

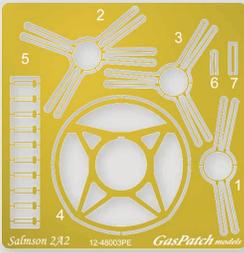


One of the early aviation's most underrated pioneers was the French industrialist Emile Salmson (1858–1921). In 1890, Emile began his career in Paris, manufacturing pumps. Together with two aviation pioneers, George Canton and George Unné, he established the “Société de Moteurs Salmson” in 1910. In that year, they produced their first successful engine, an 80hp seven-cylinder radial, followed by a 120hp nine-cylinder version a year later. At a time when engines were frequently breaking down, Salmson's products became famous for their reliability.

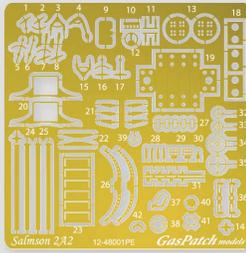
Despite an unsuccessful first attempt at producing an aircraft, the company was commissioned by Armée de l'Air to produce the reconnaissance aircraft Sopwith 1½ Strutter under license. Meanwhile, they worked on improved aircraft designs, and later they proposed to Armée de l'Air their “Salmson D”, with an 130hp Clerget engine. Armée de l'Air declined, but Salmson insisted in further developing the designs. In April 1917, they introduced the Salmson 2A2, with the 260hp Canton-Unné 9z nine-cylinder water-cooled radial engine. This time, the French air force accepted the new aircraft as a replacement of the now obsolete Sopwith 1½ Strutter

The Salmson 2A2 equipped 52 French escadrilles. In addition, the American Expeditionary Forces ordered 750 aircraft to equip 10 squadrons. The total production reached 3250 items, of which 2200 were built by Salmson and the rest by Latécoère, Hanriot and Desfontainers. After the war, the Japanese air force ordered about 350 Salmson 2A2s. The Polish, Czechs and Greeks also ordered small numbers.

The Salmson 2A2 was a robust, two-seater airplane, fast, reliable, and adaptable to other uses; it was used, for example, as a bomber, and even as a fighter plane. Its most important innovation was the self-sealing tanks, which contributed to the avoidance of fire on board, which was one of the main fears of early aviators.



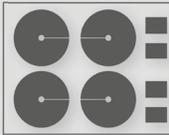
Engine Photo Etched



Main Photo Etched



Acetate for PE Wing shield



Masks for Wheels and Wingshields



Decal Correction

## Color Reference

White

White

Black

Black

Aluminum

Aluminum

Wood Color

Wood

Chestnut Brown

Chestnut Brown

Tire Grey

Tire Grey

French Ecru

French Beige

French Beige

French Beige

French Light Green

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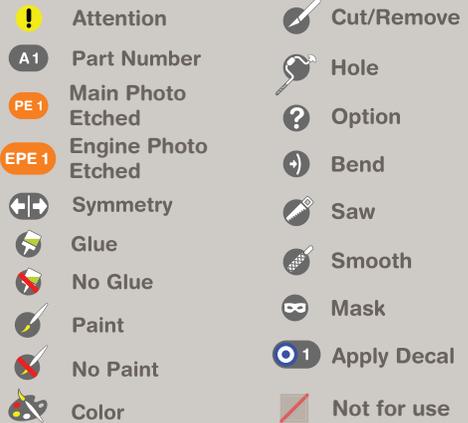
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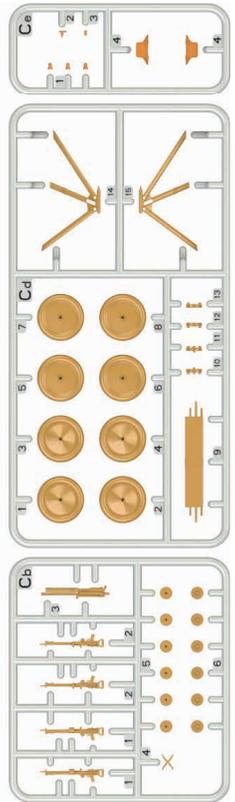
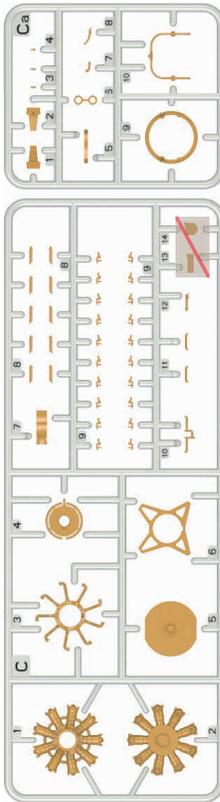
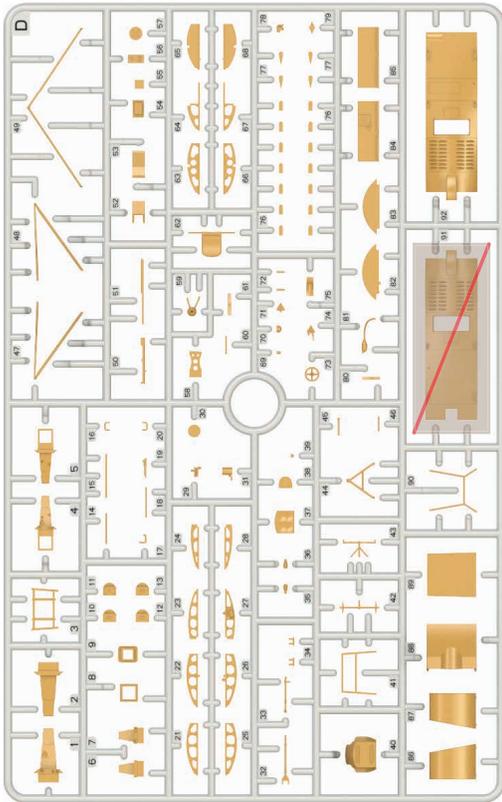
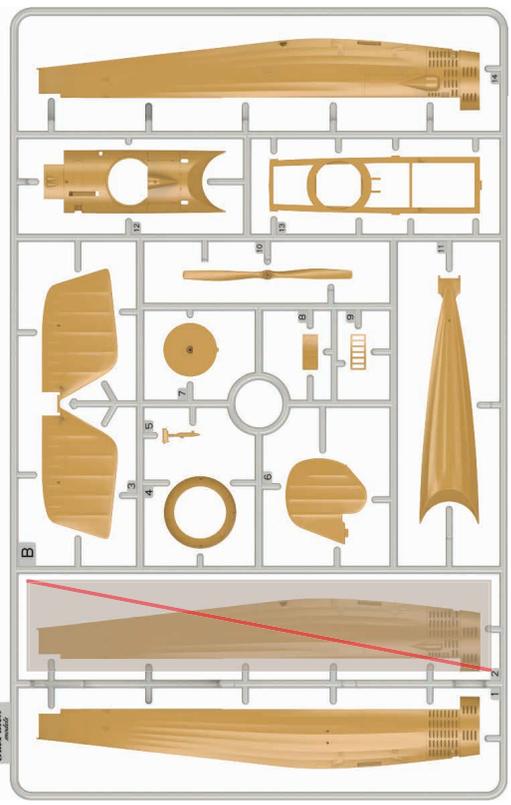
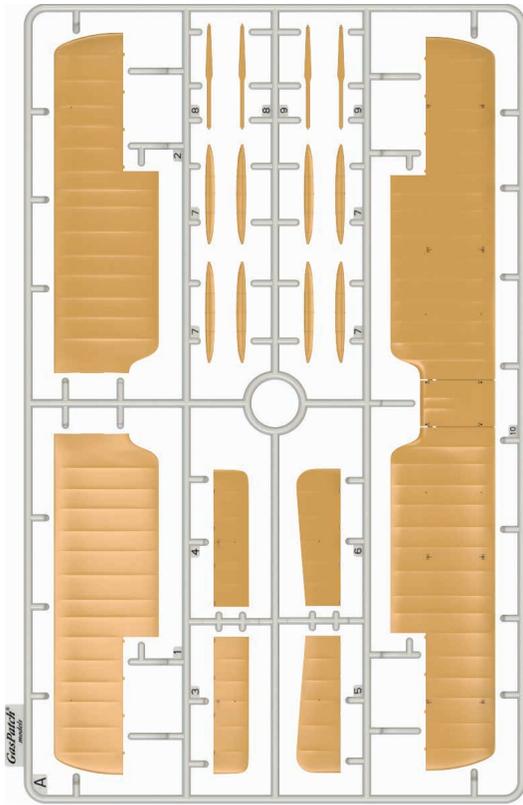
Decals

## Symbols Reference



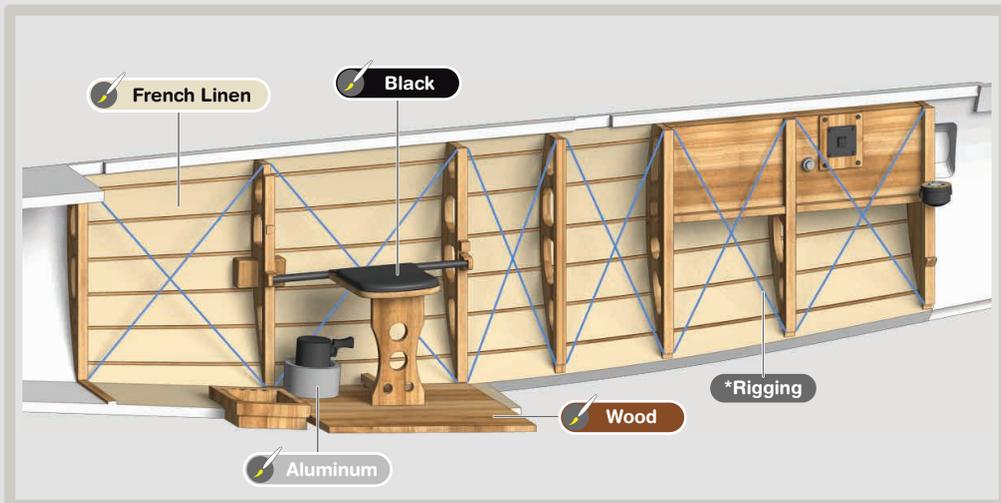
## Tips and tricks

- ! STUDY INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
- ! 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.

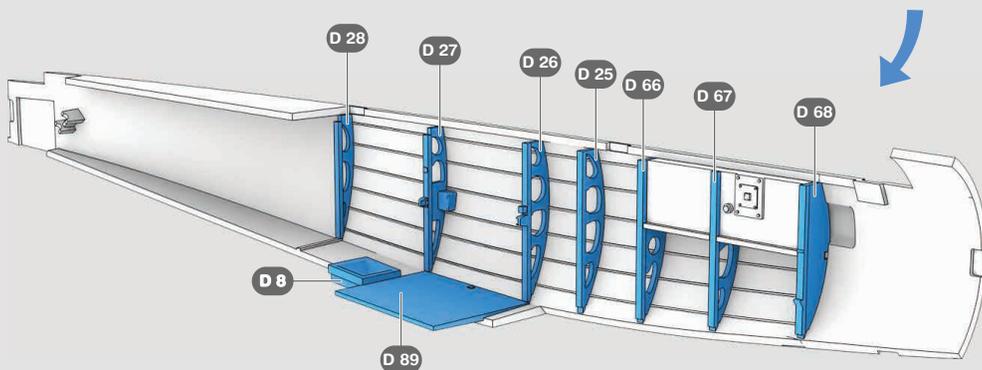
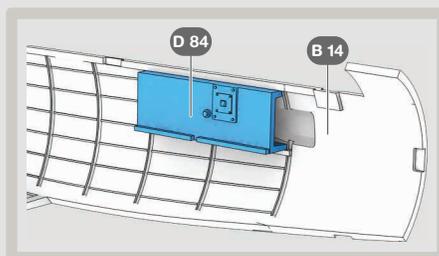
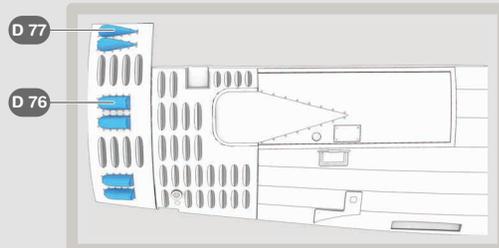
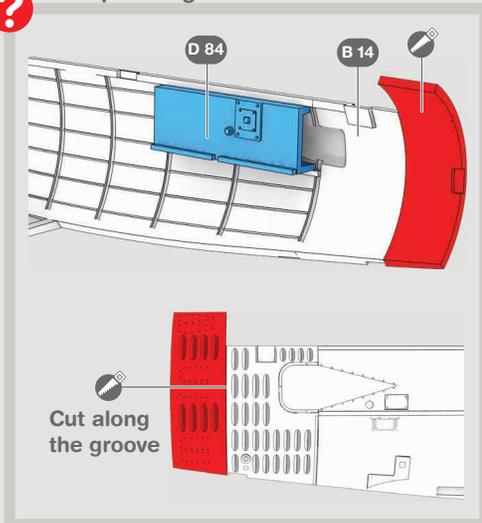


# 1 Building and painting interior (Left side)

## 🔧 Left side painting instructions



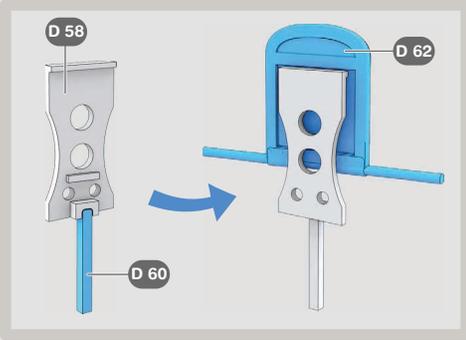
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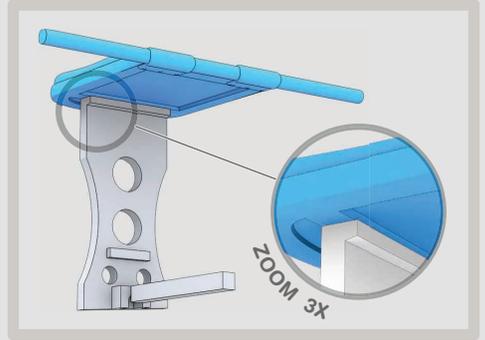
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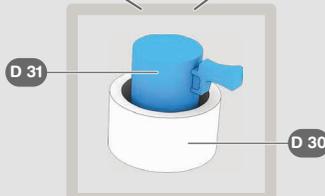
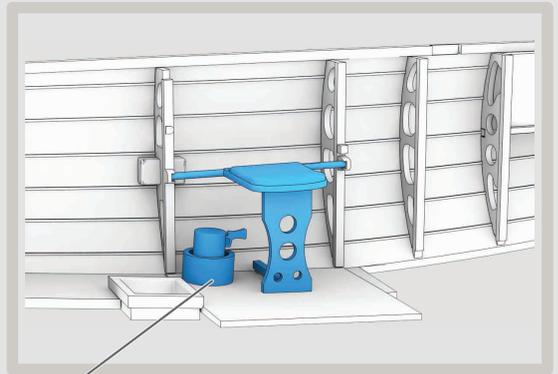
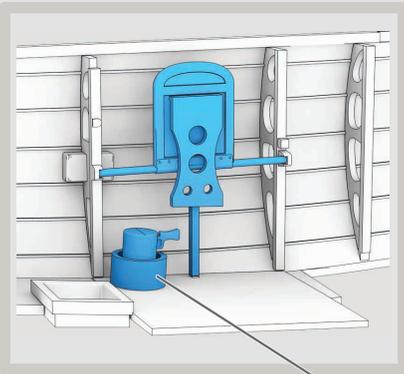
### Observer/Gunner seat



Folded seat



Unfolded seat



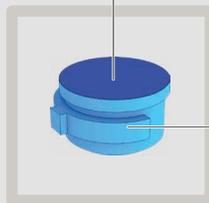
Signal lamp & holder

### Compass

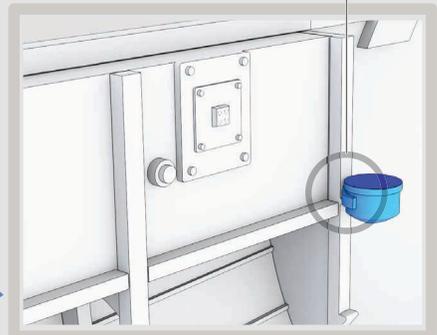


Black

28/28a



Compass

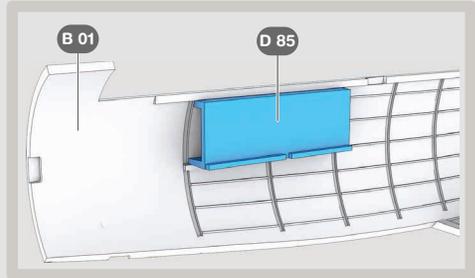
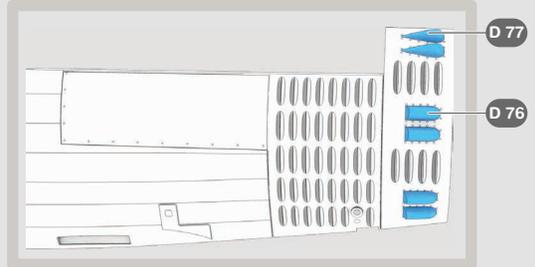
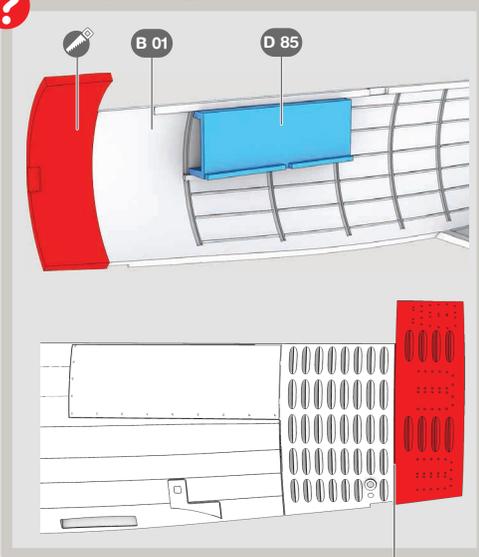


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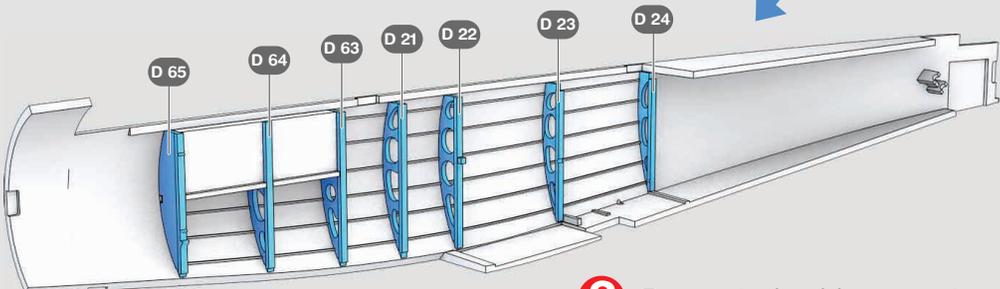
#### Right side painting instructions



#### For open engine



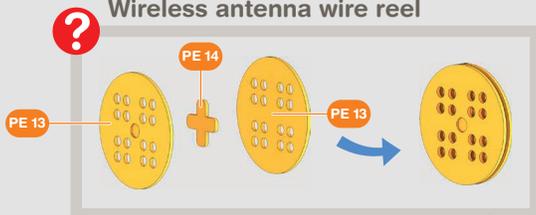
Cut along the groove 



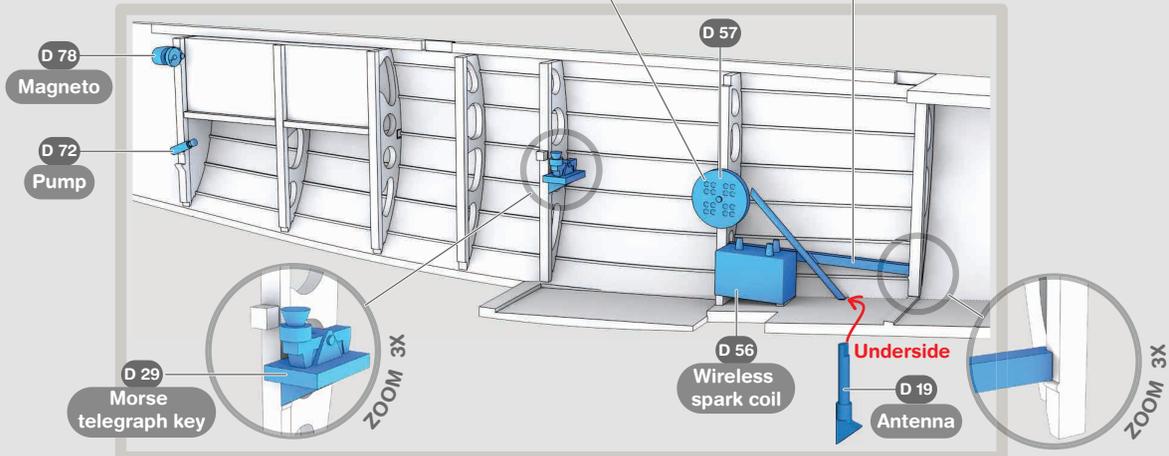
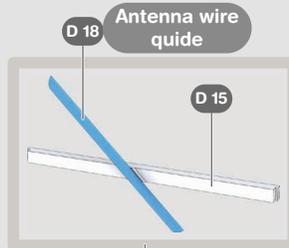
 For control cables see step 27

## 4 Adding details to interior (Right side)

### Wireless antenna wire reel



### Antenna wire guide

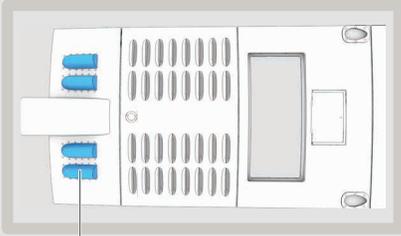


## 5 Stick assembly

### Pilot's seat and stick

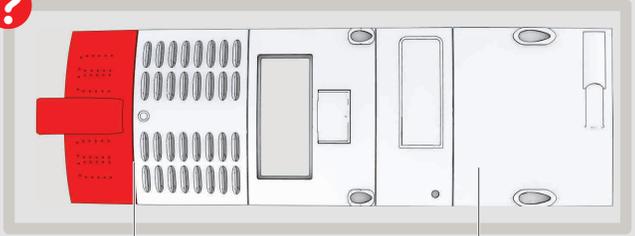


**?** For open engine



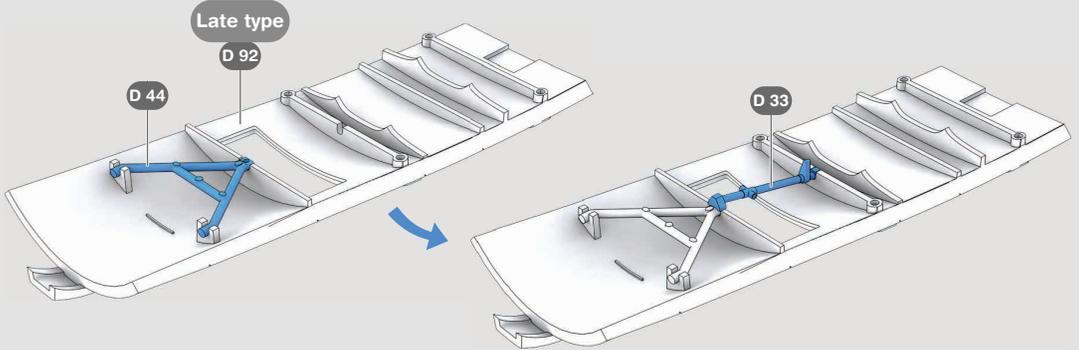
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Cut along the groove 



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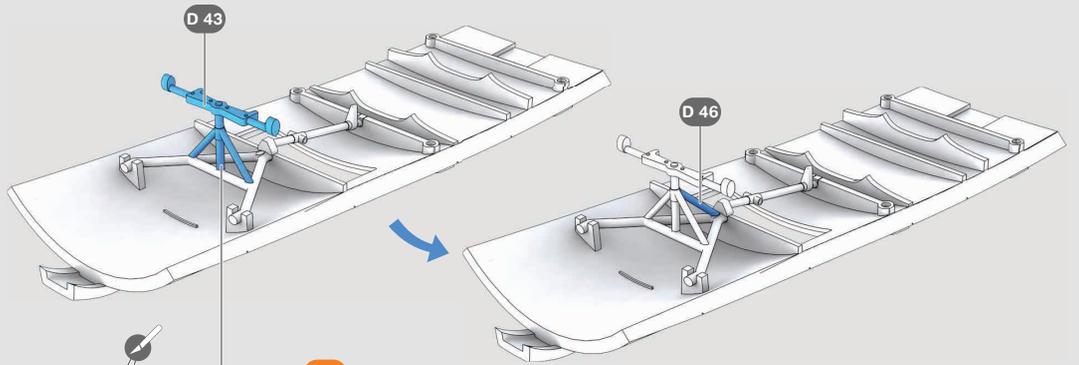


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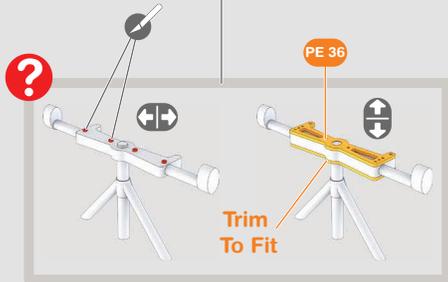
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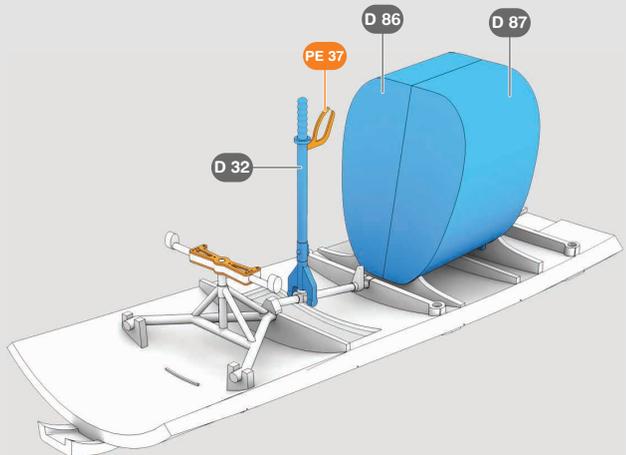
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PE 36

Trim To Fit



D 32

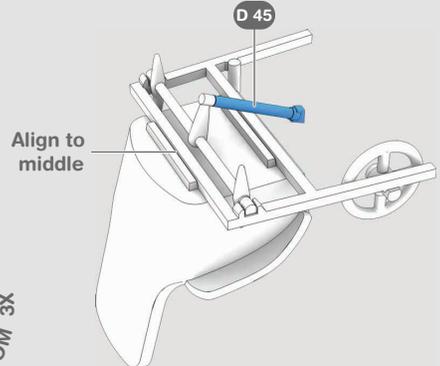
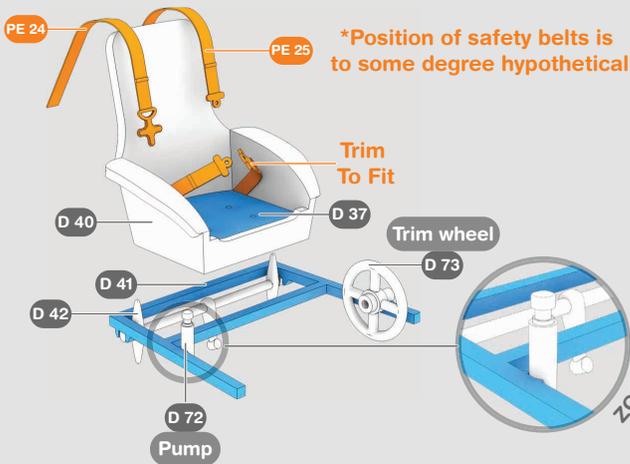
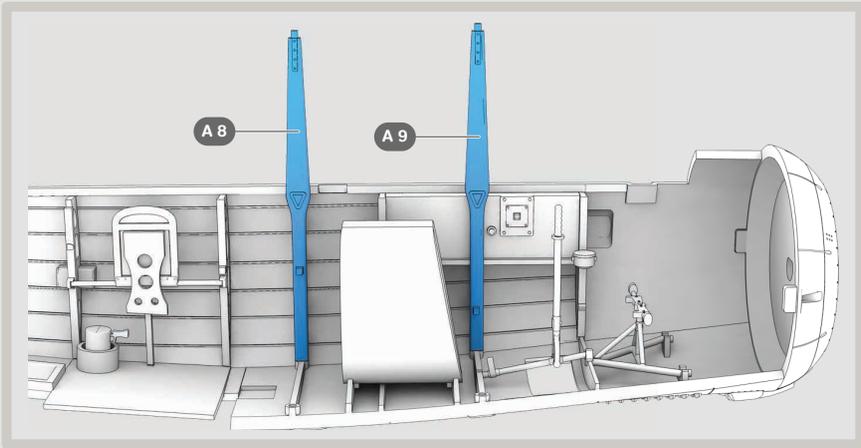
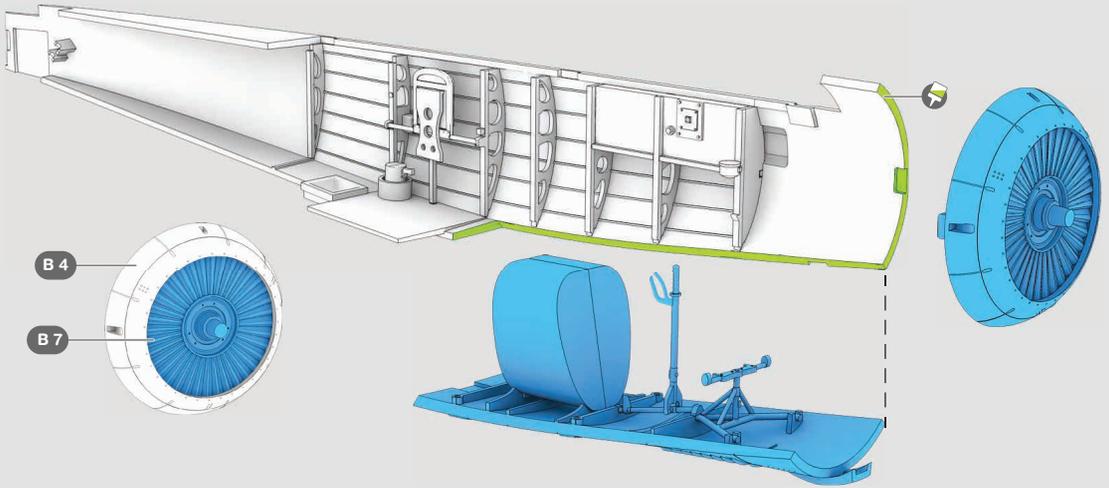
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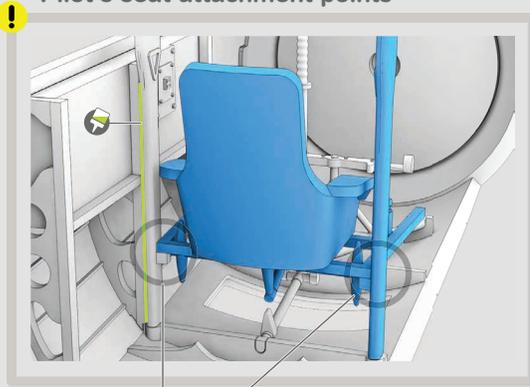
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## 6 Pilot's seat assembly

! For open engine see step 20

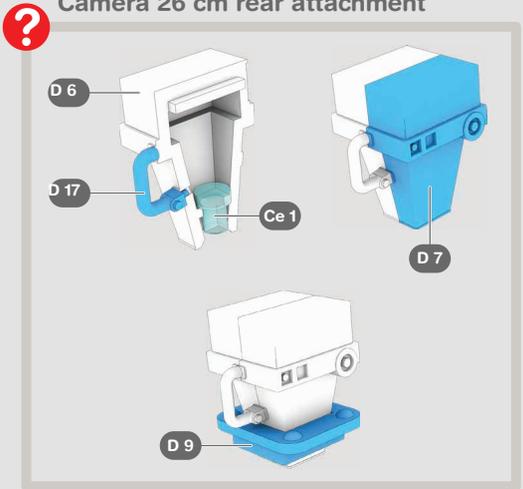


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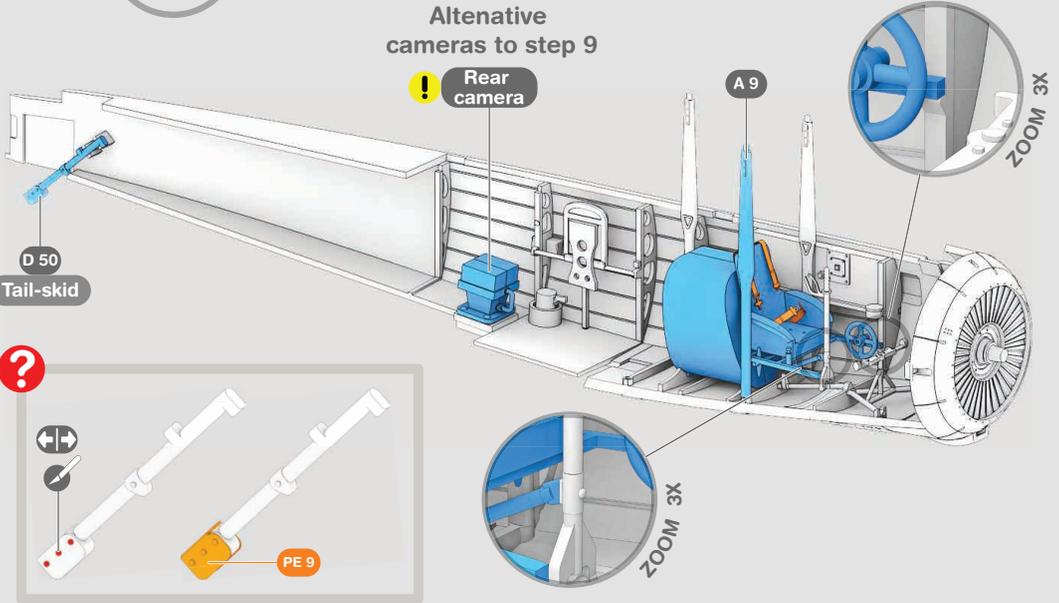


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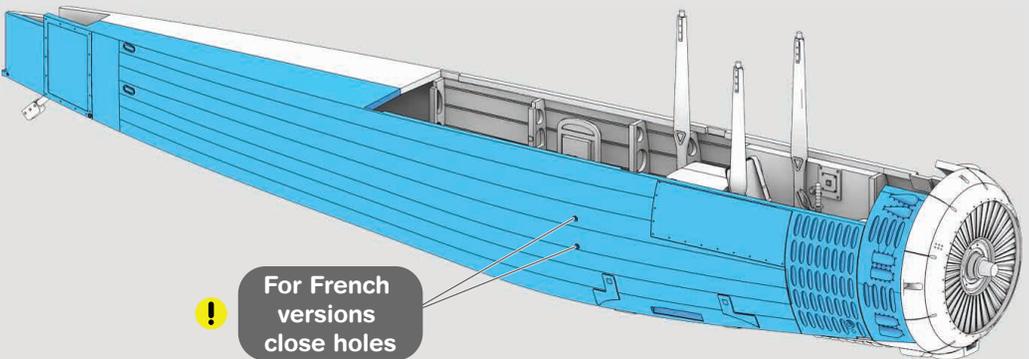
### Camera 26 cm rear attachment



### Alternative cameras to step 9



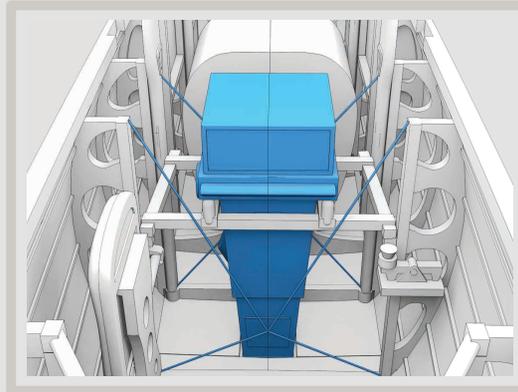
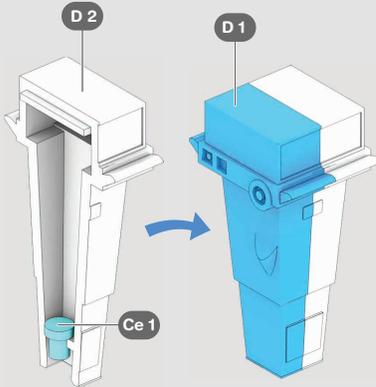
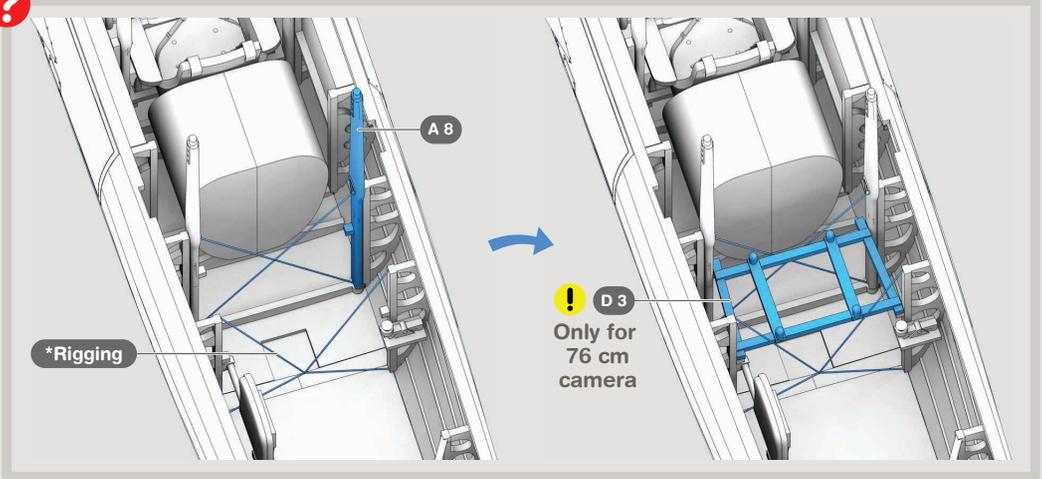
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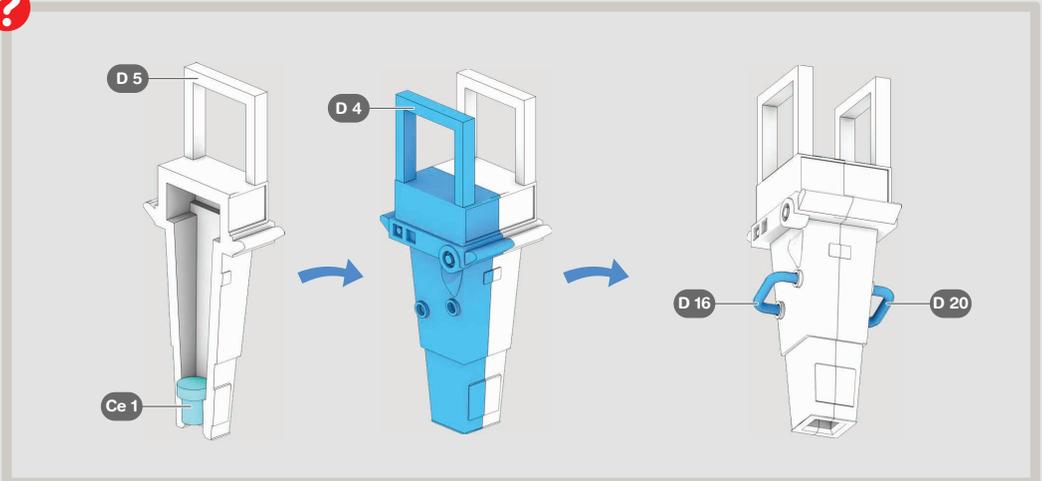


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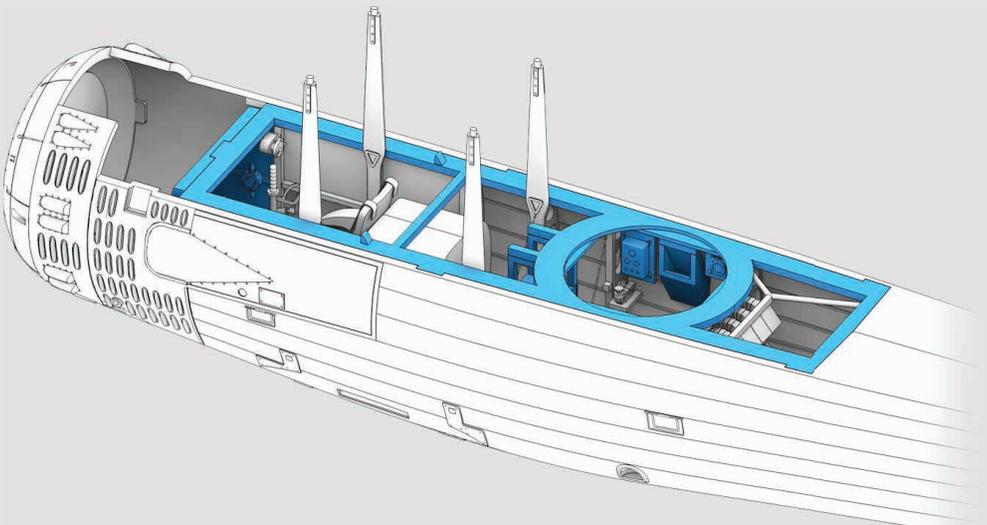
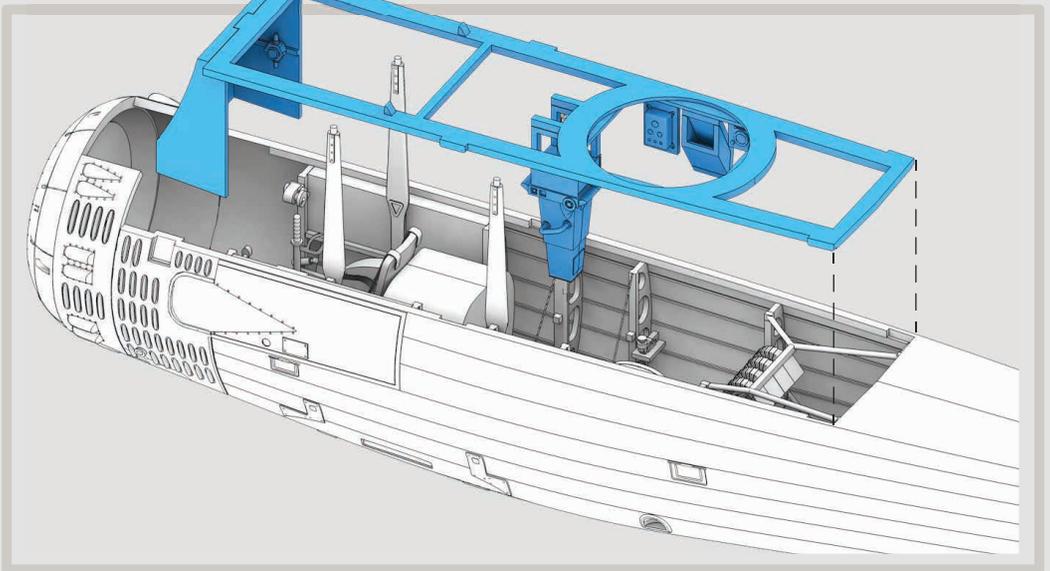
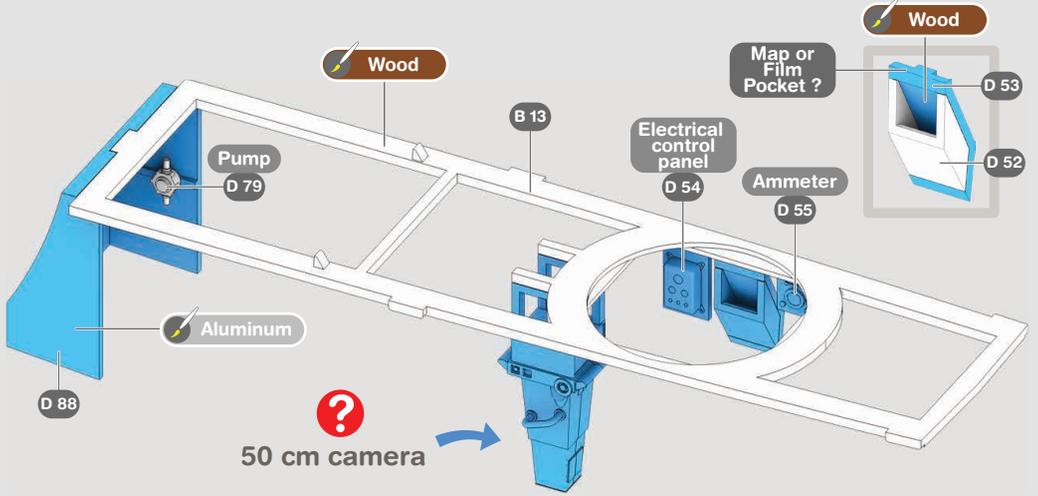
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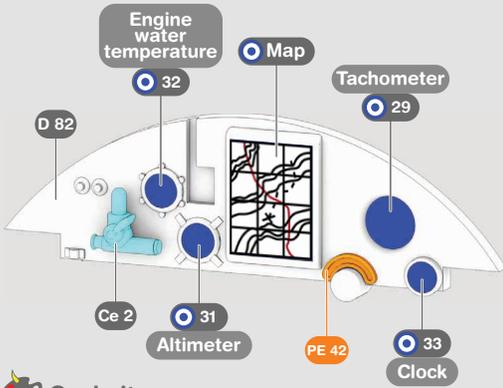
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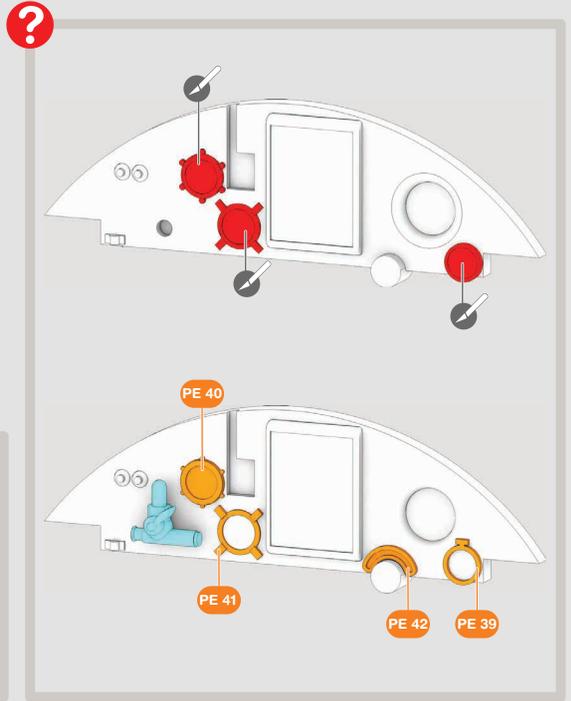
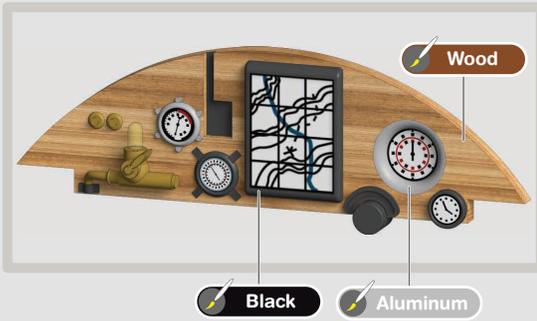
! Cameras may have different colors like light grey or light green.



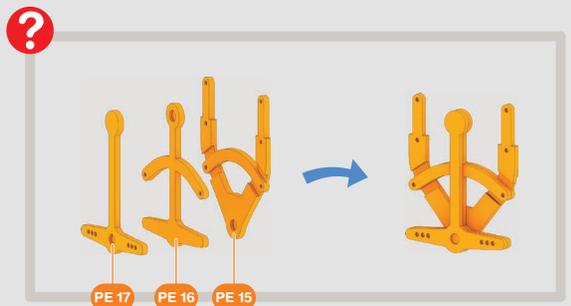
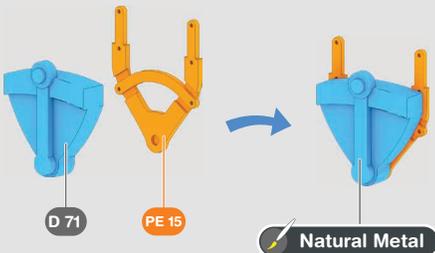
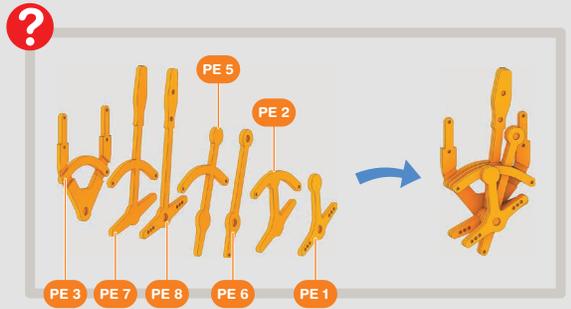
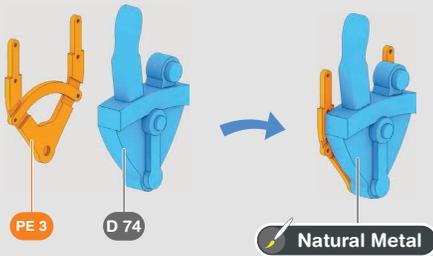
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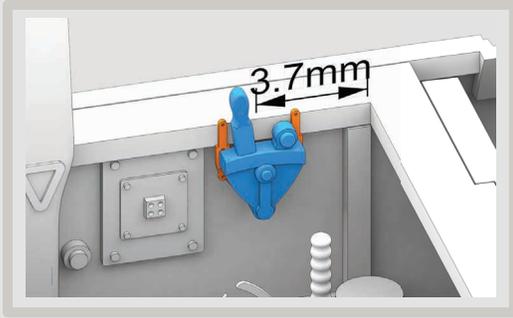
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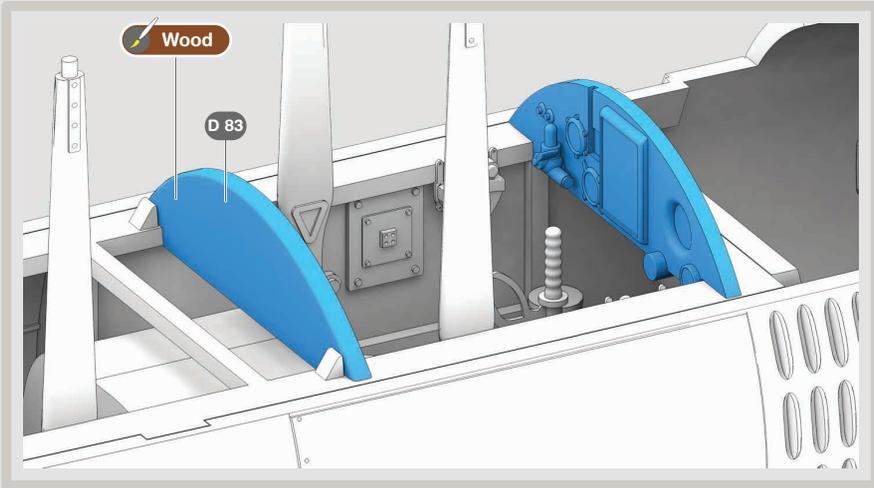
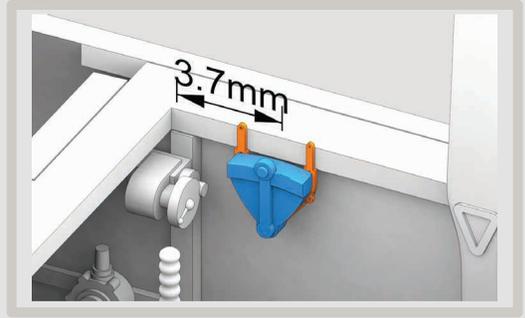
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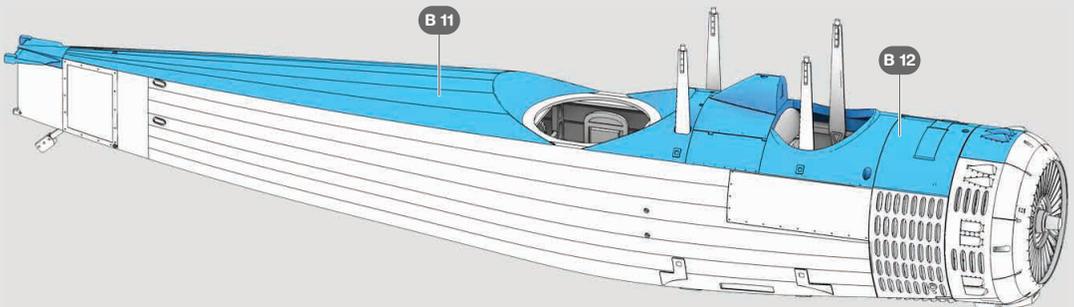
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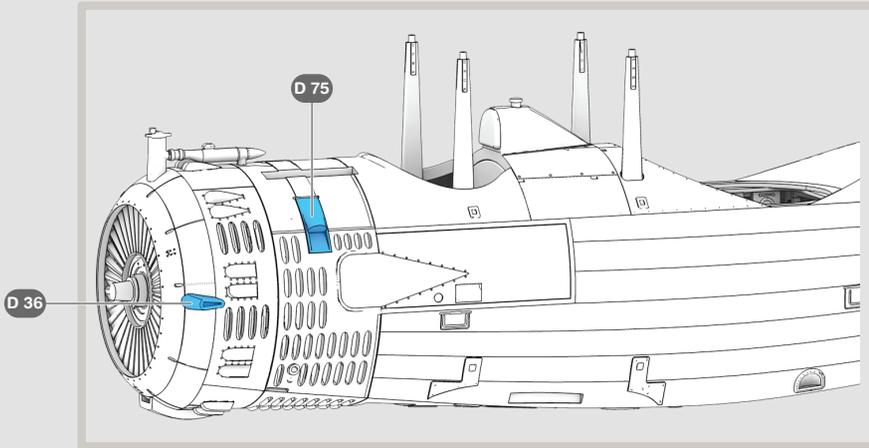
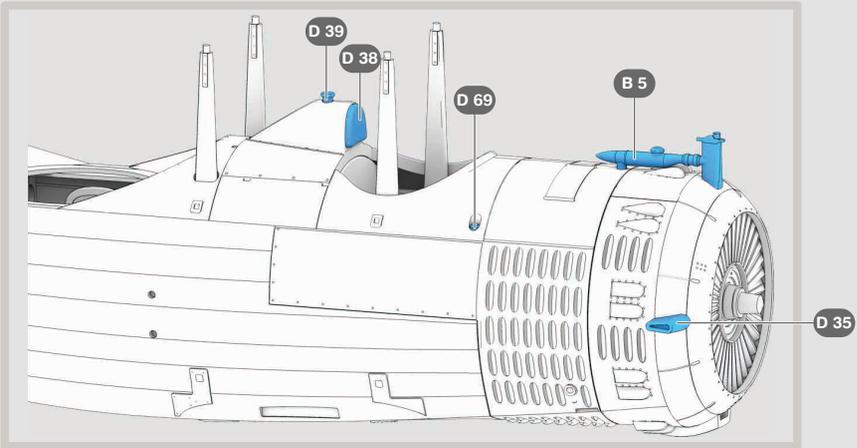
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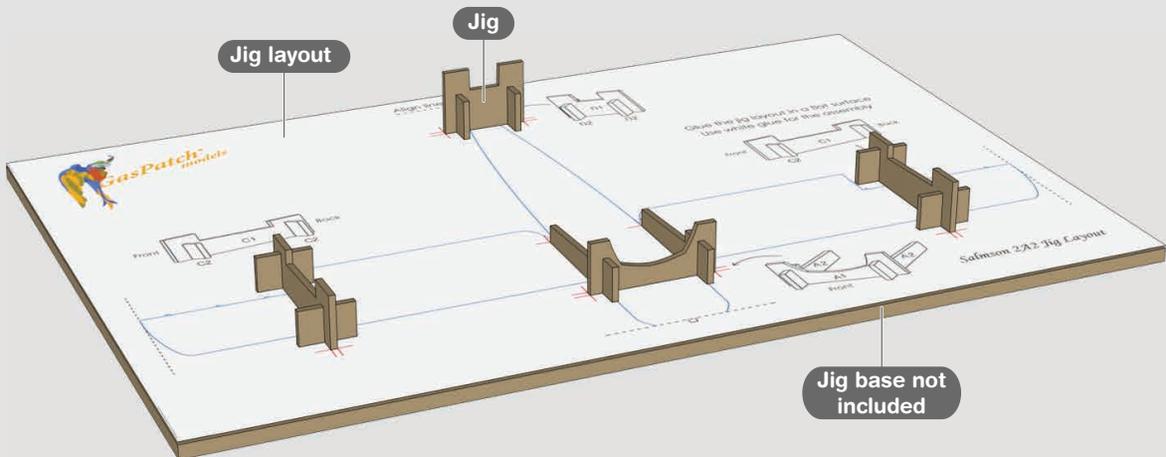
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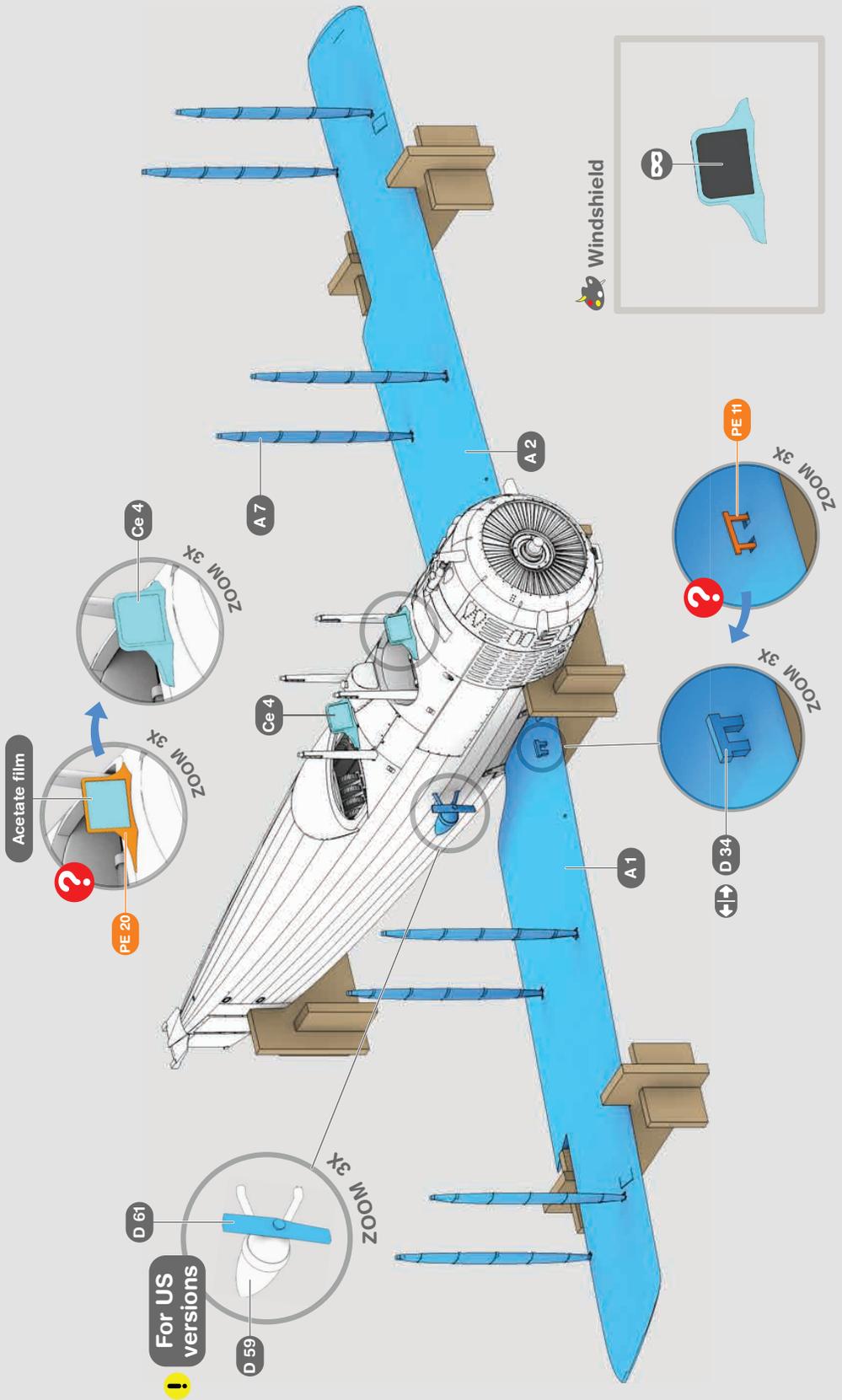
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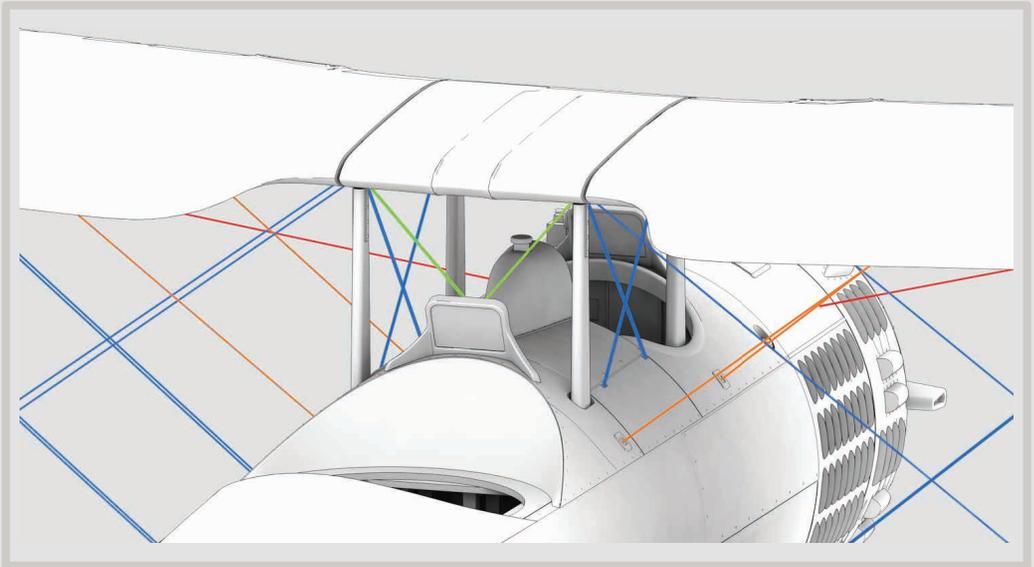
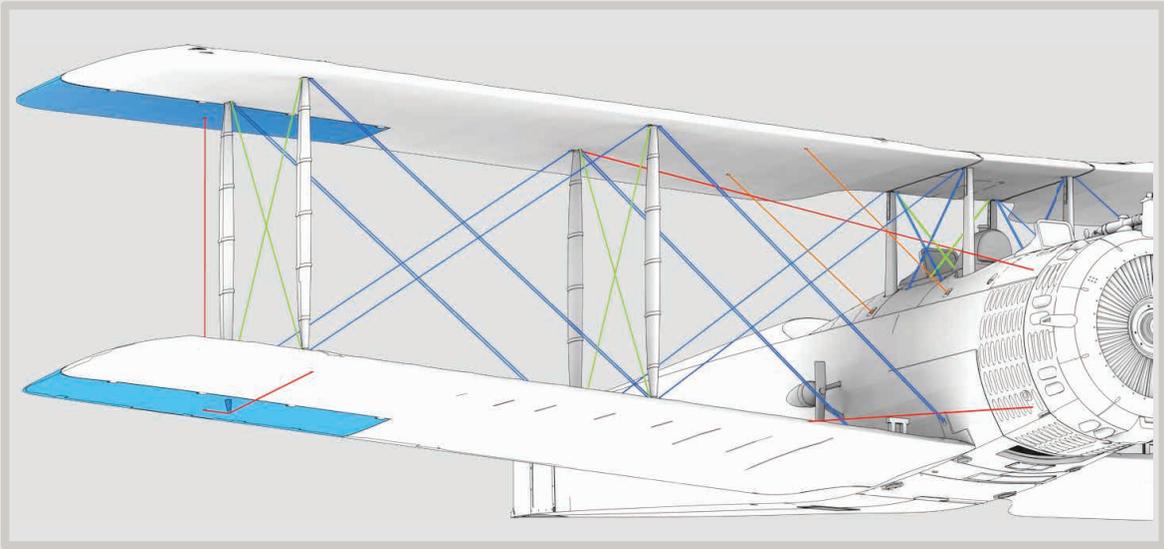
## 14 Jig assembly



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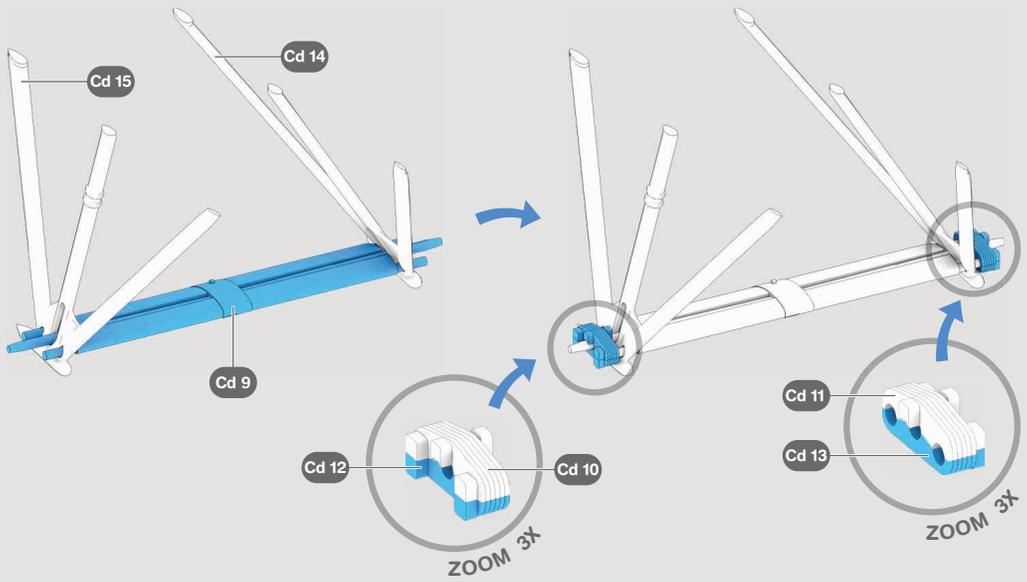




**!** We recommend Type B, Type C and Anchor points 1/48 Gaspach metal turnbuckles.

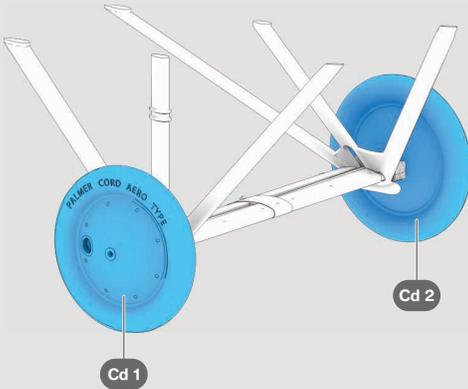


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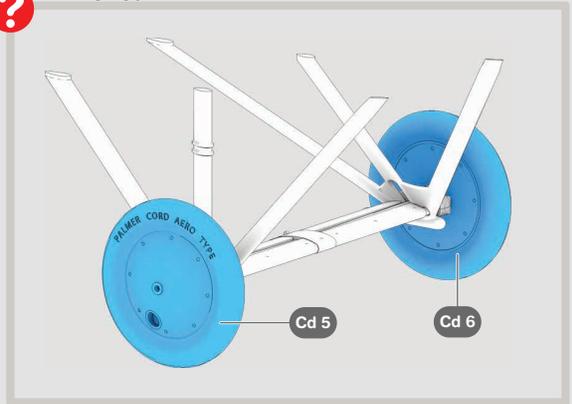


**!** USE CA (CYANOACRYLATE) GLUE FOR THE WHEELS

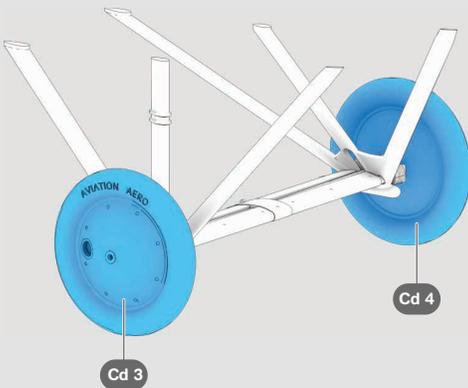
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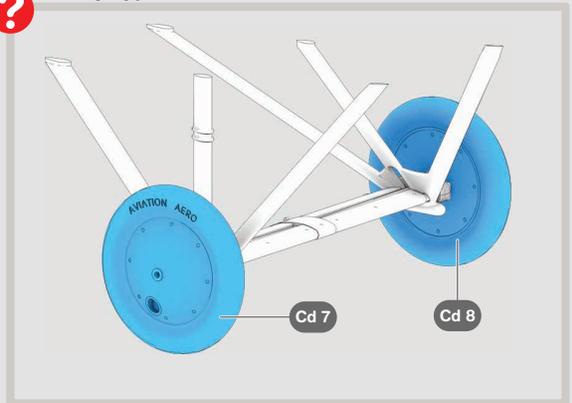
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Late type French



**?** Early type French





closed/opened



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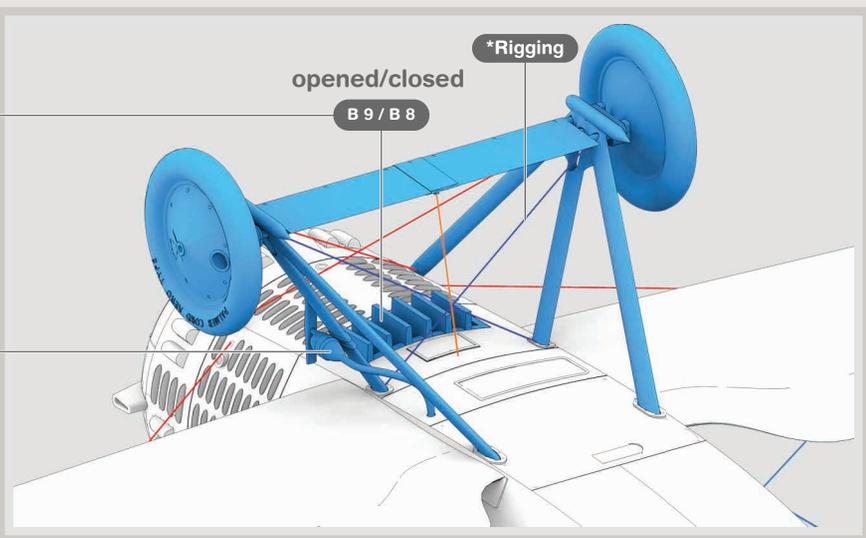
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B 9 / B 8

\*Rigging



## 18 Rudder and elevator assembly

Cut and replace green part with double wires

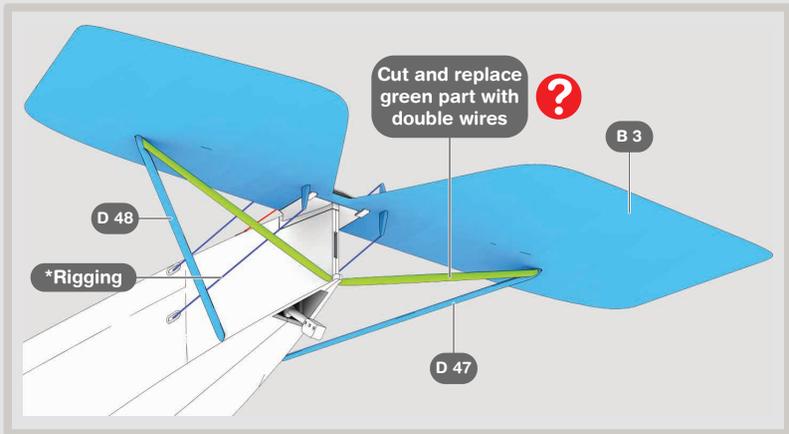


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**!** USE PHOTO ETCHED SAW FOR CUTTING SMALL THIN PARTS FROM SPRUE TREE

B 6

PE 22

Trim To Fit

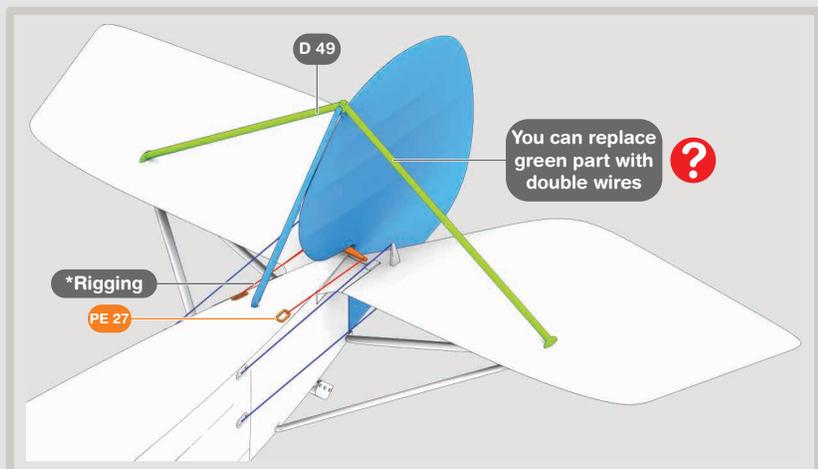
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You can replace green part with double wires

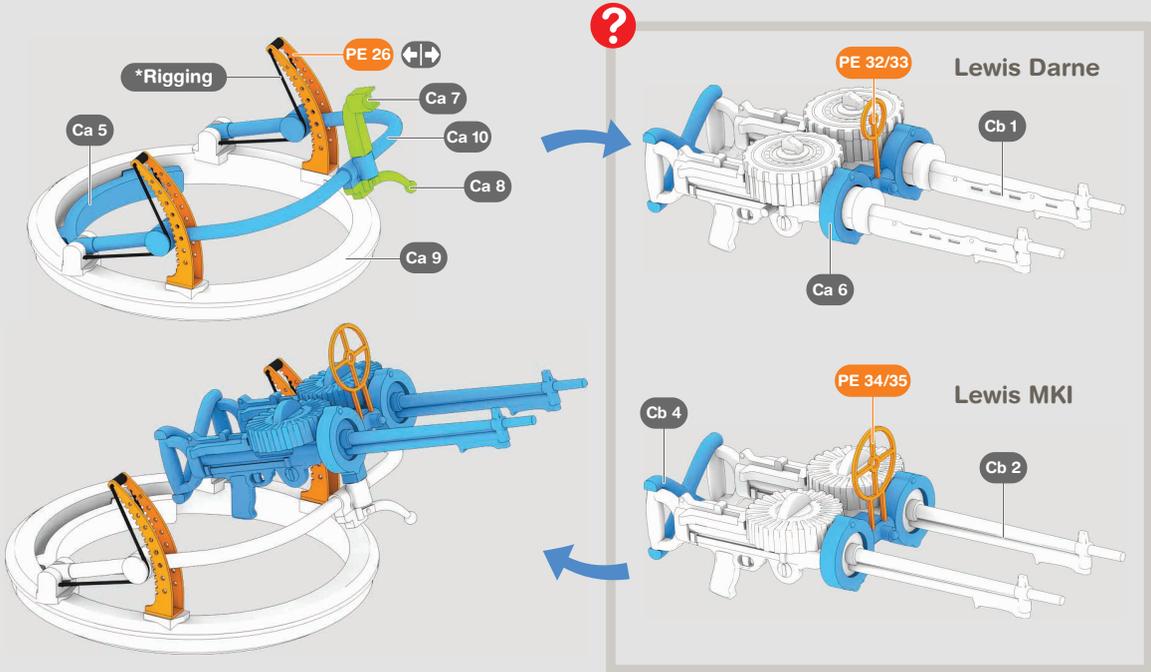


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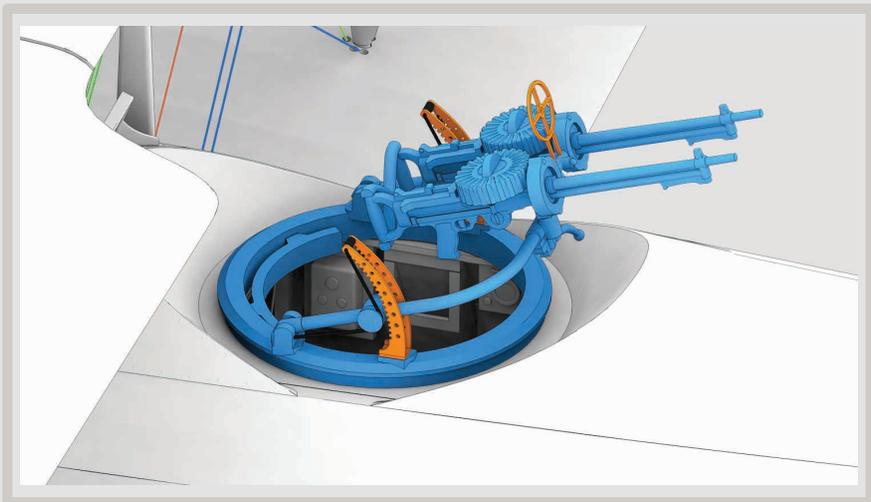
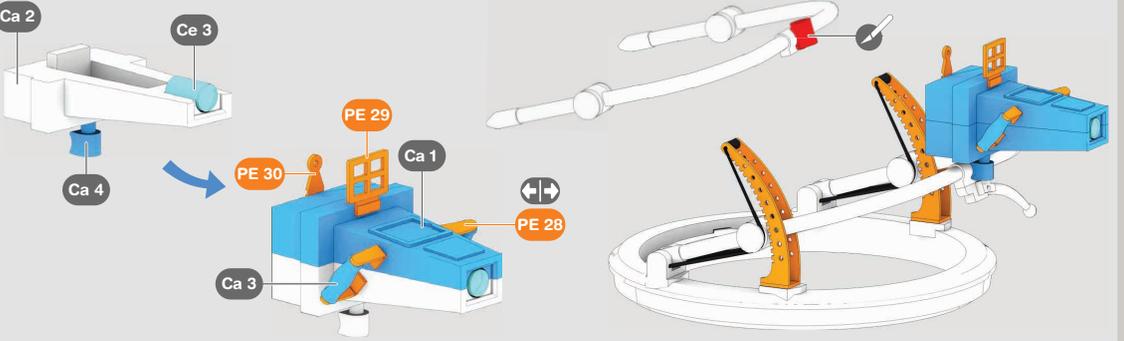
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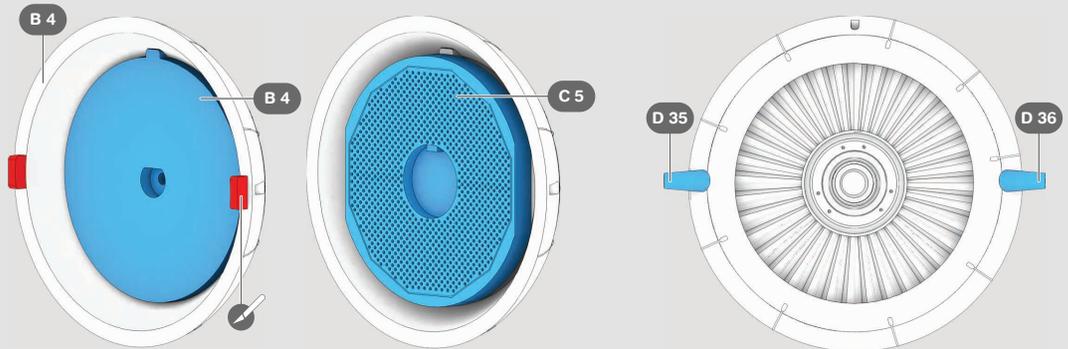
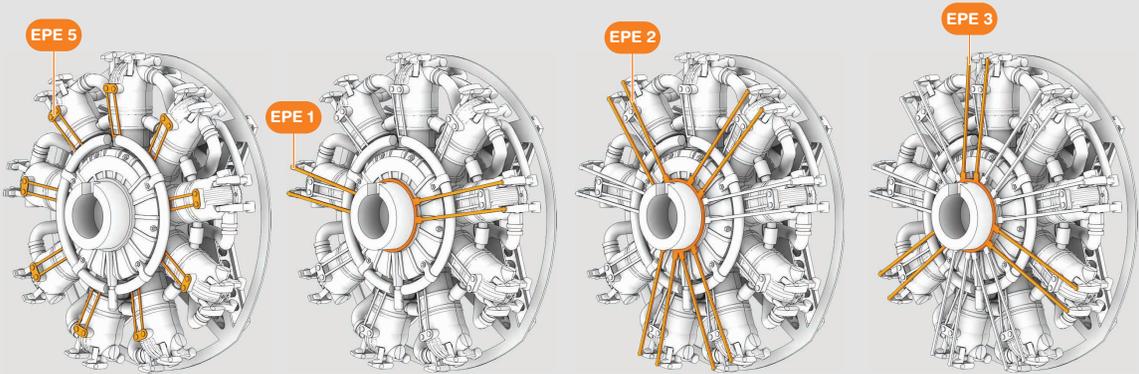
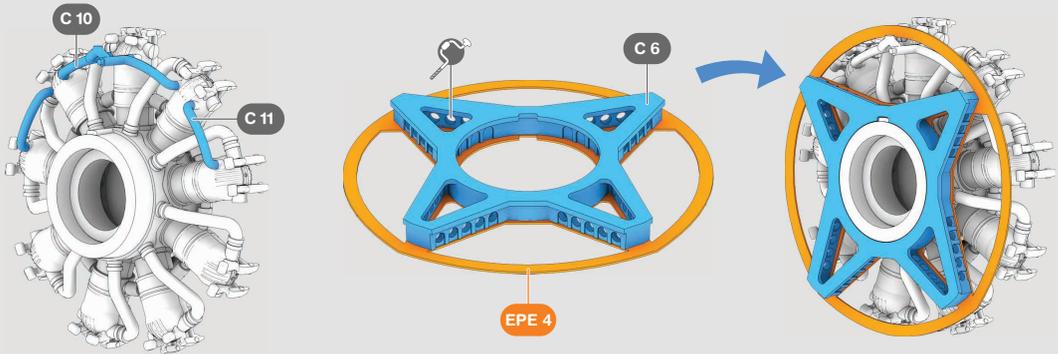
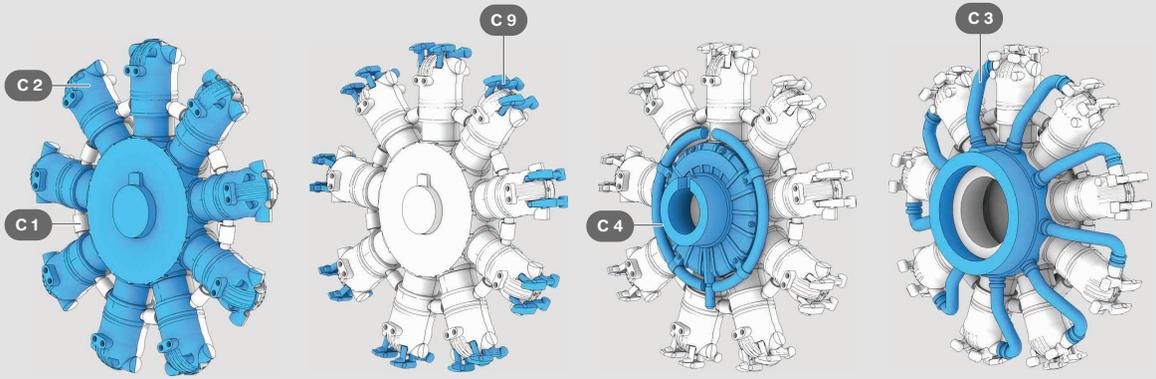
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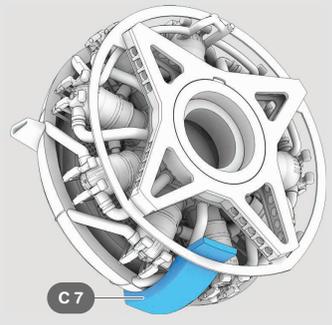
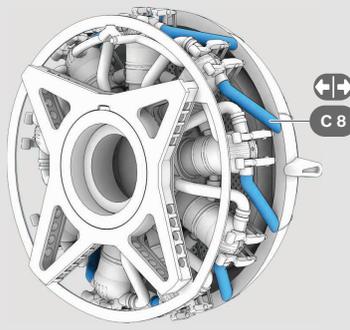
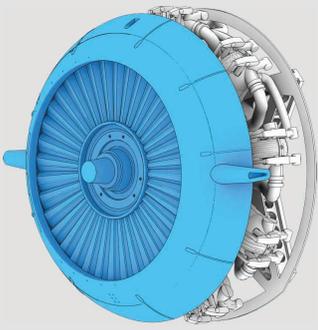


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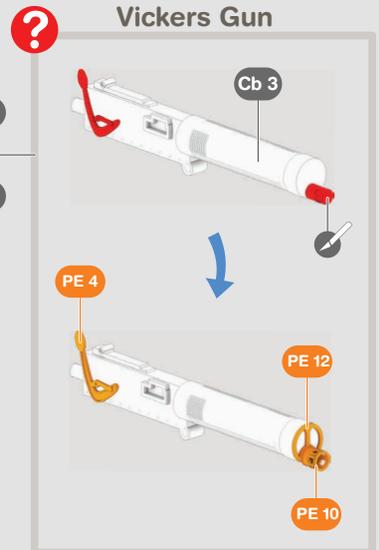
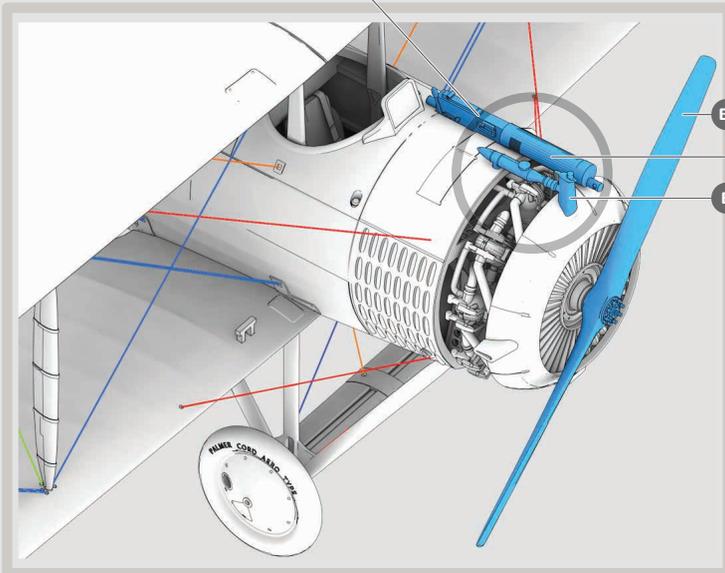
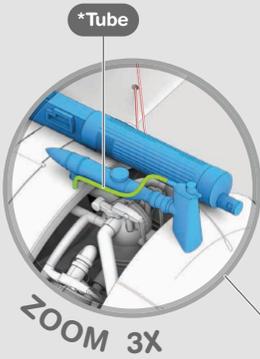
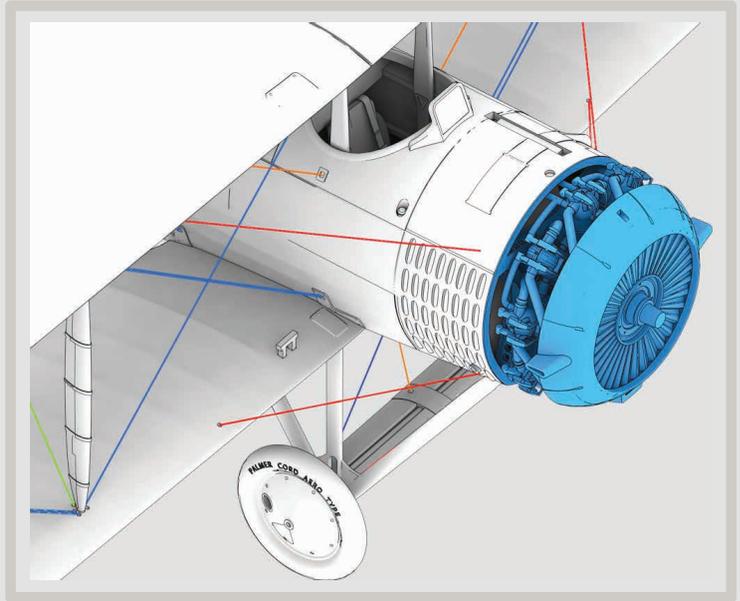


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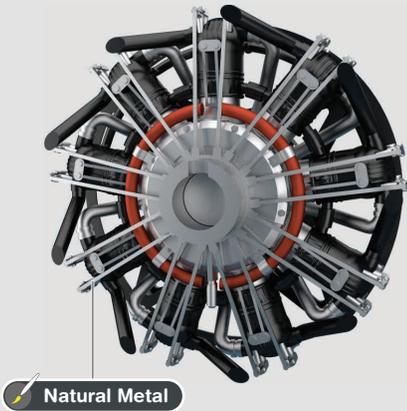




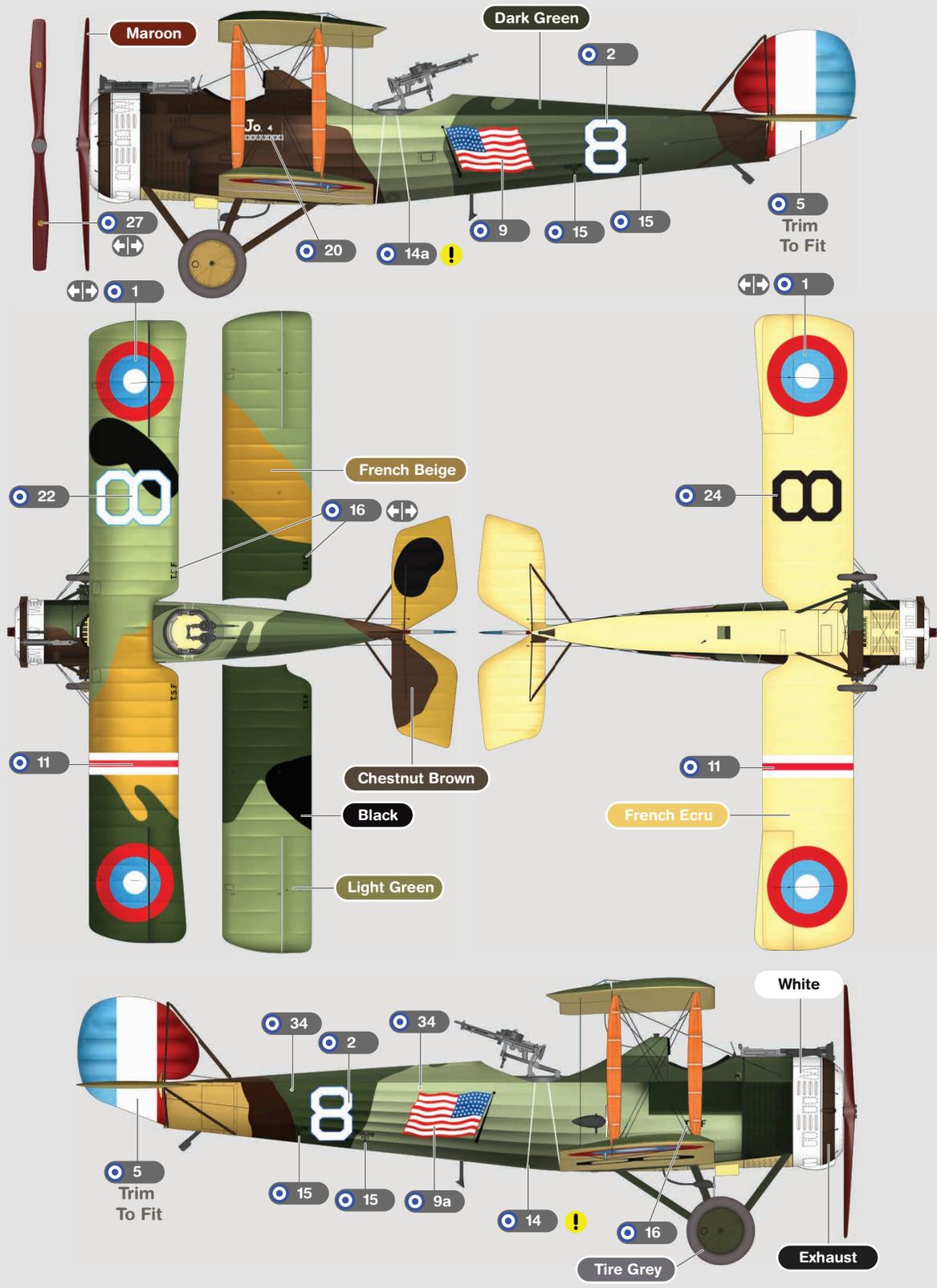
## 21 Mount the engine to the main body of the plane



## 22 Engine paint instructions



# 23 USAS 1st Aero Squadro



Maroon

Dark Green

27

1

2

20

14a

9

15

15

5

Trim To Fit

1

22

French Beige

16

24

11

Chestnut Brown

Black

11

French Ecu

Light Green

White

34

2

34

5

Trim To Fit

15

15

9a

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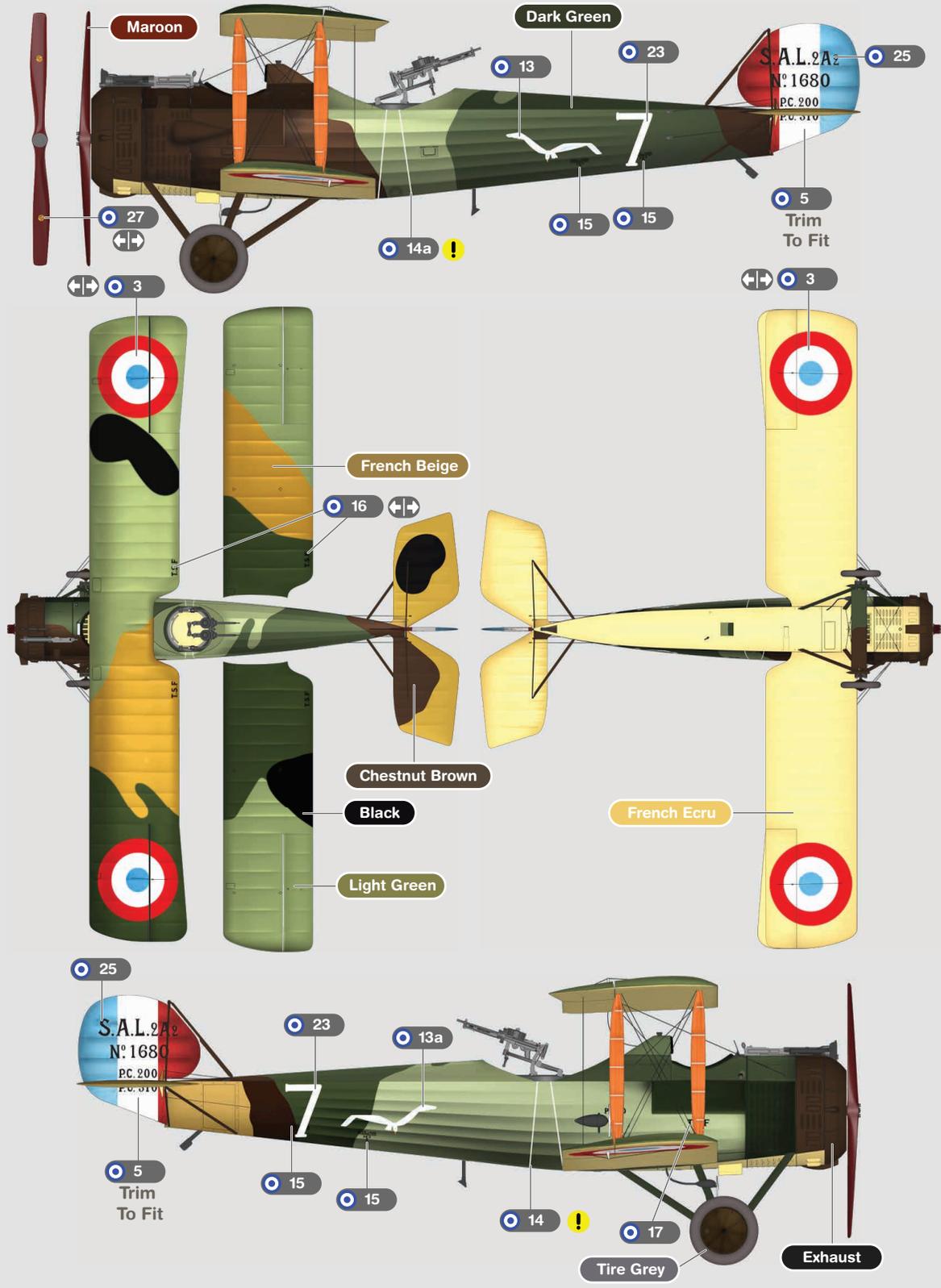
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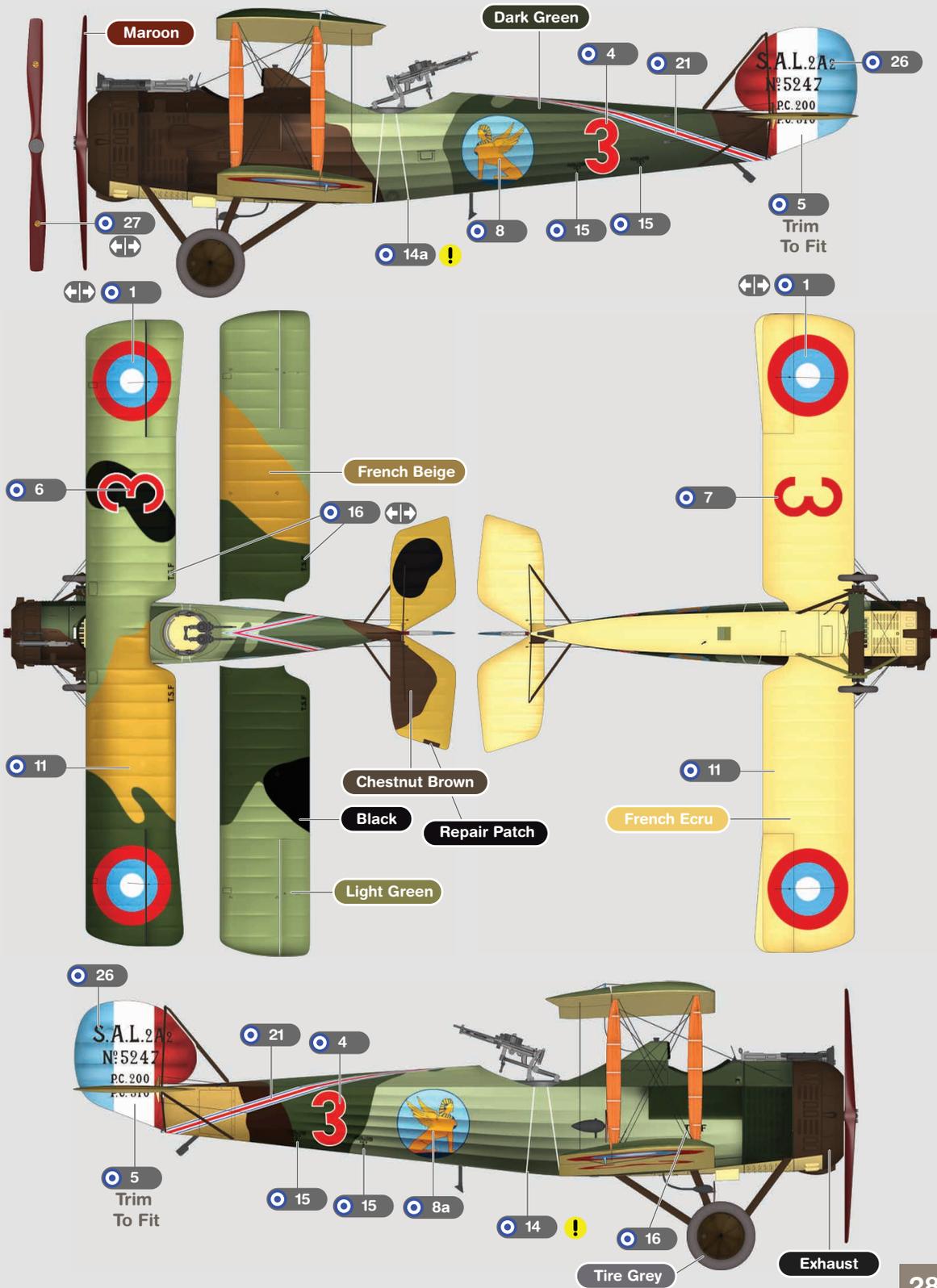
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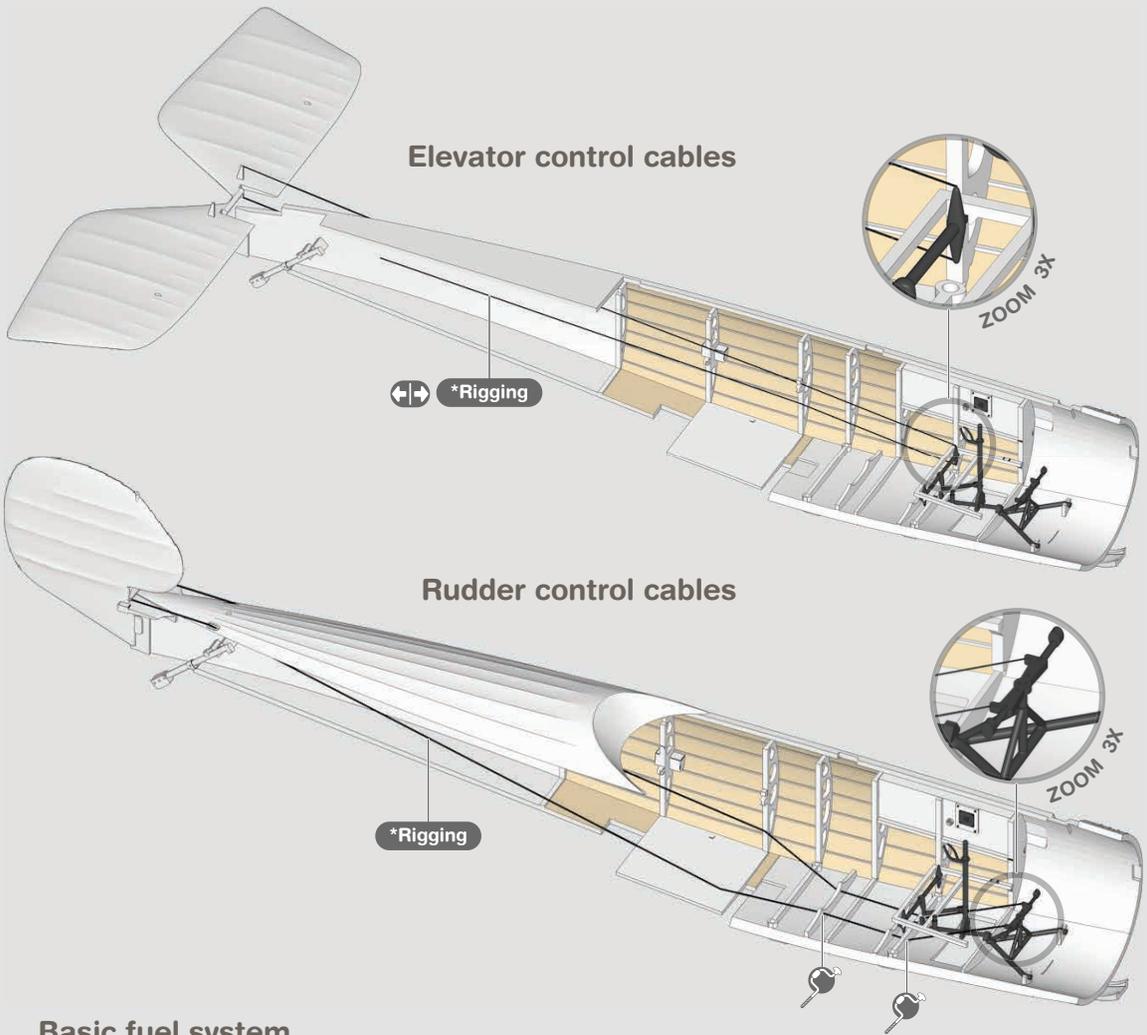


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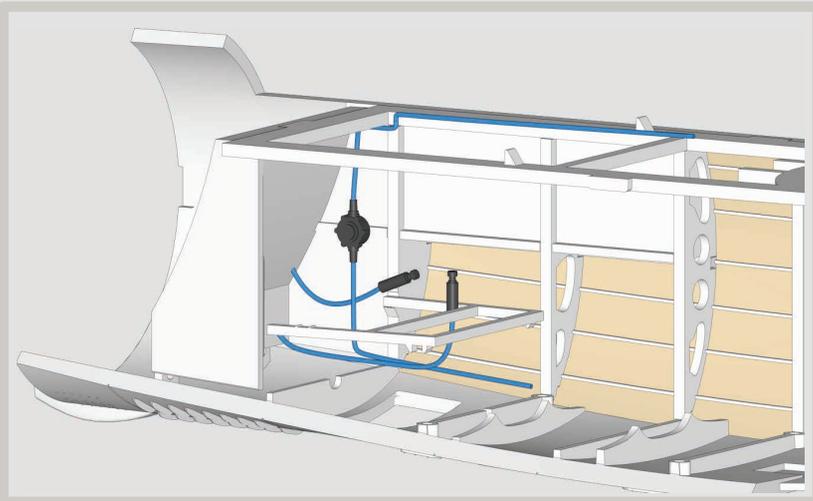


# 26 USAS 104th Aero Squadron



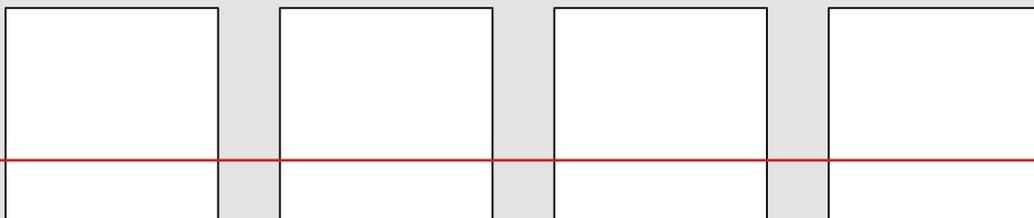
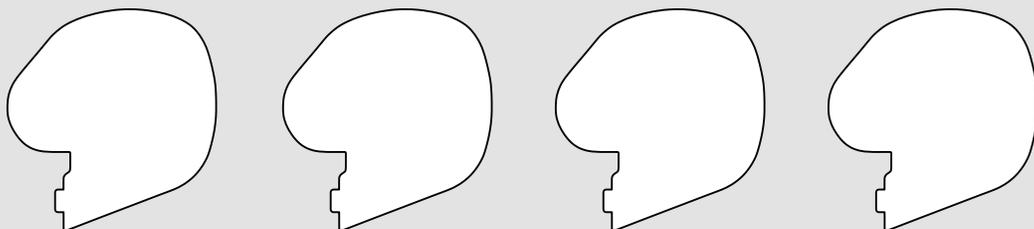
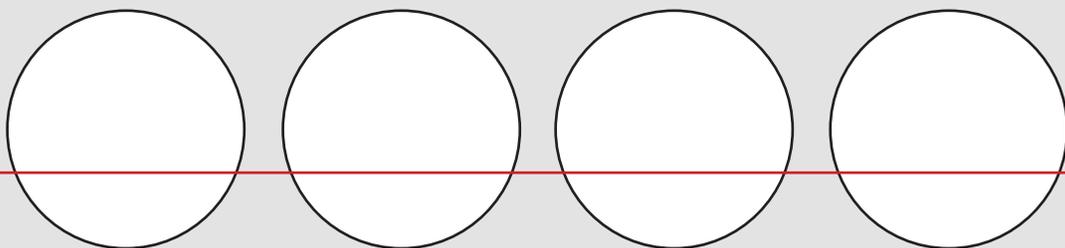


**Basic fuel system**





## Decal templates



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

Salmson 2A2 1/48 Late Type



Salmson 2A2 1/48 Mid Type



Salmson 2A2 1/48 Otsu I



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