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HAMMERHEAD CORVETTE

Based on a centuries-old design, the Hammerhead corvette was a workhorse of the spacelanes. It wasn't pretty, it wasn't fast, but it was tough and very reliable.



Manufactured by the Corellian Engineering Corporation, the Hammerhead considerably predated the more familiar CR-series corvettes. Those later vessels show the design influence of the smaller Hammerheads, particularly in their basic layout, which was marked by a relatively spacious cockpit, leading back from which was the 'tube' of the main fuselage, with airlocks on either side just forward of a massive engine block.

The three powerful engines of the Hammerhead were placed in an inverted triangle configuration. They were mounted on a solid block of

A precursor to the famous 'rebel blockade runner' CR70s, the Hammerhead corvette was a hardy, durable design that saw use during the Galactic Civil War as an undercover rebel vessel.

HAMMERHEAD CORVETTE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER	Corellian Engineering Corp.
CLASS	Corvette
HYPERDRIVE	Equipped
WEAPONS	3 x dual laser cannon turrets
CREW	2 to 4 (minimum 1)
AFFILIATION	Rebel Alliance, Civilian

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UNUSUAL MANEUVERS

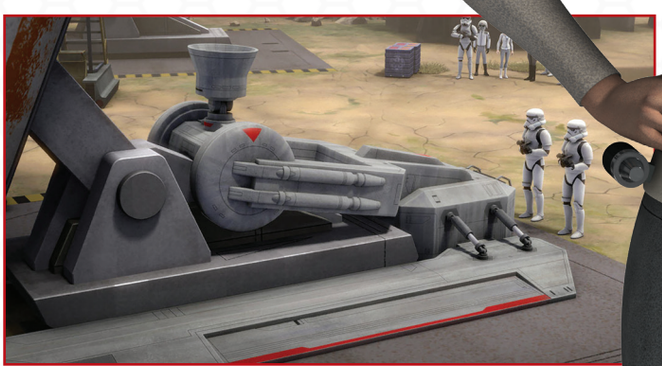
It wasn't always possible for a Hammerhead to make a landing to take on cargo, as was the usual – and safest – practice. During one Alliance mission, and with Imperials in hot pursuit, one pilot had to keep his corvette as steady as possible as the Lothal rebels' ship the *Ghost* flew in on its side with a cargo crate clamped under it, preparing for a handover. Hera Syndulla used all her piloting skills to maneuver her ship in close, while Zeb Orrelios used magnalocks to drop the cargo crate safely onto the freight lift on the Hammerhead. It wasn't easy, but the crew of the *Ghost* was fast learning that life as members of the Rebel Alliance rarely was...

spaceframe, which held the main reactor, the hyperdrive and the bulk of the engineering section. Atop this section was one of three weapons turrets. Able to turn a full 360 degrees, but with relatively limited vertical tracking, this was a deceptively powerful dual laser cannon, controlled from the cockpit.

HOLD CONFIGURATION

Just in front of the engine block were two airlocks, set port and starboard, as well as the main crew and passenger quarters, and a relatively small hold. Between the rear half of the vessel and the wedge-shaped front was the primary cargo area. Small items of cargo could be brought up through long, narrow double doors in the floor by the cargo lift, and the main cargo hold was also the access route to the bridge and the elevator leading to the passenger ramp in the 'head' of the ship. This meant that the hold was rarely entirely filled.

Instead, standard large cargo crates, sealed against the vacuum of space, were loaded onto the lift. This was then raised and locked against the closed doors to the main hold, where powerful



When grounded, Hammerheads used landing struts to support themselves, though the repulsors kept running. Suspicious stormtroopers used gravity locks to clamp these struts to the ground once on Lothal (above), when an Alliance mission directed by Leia Organa (right), had intended the ships to be 'stolen' while on what was framed as a relief mission.



LEIA ORGANA

When Leia Organa arrived on Lothal, she was greeted by a rather confused Ezra Bridger. Here was someone around his age who immediately started giving orders – and people listened! It was only later that Ezra found out more about the Alderaanian princess: Leia had already been involved in galactic politics, and was serving as her father's aide in the Imperial Senate. More impressively, she was also an active rebel agent. Unfortunately for her, the Imperials on Lothal were ready for her. Although she worked out a way around them on that occasion, the Empire's agents were drawing the net ever tighter.

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REMAINING NEUTRAL

THE PRINCESS'S PLAN

After the rebel cell Phoenix Squadron lost some of its ships while escaping an Imperial ambush on Garel, Senator Bail Organa of Alderaan sent a gift of three Hammerhead corvettes to Lothal for the rebels. Under the guise of a relief mission, the ships were commanded by Princess Leia Organa. She had a plan: the ships would be stolen by the rebels, humiliating the Imperials in charge on Lothal, and maintaining Leia's – and House Organa's – reputation for neutrality. Unfortunately, Lothal's Imperials had noticed that Alderaanian ships in particular were being 'stolen' by rebels rather too often. They placed gravity locks on the ships as they landed to keep them safe while Leia distributed the supplies she had brought with her for Lothal's civilians. This forced the princess and the rebels from Phoenix Squadron to improvise a distraction to allow the gravity locks to be removed and all three ships 'stolen'.



Bail Organa's plan to donate three Hammerhead corvettes to the Lothal rebels required some quick thinking from his daughter and fellow rebel Leia.

magnalocks held the cargo in place. Additional magnalocks on the base of the lift could hold more cargo crates. In this way, the Hammerhead corvette could haul a reasonable amount of cargo for its size, though the crates were vulnerable to pirates.

Another elevator led down to the base of the ship's head, where passengers exited via a gently sloping ramp down to the ground. This allowed an easy disembarkation route to the ship without using the air locks. When landing, the Hammerhead extended a small landing strut from the bottom front surface of its head, and two others from either side of the lower engine pod – though these were for stability rather than to hold the weight of the ship. To support the load, the craft's repulsorlift engines were left running.

UP FRONT

On either side of the cockpit were the main dual laser cannon weapons of the Hammerhead. Able to rotate 360 degrees in the vertical plane, they had only limited tracking horizontally. Their rear arc was also severely compromised by the presence of the bulky engine block, so the ship relied on the top-mounted turret to handle any attacker coming from the rear. Despite its relatively powerful weapons, the ship had a major blind spot down and to the rear. However, with adequate shielding and a very solid hull, the vessel was usually able to survive forays into the more dangerous parts of space.

The cockpit had four crew stations, though the ship could be easily operated by two crew members if required. If the situation called for it, even a solo flyer could get the ship where it needed to be. Behind the command chairs, in the middle of the room, a circular tactical display console was positioned for use in crew briefings, often led by a fleet group commander to coordinate their ships.



Hyperdrive-equipped and boasting a large and powerful engine array, the Hammerhead corvette was a capable and reliable vessel.

BEHIND THE SCENES

LOOKS FAMILIAR

The creators of *Star Wars Rebels* are fond of reaching into Legends and plucking certain elements from it to give long-time *Star Wars* fans a buzz. The Hammerhead corvettes are one such example, with their basic formation being based loosely on the *Hammerhead*-class cruisers from the video game *Star Wars - Knights of the Old Republic*. To fit out the interior of the ships, the designers borrowed extensively from the famous CR70 corvette – the 'rebel blockade runner' – as seen in the original trilogy.



Referencing both the video game *Knights of the Old Republic* and the famous rebel blockade runners from the original trilogy such as the *Tantive IV*, the Hammerhead corvette was familiar to many fans.

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YOUR NEXT PARTS

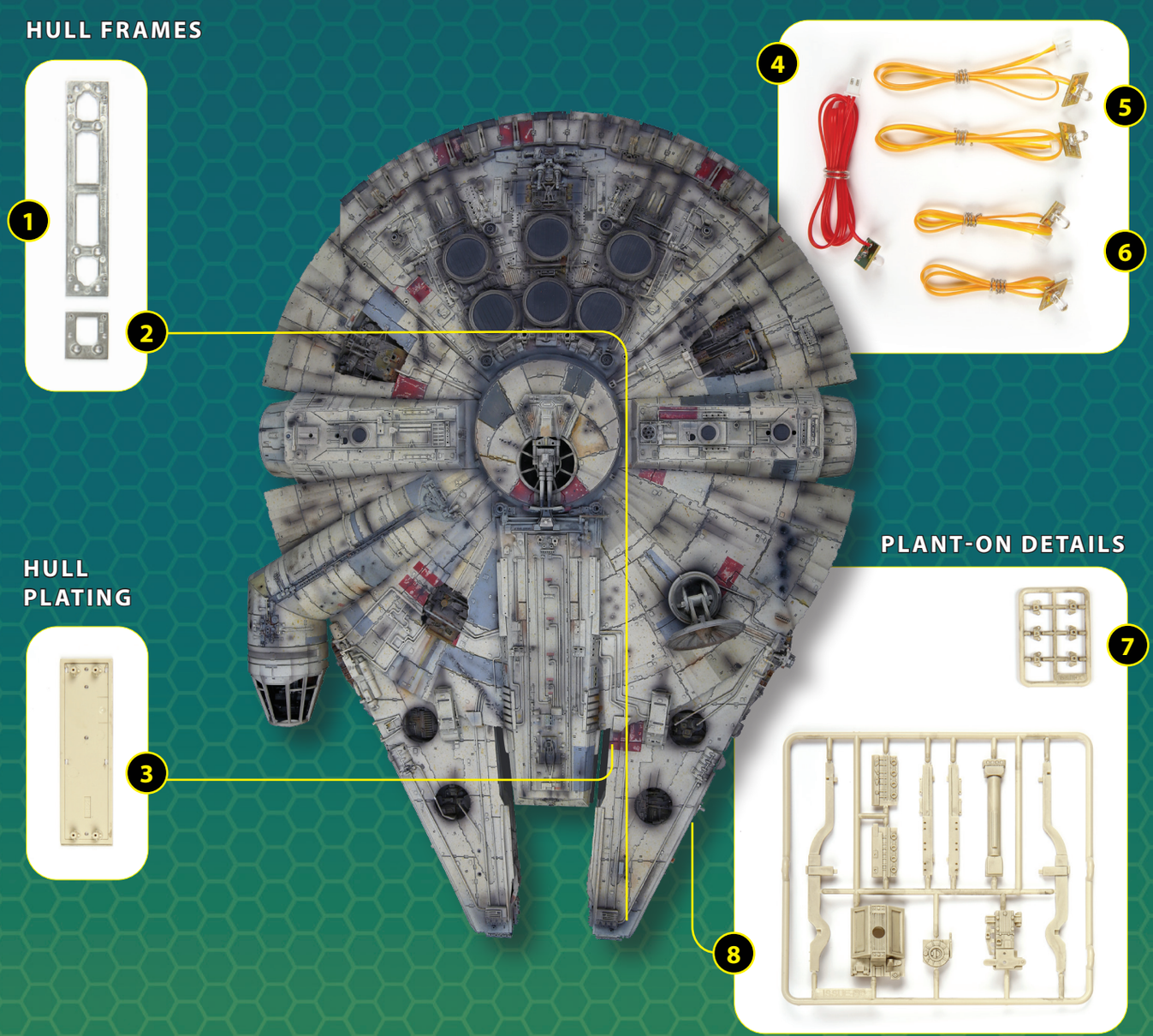
COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1 Side frame SF-09 (mandible)
2 Side frame SF-10 (mandible)
3 Side panel SP-21 (mandible)
4 LED headlight
5 Forward LED landing lights (x 2)
6 Rear LED landing lights (x 2)
7 Plant-on details (6 on sprue)
8 Plant-on details (10 on sprue)

This issue's parts include the final side frames and panel for the port mandible, as well as some plant-on details, which you will add in this stage. You also have the LEDs and wiring for the port headlight and landing lights.

In this stage, you join the upper and lower halves of the port mandible – as well as completing and detailing its sides, using the small kitbashed parts supplied on the sprues that come with this issue. You will also fit and test the headlight. The only parts that aren't fitted straight away are the four landing lights that fit into the bottom of the hull. These will be added in the next stage.

WHERE THE PARTS FIT

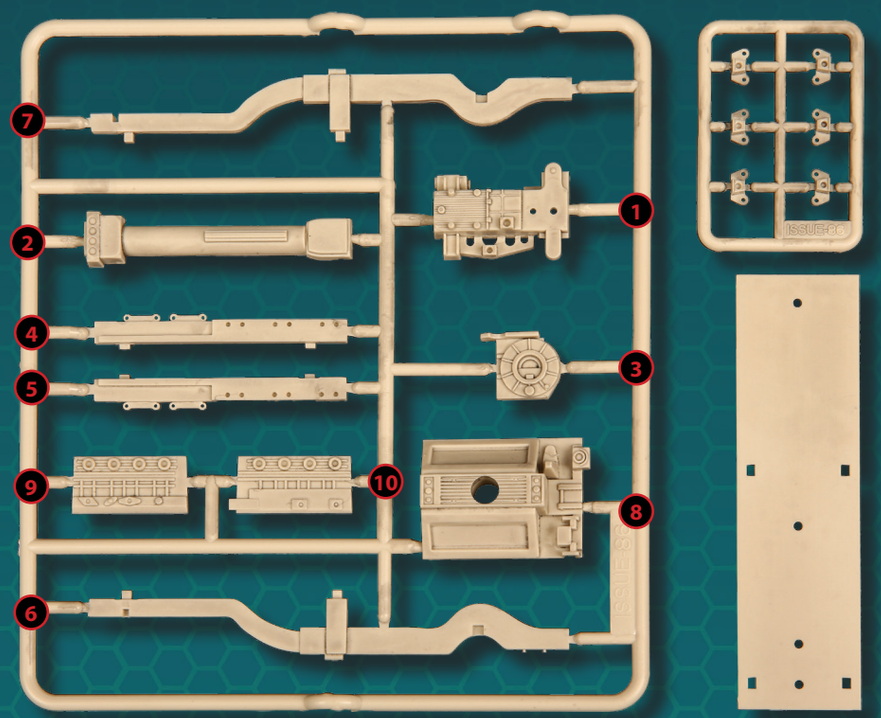


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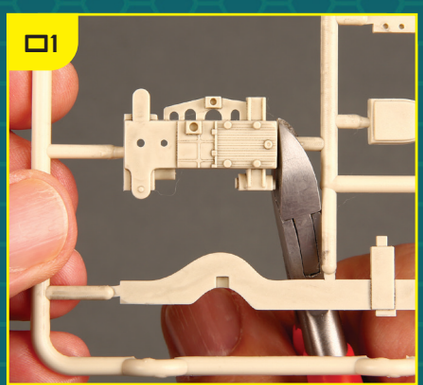
DETAILING THE INNER PANEL

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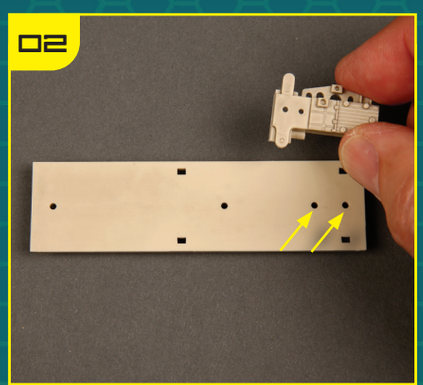
The inner face of the mandible is much less detailed than the outer, but the plant-on components are a little more complex than usual. All the parts on the smaller sprue are identical additional details that need to be applied to parts (4) and (5) on the larger sprue.



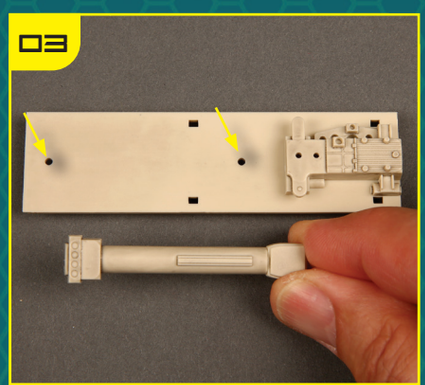
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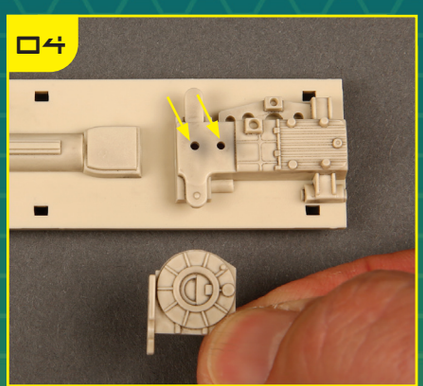
Clip each of the details off the sprue as you need it.



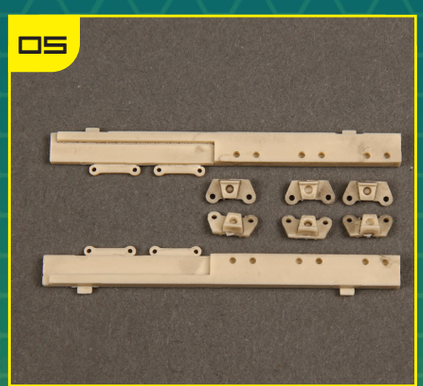
Start by gluing the two pins on the back of (1) into these two holes.



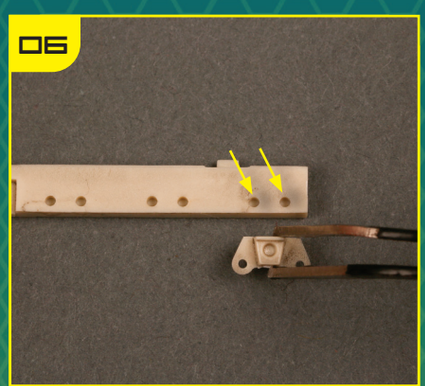
Glue the two pins on the back of (2) into these two holes.



Glue the two pins on the back of (3) into these two holes in (1).



Lay out (4) and (5) together with the six small details as shown.

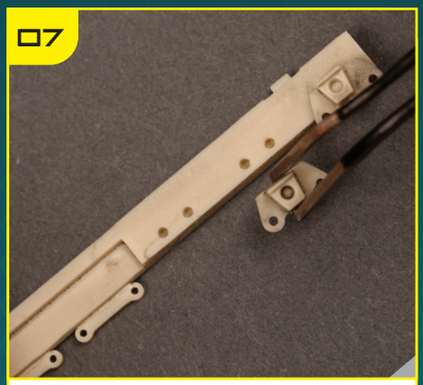


Each of the small details has two pins on the back that fit into the holes shown.

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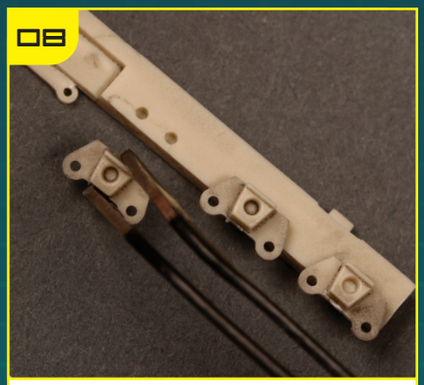
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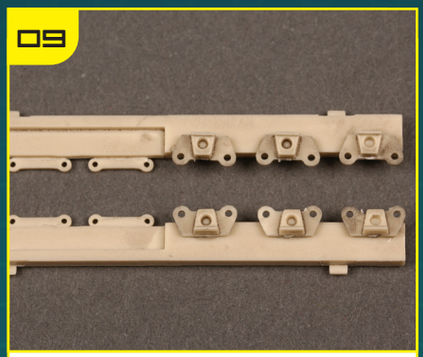
Glue a second detail next to the first.

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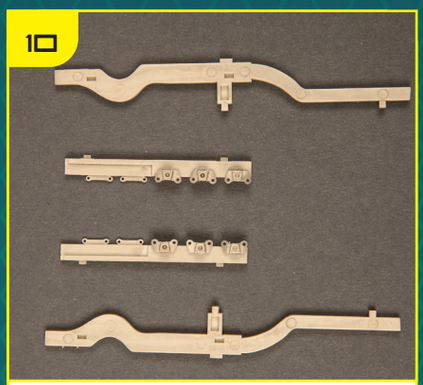
Fit the third detail in the same way.

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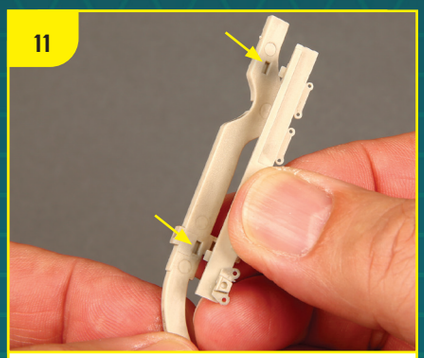
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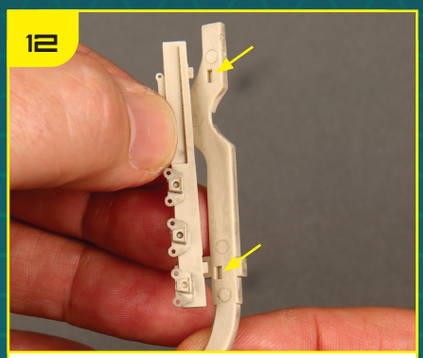
Lay out parts (4), (5), (6) and (7) like this.

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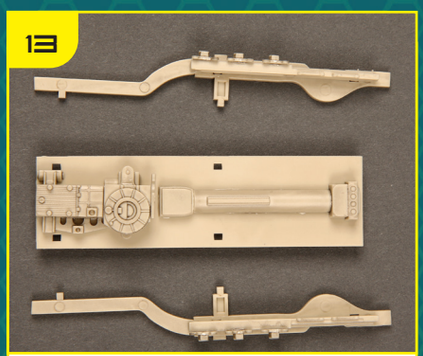
Glue the two lugs on the back of (4) into these two matching slots in (6).

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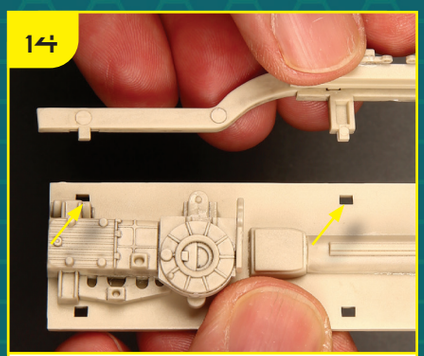
Glue the two lugs on the back of (5) into these two matching slots in (7).

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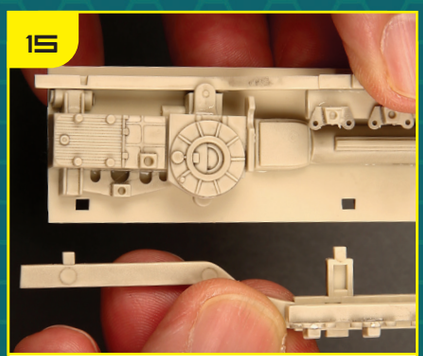
Parts (6) and (7) align with panel SP-21 like this.

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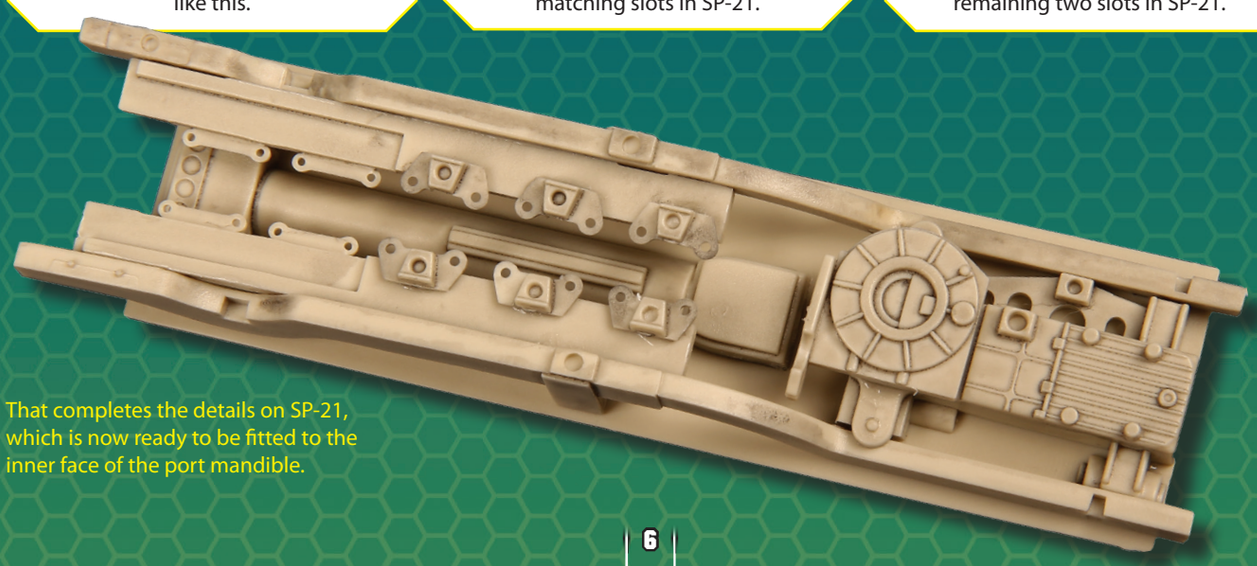


Glue the two lugs on (7) into these two matching slots in SP-21.

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Glue the two lugs on (6) into the remaining two slots in SP-21.



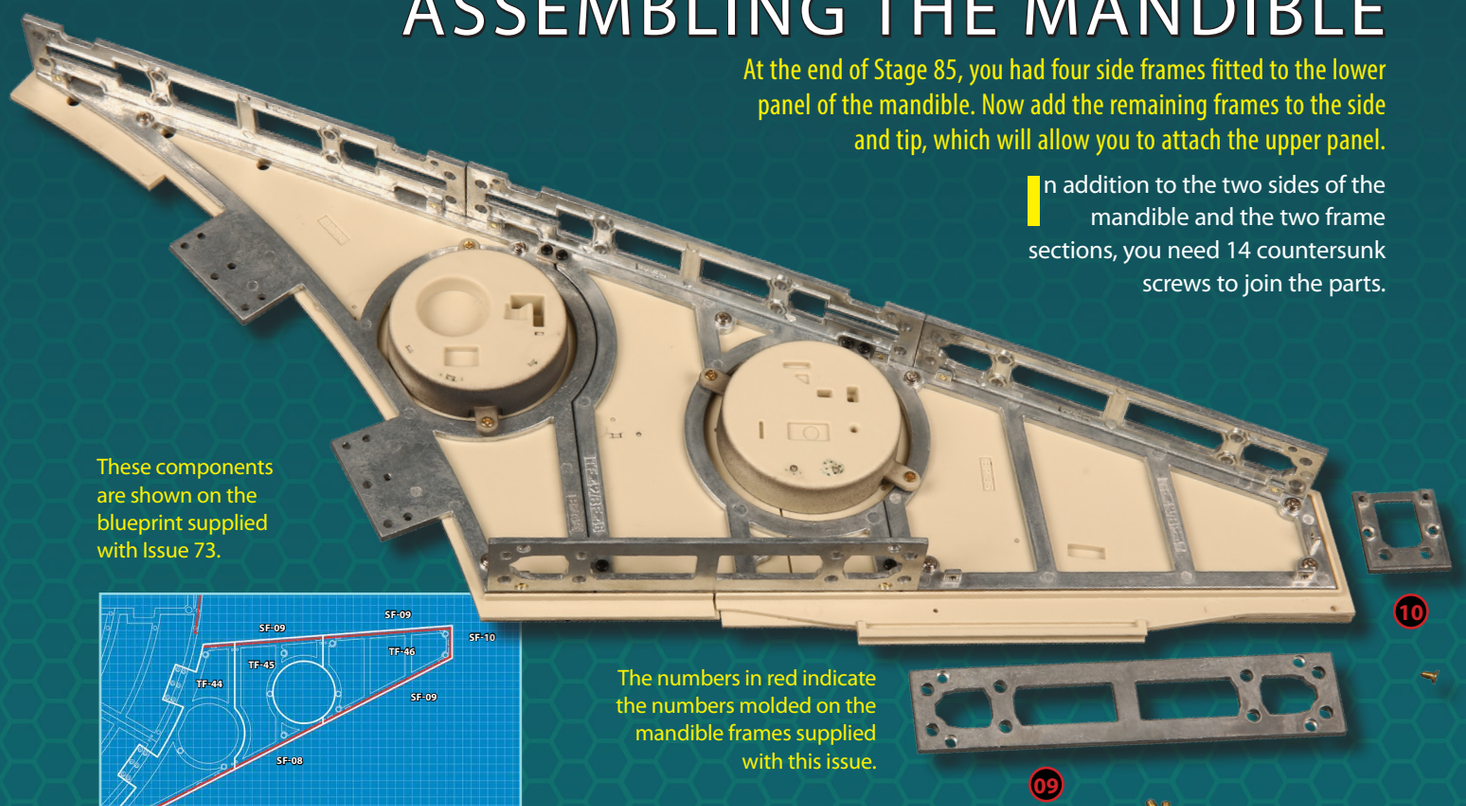
That completes the details on SP-21, which is now ready to be fitted to the inner face of the port mandible.

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ASSEMBLING THE MANDIBLE

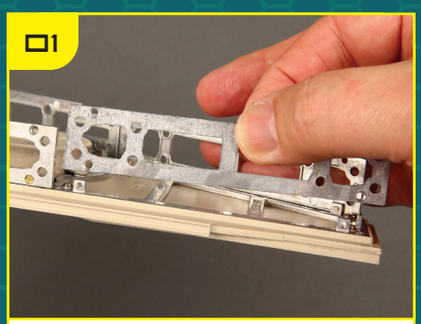
At the end of Stage 85, you had four side frames fitted to the lower panel of the mandible. Now add the remaining frames to the side and tip, which will allow you to attach the upper panel.

In addition to the two sides of the mandible and the two frame sections, you need 14 countersunk screws to join the parts.



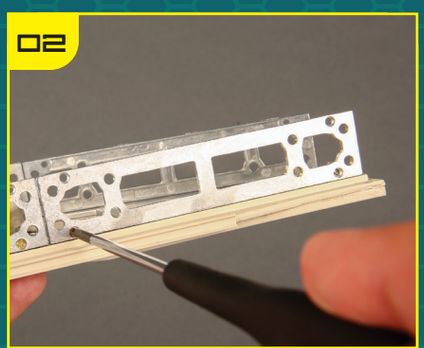
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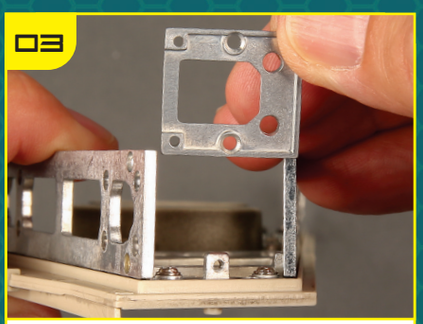
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Take the SF-09 frame and align it with the end of the lower mandible, with the countersunk recesses facing out.



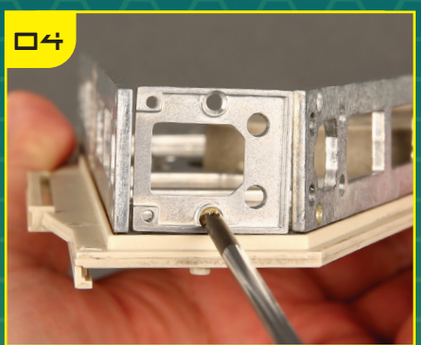
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Secure the SF-09 by driving screws into both the fixing lugs.



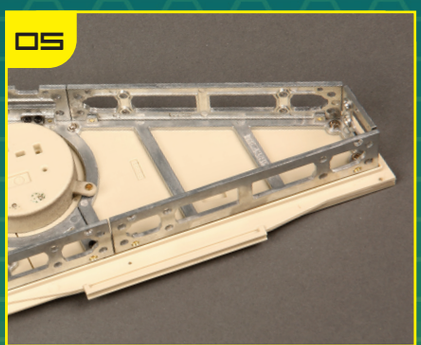
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Take the SF-10 and fit it to the tip of the mandible, making sure you place it the right way round.



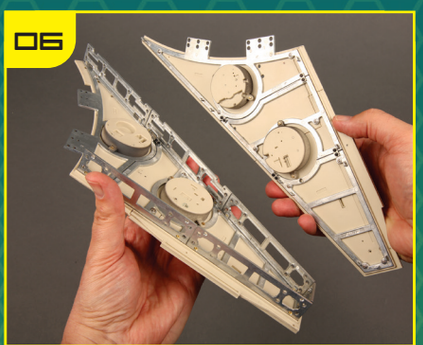
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Secure the SF-10 by driving a countersunk screw into the framework.



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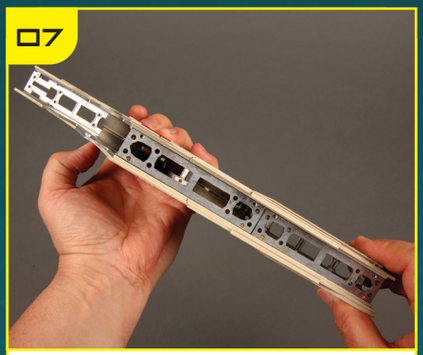


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Align the upper half of the mandible with the lower side.

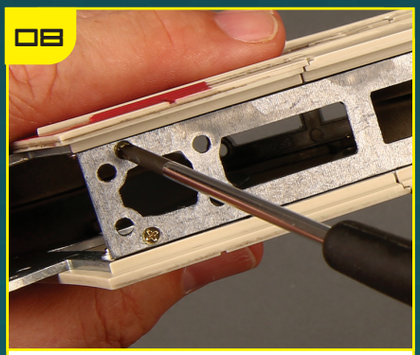
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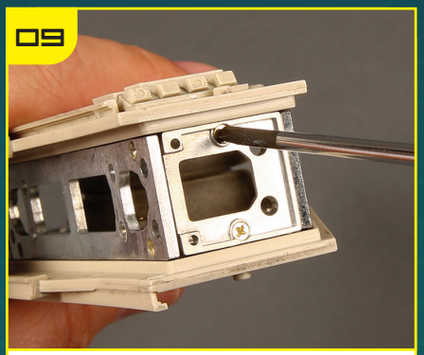
Carefully fit the assembly together, making sure that all the lugs line up.

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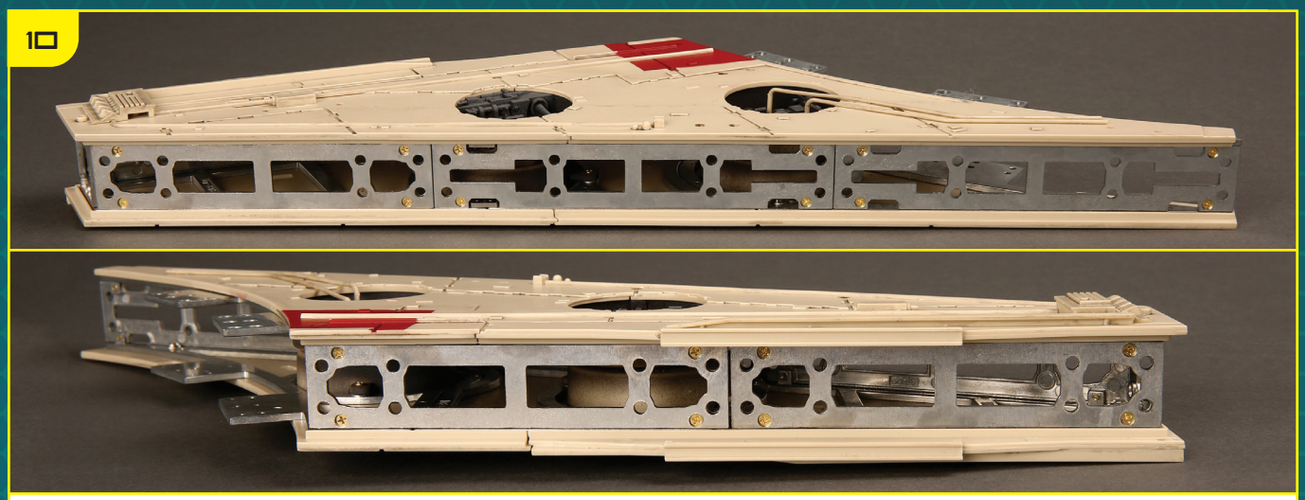
Holding the assembly together, start screwing the frames to the lugs.

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Continue to add screws all the way round, including the tip of the mandible.

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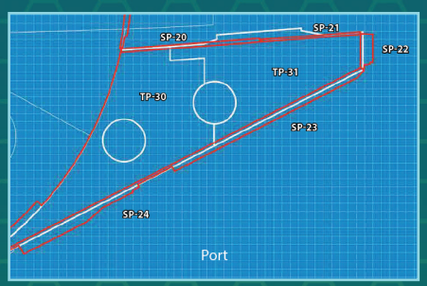
The inside and outside of the completed mandible should look like this.

ADDING THE PLATING

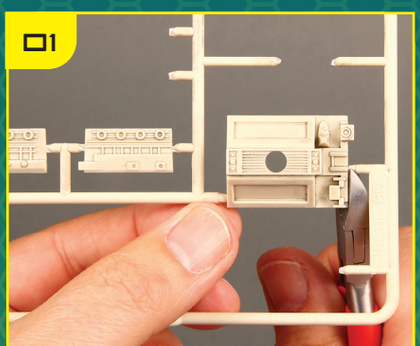
Five side panels are attached to the metal framework – including SP-21 (which you prepared earlier), and SP-22, which is supplied on the sprue of plant-on details.

Start this stage by preparing SP-22 and fitting it with the LED supplied. To complete the assembly, you will need the panels that were supplied and prepared in Stage 85.

These components are shown on the blueprint supplied with Issue 73.

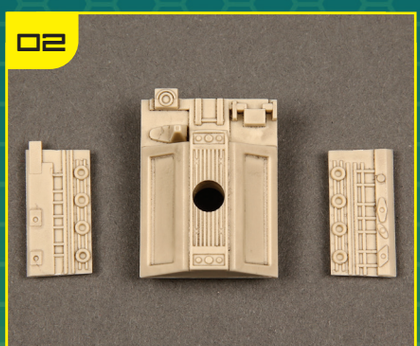


01



Clip parts (8), (9) and (10) – SP-22 and its two details – off the sprue.

02



Lay out SP-22 and the two details, ensuring they are this way round.

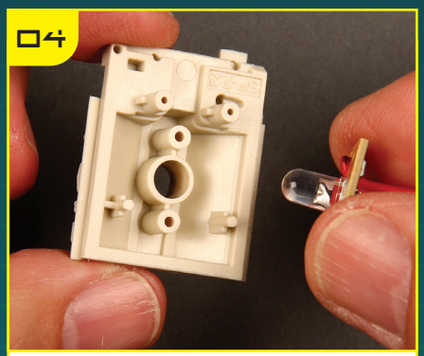
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Glue the two details to the rectangular recesses in SP-22.

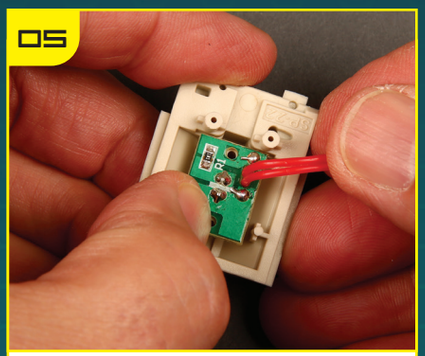
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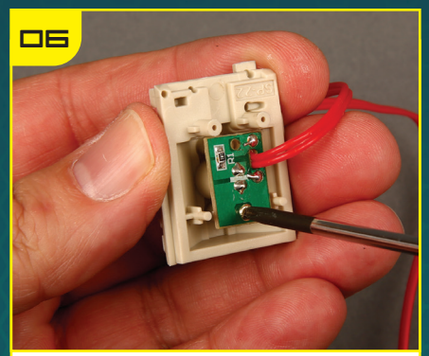
Fit the LED through the centre hole in SP-22, holding it this way up.

05



Align the holes in the small circuit board with the two lugs in SP-22.

06

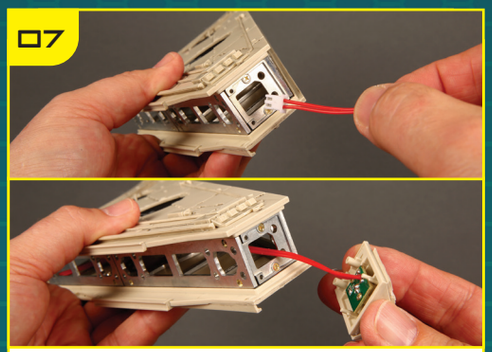


Screw the circuit board to the two lugs in SP-22.

TESTING YOUR LED

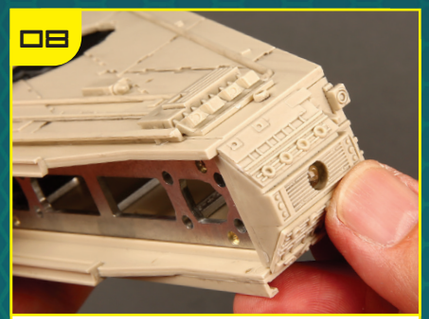
As in Stage 79, it makes sense to check that the light is working before gluing SP-22 in place. Connect the battery box to the control board in the base of the hull, as you did before. Plug the LED lead into socket J15 and press button B. The LED should glow brightly and go out again when you release the button. Unplug the connection and then carry on with Step 7.

07

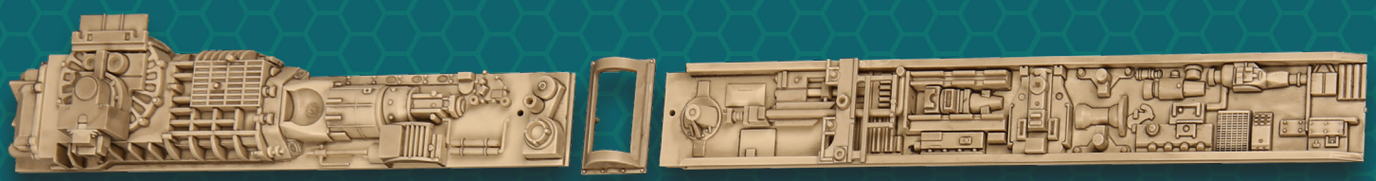


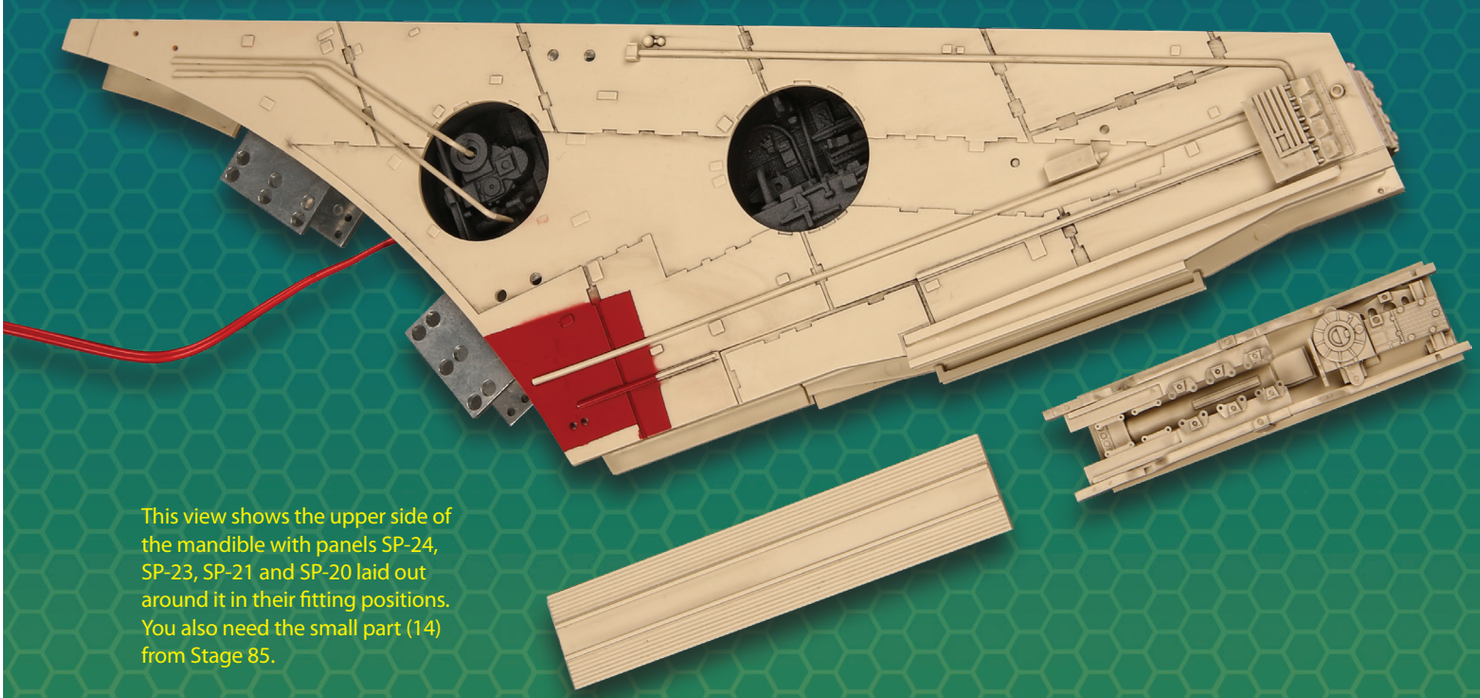
Fit the plug into the hole in SF-10 and feed the wire through the mandible.

08



Glue the four lugs on the back of SP-22 into the four matching holes in SF-10, making sure it fits flush.



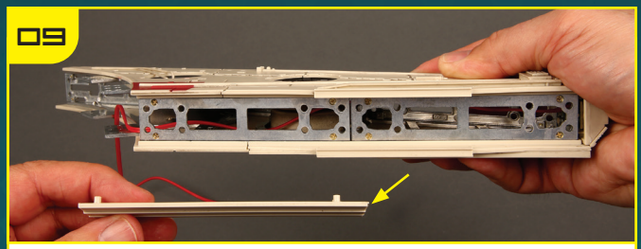


This view shows the upper side of the mandible with panels SP-24, SP-23, SP-21 and SP-20 laid out around it in their fitting positions. You also need the small part (14) from Stage 85.

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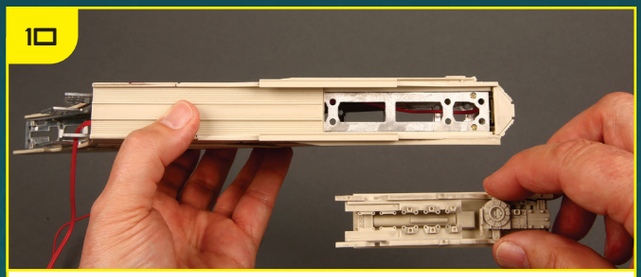
STAGE 86 ASSEMBLY

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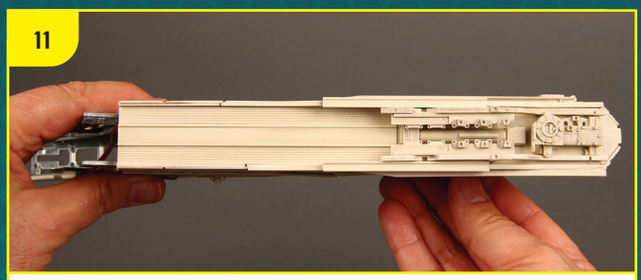
Start by gluing the four lugs on SP-20 into the matching holes in the frame, noting that the arrowed end has a longer overhang.

10



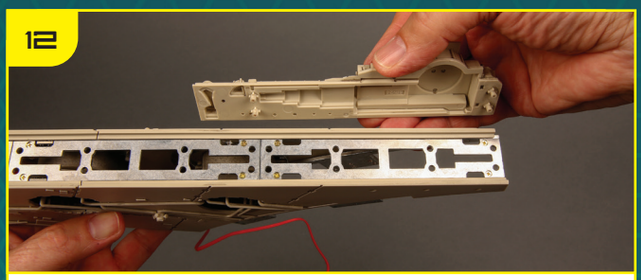
Glue the lugs on SP-21 into the matching holes in the frame.

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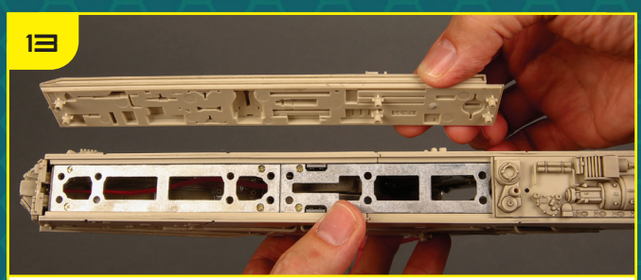
The inside of the mandible should look like this.

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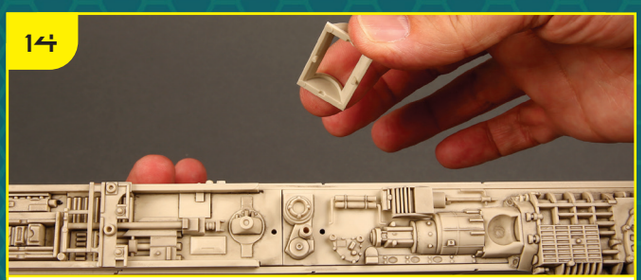
Glue the lugs on SP-24 into the matching holes in the frame.

13



Glue SP-23 into the six matching lugs in the side frames.

14



Glue detail (14) to the two holes in SP-23 and SP-24.

These two side views show the completed assembly.



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