

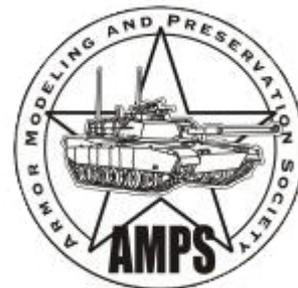
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Tasca/Asuka M4A1 Sherman DV – 35-025  
Part IV



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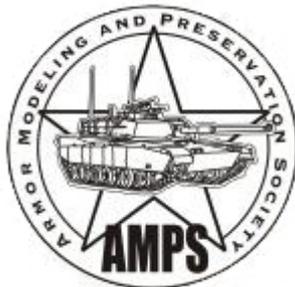
## Step 11,12,13,14,15,16: Upper Hull

- Tasca provides some options here on small details. The rear ventilator cover and the grouser vents both have 2 different options, so check references. In general, the symmetrical bolt pattern on the ventilator cap is 'earlier' than the asymmetrical version.
- Direct vision slots can be located opened or closed. See photo for some small detailing you can do.... casting marks, and a machined depression along the center axis.
- It's easier to install the bow mounted machine gun prior to the final drive, and make note of the tip in the instructions to only glue C41 to C29 to allow the bow mg to be moveable.
- Check alignment before gluing. Everything should fit very flush and be aligned.
- Driver/Codriver hatches: On these early tanks, the handles were installed to the rear of the location shown.
- Install (or don't install) periscopes based upon preference for painting periscopes before/after assembly.



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- In step 15, I'm holding off on installing the headlight guards until a bit later so I don't knock off delicate PE items.
- On the headlight guards, check your references... some early tanks had the the plug holder parallel to the glacis plate rather than perpendicular to the ground.
- Note that the tail lights are not the same between the sides. The left tail light should be red on top, black on the bottom. The right tail light should be black on both top and bottom.
- Note options on tail light guards depending on the tank you're modeling. Tasca offers multiple versions.
- I'm skipping tools until we're a bit further along.



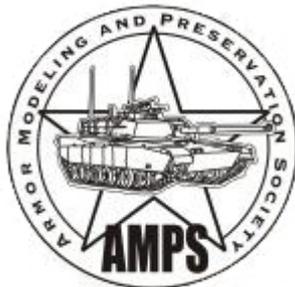
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- Added weld bead along front plate



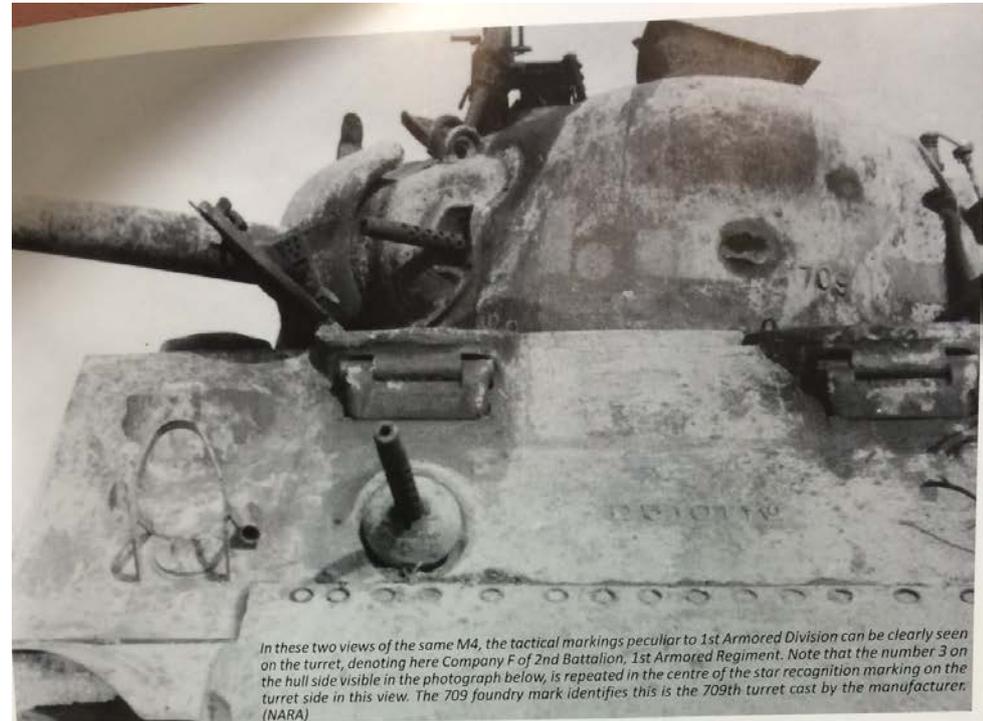
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- Tasca provides 2 different 75mm gun barrels. The fluted end is the earlier model. Otherwise, the gun system goes together per the instructions.
- Assembly the .50 cal subassembly. Again, different versions are provided for the mount, barrel with/without handle, as well as the ammo can. Even comes with a full size spare barrel for dio opportunities



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- Sherman turrets have lots of variations depending on the foundry. Lots of options for detailing and casting marks based on photographic evidence.



*In these two views of the same M4, the tactical markings peculiar to 1st Armored Division can be clearly seen on the turret, denoting here Company F of 2nd Battalion, 1st Armored Regiment. Note that the number 3 on the hull side visible in the photograph below, is repeated in the centre of the star recognition marking on the turret side in this view. The 709 foundry mark identifies this is the 709th turret cast by the manufacturer. (NARA)*



*All the M4 Medium tanks present during the fighting around Kasserine in February 1943 were Pressed Steel Car built vehicles. Production of the welded hull M4 by other manufacturers did not commence until early 1943, far too late for any of their vehicles to have arrived in time to take part in the battle. This tank is depicted in the colour illustrations on the outside back cover. (NARA)*

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