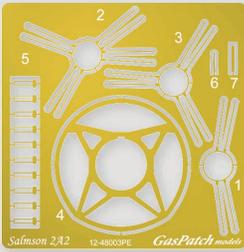


Built in a large numbers, the French Salmson 2A2 was the most widely used reconnaissance aircraft in the final year of the First World War. So much was the amazement of the Japanese observers in France at its performance that several of these two-seater biplanes were sent to Japan and were later used to train the Japanese aircrew according to the most up-to-date flying techniques. Also, in 1919 the President of the Kawasaki Dockyard Company acquired not only the manufacturing rights to it, but also an army contract to build it. This became a reality in 1920 although the Japanese Army was only allowed to manufacture engines. Salmson representatives filed a protest, but the two parties came soon to a mutual agreement and worked in collaboration thereafter.

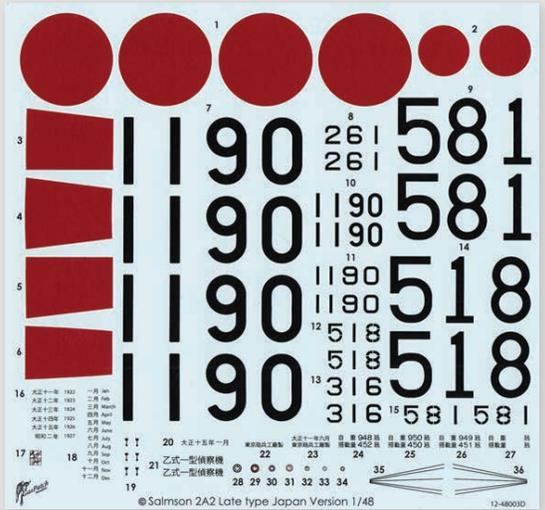
Otsu-1 was the first Japanese Army-built version of the French Salmson 2A2 produced in 1920. The Japanese-built 2A2 biplanes were almost identical to the original aircraft apart from minor modifications. Both the French and the Japanese experimented on alternative engines; however, due to overheating problems their production ceased. The modified Type Otsu-1 took part in the Russian Civil War in 1922 and had a wide range of uses including bombing, liaison, light cargo transport and ration re-supply to name just a few. It remained the Japanese Army's principal reconnaissance aircraft until 1933. After their release from the military service their popularity rose when they were sold as military surplus to civilian pilots and were used as mail planes.



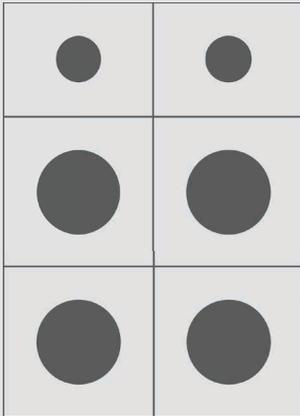
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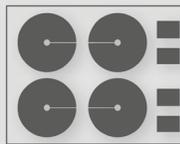
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Decals



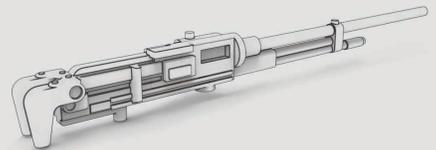
Masks for Hinomaru



Masks for Wheels and Wingshields



Acetate for PE Wing shield



1 Japanese Hotchkiss resin gun

Color Reference

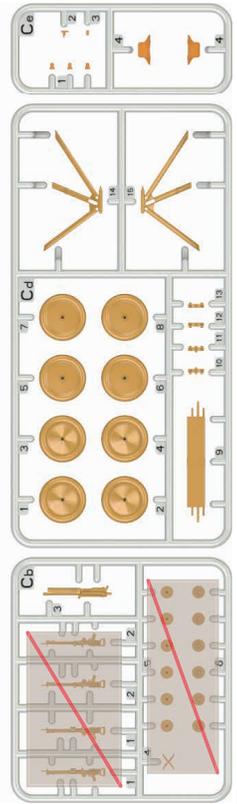
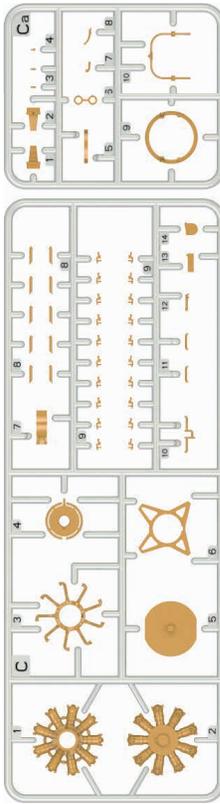
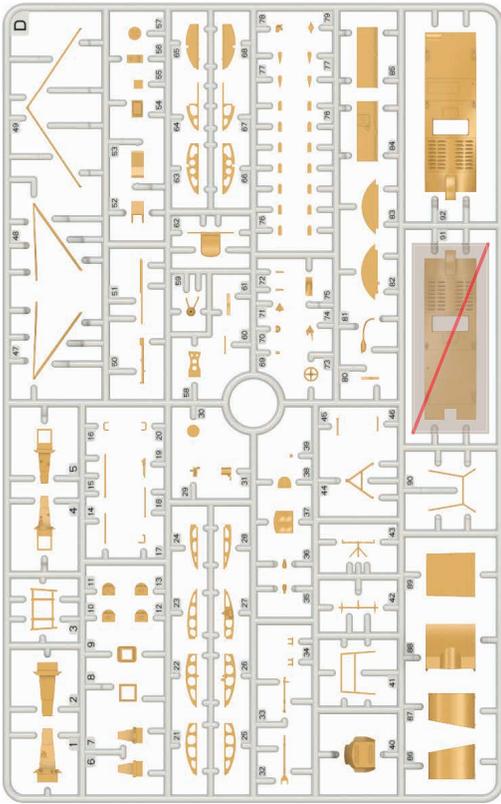
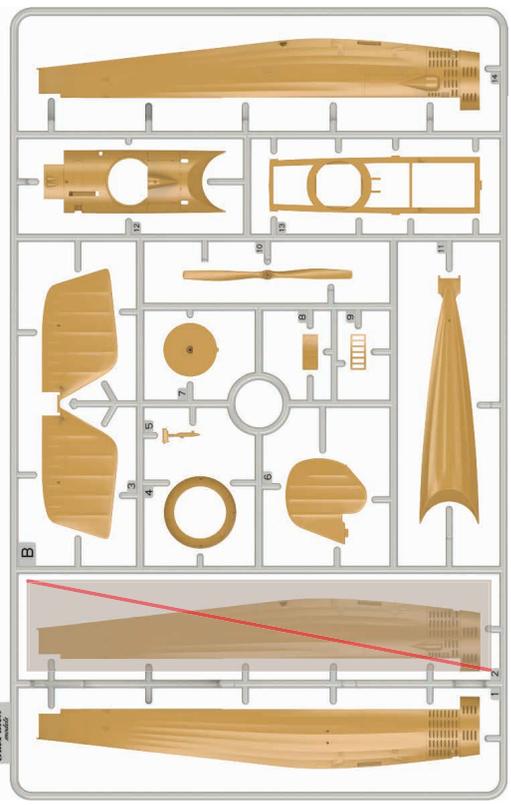
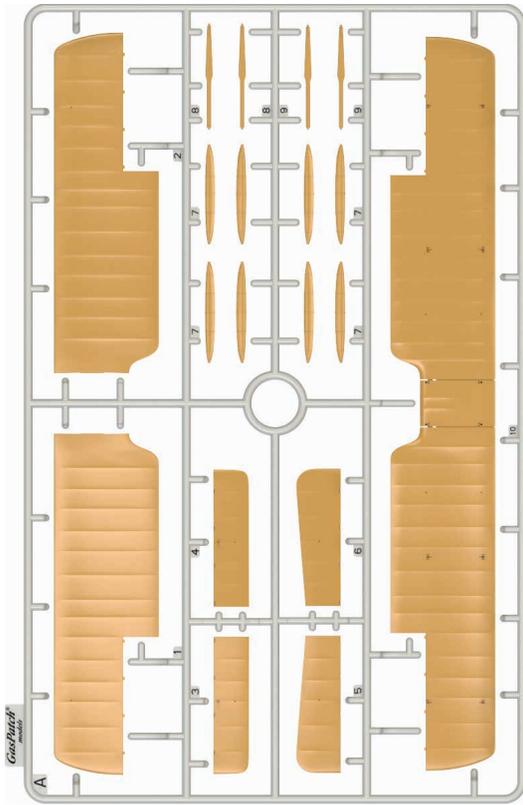
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Symbols Reference

	Attention		Cut/Remove
	Part Number		Hole
	Main Photo Etched		Option
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	Symmetry		Saw
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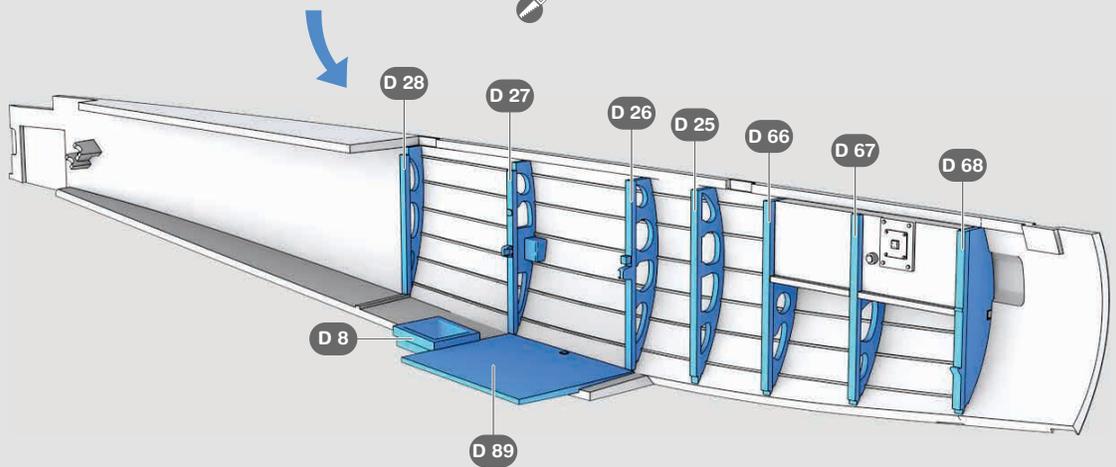
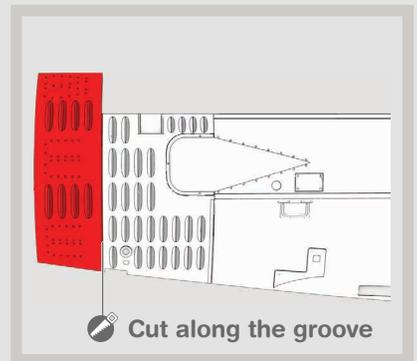
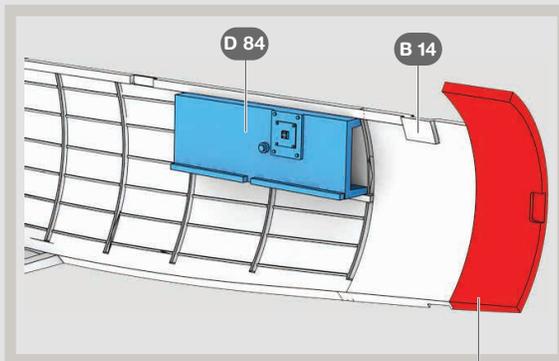
Tips and tricks

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- ! USE PHOTO ETCHED SAW FOR CUTTING SMALL THIN PARTS FROM SPRUE TREE.
- ! DECALS NEED ONLY 4-5' SEC IN WATER. USE DECAL SETTING SOLUTION.
- ! USE CA (CYANOACRYLATE) OR WHITE GLUE FOR DIFFERENT MATERIALS.
- ! TAKE BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.



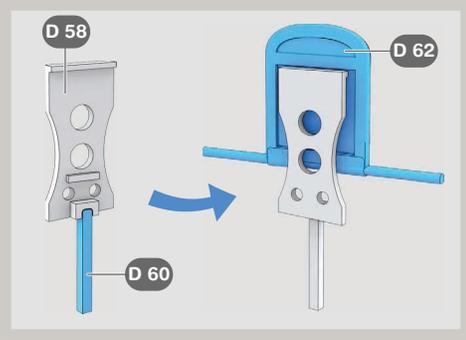
1 Building and painting interior (Left side)

Left side painting instructions

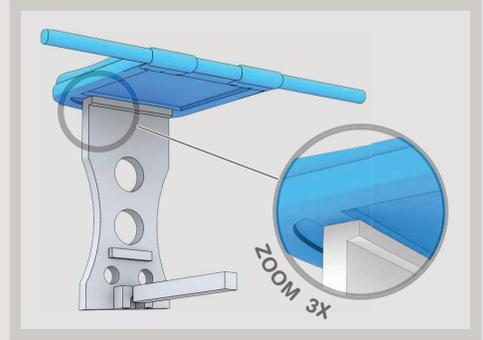


2 Adding details to interior (Left side)

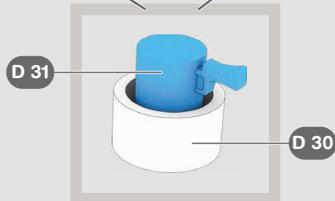
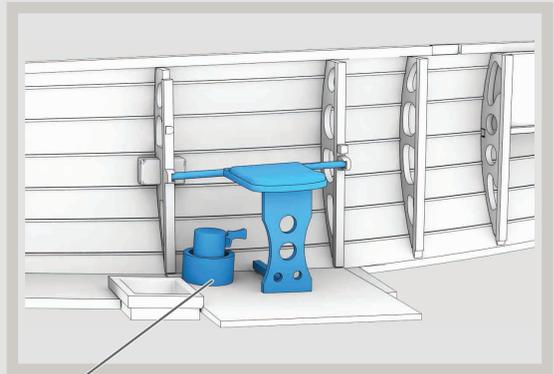
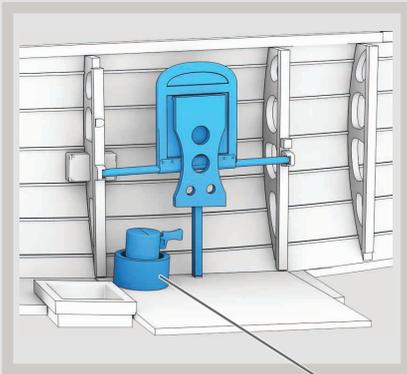
Observer/Gunner seat



Folded seat



Unfolded seat



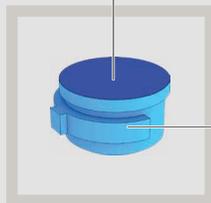
Signal lamp & holder

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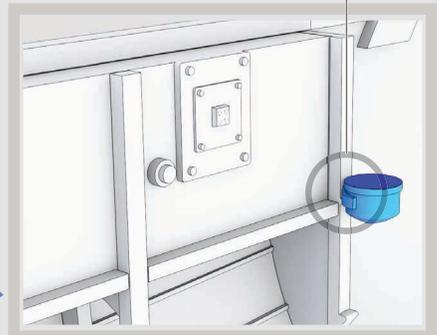


Black

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Compass

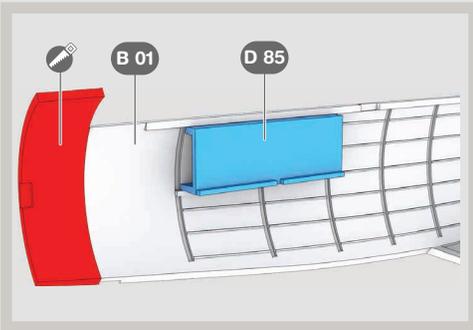


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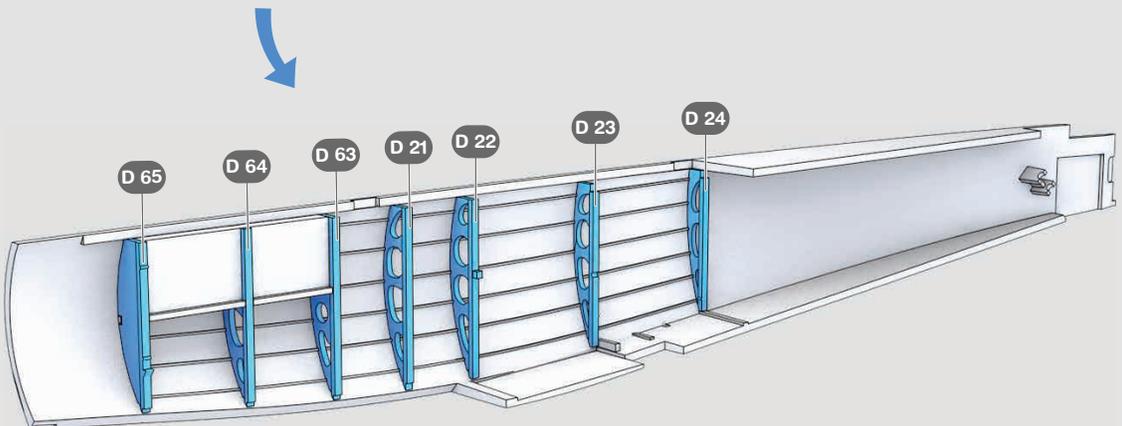
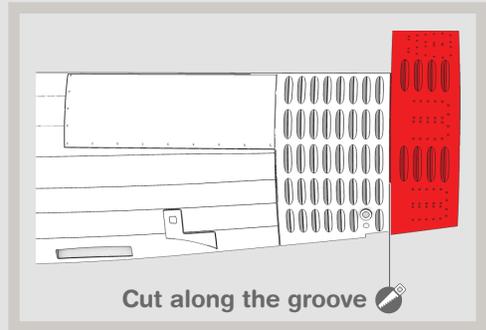
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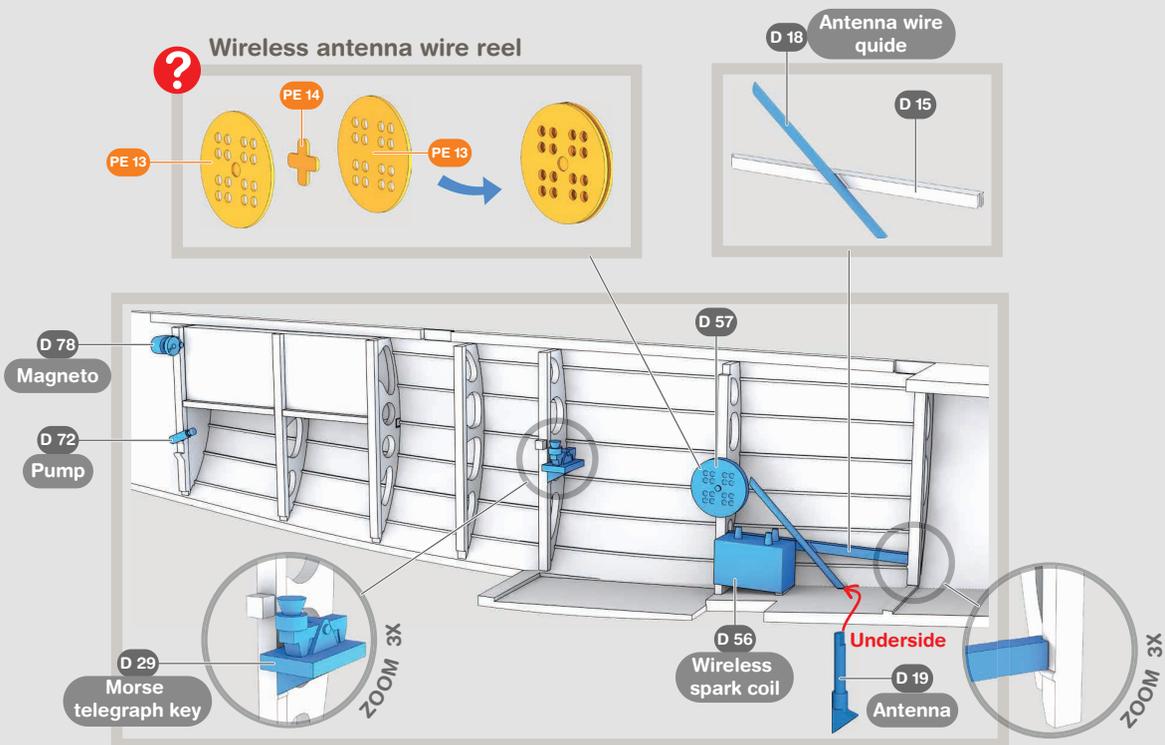
Inside view



Outside view



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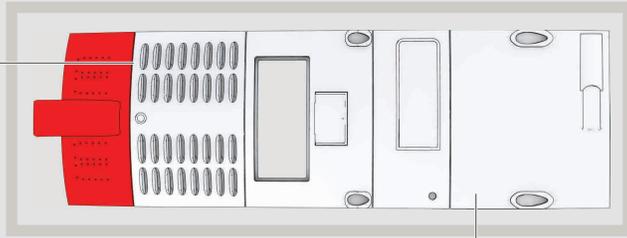


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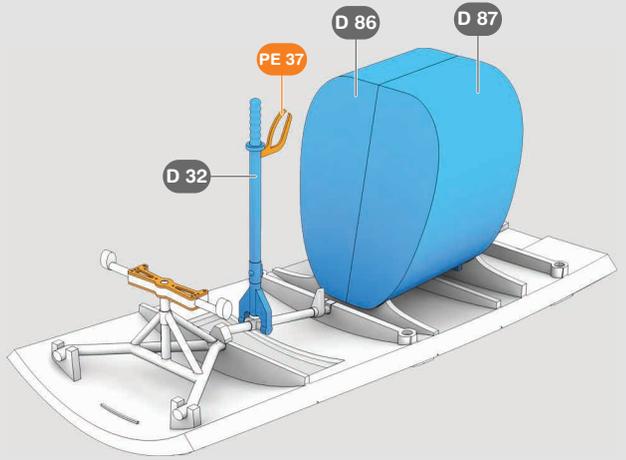
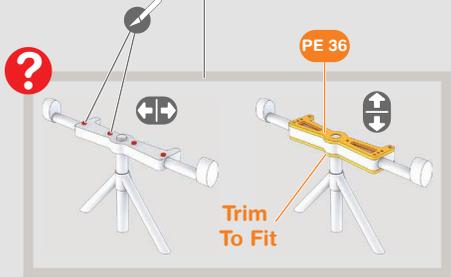
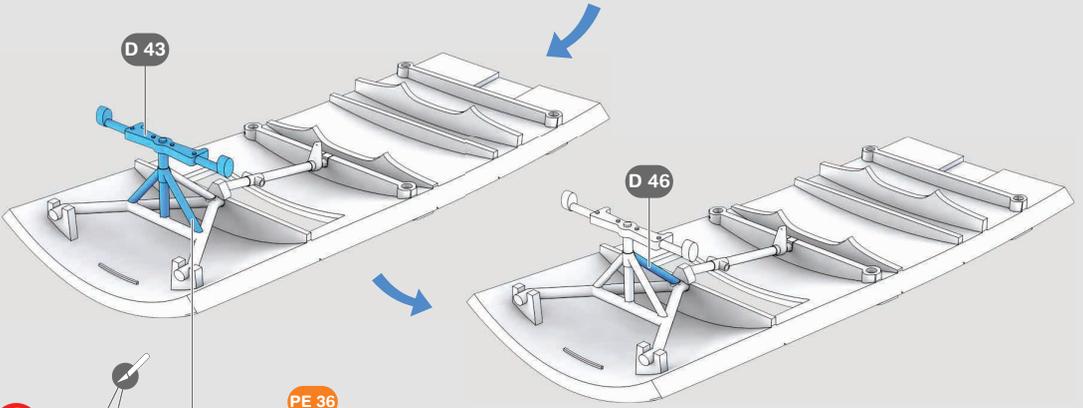
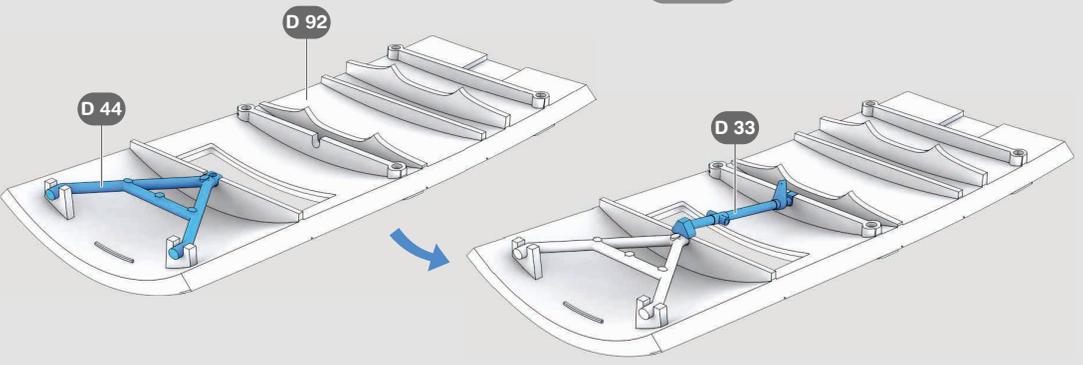
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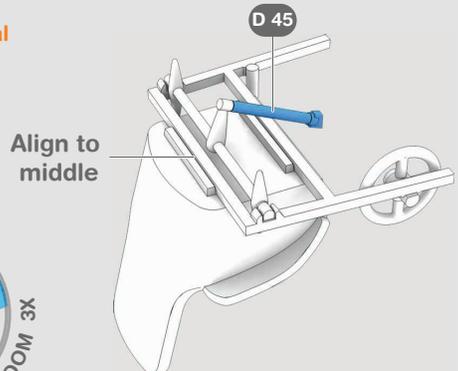
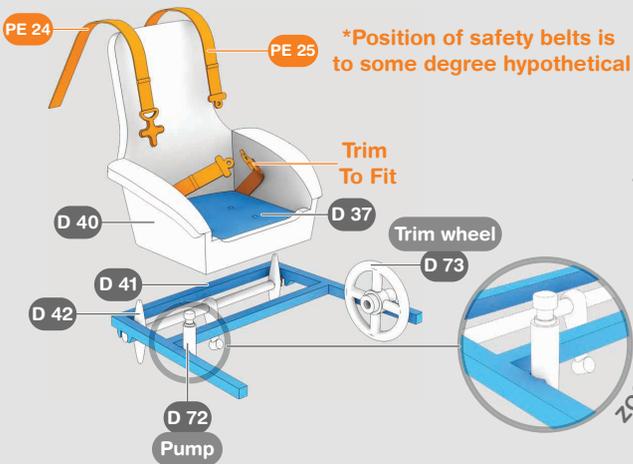
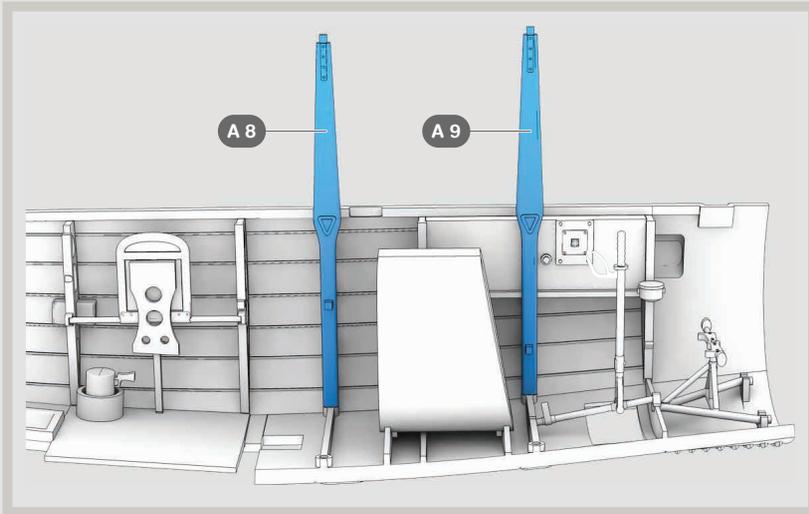
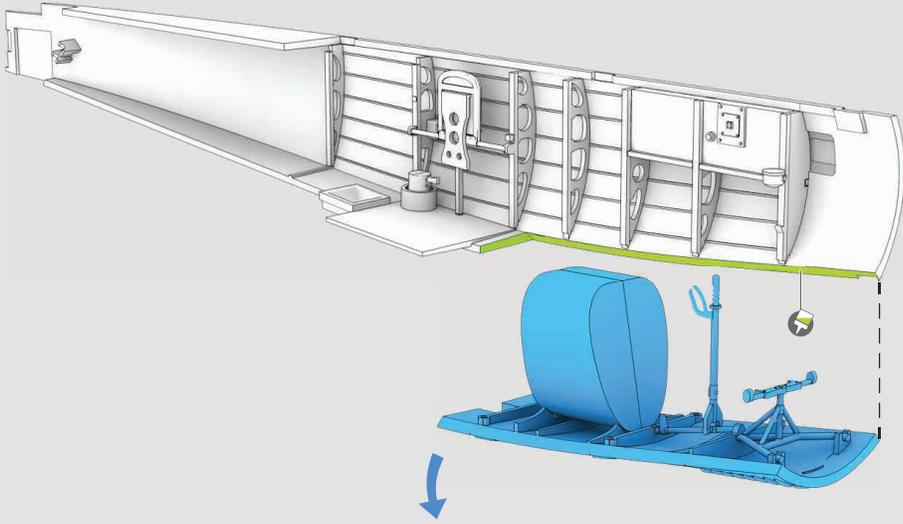
Cut along the groove



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Late type



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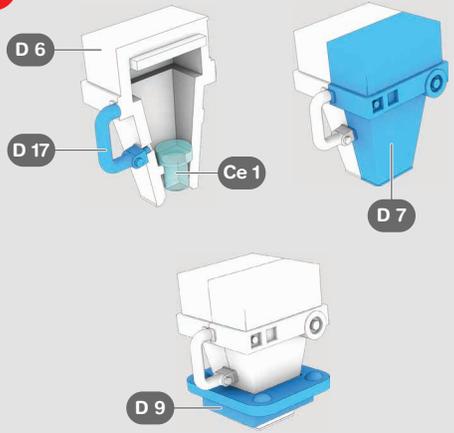


Pilot's seat attachment points



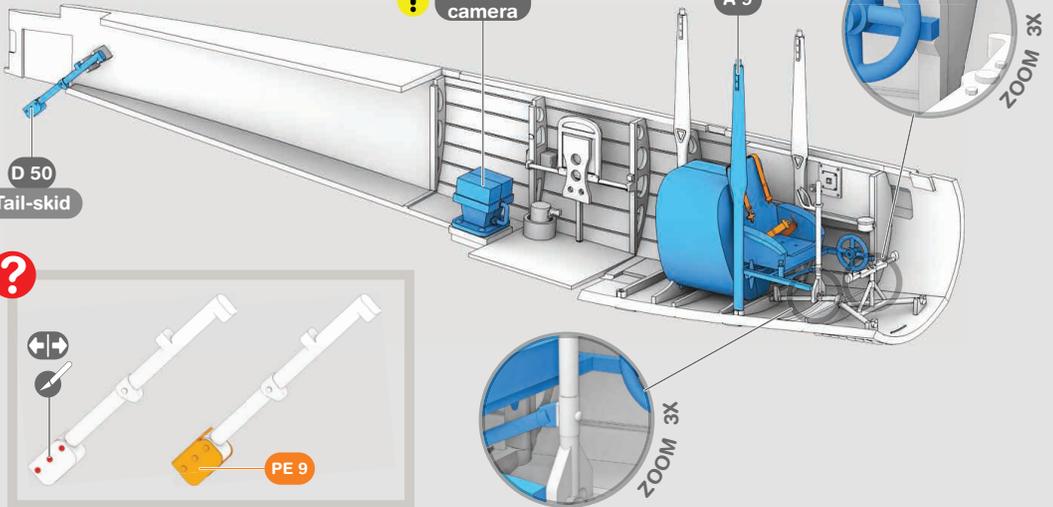
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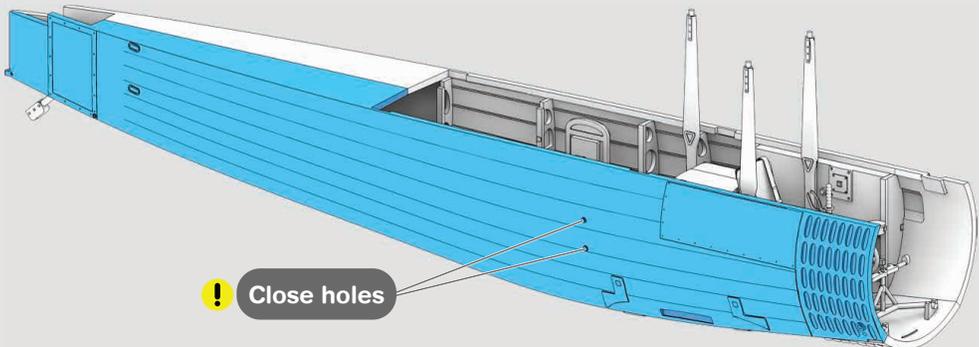


Alternative cameras to step 9

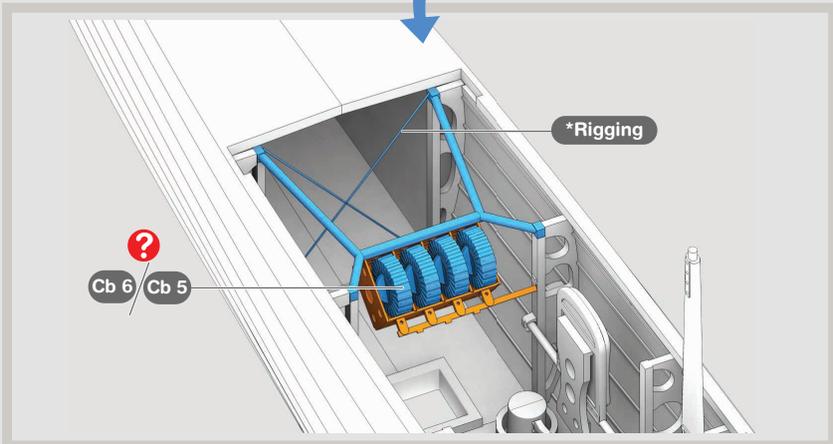
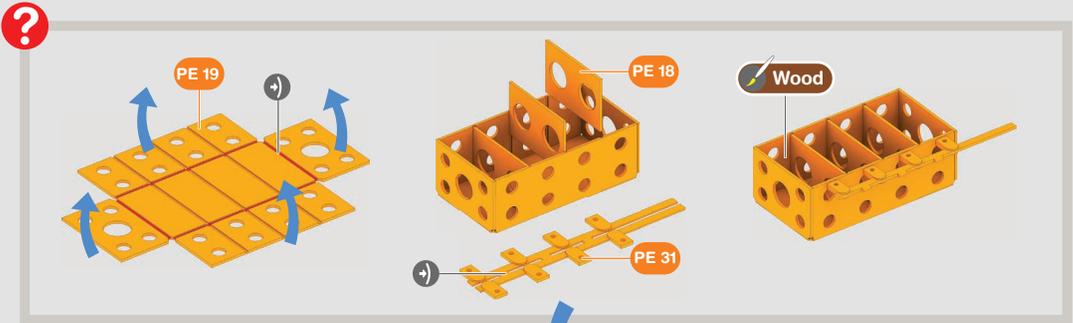
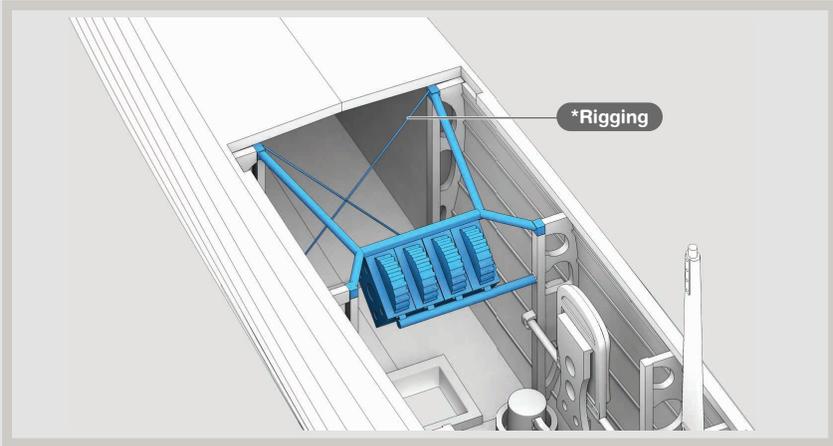
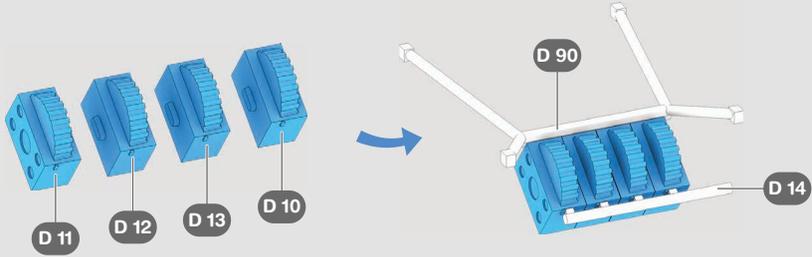
! Rear camera



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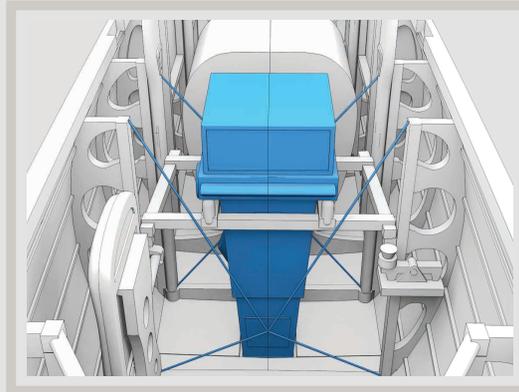
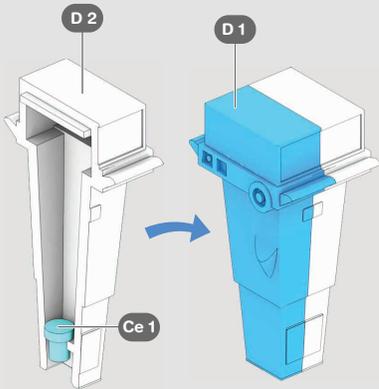
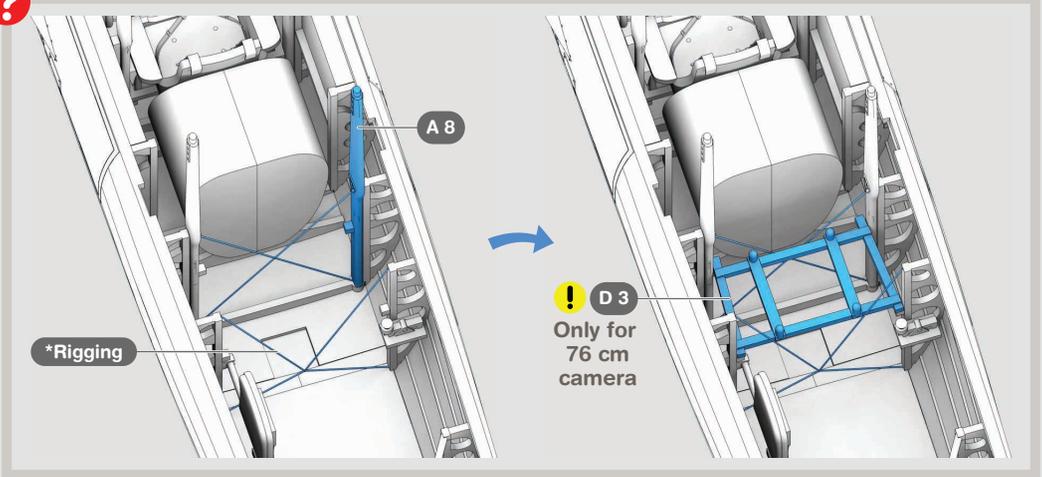


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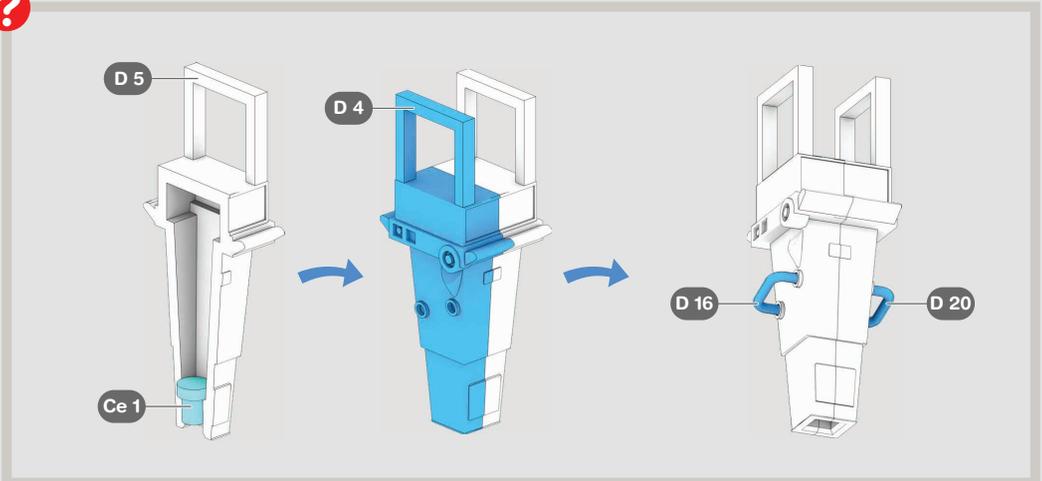


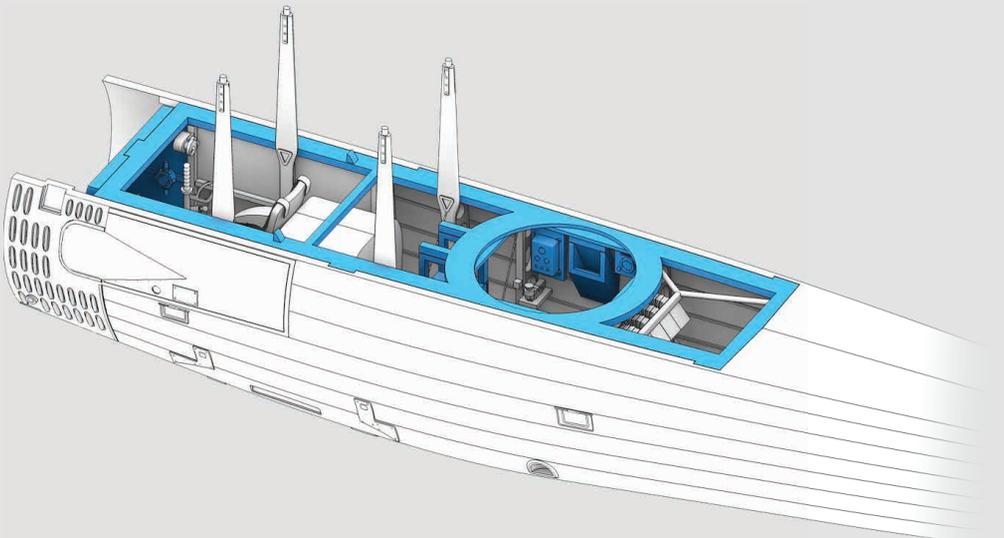
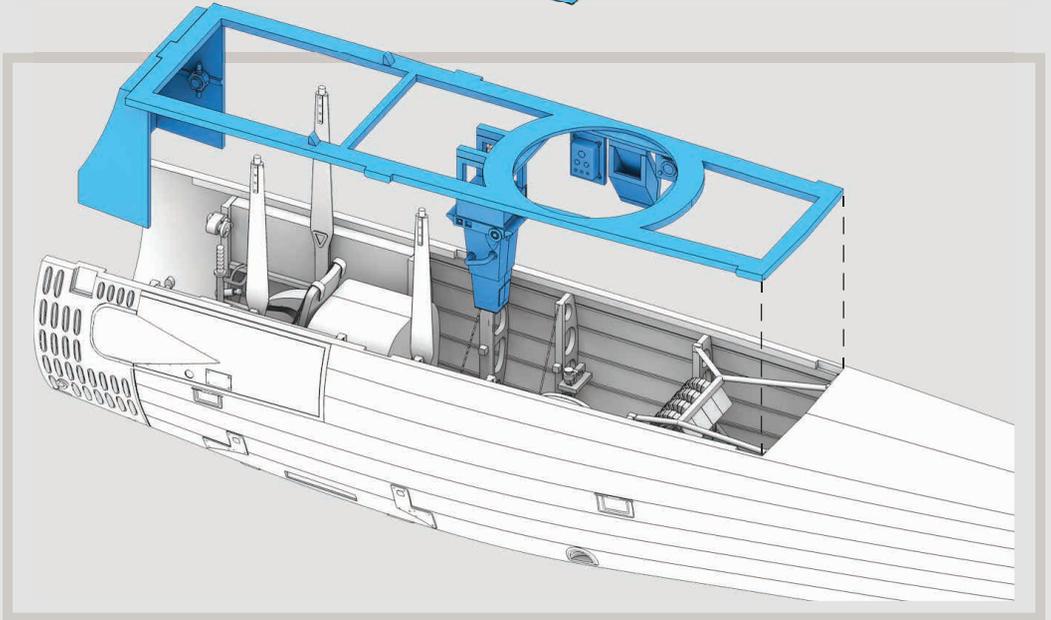
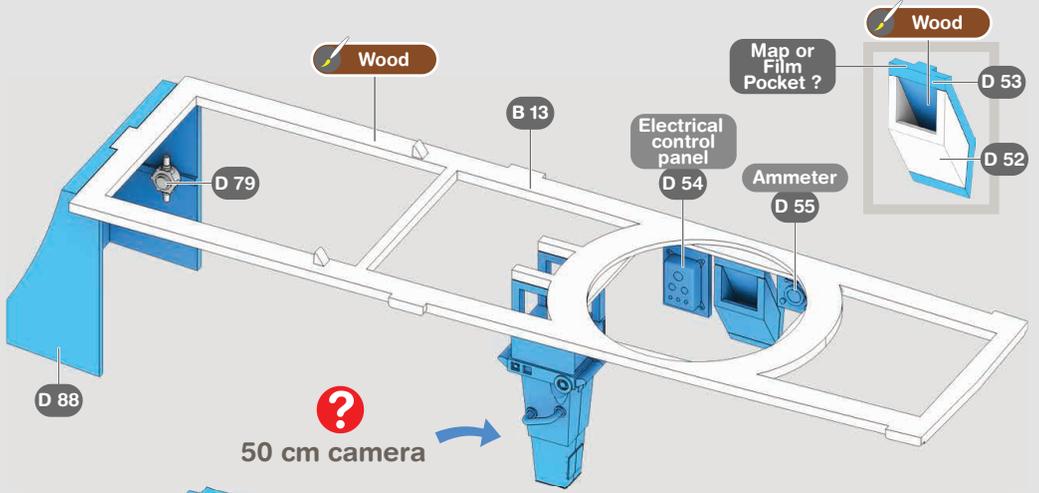
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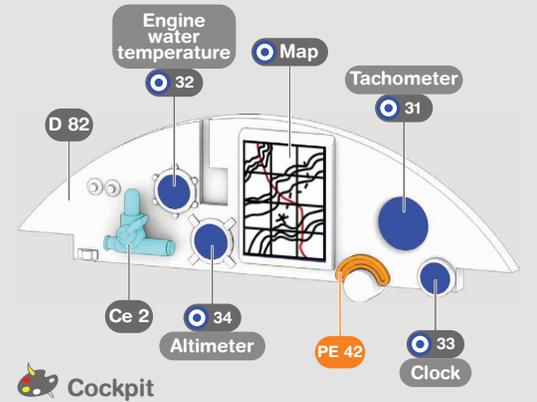


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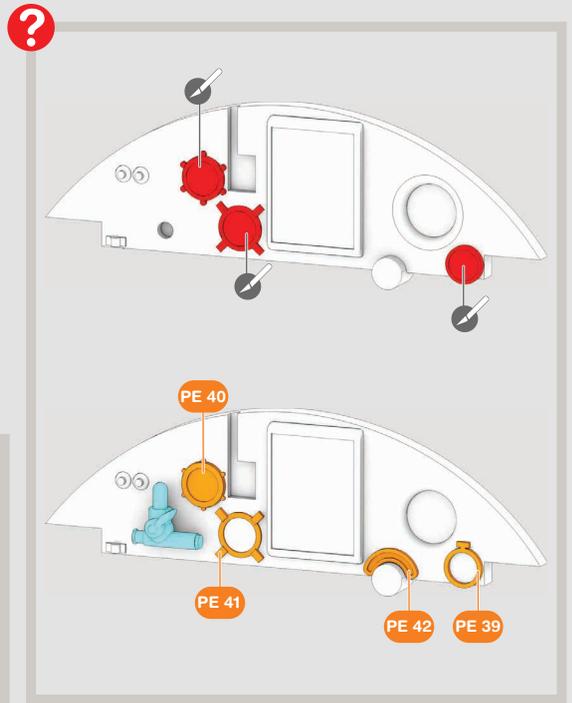
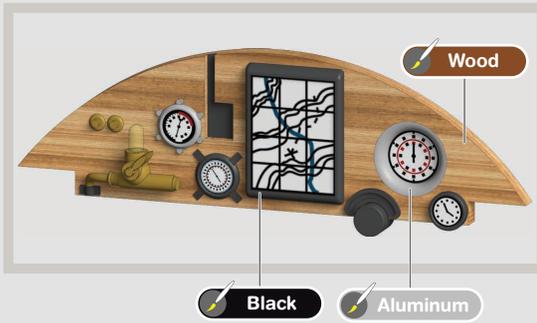




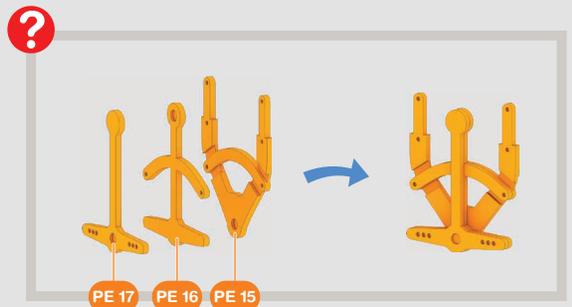
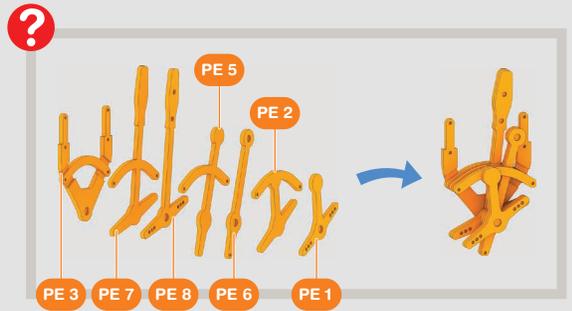
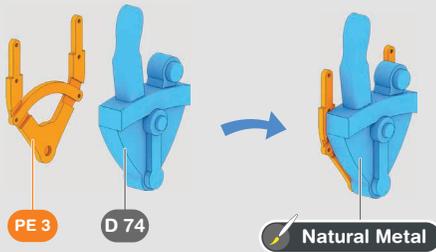
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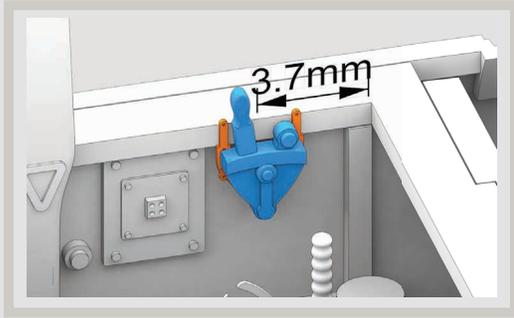
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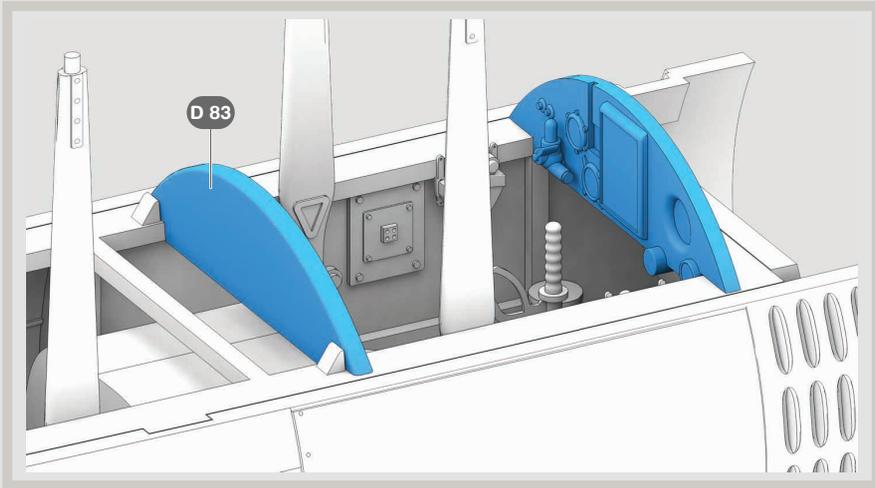
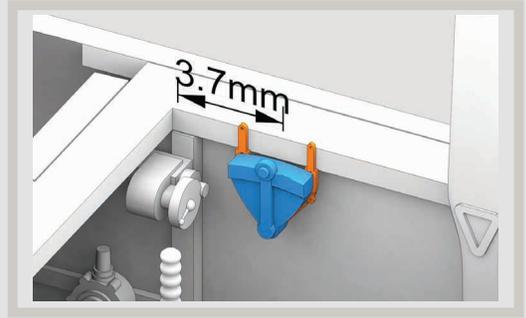
11 Cockpit engine controls



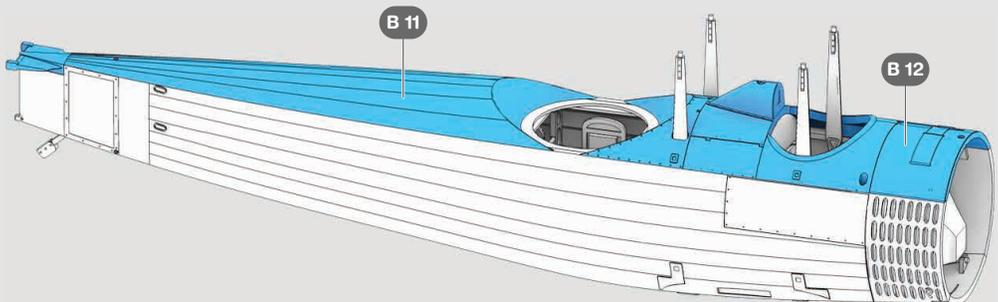
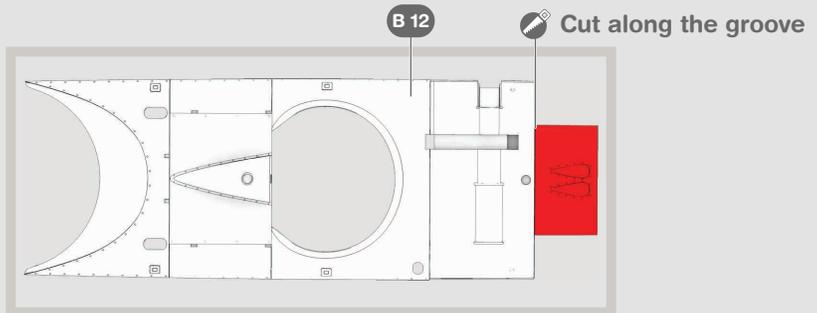
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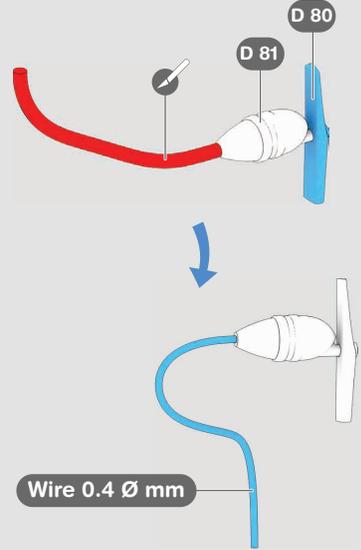
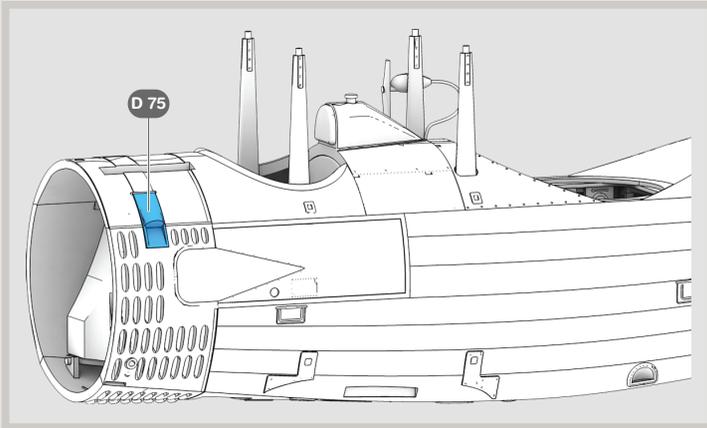
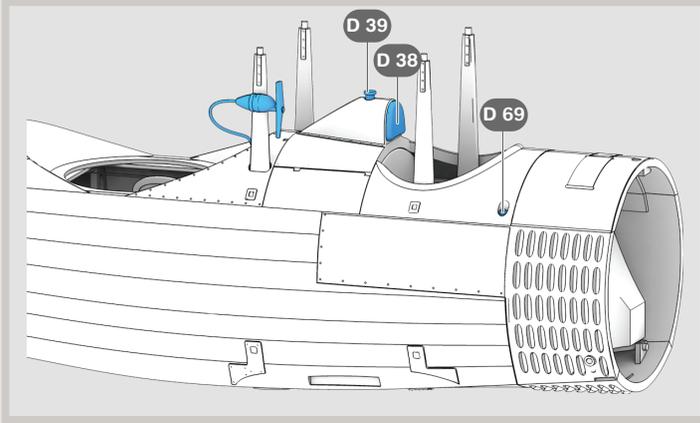
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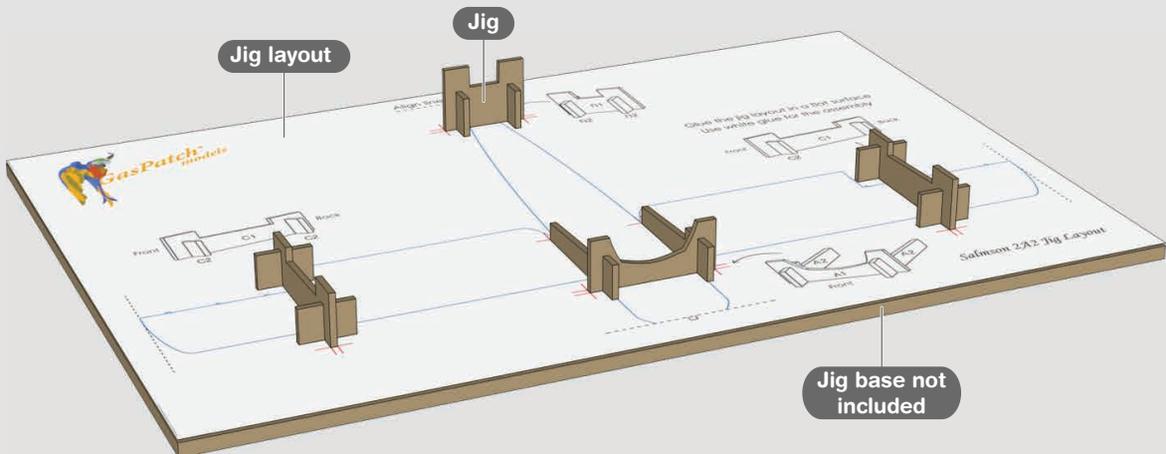
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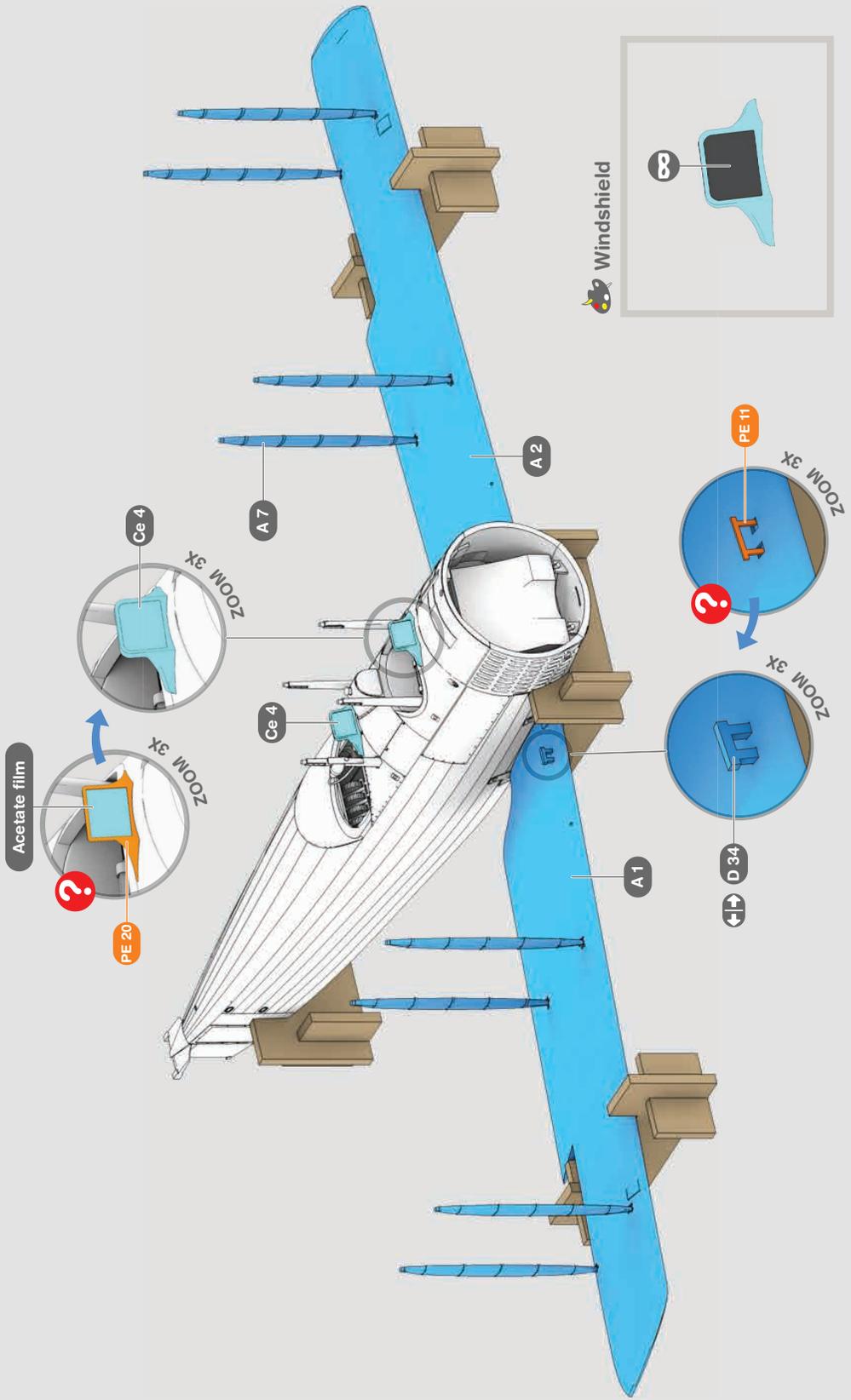
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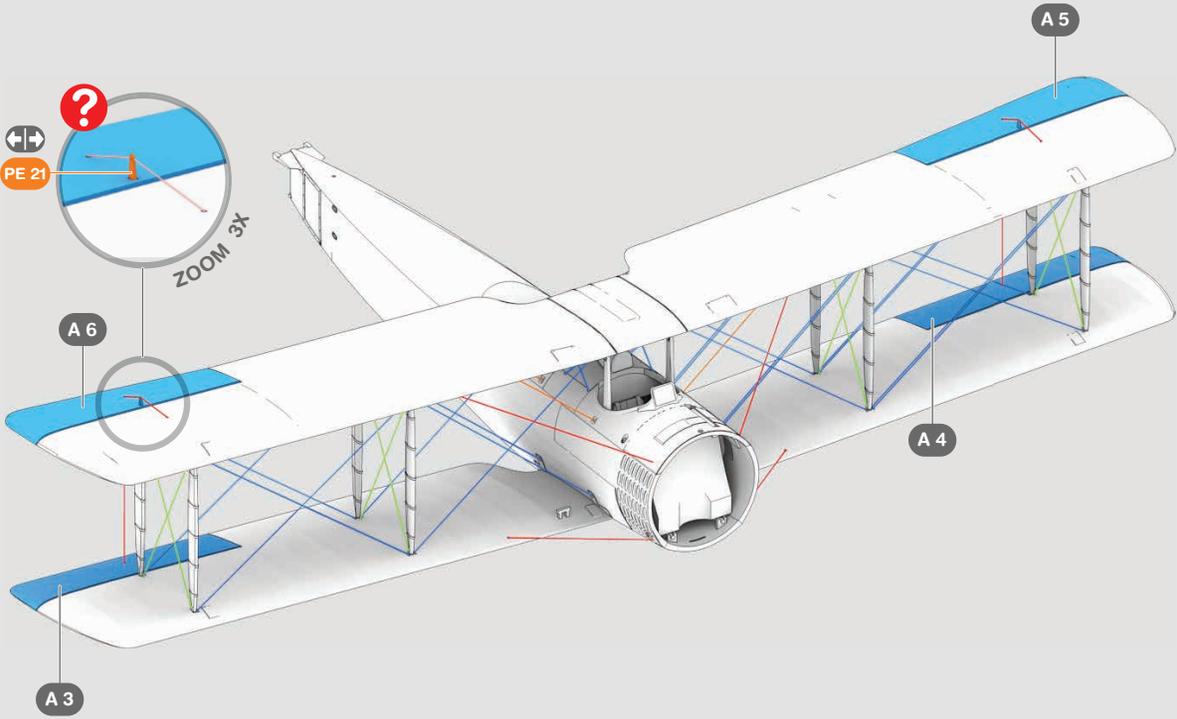
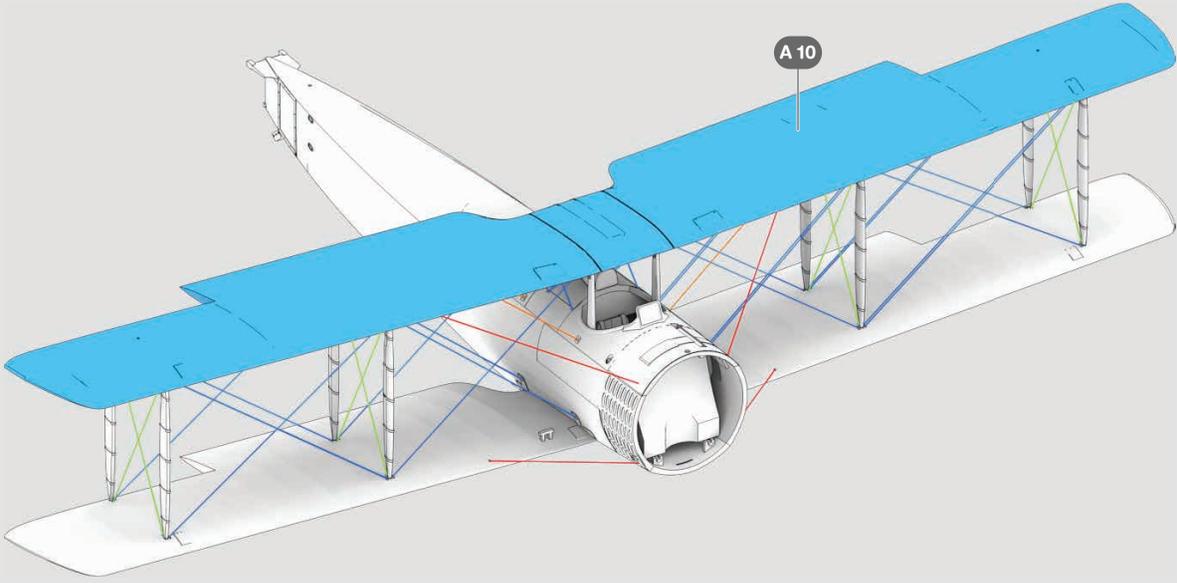
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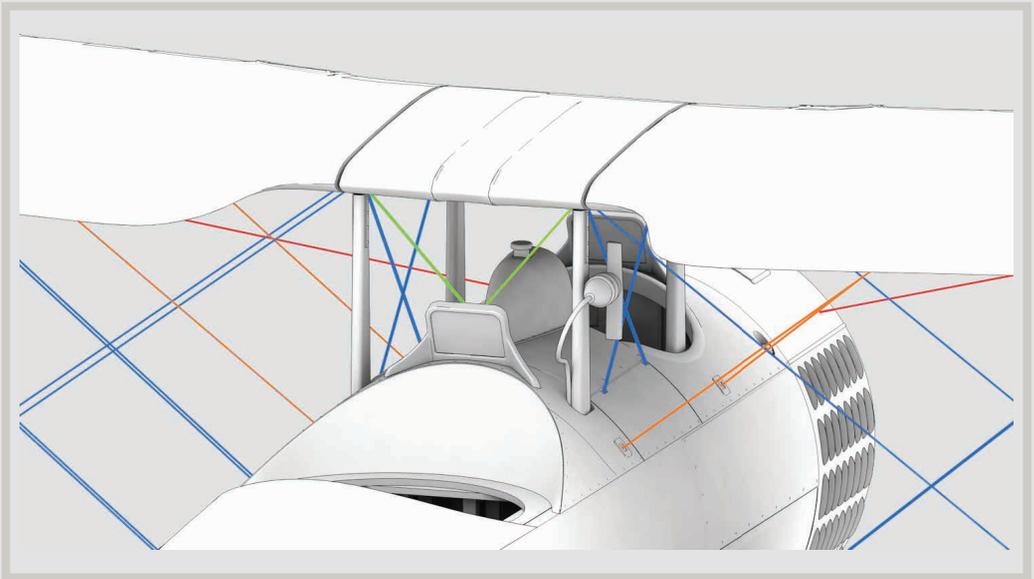
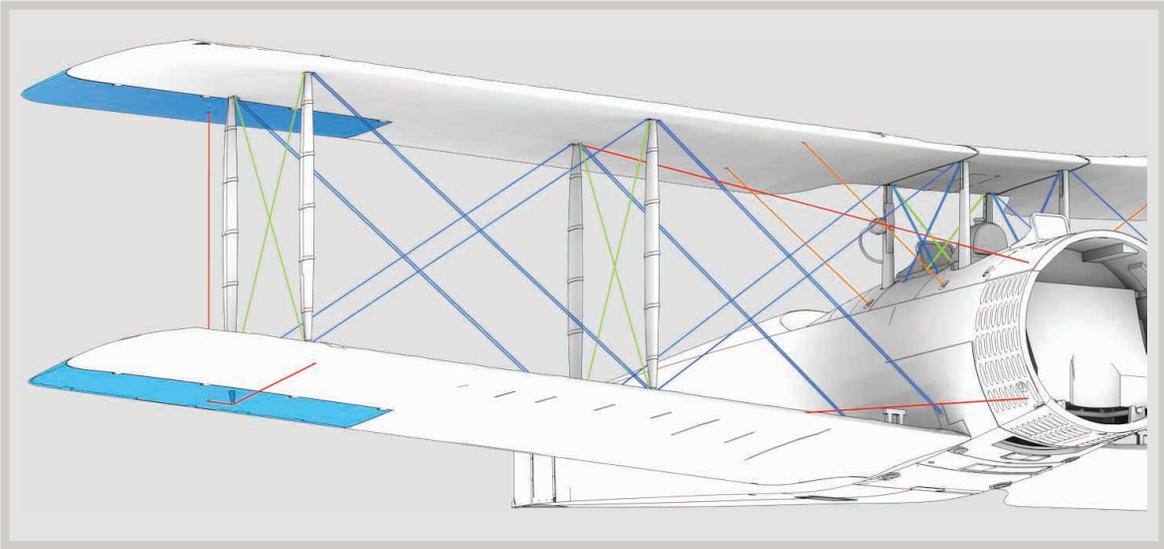


15 Adding lower wings



16 Adding upper wing, aileron and *Rigging

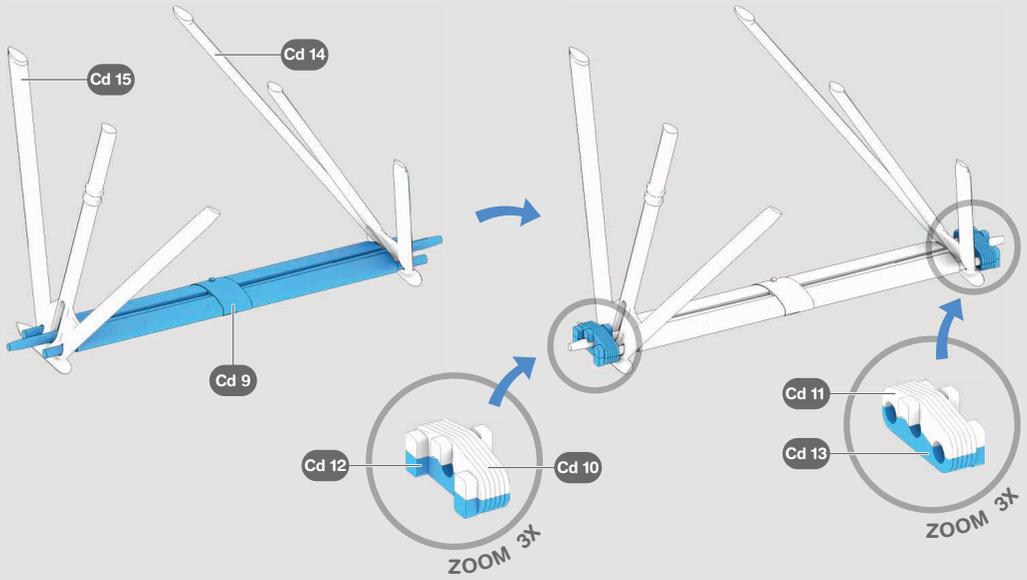




! We recommend Type B, Type C and Anchor points 1/48 Gaspach metal turnbuckles.

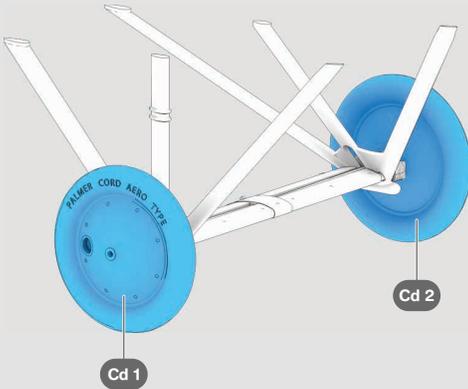


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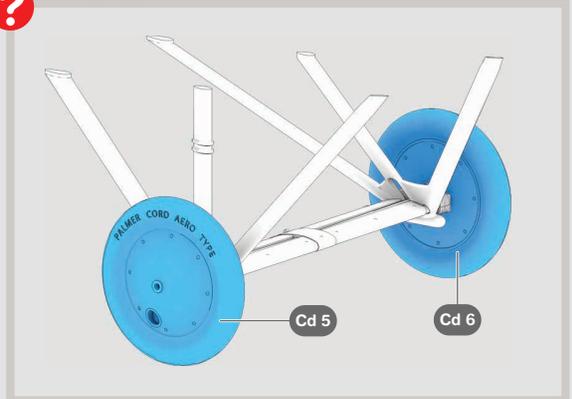


! USE CA (CYANOACRYLATE) GLUE FOR THE WHEELS

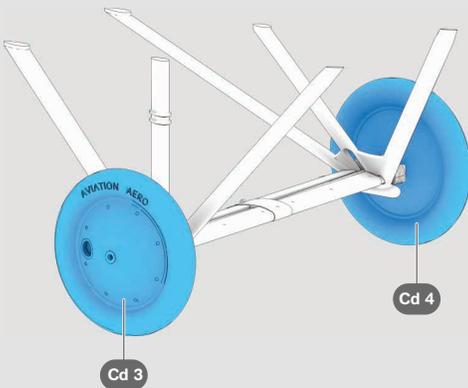
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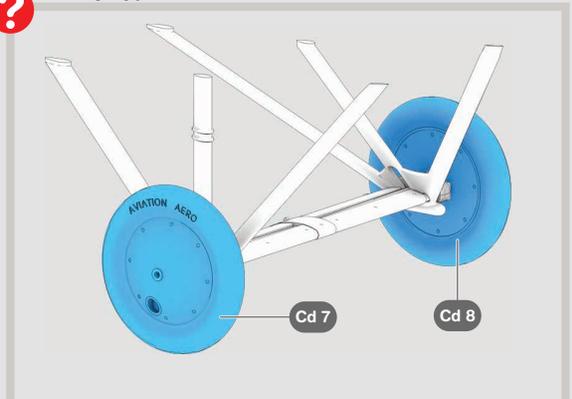
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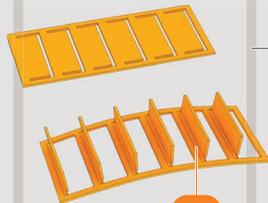


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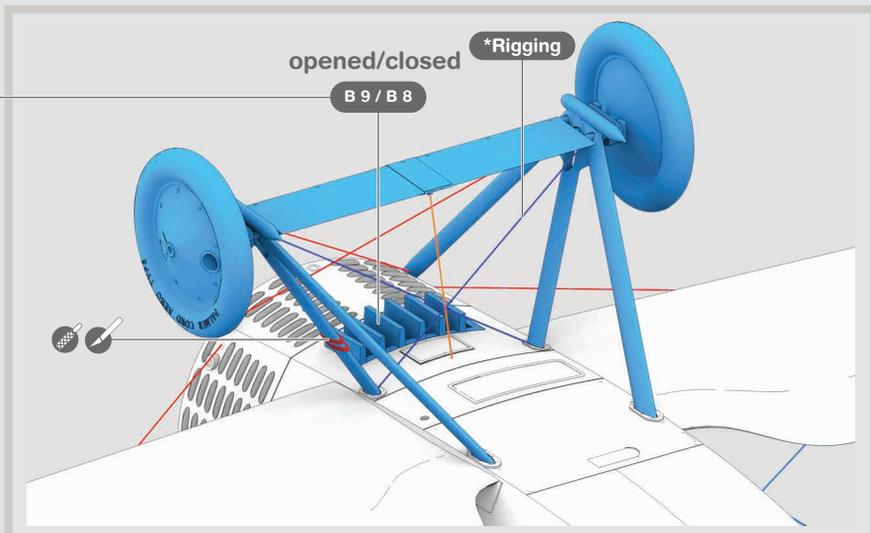




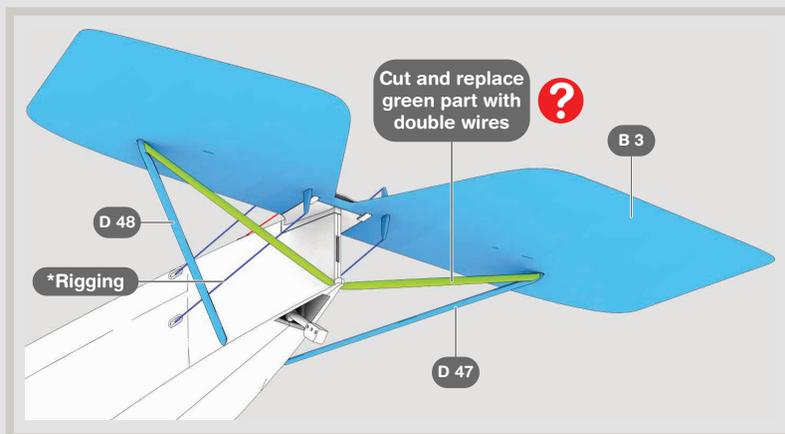
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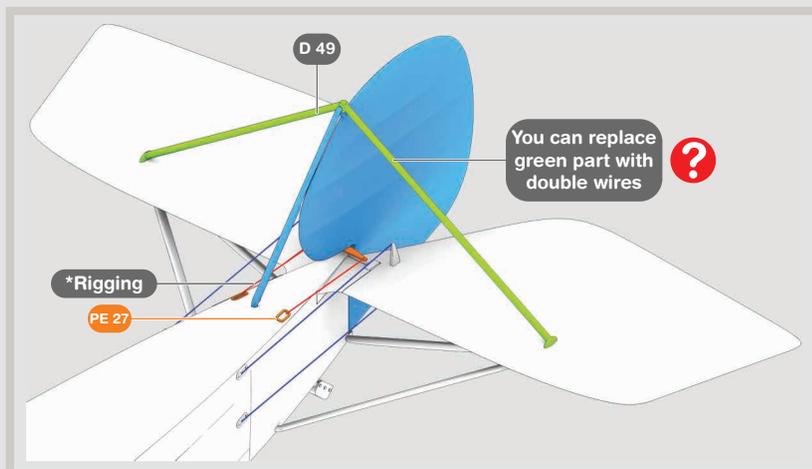
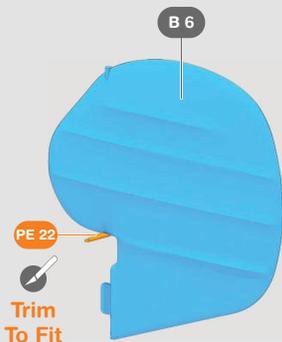
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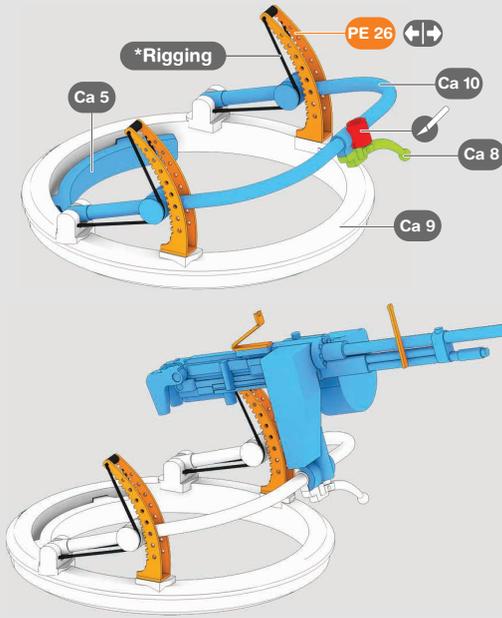
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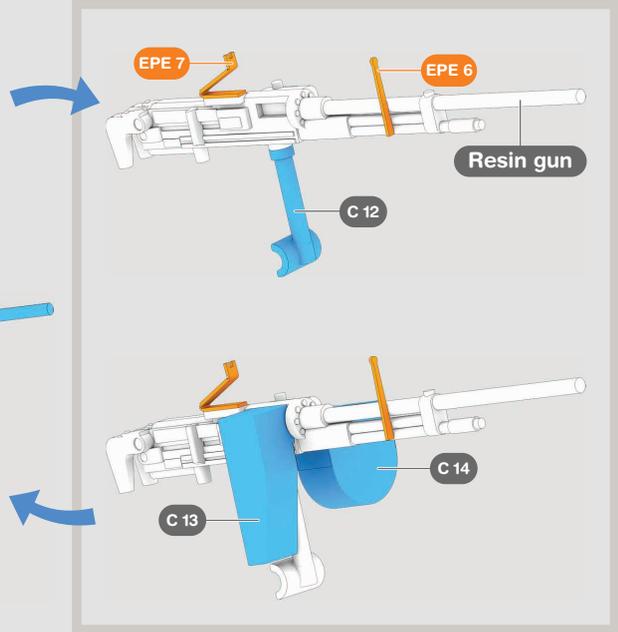
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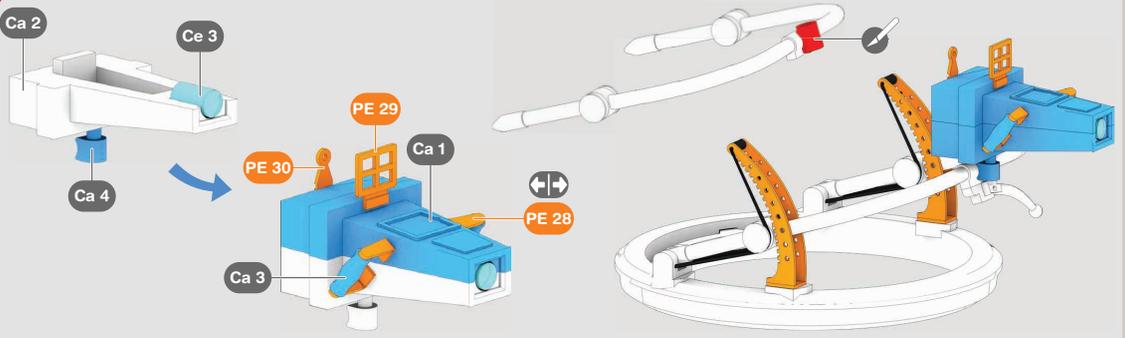
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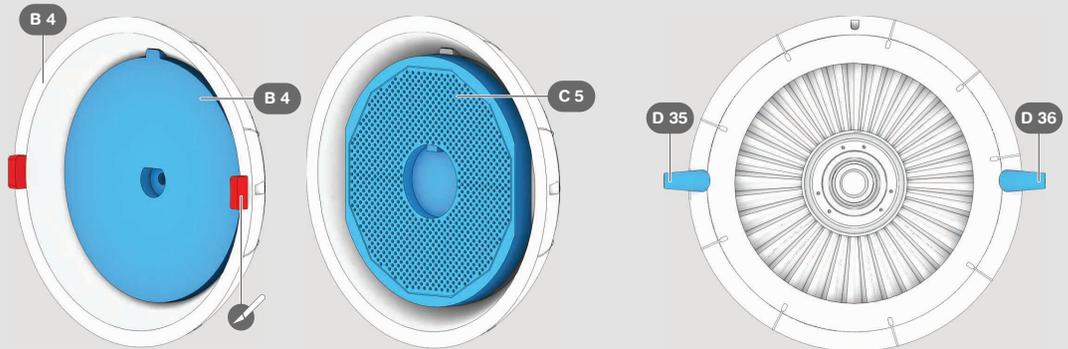
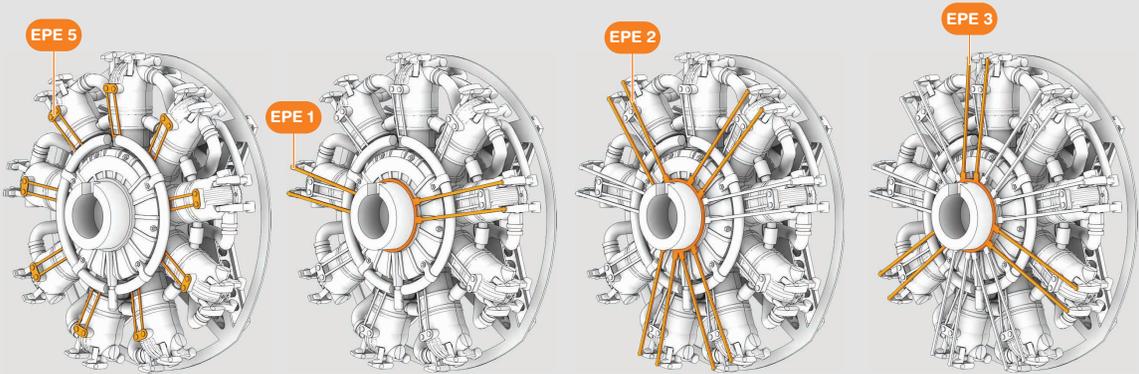
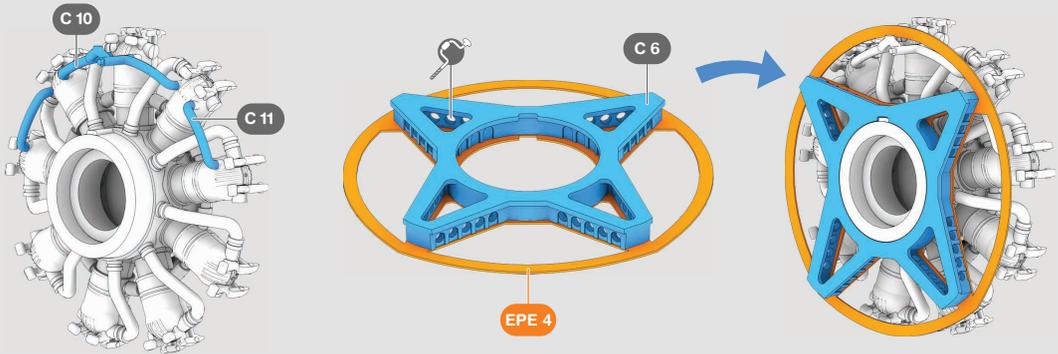
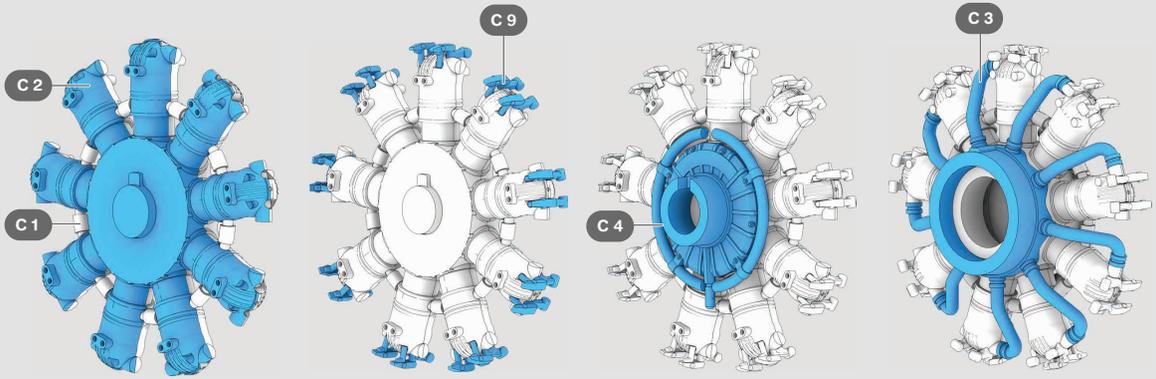
Hotchkiss gun

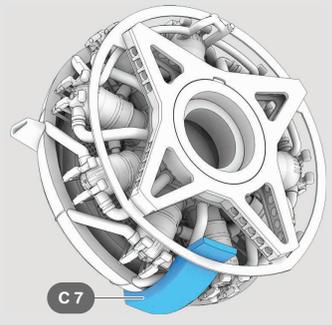
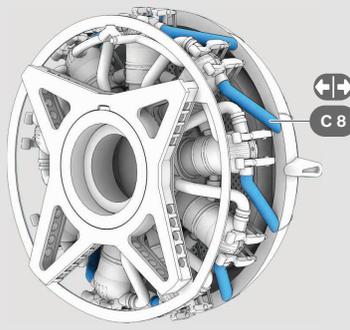
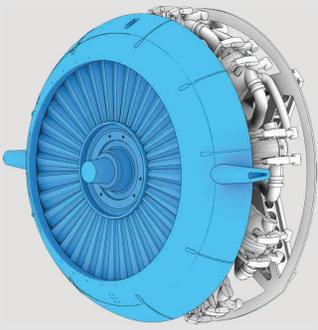


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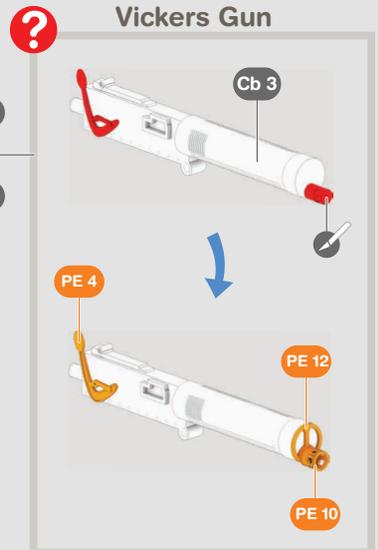
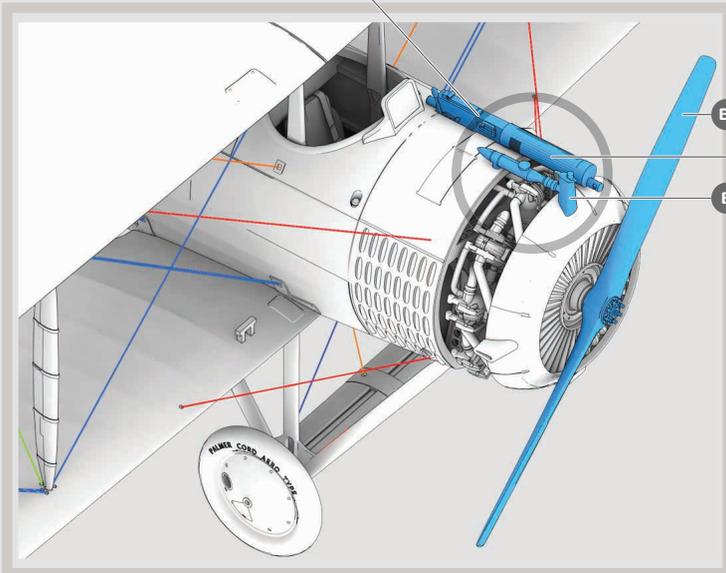
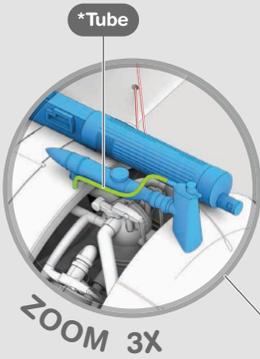
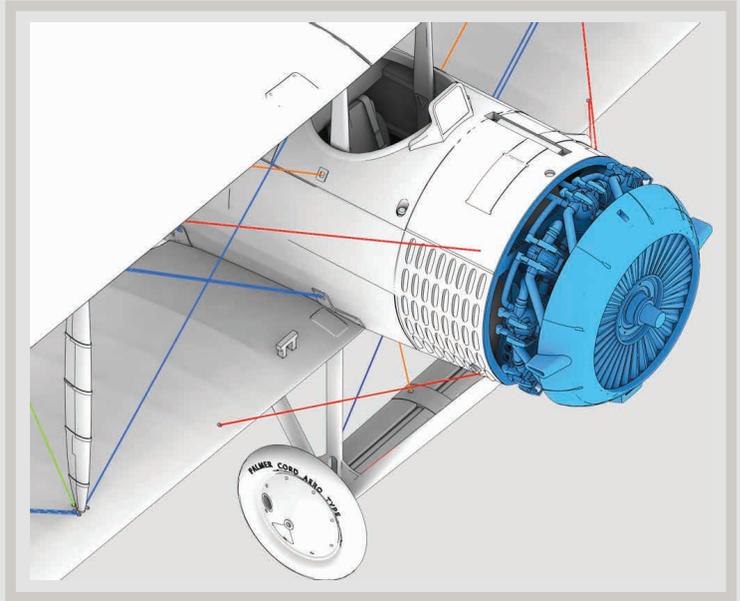


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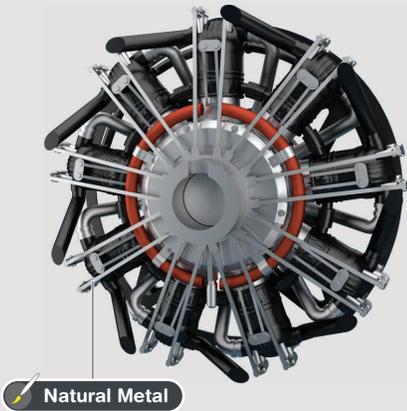




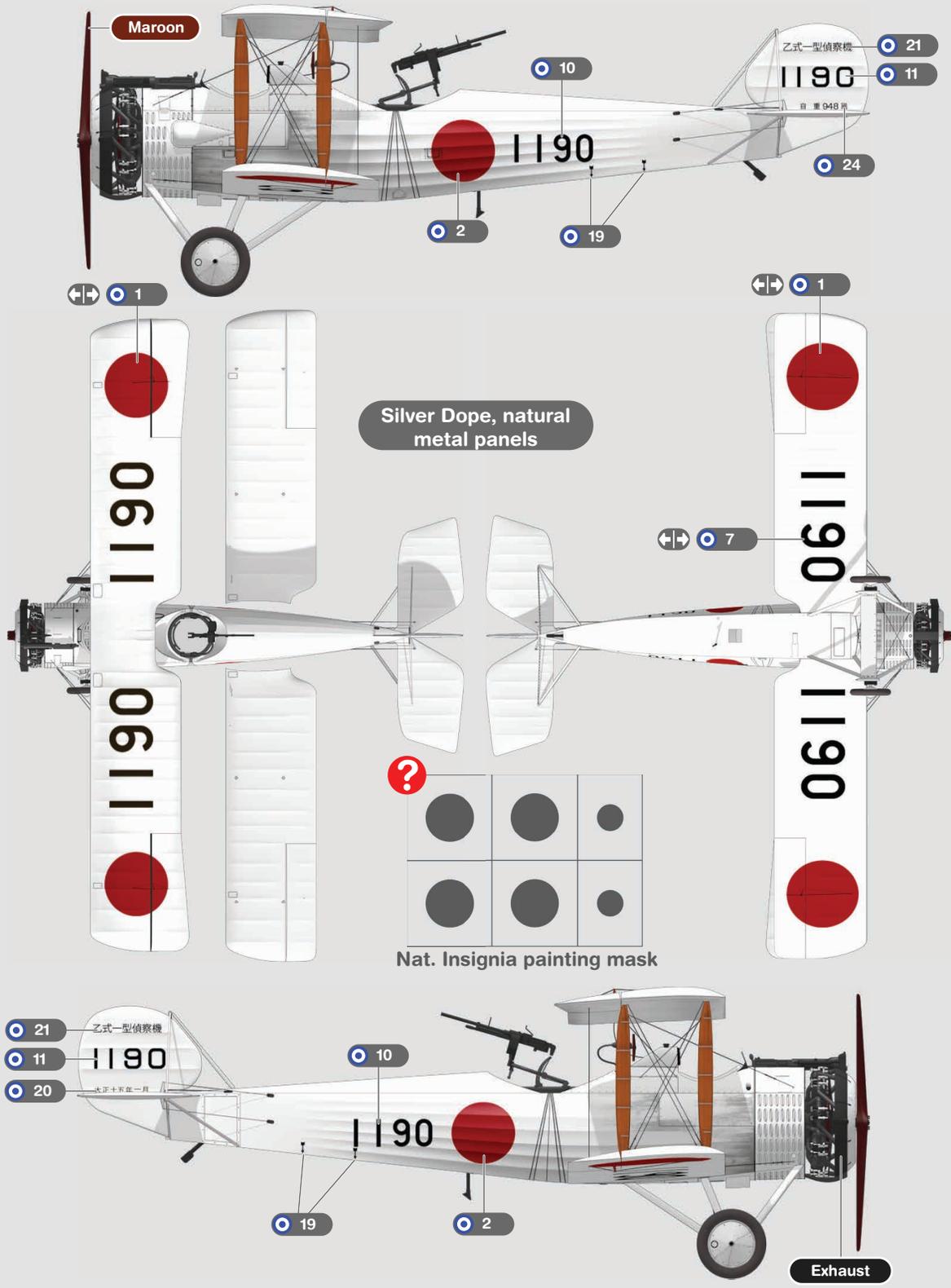
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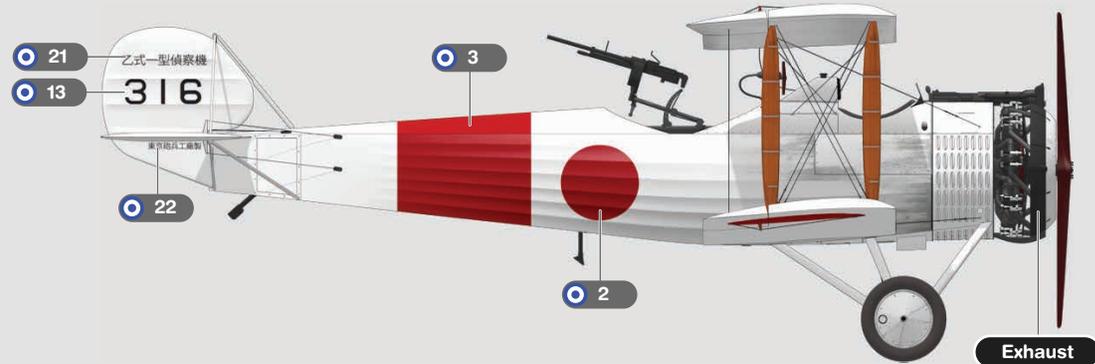
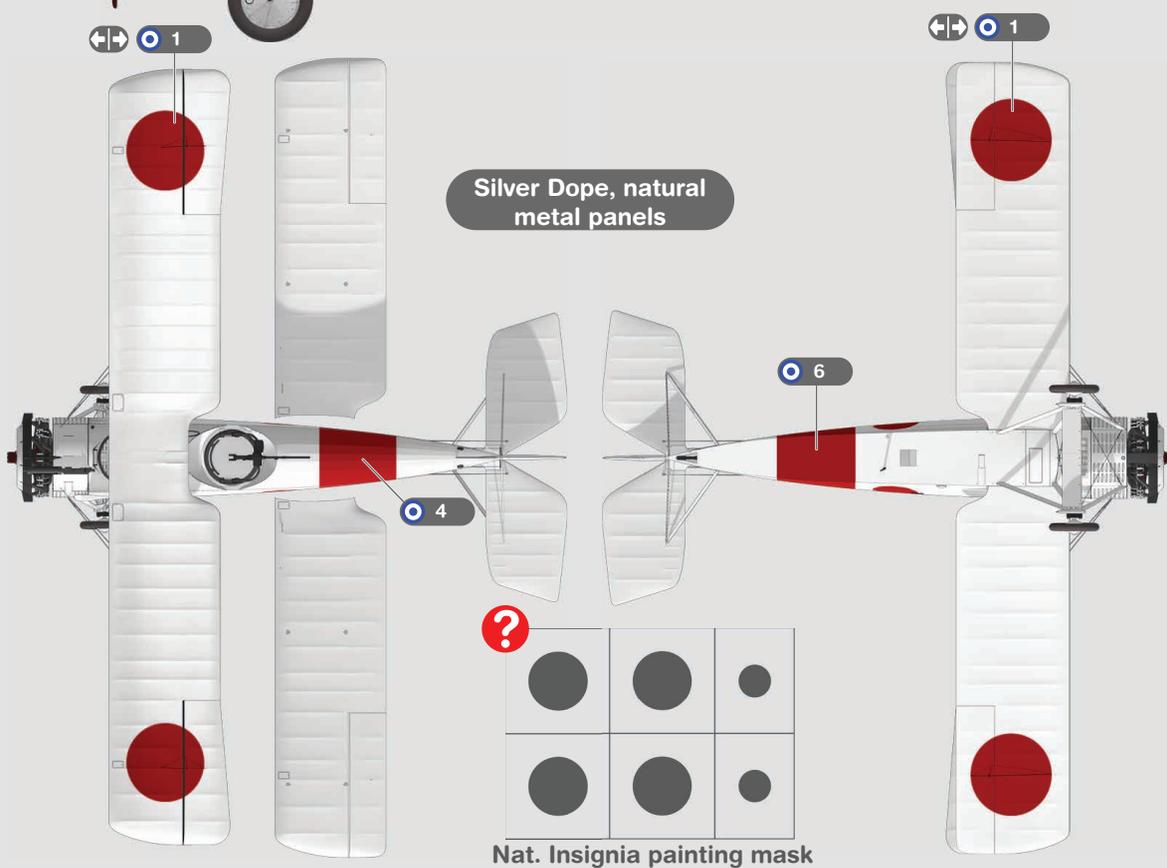
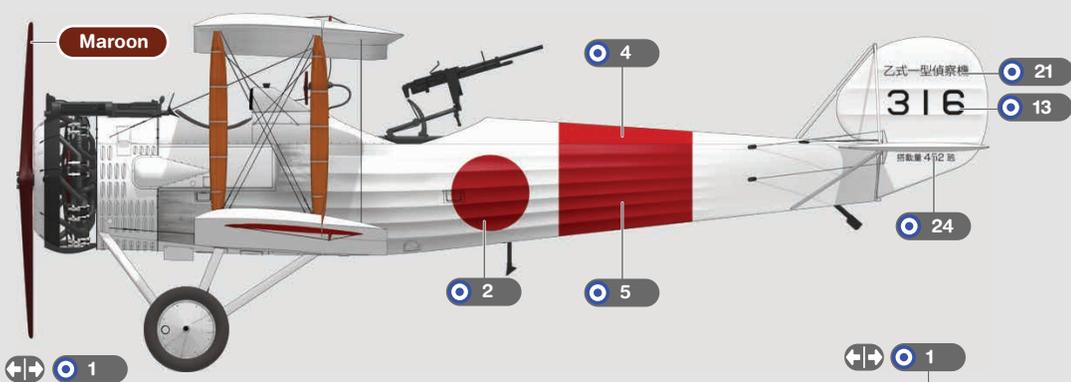


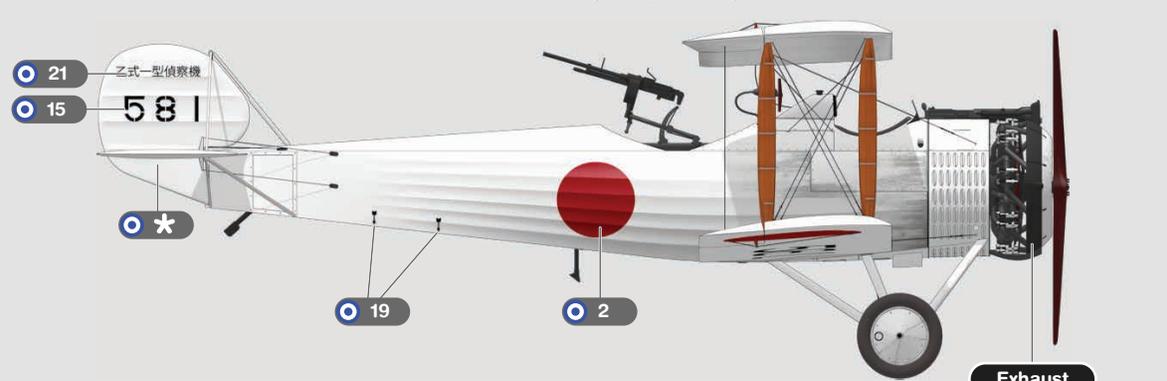
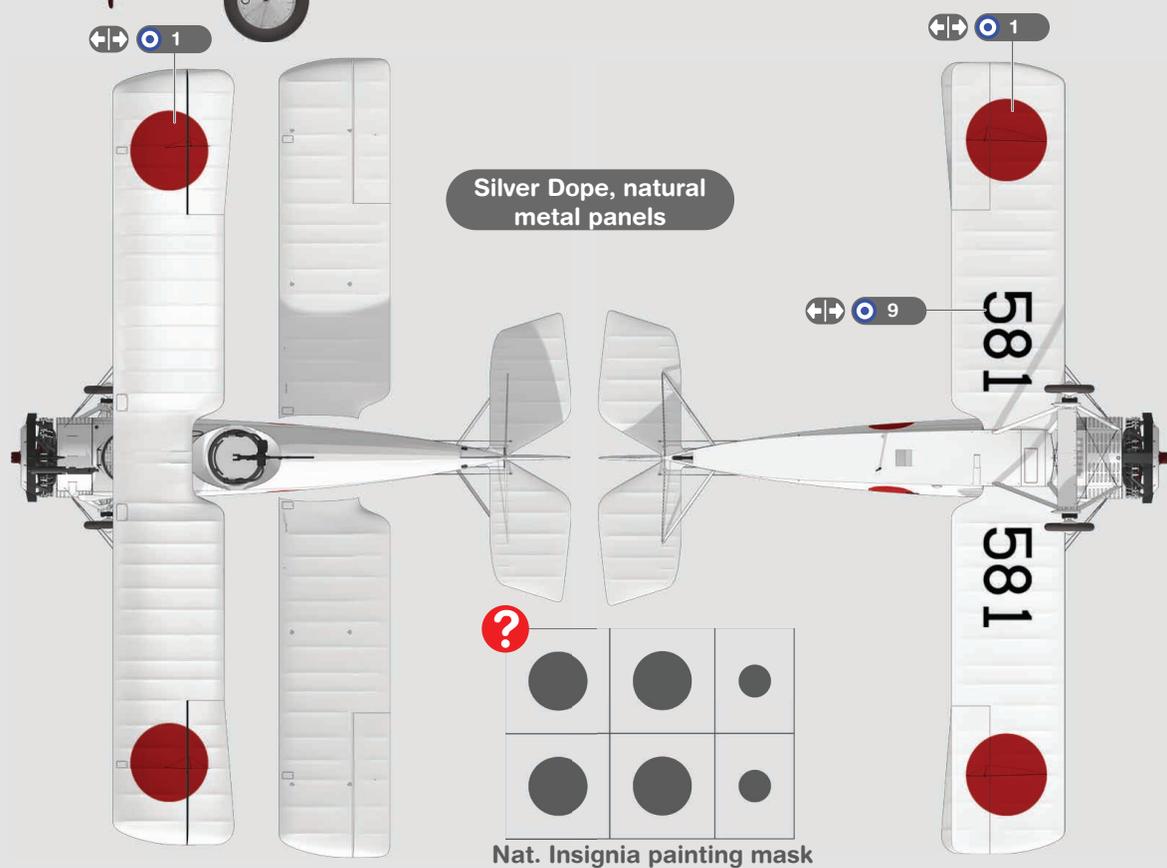
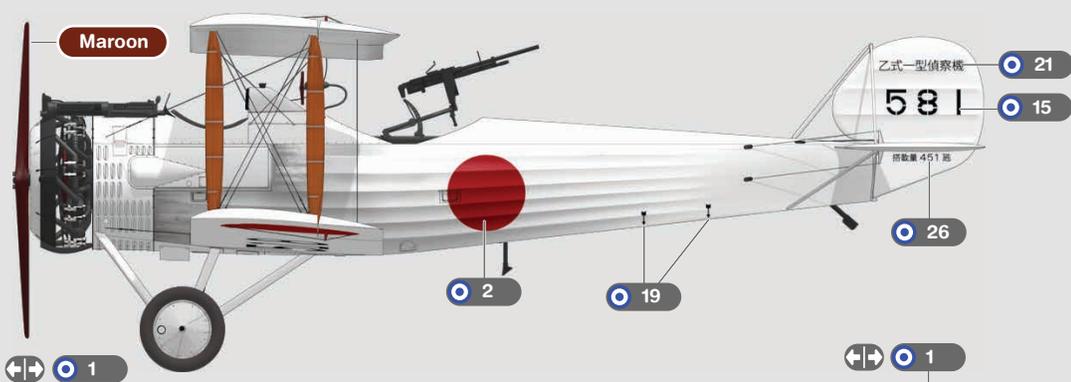
22 Engine paint instructions



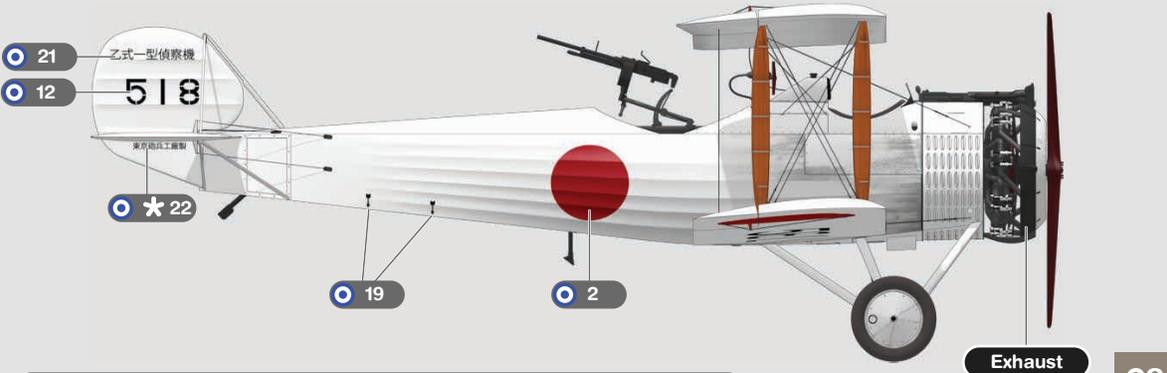
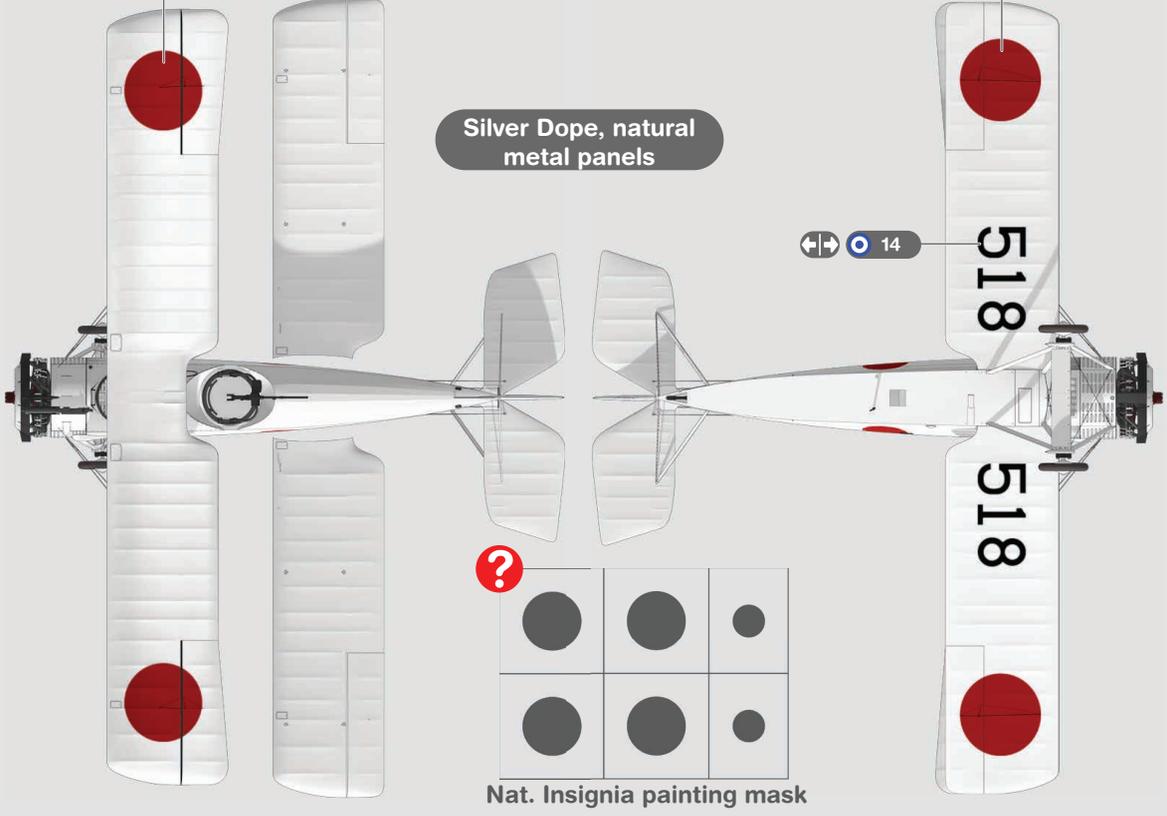
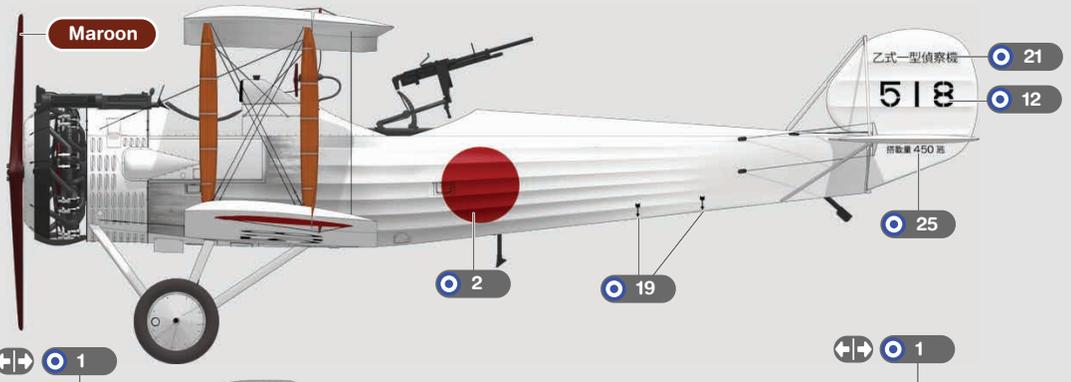
23 Paint & Decal instructions



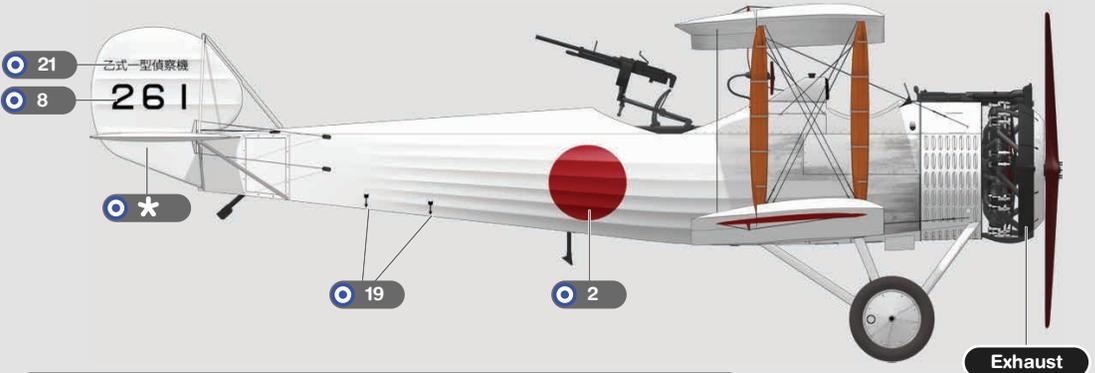
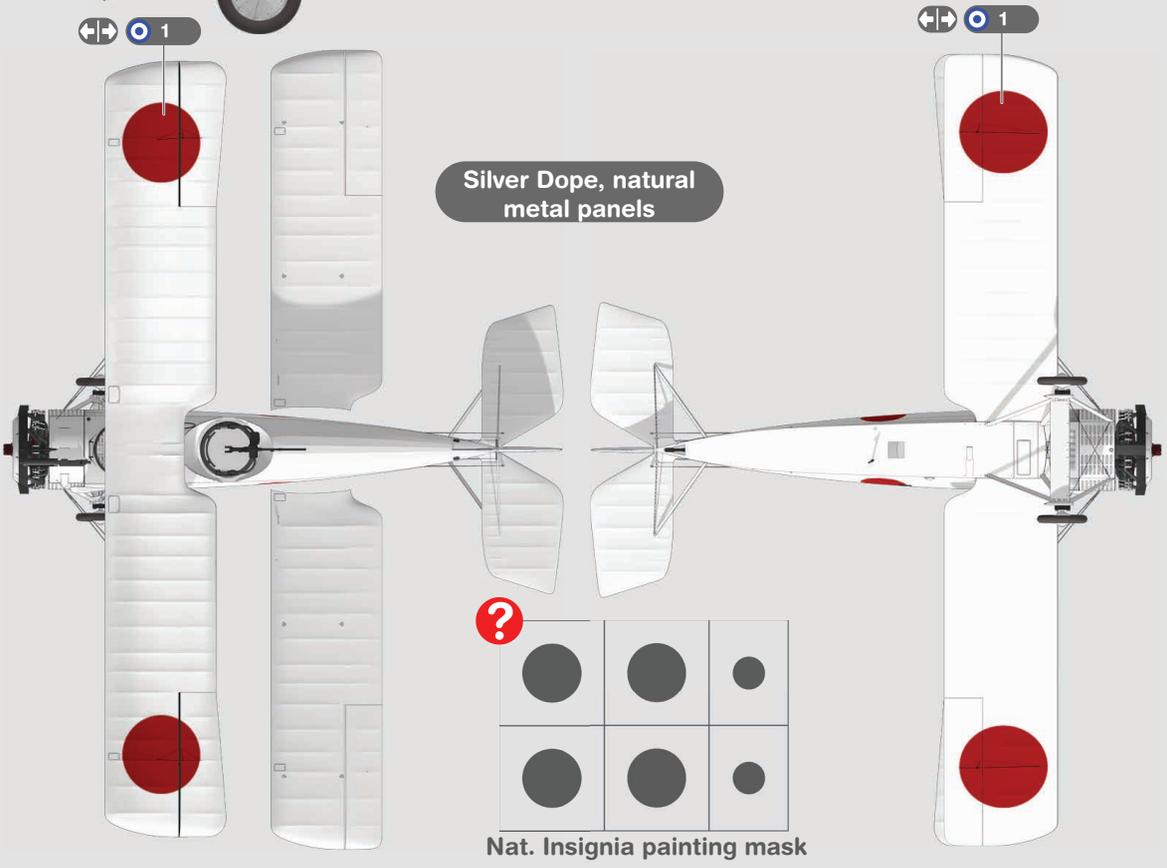
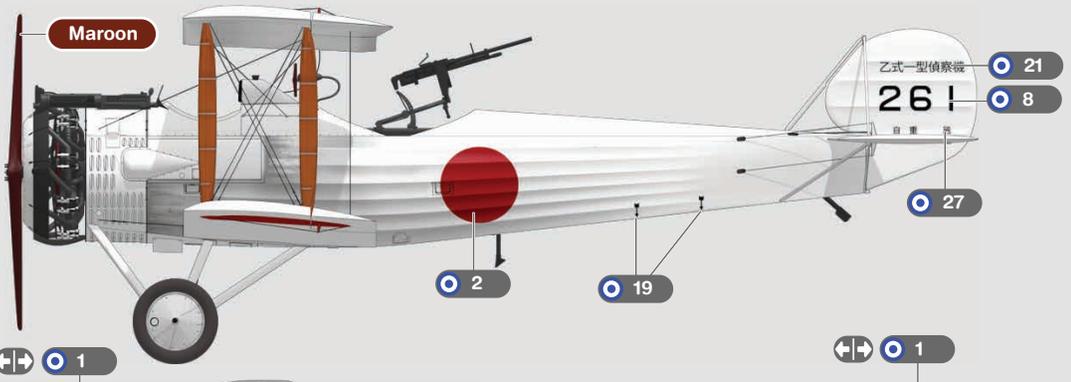




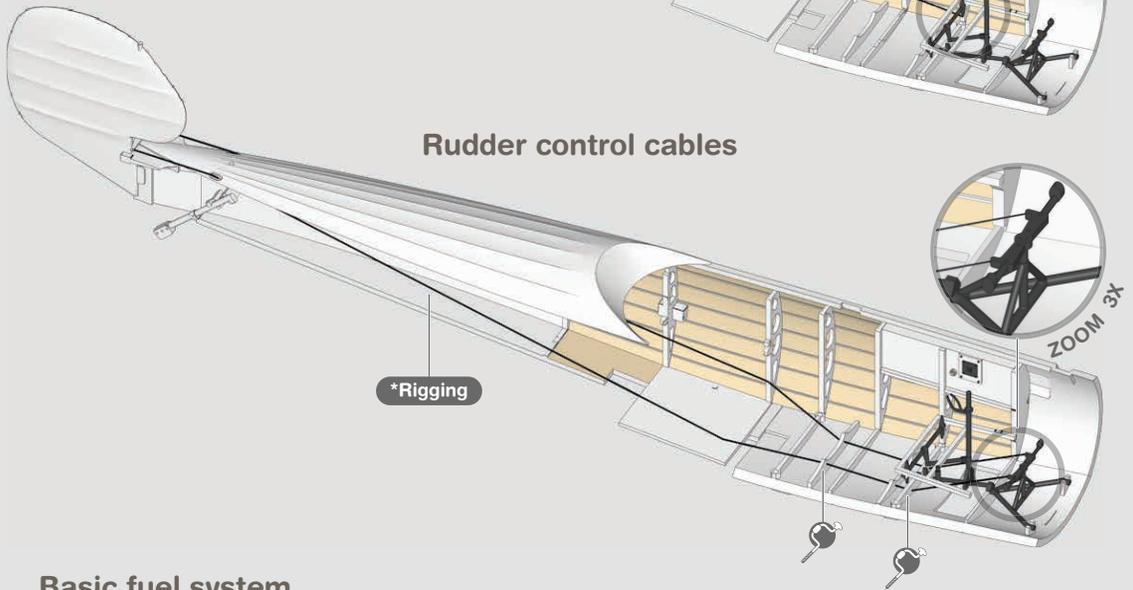
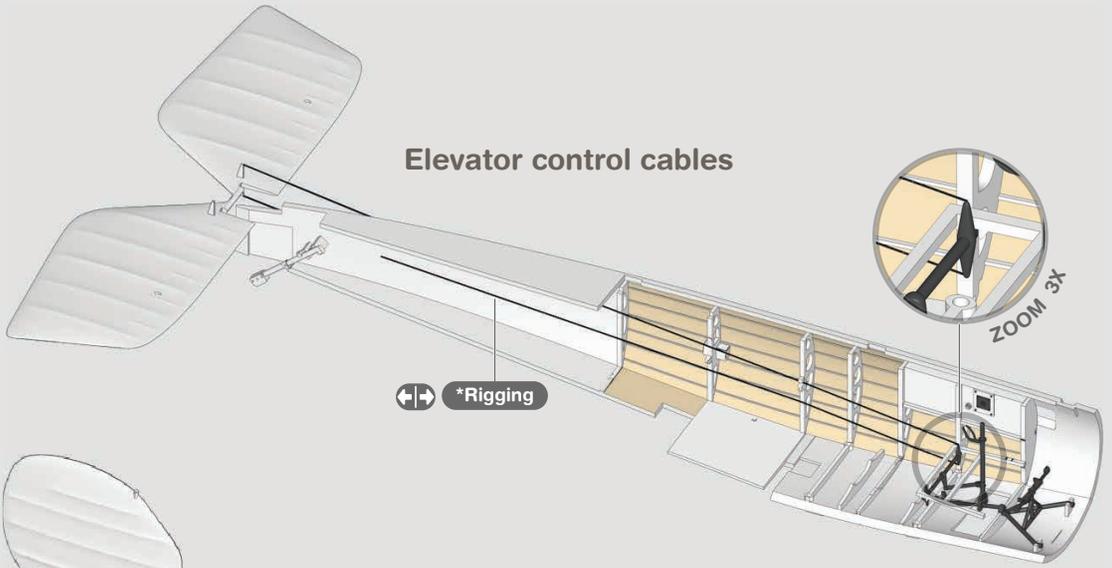
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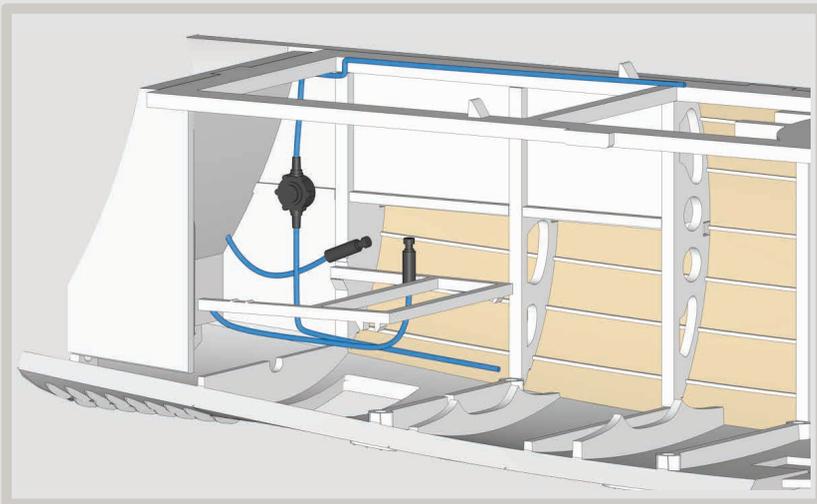
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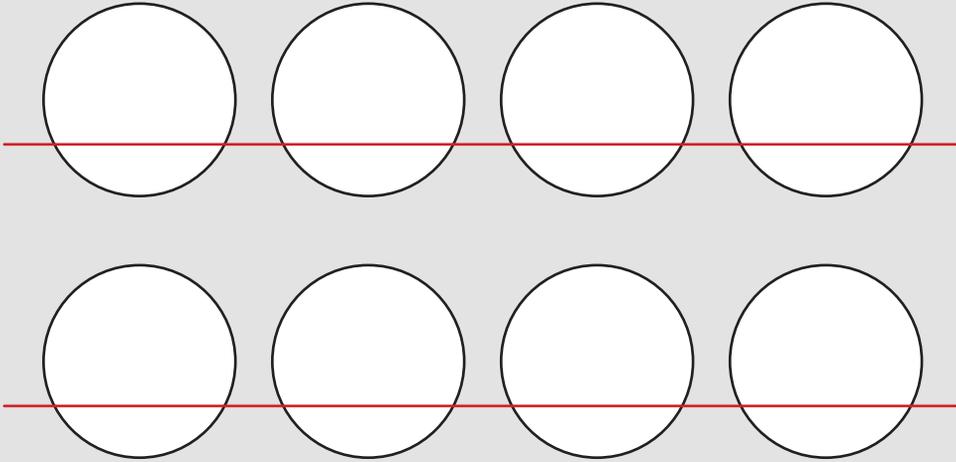
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Basic fuel system



Decal templates



Use the templates to cut decals. For the rudder leave half millimeter around.

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