

PART 1

Correcting the Casting Texture and Steps 1 - 6

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND CAUTIONS:

- The kit contains numerous parts that are not used and in some cases look very much like other kit parts. You should always verify part numbers with the instructions.
- The instruction sheet has several cases where parts are mislabeled or have no part number shown. I will be pointing those out as we proceed through the build. (If you get energetic and get ahead, **BE CAREFUL**)
- There will be times where I will deviate from the instructions because of modifications to the model, M60A1 verses M60A1 RISE/Passive, or because of after market parts. I will always cover both differences.
- I may later on, modify the instructional steps included in the Build Parts depending on build time. I will try to keep each part about 3 to 4 hours work per month.
- Beginning with Build Part 2, I will start each presentation with a Q&A about the previous Build Part if desired.

LET'S GET STARTED



The texture is so evidently, grainy and exaggerated.

- 1. Using an old paint brush, apply an irregular pattern of Mr. Surfacer 500. Allow to fully dry
- 2. Be careful not to cover fine details, seams or weld bead lines.
- 3. Sand the surface using 400 grit sandpaper or sanding pads, but be careful not to erase small details. Some references say to use wet sanding while others say dry sanding is fine.
- 4. Regular store bought Isopropyl alcohol (90%) works well to clean your brush or on a Q-tip to remove Mr. Surfacer if you get it in places you don't want to get it. I frequently cleaned my brush to keep a build-up of dried Mr. Surfacer from forming in the bristles.

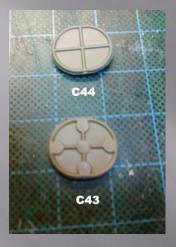




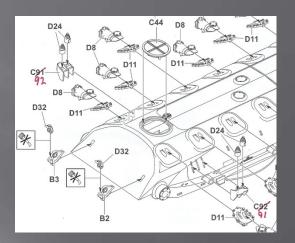


^{**}The amount of coverage on the lower hull is up to you. Anywhere I thought I would later have a build-up of dirt and/or mud, I did not bother to use Mr. Surfacer.

STEP 1:

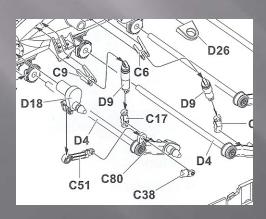


Parts C44/C43 : Use 44 for M60A1 Use 43 for RISE (Passive)



Parts C91 & C92 Labeled backwards on Instructions

STEP 2:





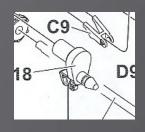
- **Do not glue in the torsion bars.
- **Assemble Parts D18, C51, C38, C17, D9, C9, and C80 prior to inserting into hull
- ** Assemble Parts D4, C16, D9 and C6 prior to inserting into hull
- **Assemble Parts D4, C16, C60 and C8 prior to inserting into hull
- ** Enlarge holes in D24

STEP 2 & 3:



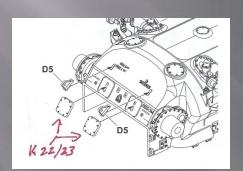
4 of the D4 parts have notches. Be sure to use them in the right place

**Parts D18 will require some filling

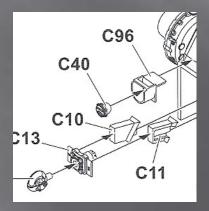


- ** Only do one side of the hull at a time.
- **Take your time and ensure you use the right parts

STEP 4:



Parts K22/K23 not labeled on instructions



Check the fit of Parts C10/C11 before attaching



Pictures of completed Steps 1 - 4









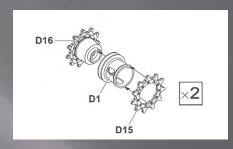


**Two types of wheels provided in the kit. Aluminum and Steel. Aluminum (with fins) are the ones covered in the instructions.



** Not unusual to see them mixed on later versions (RISE & RISE Passive)

**Be sure to use parts D15 & D16 for Drive Sprockets



**Parts Numbers for Steel Road Wheels: D14, D17, & D29







** Road Wheel Rubber Ridge Pattern



** Newer road wheels would show the "ridges," but as they were used on the vehicles those ridges would wear down.



Next Month, Steps 7 – 9: Driver's Compartment



