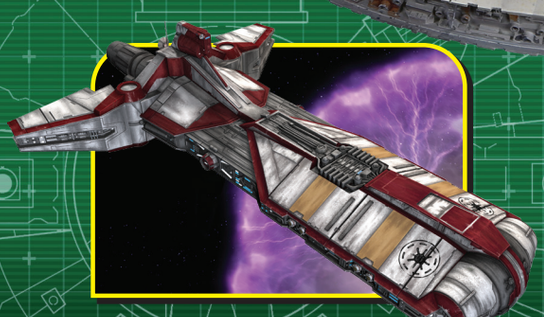
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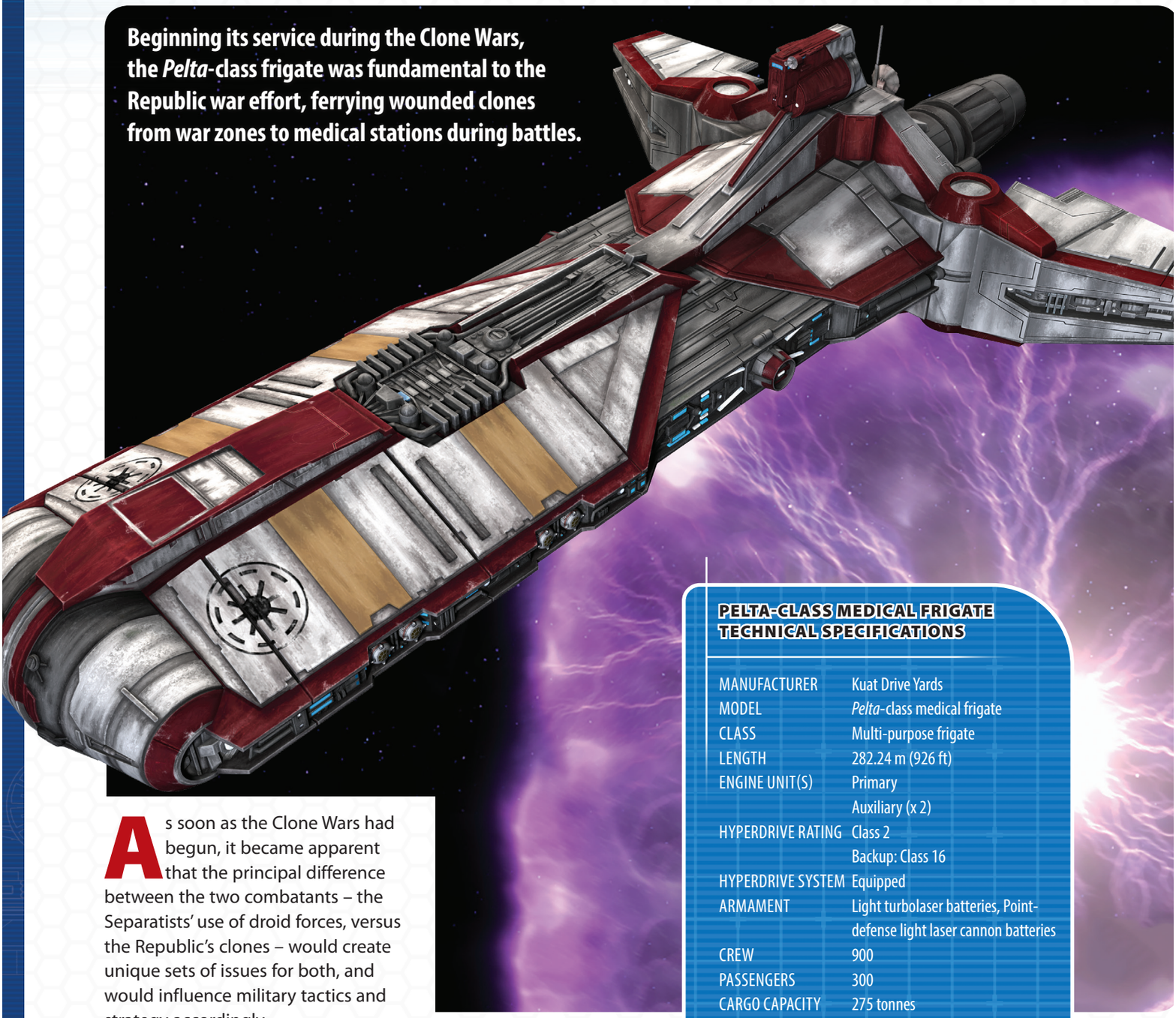
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MULTI-PURPOSE FRIGATE

PELTA-CLASS MEDICAL FRIGATE

Beginning its service during the Clone Wars, the *Pelta*-class frigate was fundamental to the Republic war effort, ferrying wounded clones from war zones to medical stations during battles.



As soon as the Clone Wars had begun, it became apparent that the principal difference between the two combatants – the Separatists' use of droid forces, versus the Republic's clones – would create unique sets of issues for both, and would influence military tactics and strategy accordingly.

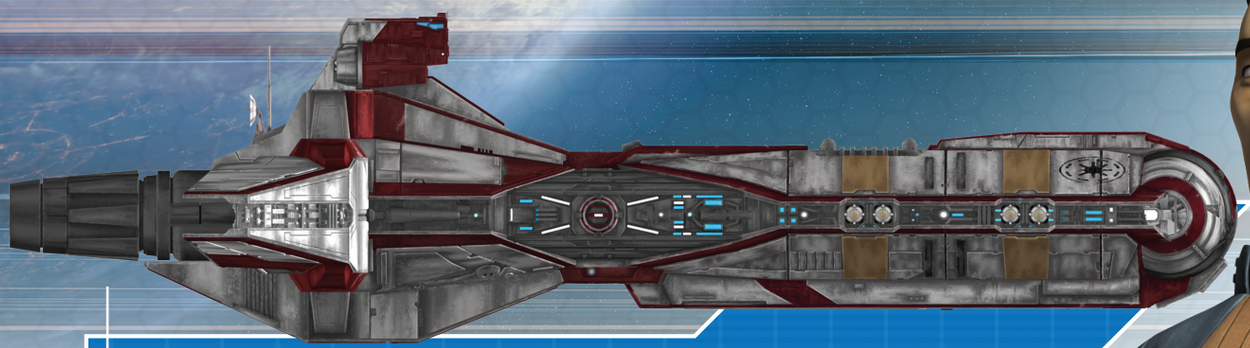
The battle droids that formed the backbone of the CIS army were produced in such impossibly large numbers, and in so many different

Built as a response to the large numbers of casualties sustained by the Republic's clone forces as the Clone Wars raged across the galaxy, the *Pelta*-class medical frigate was a trusty, relatively well-armed and armoured resource for the Republic army.

PELTA-CLASS MEDICAL FRIGATE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER	Kuat Drive Yards
MODEL	*Pelta*-class medical frigate
CLASS	Multi-purpose frigate
LENGTH	282.24 m (926 ft)
ENGINE UNIT(S)	Primary Auxiliary (x 2)
HYPERDRIVE RATING	Class 2 Backup: Class 16
HYPERDRIVE SYSTEM	Equipped
ARMAMENT	Light turbolaser batteries, Point-defense light laser cannon batteries
CREW	900
PASSENGERS	300
CARGO CAPACITY	275 tonnes
CONSUMABLES	1 month
AFFILIATION	Galactic Republic Rebel Alliance

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EXPLOITED

After the humiliation of Grand Moff Tarkin at Mustafar, the Emperor dispatched Darth Vader to deal with the Lothal rebels. Vader followed them until they led him directly to the Phoenix fleet group. The Dark Lord didn't even pause, cutting through the A-wing fighter screen and attacking *Phoenix Home*. Using his knowledge of the *Pelta*-class from his days as a Republic general, Vader targeted the frigate's weak spots, knocking out the shields and then the hyperdrive core. Internal fires ravaged *Phoenix Home*, and Commander Sato was forced to abandon ship.



Kuat Drive Yards' *Pelta*-class bears close similarities to its more famous design, the *Consular*-class corvette, one of which was used by early Alliance leader Bail Organa.

locations, that it is impossible to give an accurate figure as to how many were ever manufactured. This, along with the fact that they were, in essence, disposable units, meant that one Republic clone trooper was seen as being worth dozens of droids. As such, the Republic was more concerned about the quality of its troops than their number. 'Growing' their clones troops took time. Training them took more time. It also took time for the clones to gain battle experience – and, naturally, required them to survive long enough to pass on such knowledge to their 'greener' comrades. To allow for this, getting injured troops off the battlefield and to where they could be treated quickly became a top Republic priority – and that was where the *Pelta*-class frigate came in.

MERCY MISSION

Designed and manufactured by Kuat Drive Yards, there was no shame in mistaking the *Pelta* frigates for being a Corellian design. Resembling CEC's famous *Consular*-class corvettes, the *Pelta*-class frigate followed another Corellian obsession. It was designed to be highly modular, with its internal and external systems and layout able to be swapped around in a matter of hours, by an experienced and appropriately equipped tech team.



Rebel commander Jun Sato was the captain of the *Pelta*-class frigate *Phoenix Home*, but was forced to abandon the modified vessel after an assault by Vader's TIE Advanced x1.



COMMANDER JUN SATO

The human commander of the Phoenix rebel cell, Sato was one of the senior commanders brought in to the Rebellion by Senator Bail Organa of Alderaan. He worked regularly with the senior agent 'Fulcrum' – the codename for former Jedi Padawan Ahsoka Tano. Sato led the Phoenix fleet group that went to the rescue of the Lothal rebel cell at Mustafar, later adding the *Ghost* and its crew to their number. While the loss of *Phoenix Home* to an Imperial attack weakened the rebel cell, the *Ghost* and its crew made up for the loss many times over.

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COLD DEFENCE

AHSOKA AND THE BRAIN WORMS

During the Clone Wars, Padawans Ahsoka Tano and Barriss Offee were given light duties after their life-threatening, but hugely successful, part in the Republic victory at the Second Battle of Geonosis. Aboard a *Pelta*-class vessel, the two Jedi were to transport medical supplies to Mace Windu and his troops. Unfortunately, a clone trooper had become infected by a 'brain worm' – a parasite unique to Geonosis that allowed the Geonosian Queen to reanimate and control dead Geonosians. The clone trooper, Scythe, brought eggs aboard the frigate. These hatched, and soon the entire crew were dead or under the control of the brain worms. Even Barriss Offee was taken over before Ahsoka Tano was able to flood the ship with freezing coolant, driving the worm from Barriss and the clone troopers, and saving the ship and its vital cargo.



A *Pelta*-class frigate played host to one of Ahsoka Tano and Barriss Offee's more gruesome encounters of the Clone Wars, when an infestation of Geonosian brain worms infested the ship, costing the lives of many Republic troops.

The vessel was intended primarily as a medical transport – but, being well armed, was no defenseless martyr in combat. Packing turbolasers and point-defense laser cannon, the *Pelta*-class frigate was also reasonably well armored. This was one reason why the frigates were selected to transport clone troopers at their most vulnerable.

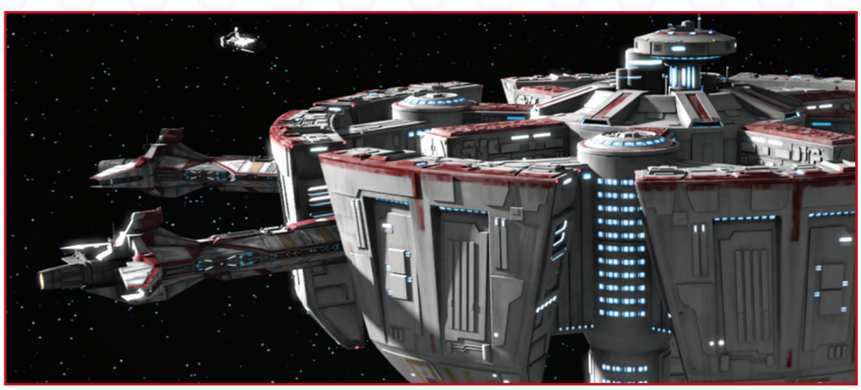
SAFE HAVEN

When the Republic commissioned the *Haven*-class medical stations, particular attention was paid to the vessel that would be most often travelling to and from it. As such, docking ports capable of locking in to those on both sides of the *Pelta*-class were set around the outer circle of the medical station superstructure. These wedge-shaped 'cut-outs' allowed the frigates to dock as quickly and efficiently as possible, delivering their cargo of injured clones to receive urgent medical attention without delay.

FROM THE ASHES OF EMPIRE

As with so many Republic vessels, when the Clone Wars ended and the older order replaced by Palpatine's Galactic Empire, the *Pelta*-class frigates were sold off or moth-balled – as were the *Haven*-class medical stations with which it had worked so closely. As a result, a number fell into the hands of the nascent Rebel Alliance.

One such *Pelta* was *Phoenix Home*, sometimes called *Phoenix Base*. Given additional armor plating and slightly upgraded deflector shields, the ship was the lead vessel in a mobile rebel cell commanded by Jun Sato that also included three CR90 corvettes and a flight of A-wing starfighters. To allow for the transport and maintenance of the fighters, a small hangar was built into the hull of the vessel. *Phoenix Home* also carried a number of RGC-6b escape pods, while other upgrades included its briefing room's CS-Mark 9 holoprojector table.



The Republic's *Pelta*-class medical frigates partnered up with the larger *Haven*-class medical stations perfectly, the latter being specially designed to enable quick, life-saving transferral of injured troops from the frigates.

BEHIND THE SCENES

SATO AND JUN

Commander Jun Sato was a character created for the second season of the animated television series *Star Wars Rebels*, being introduced in the first episode of the new season. His name pays respect to two influential figures in Japanese cinema, the director Jun Fukuda and score composer Masaru Sato, who worked together on the iconic *Godzilla* series. The idea to use the names for the new rebel commander came from *Star Wars Rebels* Executive Producer Dave Filoni, who cited 1974's *Godzilla vs. Mechagodzilla* as being his favorite film, and who had previously paid homage to the *Godzilla* movies with the Zillo Beast story arc when working on *Star Wars: The Clone Wars.*

***Star Wars Rebels* Executive Producer Dave Filoni paid tribute again to the *Godzilla* films with the naming of the new rebel commander Jun Sato, whose name derives from Jun Fukuda and Masaru Sato.**



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YOUR NEXT PARTS

COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1. Top frame TF-44 (mandible)
2. Top panel TP-30 (mandible)
3. 2-hole connectors x 2
4. Recess
5. Recess
6. Plant-on details (17 on sprue)

This issue's parts include the final frame for the upper side of the port mandible, and the plating to complete it. You also have two recesses to fit into the completed panel, with plant-on details to add to them.

In this stage, you complete the upper part of the port mandible and prepare the first two recesses before attaching them to the plating. All the parts provided will be needed for this assembly.

WHERE THE PARTS FIT

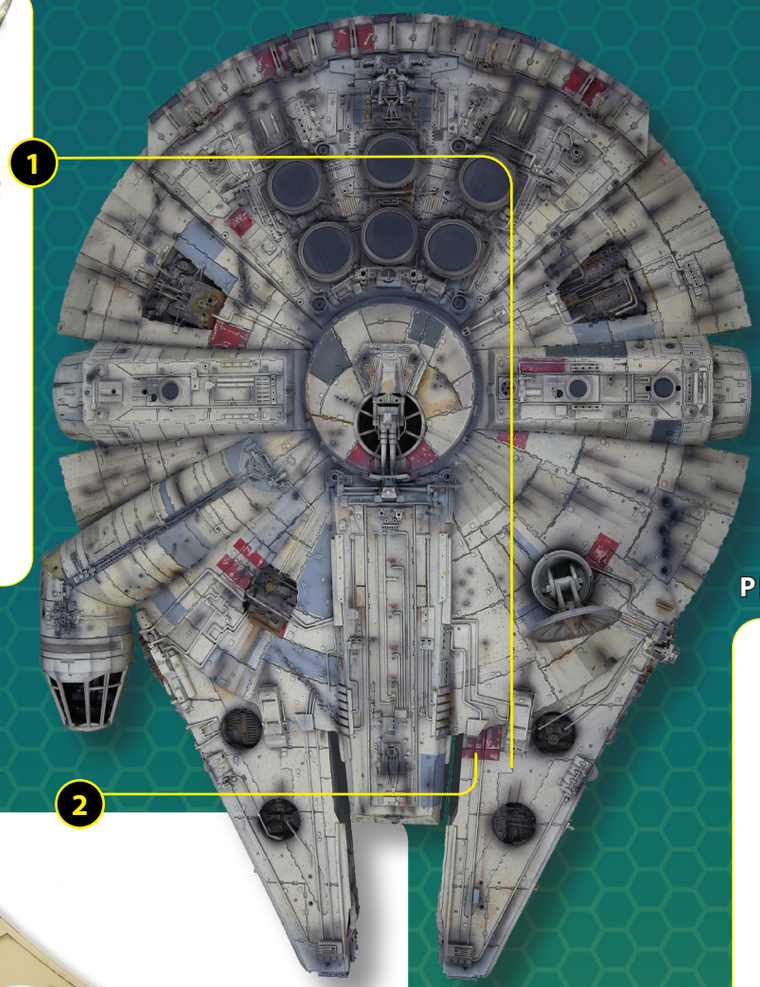
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RECESS DETAILS



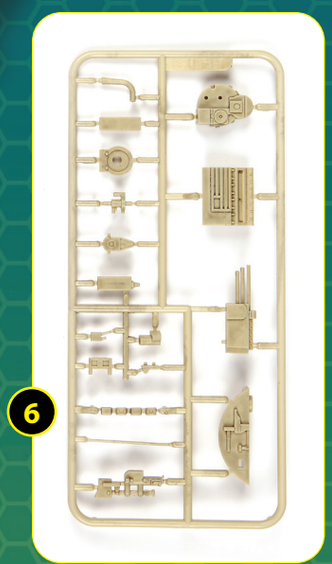




HULL PLATING



PLANT-ON DETAILS

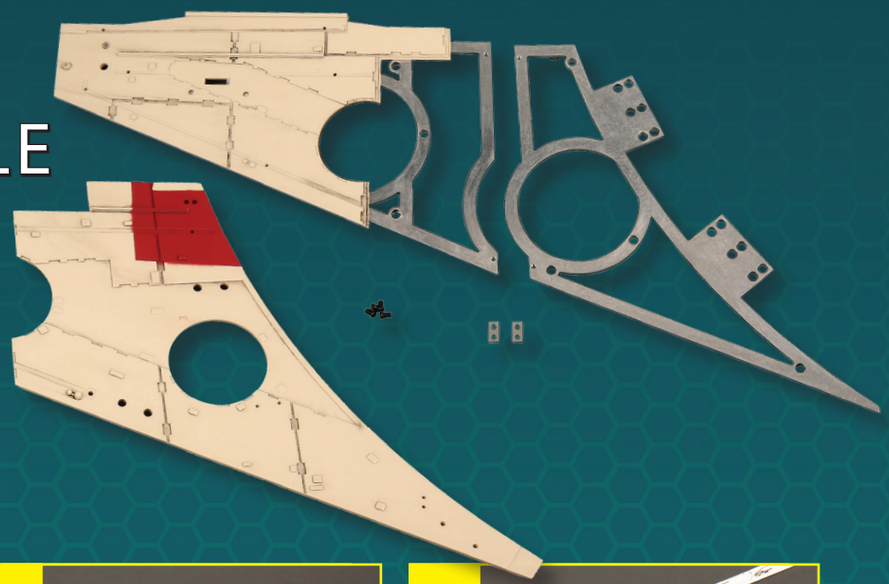


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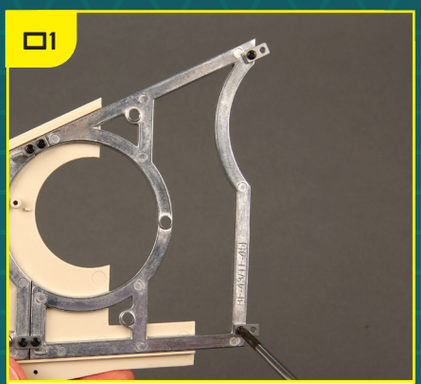
ASSEMBLING THE MANDIBLE

The port upper mandible framework is completed in a similar way to the panel from Stage 77, which it mirrors.

You will need the assembly from Stage 82, the frame, connectors, and hull plating supplied this time, plus four black screws and five silver ones.

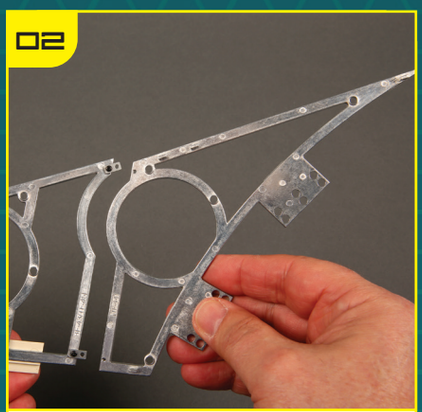


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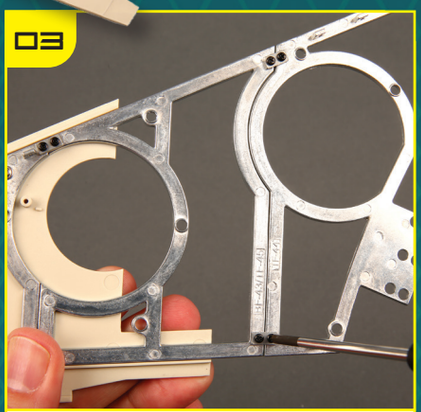
Screw 2-hole connectors to both corners of TF-45.

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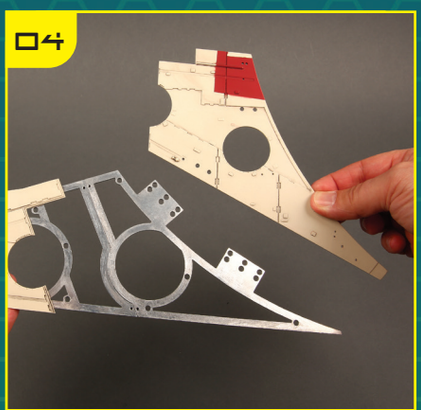
Align TF-44 with TF-45.

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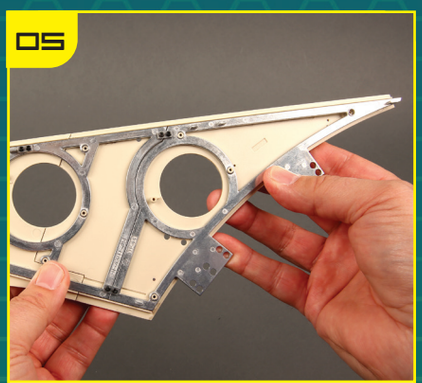
Screw TF-44 to both connectors.

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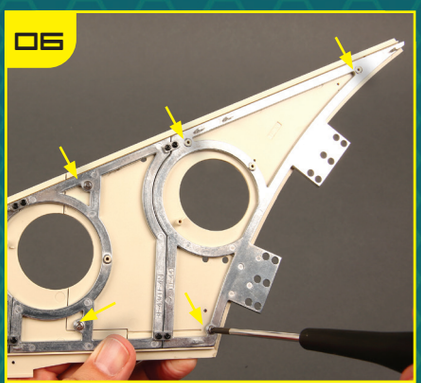
Align TP-30 with the framework.

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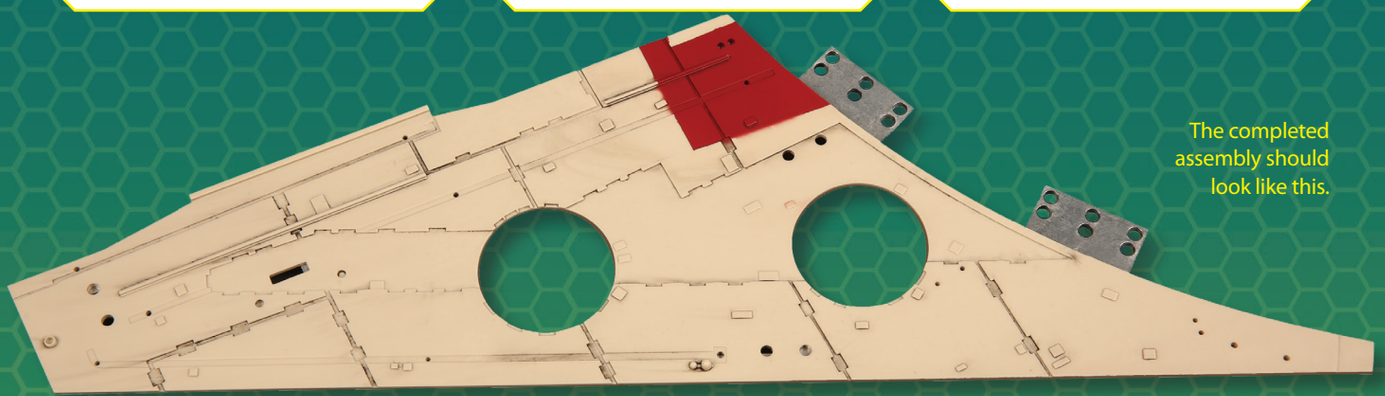


Fit TP-30 to the frame, making sure all seven lugs are fully seated.

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Screw the panel in place with a screw in each of the five lugs indicated.



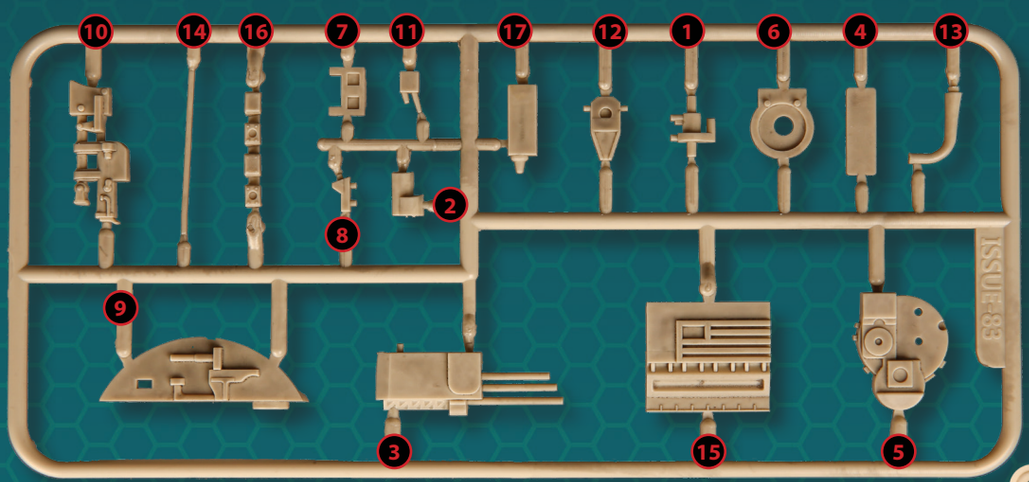
The completed assembly should look like this.

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ADDING DETAILS TO THE RECESSES

The sprue provided includes internal details for the recesses supplied with this issue.

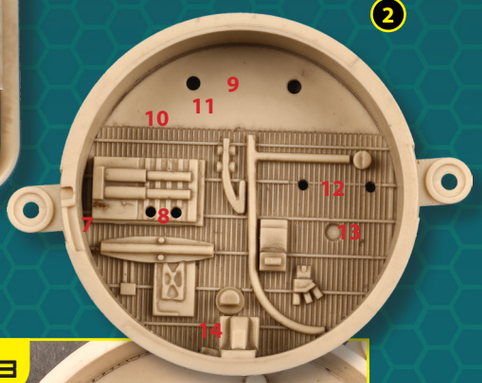
Fourteen of the 17 parts on the sprue are used for this stage – six on recess (1) and eight on recess (2). The other three will be fitted on top of the plating as shown overleaf. Follow the numbers below carefully to identify which parts to fit where inside the recesses.



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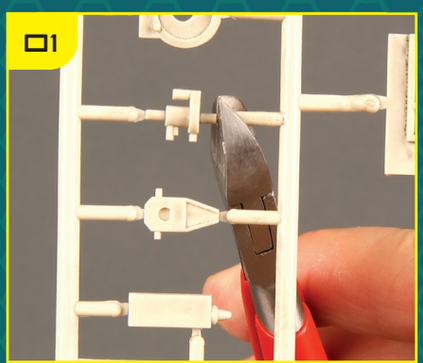


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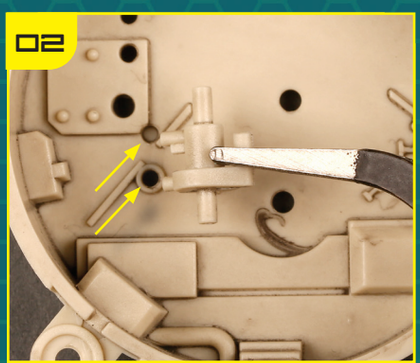
These numbers are used to identify the recesses and place them in the right position.

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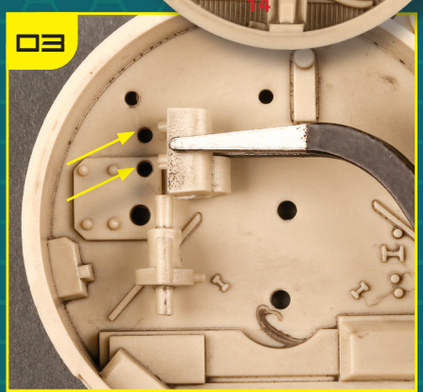
Start by removing detail (1) from the sprue.

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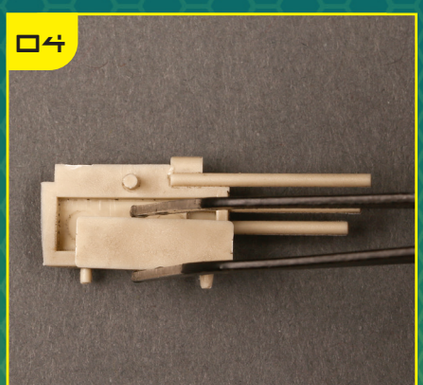
Glue detail (1) into these two holes in the recess with the smooth base.

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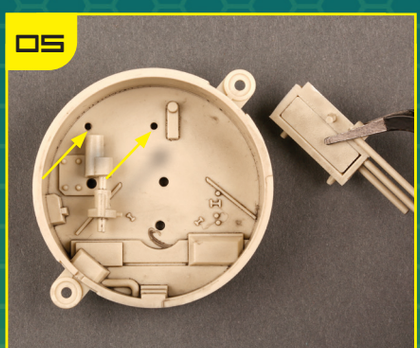
Glue (2) into these two holes.

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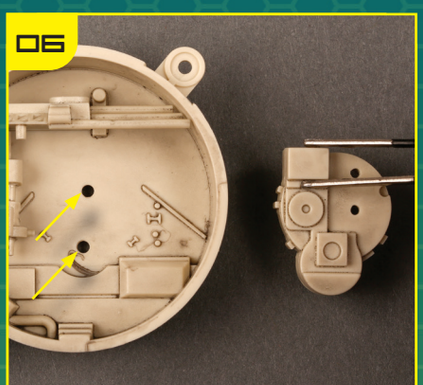
Glue (4) into the recess in (3).

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Glue the two pins on the assembly into these two holes in the recess.

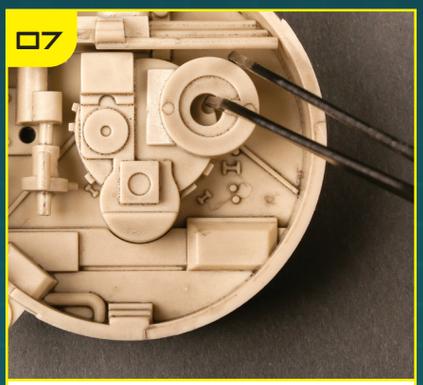
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Glue (5) into these two holes.

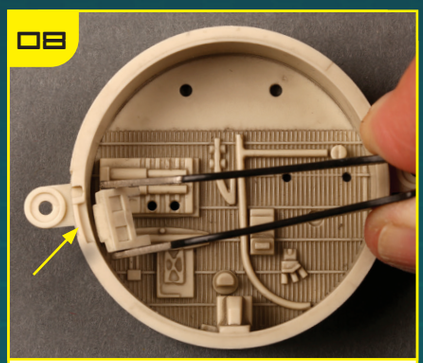
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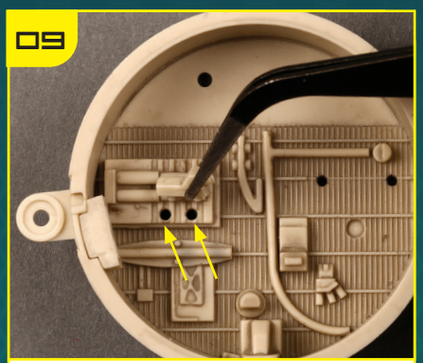
Glue (6) into the two holes in (5).

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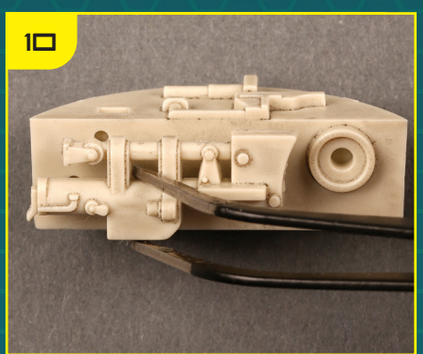
Glue detail (7) into the notch in the rim of the recess with the ribbed base.

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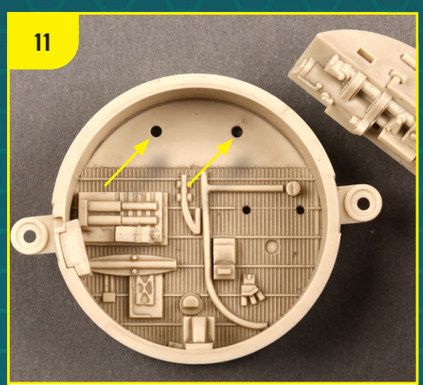
Glue detail (8) into these two holes in the recess.

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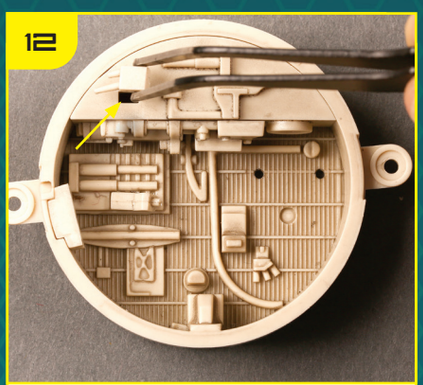
Glue (10) into the three matching holes on the flat side of (9).

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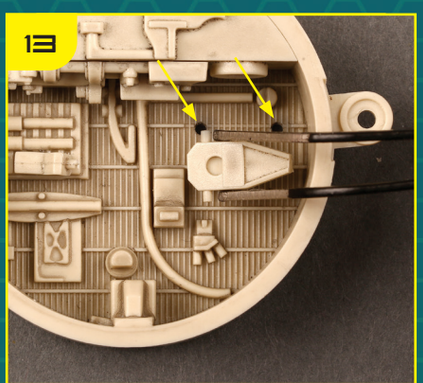
Glue (9) into these holes in the recess.

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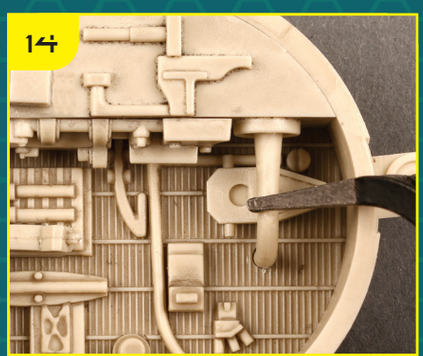
Glue (11) into this slot in (9).

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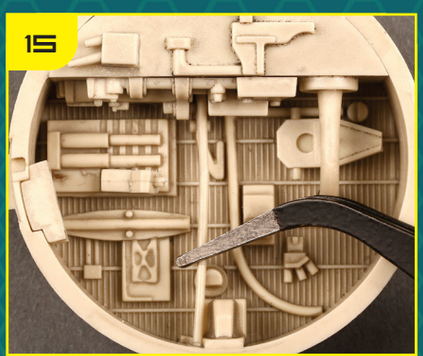
Glue (12) into these two holes.

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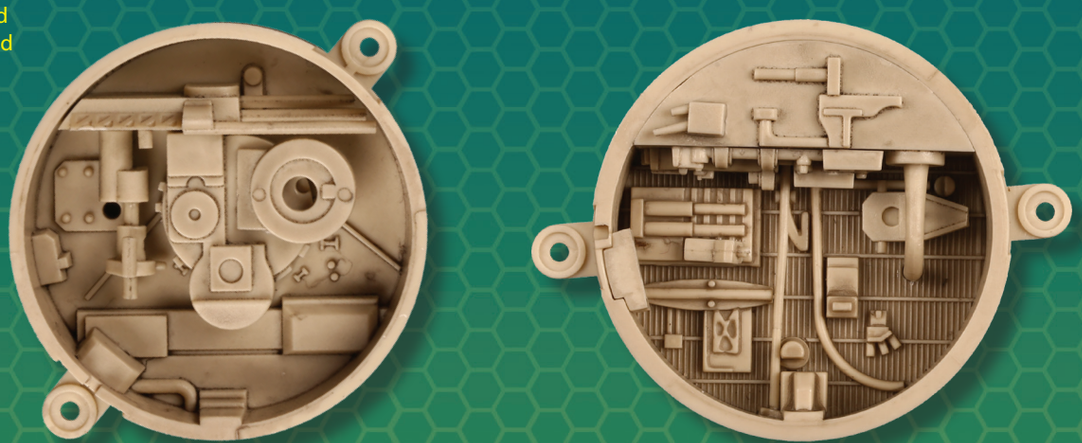
Glue (13) into the large hole in (9) and the hole in the recess.

15



Glue (14) into the small hole in (9) and the hole in the side of the recess.

The completed recesses should look like this.



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COMPLETING THE MANDIBLE PLATING

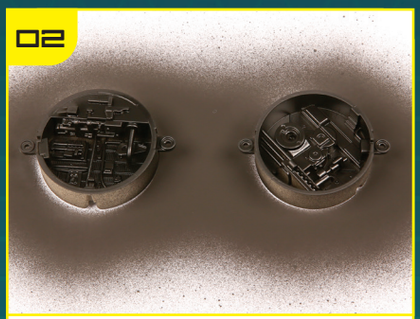
As with the recesses you fitted in earlier stages, finishing them with spray paint will add a used, grimy appearance.

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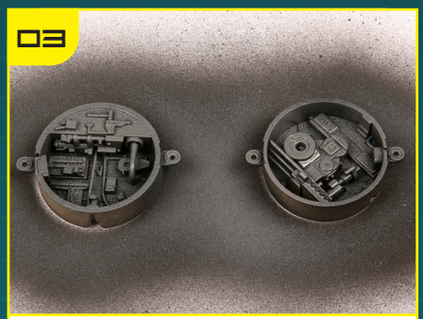
Shake the can well to mix the color, and spray lightly from 20-30cm.

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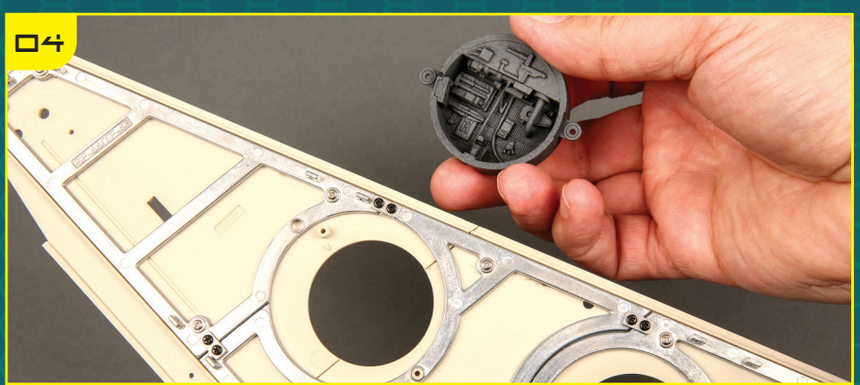
Start with matte black paint, making sure all areas are covered, and leave to dry.

03



Spray thin coats of mid- and light gray to emphasize the high spots.

04



Identify which recess goes in the hole nearest the tip of the mandible.

05



Fit it over the hole, making sure it is this way around.

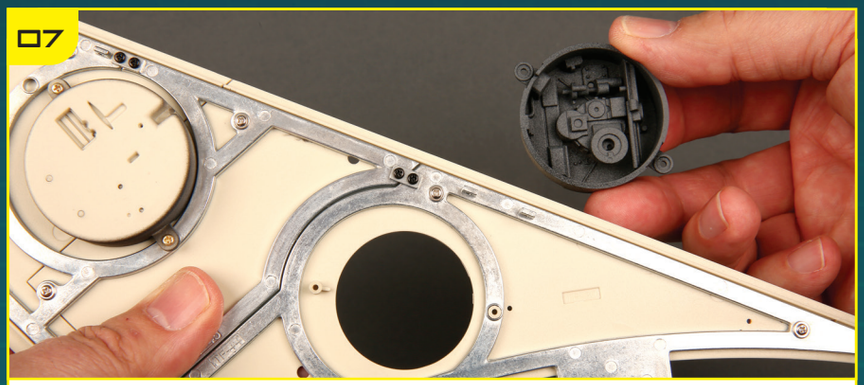
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Fit a brass self-tapping screw through each lug and into the plating.

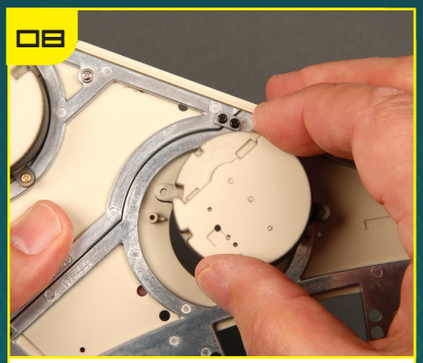
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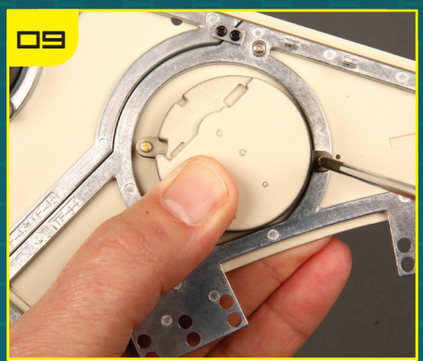
Take the second recess, which fits in the remaining hole.

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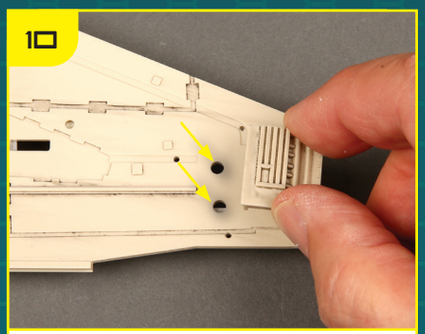
Fit it over the hole, making sure it is this way around.

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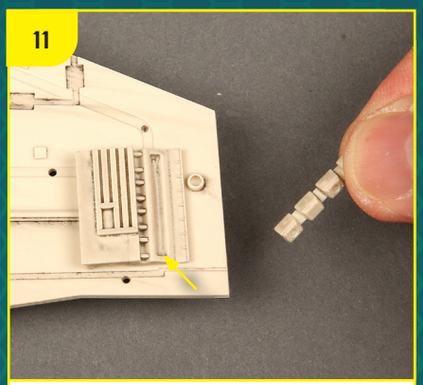
Screw the recess in place with two brass self-tapping screws.

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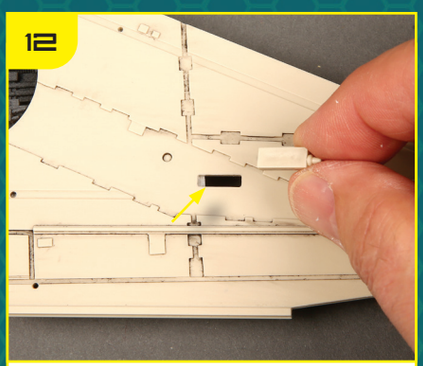
Glue the pins on (15) into these two holes in the mandible, making sure that the detail is the right way round.

11



Glue (16) into this long recess in (15).

12



Glue the tab on (17) into this slot in the mandible plating.

The completed assembly should look like this.

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