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CUSTOMIZED TRANSPORT

RESISTANCE TROOP TRANSPORT

Designed to ferry troops to and from combat drops, the Resistance troop transport typified the kind of ingenuity for which the technicians of General Organa's group were known.



When Leia Organa first began her breakaway military organization, in a small hangar on the edge of Hosnian Prime's capital city, everyone involved knew they would be up against severe supply problems. The New Republic was committed to its program of military disarmament, and had shown scant regard for the threat posed by the First Order, and so was little inclined to meet Leia's repeated requests for resources.

The Resistance, as it was later named, was led by the few New Republic leaders who were willing to take an often open stand against the growing

The Resistance troop transport was designed for General Organa's volunteer force by engineers largely from the Slayn & Korpil starship manufacturers, which had worked extensively with the Rebel Alliance during the Galactic Civil War.

RESISTANCE TROOP TRANSPORT TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MANUFACTURER	Resistance techs (Slayn & Korpil)
WIDTH	16.8 m (55 ft 1 in)
HYPERDRIVE SYSTEM	2 x copy of SJFS S/min-12a (with astromech backup)
TARGETING SYSTEM	Precision targeting laser
STANDARD ARMS	1 x R-9X heavy laser cannon
ADDITIONAL	1 x ion cannon 1 x proton torpedoes launcher 2 x auto-blasters
CREW	1 x pilot
PASSENGERS	20
AFFILIATION	Resistance

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STARSHIP FACT FILE



BIGGER BOOM

One of the advantages of using B-wing starfighter parts in the design of the Resistance troop transport was that mounts existed, both in the weapons pod and under the cockpit nose, for extra weaponry to be added without the need for major modifications. Such additional weapons could include an ion cannon and proton torpedo in with the heavy laser, able to take advantage of the precision targeting laser already in place, and a pair of auto-blasters in the nose of the cockpit, which were particularly useful in clearing landing zones prior to deployment.

threat coming from the Unknown Regions. Falling in with them were pilots, soldiers, ground crews, and medical staff from all across the galaxy. Helping supply the fighting forces were a number of volunteer technicians, many from corporations with old ties to the Rebel Alliance, with Slayn & Korpil prominent among them.

SHIELDS AND SURPLUS

During the Galactic Civil War, it had been the ingenious starship engineers of Slayn & Korpil who had used the Blade Wing prototype, designed by the Mon Calamari shipwright Quarrie on Shantipole, to create the B-wing heavy assault starfighter for the Rebel Alliance. In the days of the New Republic, S&K techs would cobble together a ship worthy of Quarrie in answer to the Resistance's need for a small but heavily shielded craft to take troops safely into and out of combat.

The 16.18m-wide transport craft resembled an oversized B-wing starfighter and could carry around 20 troops along with all their gear. Sitting in acceleration chairs, held down by a simple harness, the troops were packed into one of two modular compartments more familiar to travelers on civilian space transports.

It was some comfort to those troops that they were fully encased in a chunk of surplus starship armor, protected by overlapping shields. The transport had shield generators at either end, each

The Resistance troop transport's heavy armor and extensive shielding meant it could deliver troops straight to the heart of the action in relative safety.





Leia was fully committed to fighting the First Order, in spite of indifference from a distracted New Republic, and was never afraid to lead from the front, riding along with her troops in the organization's transports.



GENERAL ORGANA

Leia was always destined for great things, and to fight for just causes. From her days as a young Senator for her adopted homeworld of Alderaan to her time spent with the Rebel Alliance, the daughter of Anakin Skywalker never shied away from danger if it meant doing what she thought was the right thing. This extended to her role as General of the Resistance, where she would often travel with her loyal fighters on board Resistance troop transports, taking her into the thick of the action.

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TROUBLE ON TAKODANA

THE RESISTANCE TO THE RESCUE

With Han Solo, Chewbacca, Finn, Rey, and, most important of all, the astromech BB-8 in trouble on Takodana, Poe Dameron and his X-wing squadron flew to the rescue, driving off the First Order TIEs to clear the way for a Resistance troop transport to land ground troops to mop up. Traveling on board the transport was General Organa, who had come along in person to rescue her estranged husband. With time of the essence, and with Poe's X-wing squadron flying alongside for protection, the transport forewent the option to be fitted with additional weapons for the trip.

When word reached the Resistance that BB-8 had been located on the Mid Rim world of Takodana, and that the news had also reached the First Order, Leia's fleet group scrambled and headed straight there – its general riding with it.



'borrowed' from decommissioned B-wing starfighters. Indeed, there were a number of components taken from the old B-wings, including the considerable weapons array and the stabilizing gyros.

The part of the transport that was most obviously taken from an old B-wing was the cockpit. The formerly excellent pilot's view was severely compromised, however, when the cockpit was placed into the enclosed armored hull, leaving the pilot dependent on holo-displays and other sensor systems.

ON THE SAFE SIDE

Assisting the pilot was an astromech, stored in an improvised 'socket' space in the passenger compartment. However, the droid's inclusion was necessary not only to aid the pilot's limited vision, but also for another, more alarming reason. While the sublight engines – taken from the *Montura*-class shuttle line, first flown in the Old Republic Era – were known for their reliability, one of the few brand-new components was certainly not. With hyperdrives in short supply, especially ones for smaller ships like the transport, Resistance engineers took the liberty of making their own. They did this by reverse-engineering an SJFS S/min-12a hyperdrive that had been stolen from the First Order.

To guard against any potential mishaps with what was essentially a homemade hyperdrive, Resistance techs installed two of them on each transport. But even with this precaution, it was decided that an astromech able to store all the data and jump co-ordinates should accompany each flight: with so much at stake, you couldn't be too careful.



A Resistance troop transport accompanied the *Millennium Falcon*, and its precious cargo, on its return to the Resistance base on the planet D'Qar after the events on Takodana.

BEHIND THE SCENES

INSPIRATION(S)

The Resistance troop transport first seen in *The Force Awakens* draws on a number of inspirations, both from the real world and *Star Wars* universe. The design bears similarities to the Chinook military transport helicopter, albeit turned on its side, while development images revealed in the book *The Art of the Force Awakens* shows a range of design cues. Earlier concept work seems to lead from the *Tantive IV*, while Y-wings were also seen to play a role in the ship's progressing aesthetic. The final design would not be set in stone until very late in the day, in August 2014, during Harrison Ford's two weeks off after his injury on set.

The formation of the Resistance troop transport has been likened to a side-on Chinook transport helicopter (picture: U.S. Army photo by Spc. Glenn M. Anderson, USAREUR Public Affairs / Released).



Concept art (below) shows two Resistance troop transports, one holding C-3PO and Leia Organa, in action during a Resistance mission.



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SHIPYARDS

To avoid handing Kuat Systems Engineering a monopoly, the Emperor also brought its biggest competitor, Sienar Fleet Systems, into his employ. Sienar became one of the largest producers of military hardware in the Imperial Era – and afterwards, when elements of the company reformed in secret to serve the First Order.

Emperor Palpatine had no intention of relying solely on one starship manufacturer to fit out his Imperial fleet. He reasoned that, were Kuat Drive Yards to enjoy a monopoly, other shipyards might find alternative contracts to match, which opened up the possibility of a rival fleet being built to fly against his own. Besides, competition was healthy, and so while KDY's engineers could claim that the largest Imperial ship ever built – the *Executor* – came from their yards, a rival company, Sienar Fleet Systems, was given the contract to produce TIE craft, which would soon become just as symbolic of Imperial might as the Star Destroyers.

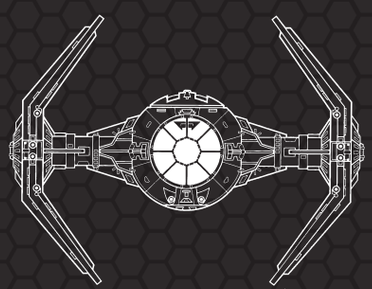
Sienar Fleet Systems was one of a number of military-oriented shipyards that faced almost total disbandment after Palpatine's fall, when the New Republic's Military Disarmament Act came down on the mass-production of war machines. However, elements of Sienar Fleet Systems sought a way around this, and established a new company, Sienar-Jaemus Fleet Systems, which took on clandestine contracts to build warships for the First Order.

SIENAR FLEET SYSTEMS

Sienar Fleet Systems – formerly Republic Sienar Systems – earned its reputation across the galaxy as the maker of the innovative twin ion engine (TIE) fighter, and all its many variants, in an exclusive contact to Emperor Palpatine and the Galactic Empire.

The masses of TIE fighters, bombers, and interceptors that served the Empire's Navy were almost countless in number, and were built in factories spread far and wide throughout the galaxy. This was a deliberate move to make it almost impossible for an enemy to destroy all of the production facilities at once, ensuring the Empire was able to exert space superiority in just about any space fight it found itself in, at any time.

Though competitors, Sienar's relationship with the galaxy's other big-hitter, Kuat Drive Yards, was perhaps not as adversarial as many might have thought: indeed, it was former Kuat engineers who were behind much of Sienar's successes with its TIE ships, while a Sienar-designed solar ionization reactor was used to power Kuat's *Imperial*-class Star Destroyer.



Sienar Fleet Systems' TIE vessels were instantly identifiable by a pod-shaped cockpit situated between two wings that held solar paneling. Untold numbers of the mass-produced craft served the Empire during the Galactic Civil War.



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SIENAR FLEET SYSTEMS: LOTHAL

As Palpatine's Empire expanded, he sought to bring the populations of each and every world under his control, and paid especially close attention to those planets far away from his seat of power on Coruscant. Outlying worlds such as the Outer Rim planet of Lothal were given Imperial Academies, so that their younger population might be indoctrinated early, and, in case that failed and any resistance was felt, military bases to assert control. As part of Palpatine's model of having his manufacturing facilities scattered across the galaxy to avoid their being vulnerable to a single attack, Lothal was also the location of a large Sienar Fleet Systems factory, which churned out countless iconic TIE craft during the Imperial Era.



During the Galactic Civil War, Sienar Fleet Systems built a TIE facility on the Outer Rim world of Lothal, though it would become the target for local rebels.

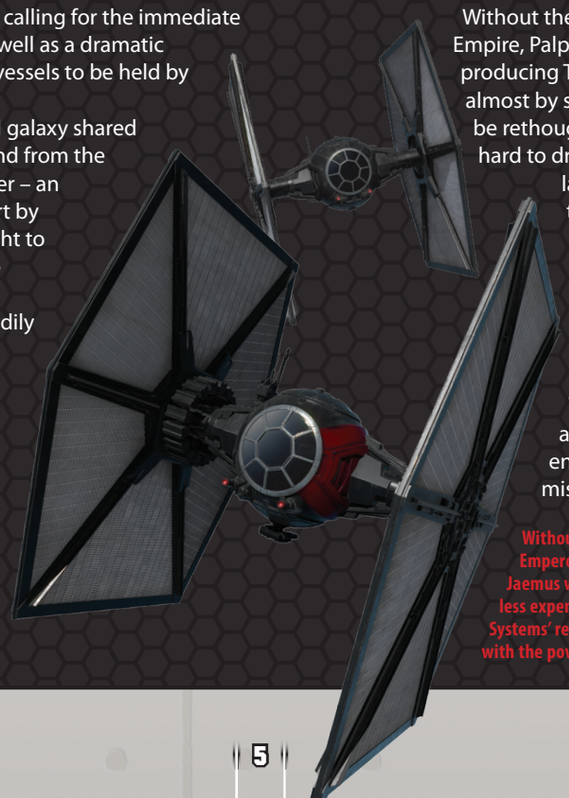
SIENAR-JAEMUS SHIPYARDS: UNKNOWN REGIONS

With the signing of the Galactic Concordance during the Empire's final defeat at the Battle of Jakku, the galaxy and the New Republic that assumed control of it might have thought the days of costly galaxy-spanning conflict had come to an end. The New Republic moved to bring about a new, less militaristic era, with its Military Disarmament Act calling for the immediate disbandment of the Imperial fleet, as well as a dramatic reduction in the number of standing vessels to be held by its own Army and Navy.

However, not all in the post-Imperial galaxy shared the New Republic's pacifistic vision, and from the ashes of the Empire rose the First Order – an avowedly militaristic faction led in part by former Imperial servicemen that sought to reinstate the rule of Empire across the galaxy. From its secret bases in the Unknown Regions, where it grew steadily out of sight of the New Republic, the First Order commissioned a fleet of warships, many of which were produced in the shipyards of the new Sienar-Jaemus Fleet Systems.

Much like the Order it serviced, Sienar-Jaemus was made up of the militaristic elements of a former Imperial mainstay, Sienar Fleet Systems, which had followed the Order into the Unknown Regions to continue building war machines. It was there that Kylo Ren, the most gifted apprentice of First Order Supreme Leader Snoke, oversaw Sienar-Jaemus' construction of a fleet of new and improved TIE craft, including the standard TIE/fo model and super-powered special forces variant, the TIE/sf.

Without the limitless resources of the Empire, Palpatine's model of mass-producing TIEs to overpower enemies almost by sheer weight of numbers had to be rethought, with Sienar-Jaemus working hard to draw up designs for longer-lasting, less expendable craft. To this end, its new TIEs were fitted with improved solar cells and higher-capacity converters, features that were formerly reserved only for Sienar Fleet Systems' exclusive TIE Advanced projects, while the TIE/sf model was equipped with a miniaturized hyperdrive to enable it to fly long-distance missions alone.



Without the limitless resources the Emperor had at his disposal, Sienar-Jaemus was commissioned to produce a less expendable version of Sienar Fleet Systems' renowned TIE fighter, which it did with the powerful TIE/fo and TIE/sf models.

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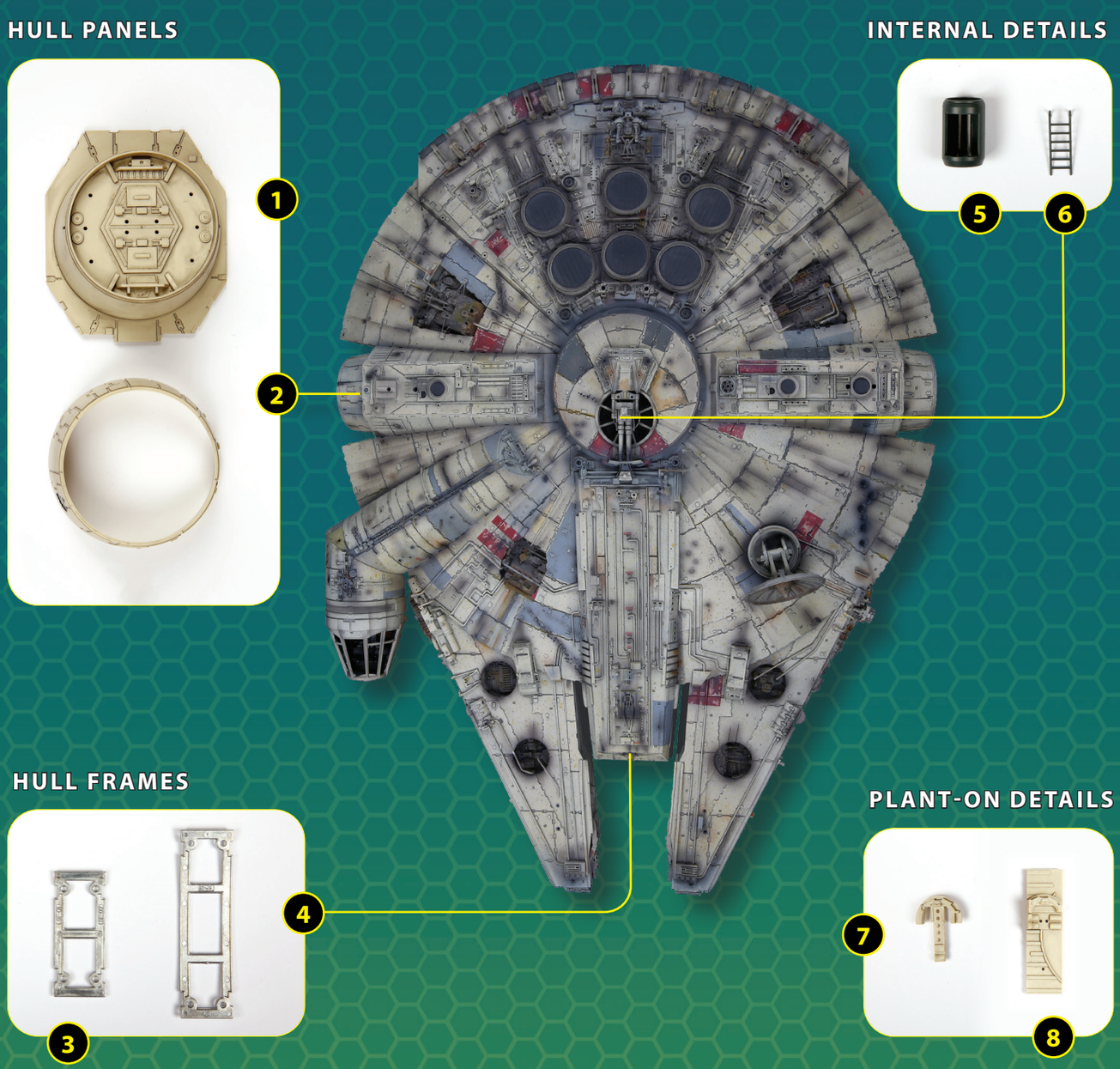
COMPONENTS CHECKLIST

1 Side panel SP-04
2 Detail for side panel SP-04
3 Side frame SF-06
4 Side frame SF-07
5 Turret corridor
6 Ladder for turret corridor
7 Plant-on detail
8 Plant-on detail

This issue's parts include the last two side frames to join the upper and lower hull, plus the corridor that links the turrets. You also have the end of the side corridor, and two plant-on details to add to the port mandible.

Now that you have all the side frames, you can prepare to add the top to the hull. As well as installing the side frames around the main disk, you also need to fit two more internal supports, and add the vertical corridor that links the two turret wells containing the gunners' controls.

WHERE THE PARTS FIT



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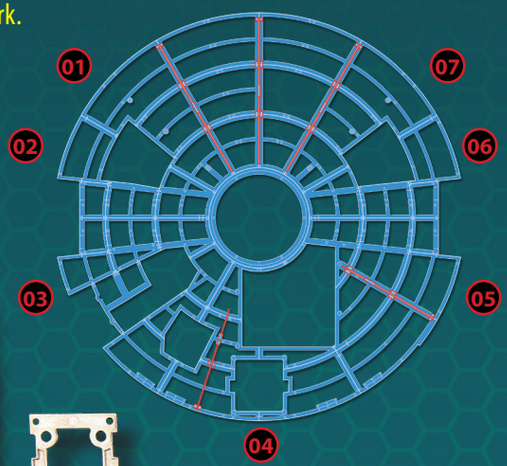
ADDING THE SIDE FRAMES

The side frames will join the upper and lower hull in a similar way to the ones you fitted to the mandibles. Start by screwing the seven frame sections around the edges of the lower framework.

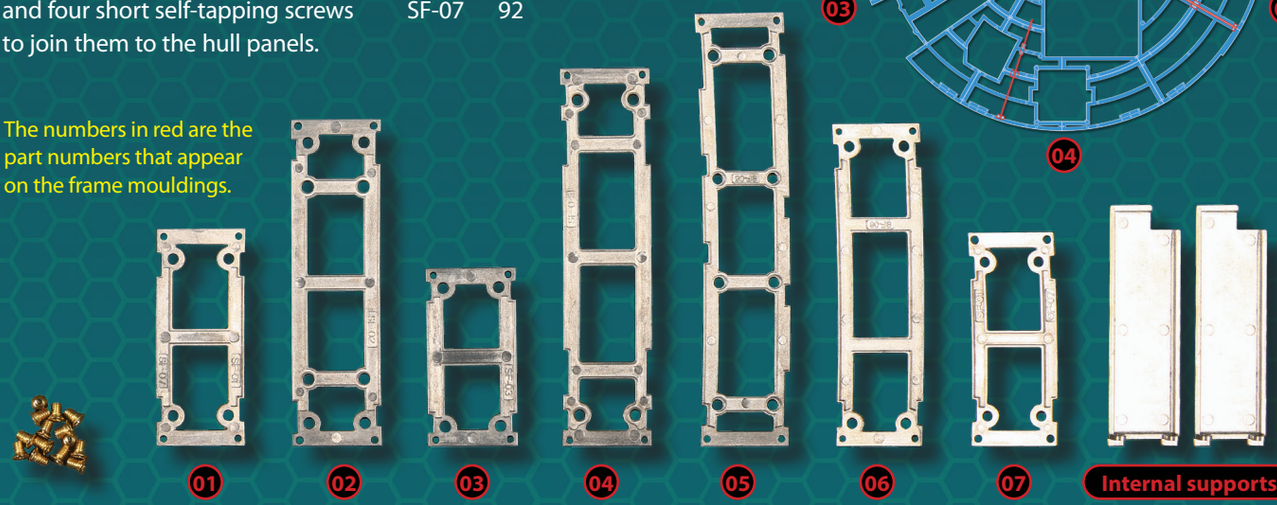
You will need all the side frames that were supplied with the five issues listed on the right. You also need 14 of the short countersunk screws to fit the side frames, the two internal supports that were provided with Issue 90, and four short self-tapping screws to join them to the hull panels.

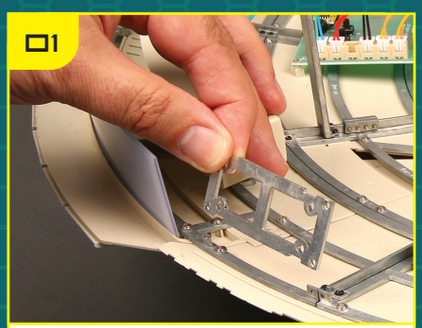
Frame	Issue
SF-01	88
SF-02	89
SF-03	90
SF-04	90
SF-05	91
SF-06	92
SF-07	92

This diagram shows where each of the frames is fitted.

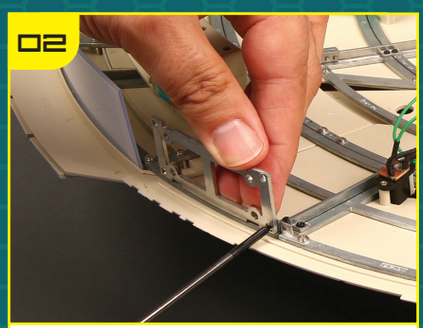


The numbers in red are the part numbers that appear on the frame mouldings.

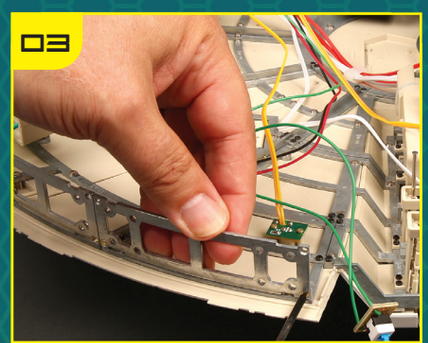




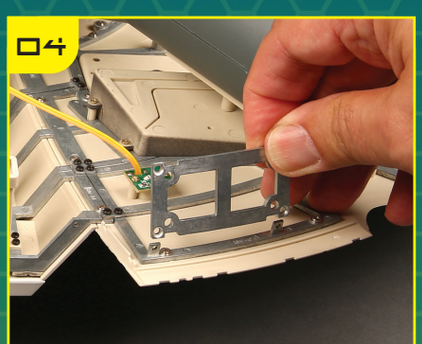
Start with frame SF-01, which fits on the starboard side, next to the diffuser strip for the sublight engines.



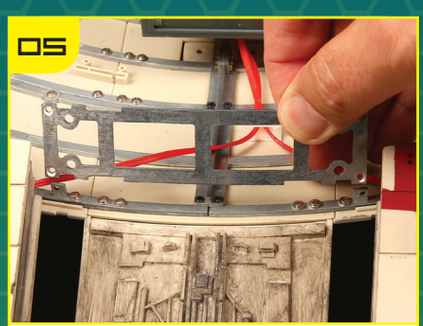
Align SF-01 with the two lugs on the hull frames and screw it in place. Do not tighten the screws fully at this stage.



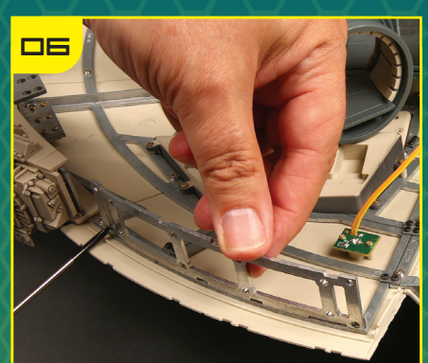
Screw SF-02 next to SF-01. Leave the screws a little slack, as before.



Fit SF-03 forward of the starboard corridor.



Fit SF-04 between the mandibles. You will have to angle the screwdriver slightly to gain access.

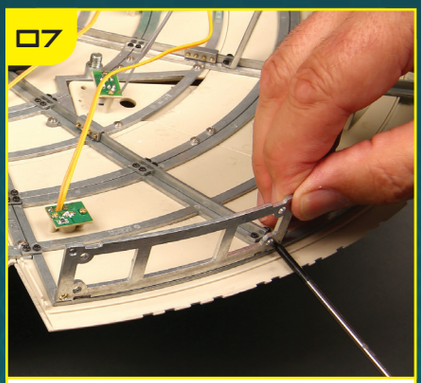


Fit SF-05 forward of the port corridor.

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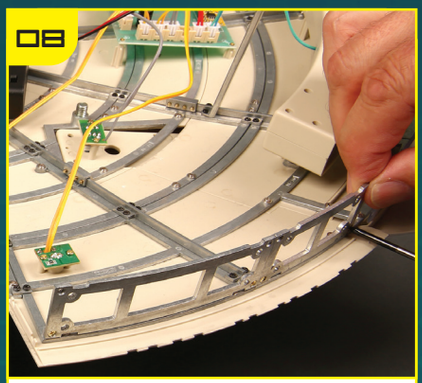
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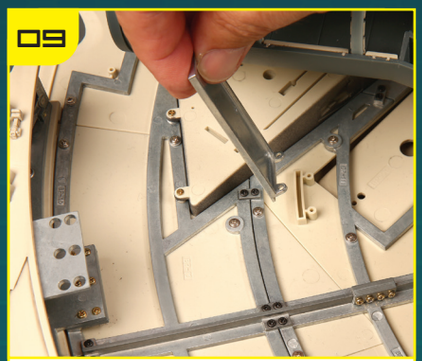
Fit SF-06 aft of the port corridor.

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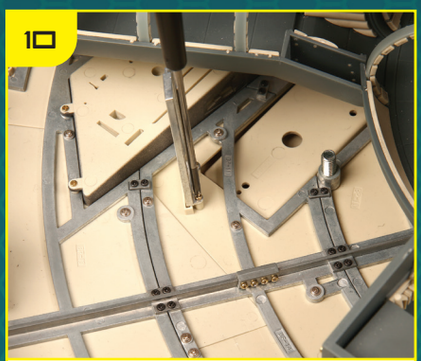
Fit SF-07 next to the diffuser strip.

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Fit one of the two internal supports to this mounting point on the hull.

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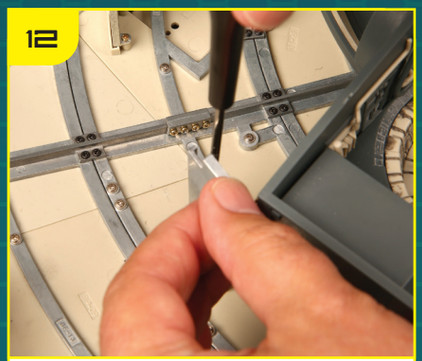
Screw the support firmly in place, using two screws.

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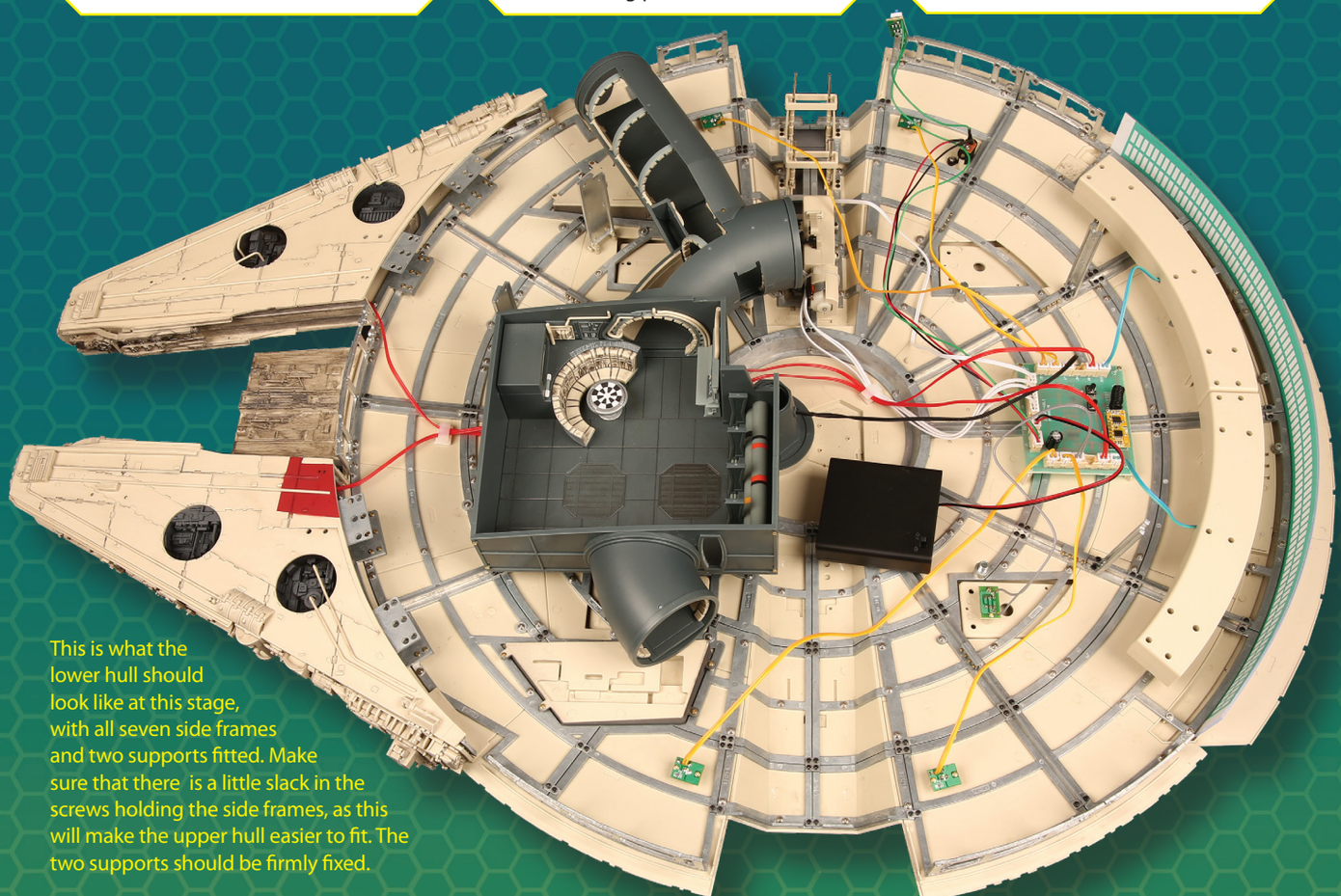


Fit the second internal support to this mounting point on the hull.

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Screw the support firmly in place, using two screws.



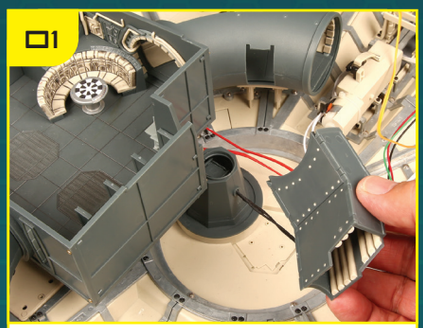
This is what the lower hull should look like at this stage, with all seven side frames and two supports fitted. Make sure that there is a little slack in the screws holding the side frames, as this will make the upper hull easier to fit. The two supports should be firmly fixed.

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ADDING THE ACCESS CORRIDOR

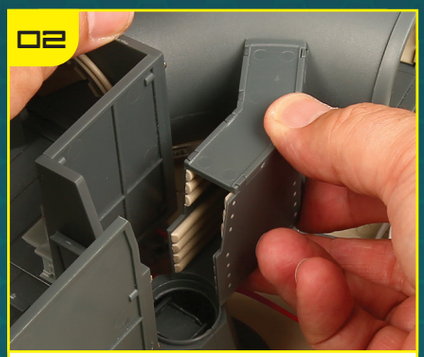
Now that you have the central corridor that joins the gun wells, you can fit the small rectangular access tunnel that you held back when you installed the internal details in Stage 89. You may want to do a dry run before gluing the parts in place.

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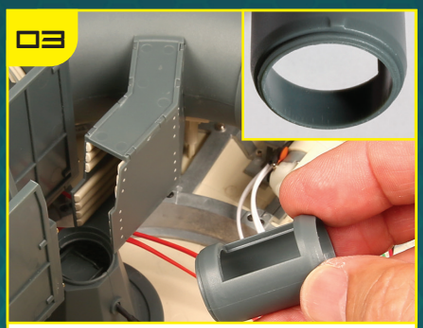
Glue the hold and corridors to the lower hull, then take the access tunnel and align it with the assembly like this.

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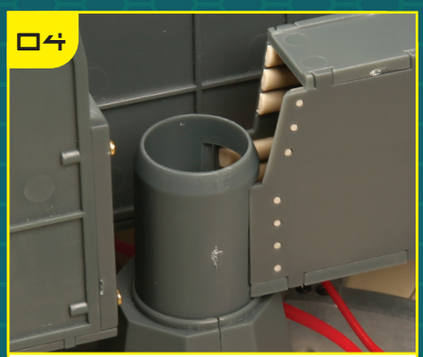
Glue the access tunnel into the slot in the side corridor.

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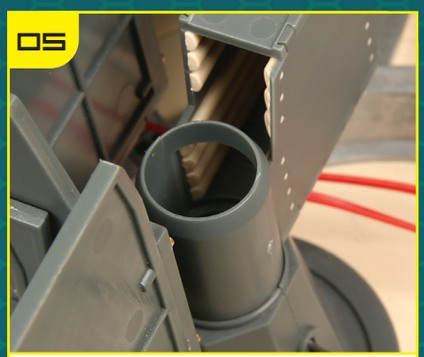
Align the central corridor with the assembly. The lower end (inset) has a stepped flange with a locating tab.

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Glue the flange to the gun well. The tab ensures it only fits in one position.

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The square opening will align with the end of the access tunnel.

ACCESS LADDER



Part (6) is the ladder for the turret corridor. You will fit this into the upper gun well in Stage 93. Then, when you fit the upper hull, it will extend down into the central corridor.

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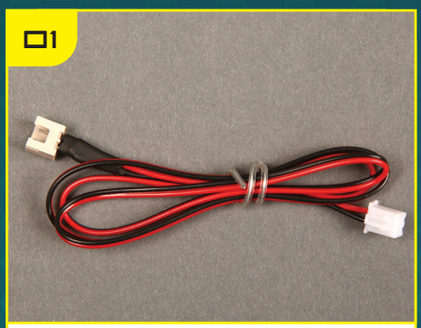
This is what the lower hull should look like at this stage.

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EXTENDING THE WIRING

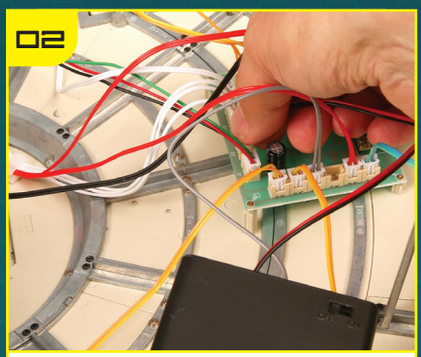
During the next stage, the battery box will be relocated to its mounting in the upper hull. To make this possible, you need to add the extension lead that was provided with Issue 87.

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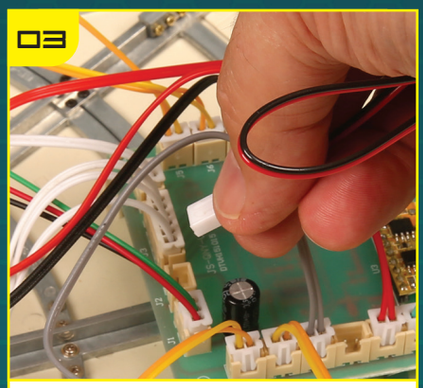
Take the extension lead, which looks like this, with a plug on one end and a socket on the other. Uncoil the wires.

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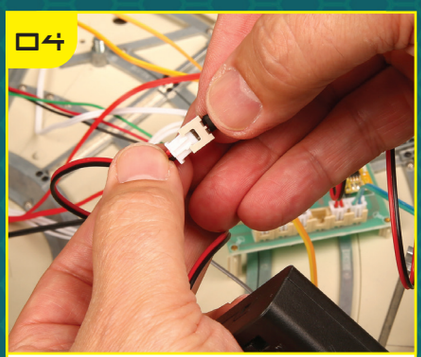
Switch the battery box off and unplug its lead from socket J2.

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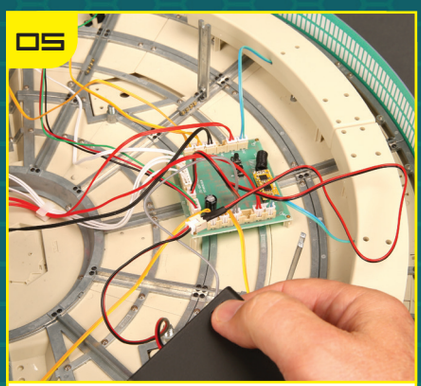
Plug the extension lead into socket J2.

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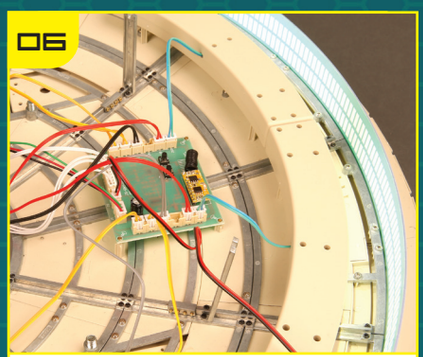
Plug the battery box into the socket on the other end of the extension lead.

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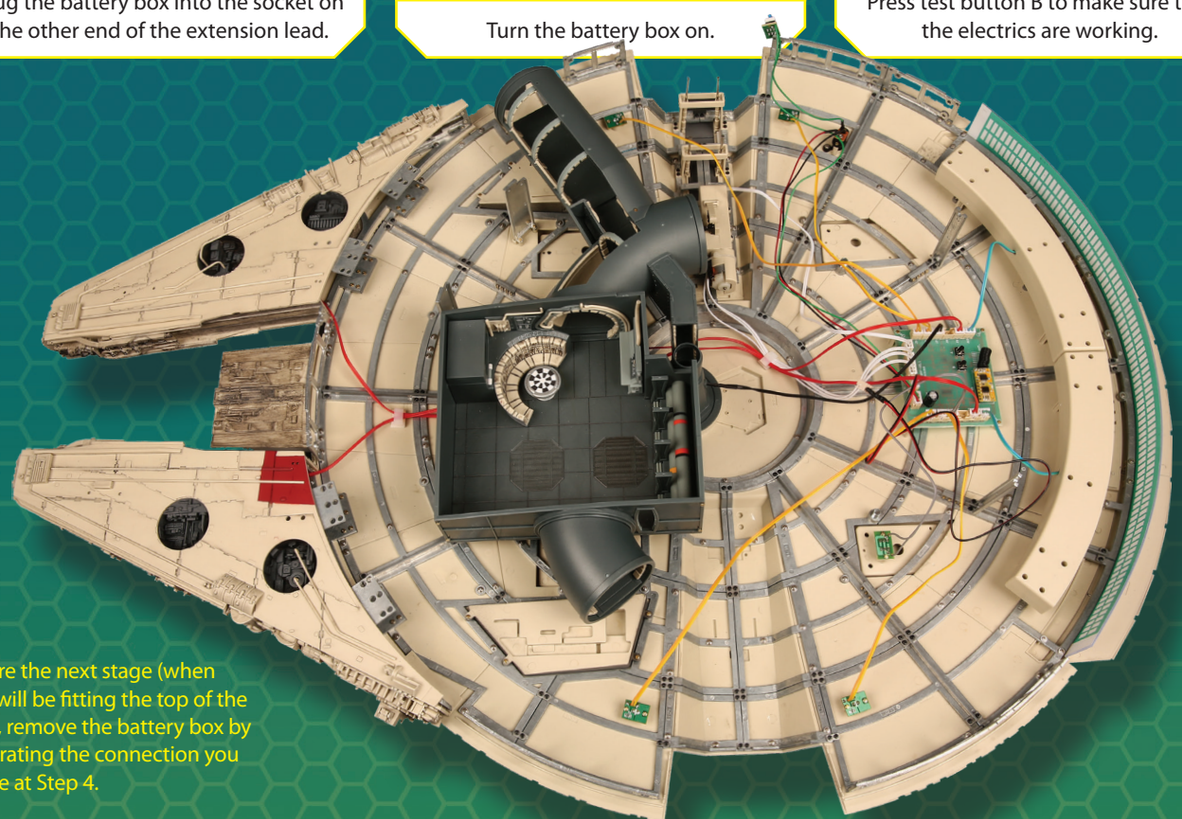


Turn the battery box on.

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Press test button B to make sure that the electrics are working.



Before the next stage (when you will be fitting the top of the hull), remove the battery box by separating the connection you made at Step 4.

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