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Step 10: Final Drive Assembly

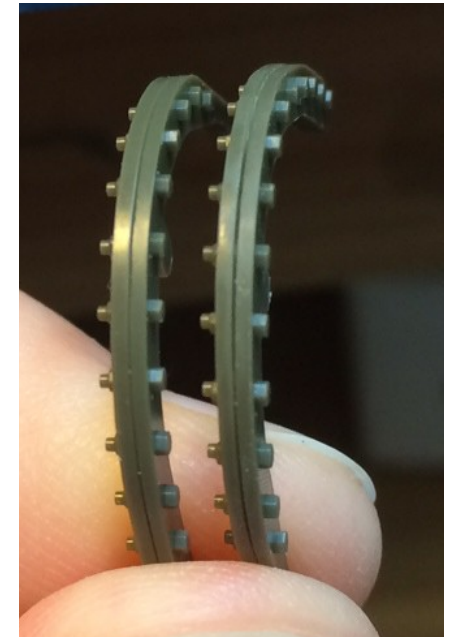
- Tasca/Asuka provides 2 versions of the final drive assembly (fda). There's a “3 piece” fda, and a “single piece” fda. The 3 piece is more common on early tanks, but there are single piece fda in combat photos from North Africa.
- Tasca provides an order for assembly of the 3 piece. The only change recommended is that the (2) C45 parts should be added last. The main reason for this is that the seam between C52/53 to C50 needs to be removed, and these interfere with that work.
- Also note that the bolt flanges are part of each particular casting piece, and therefore when bolted together, that seam is supposed to remain.
- For my build, I will be using the 1 piece fda from TMD.



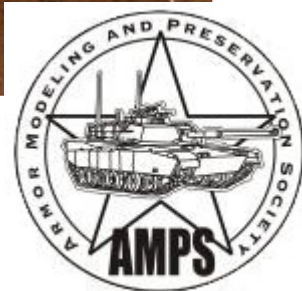
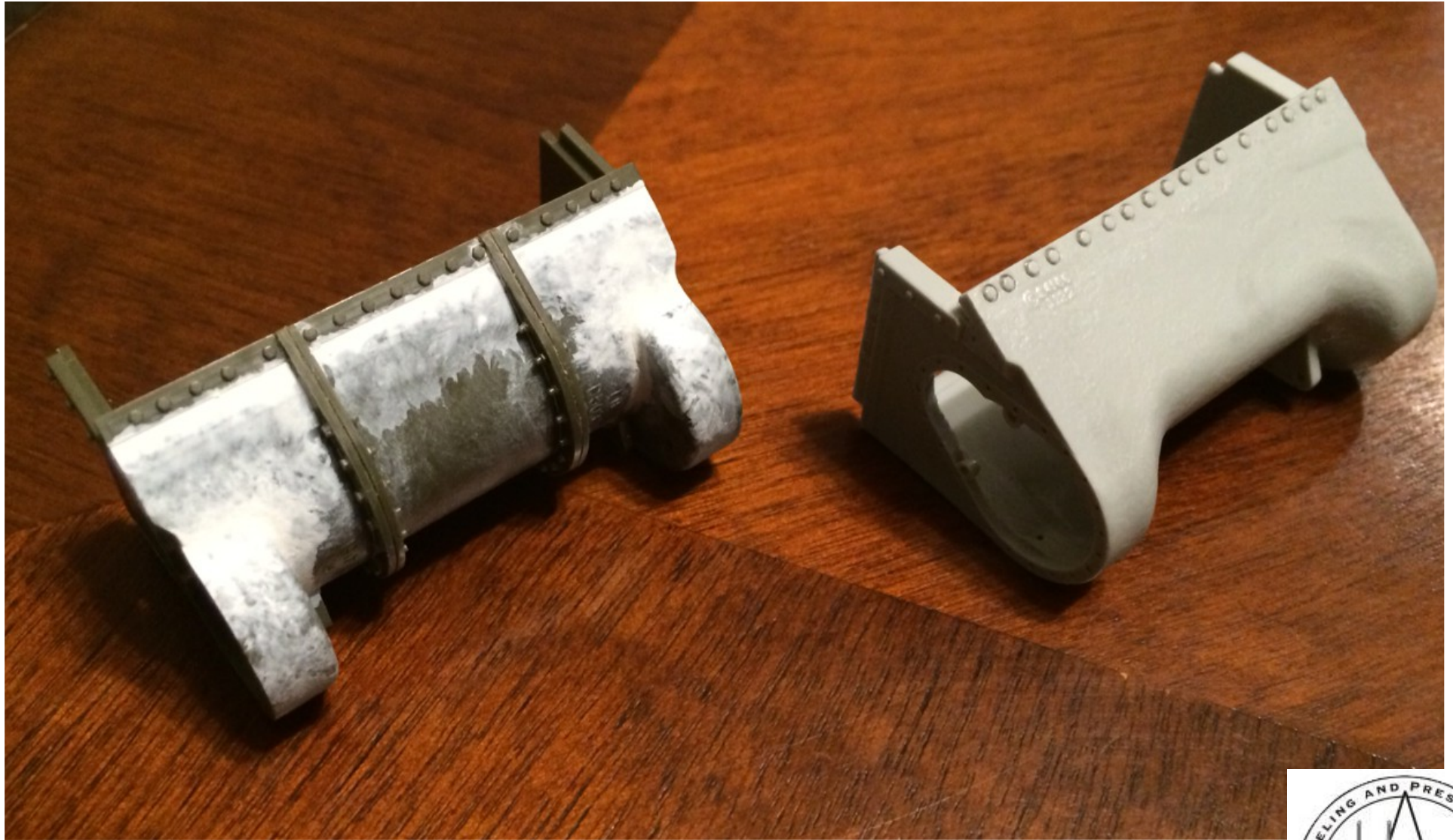
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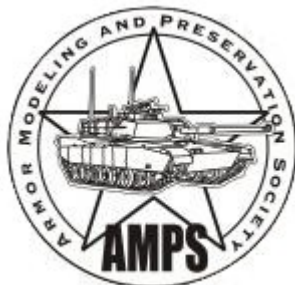
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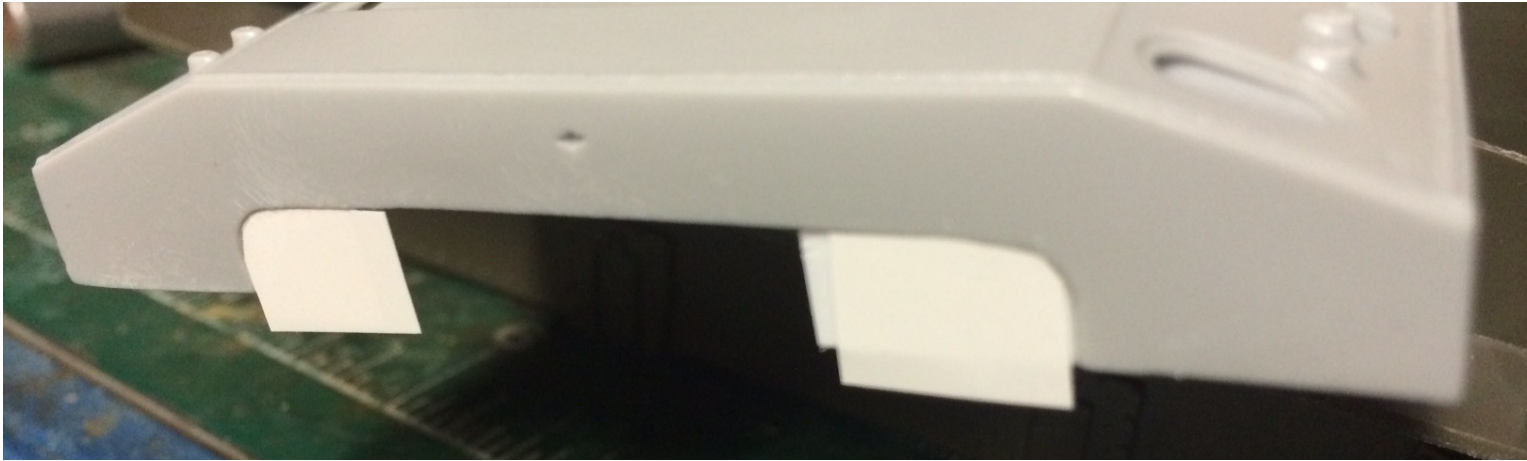
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Step 11: Upper Hull

- Issues...
 - Both hull sides had issues with being straight, flush, and smooth. A bit 'wavy'.
 - Whole hull was warped, but that was easily fixed via hot water.
 - Rear vertical plate “notch” too wide for Tasca hull. Built up with sheet plastic and super glue, then covered with 0.05 sheet, and sanded flush.
 - Still not great... looking into getting a replacement from TMD.



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