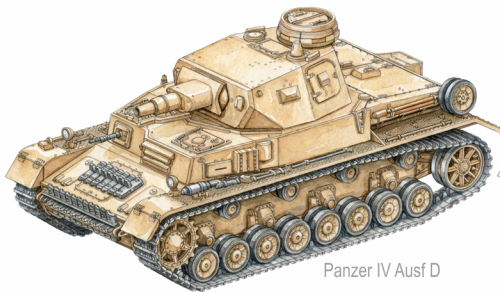
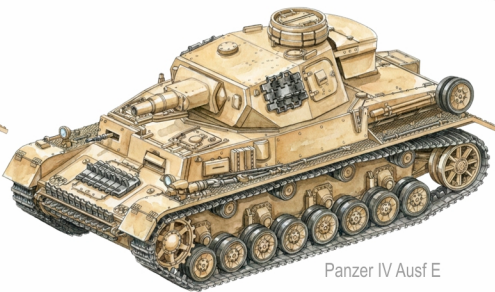




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Panzer IV Ausf D



Panzer IV Ausf E



READ THIS FIRST BEFORE ASSEMBLY STARTS...

Please study the instruction thoroughly **before** actual assembly. This kit enables you to build either a **Panzer IV Ausf D** or **Ausf E** medium tank. It is good practice to **test fit** all parts and study all build options **before** gluing them together. This will save you time and frustrations!

A sprue layout guide is located at the back of this instruction sheet. Some (optional) parts require drilling holes in the parts they are being placed. To ensure best fitting, please use drill bit of 1.3mm (0.05") in diameter.



- When you use glue or paint, do not use near a naked flame, and use in a well-ventilated area.
- When assembling this kit, tools including knives are used. Extra care should be taken to avoid personal injury.
- Keep out of reach of small children.

Read carefully and fully understand the instructions before commencing assembly. Model supplied unpainted. Bases, scenery, glue and paint not included. Meaning of symbols used:



Choices



Optional



No glue



Drill hole



Bend



Cut or trim
with care



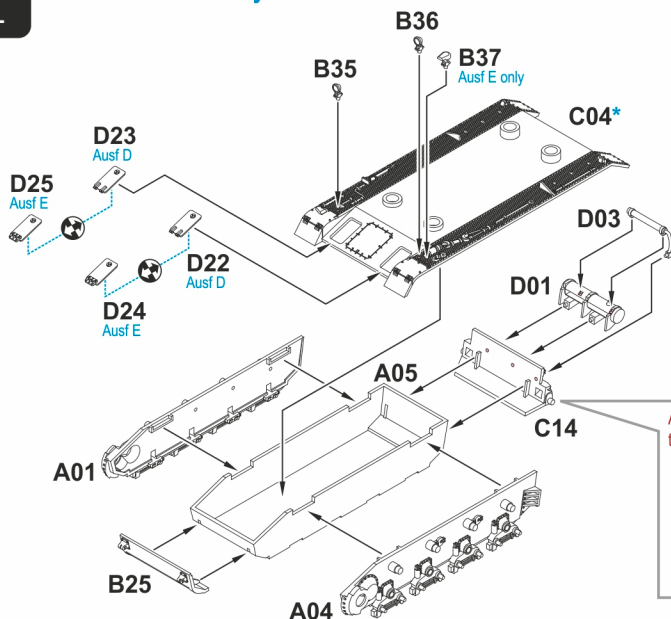
Please use **ABS Plastic Cement** for assembly.

WARNING

- THIS IS NOT A TOY
- INTENDED FOR COLLECTORS OF AGE 14 AND ABOVE
- CONTAINS SMALL PARTS AND POINTED COMPONENTS
- NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD
- MODEL MAY VARY FROM IMAGE ON BOX
- READY TO ASSEMBLE PRECISION MODEL KIT

1

Lower Hull Assembly

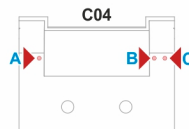


DO THIS FIRST *

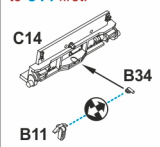
Drill holes from the underside of C04 based on the variants:

Ausf D: **A**(B35), **B**(B36)

Ausf E: **A**(B35), **B**(B36), **C**(B37)



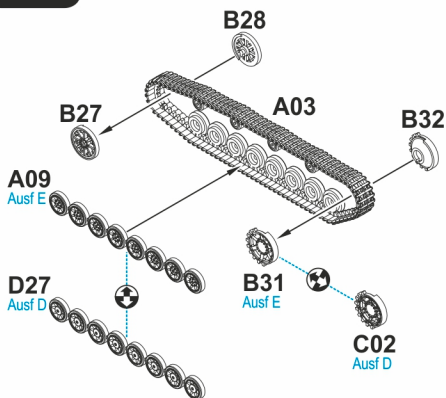
Assemble **B11** or **B34** to **C14** first.



2a

Roadwheels & Track

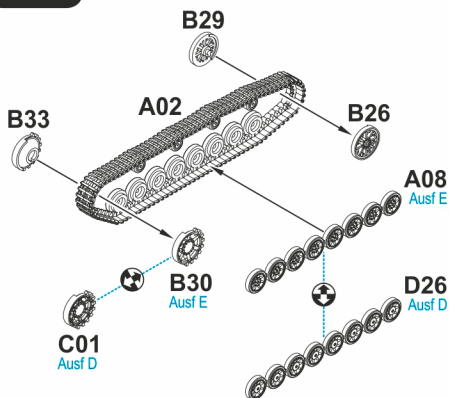
Right Side



2b

Roadwheels & Track

Left Side

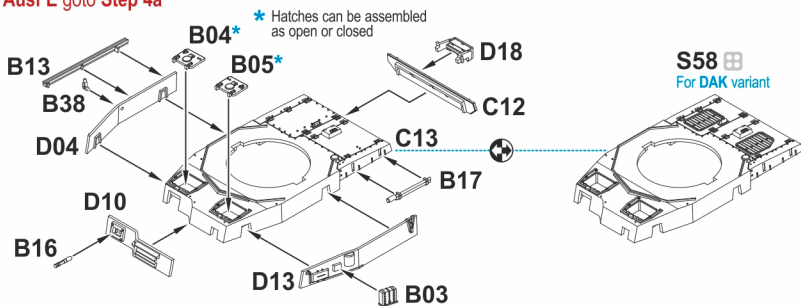


Proceed to step **3a** for Ausf D and step **4a** for Ausf E

3a

Panzer IV Ausf D

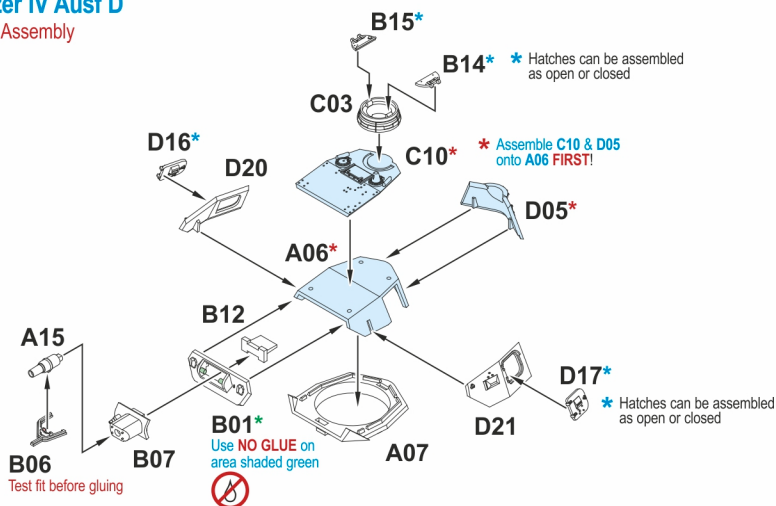
For Ausf E goto Step 4a



3b

Panzer IV Ausf D

Turret Assembly

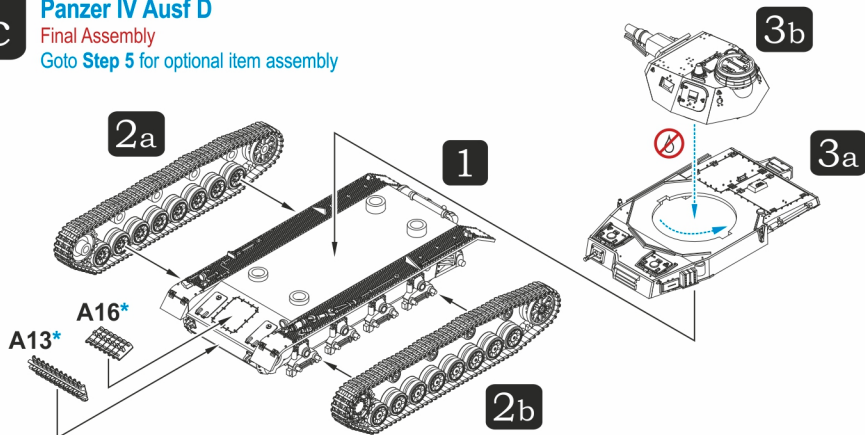


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Panzer IV Ausf D

Final Assembly

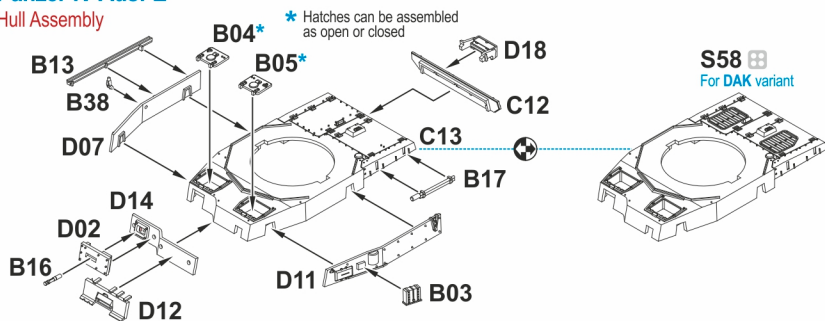
Goto Step 5 for optional item assembly



4a

Panzer IV Ausf E

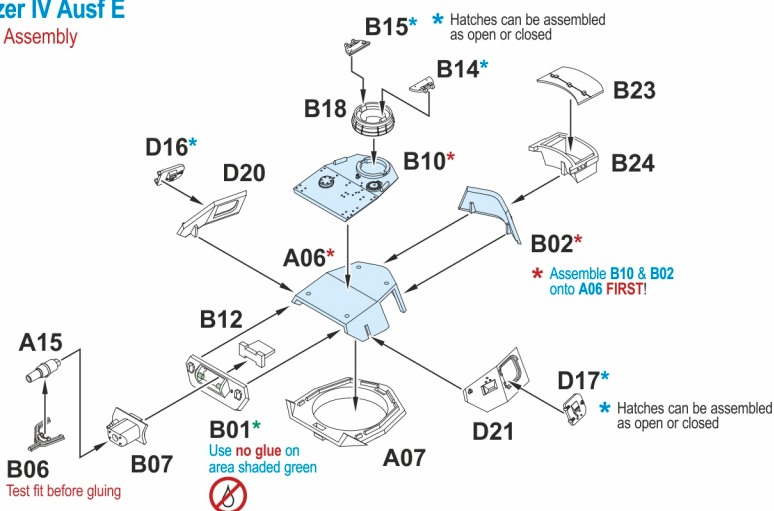
Hull Assembly



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Panzer IV Ausf E

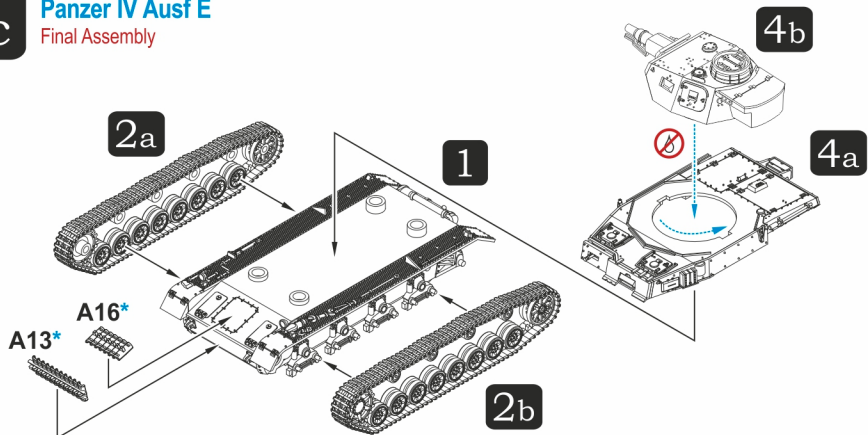
Turret Assembly



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Panzer IV Ausf E

Final Assembly

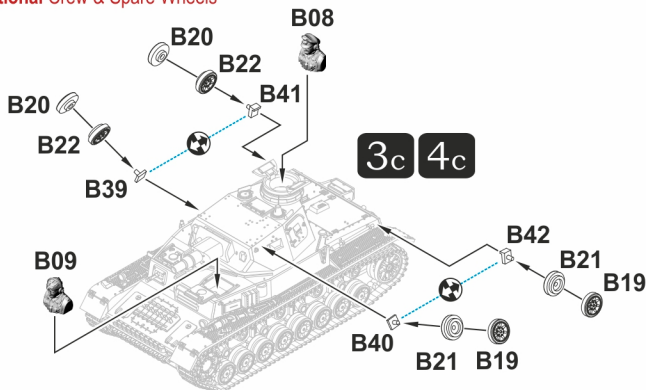


* Optional

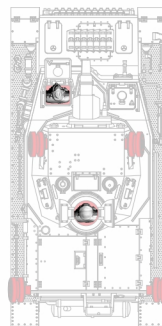
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Panzer IV Ausf D / E

Optional Crew & Spare Wheels



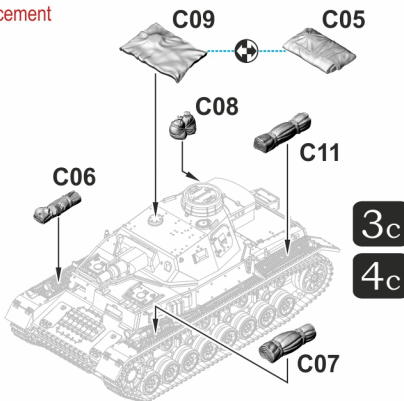
Position Reference



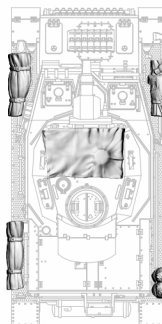
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Panzer IV Ausf D / E

Stowage Placement



Position Reference



BACKGROUND HISTORY OF THE PANZER IV

The **SdKfz 161 Panzerkampfwagen IV (PzKpfw IV)**, commonly known as the **Panzer IV**, was a German medium tank developed in the late 1930s and used extensively during World War 2.

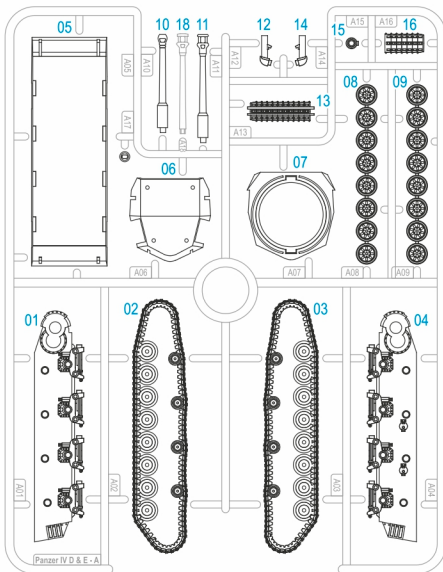
The **Panzer IV** was the most numerous German tank and the second-most numerous German armored fighting vehicle of the war, with some **8,500** built. The Panzer IV chassis was used as the base for many other fighting vehicles, including the Sturmgeschütz IV assault gun, Jagdpanzer IV tank destroyer, the Wirbelwind self-propelled anti-aircraft gun, and the Brummbär self-propelled gun.

The Panzer IV saw service in all combat theaters involving Germany and was the only German tank to remain in continuous production throughout the war. It received various upgrades and design modifications, intended to counter new threats, extending its service life. Generally, these involved increasing the Panzer IV's armor protection or upgrading its weapons, although during the last months of the war, with Germany's pressing need for rapid replacement of losses; design changes also included simplifications to speed up the manufacturing process.

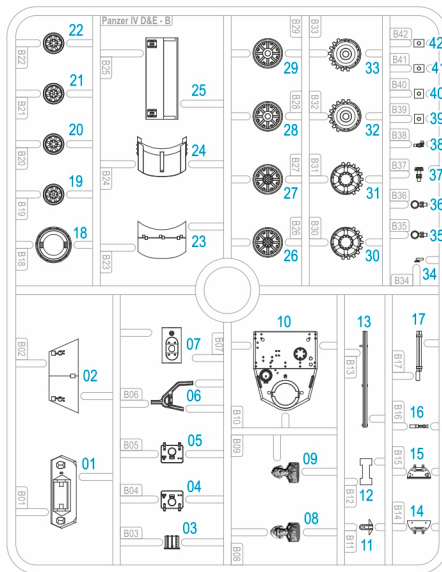
The Panzer IV was partially succeeded by the **Panther** medium tank, which was introduced to counter the Soviet T-34, although the Panzer IV continued as a significant component of German armored formations to the end of the war. The Panzer IV was the most widely exported tank in German service, with around 300 sold to Finland, Romania, Spain and Bulgaria. After the war, Syria procured Panzer IVs from France and Czechoslovakia, which saw combat in the 1967 Six-Day War. A total of 8,553 Panzer IVs of all versions were built during World War 2, with only the StuG III assault-gun/tank destroyer's 10,086 vehicle production run exceeding the Panzer IV's total among Axis armored forces.



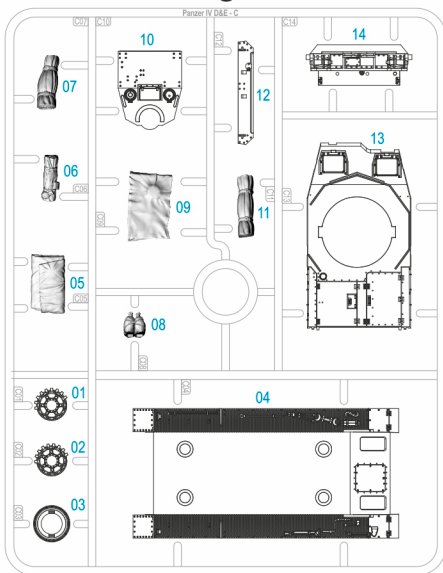
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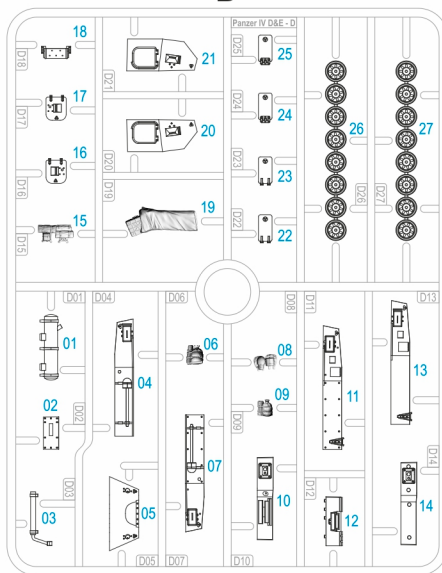
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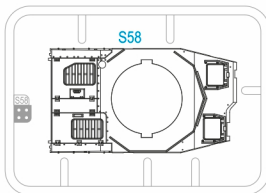
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D



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Rubicon Models had released several other products based on the **Panzer IV** medium tank.

- 280076 Panzer IV Ausf D/E
- 280077 Panzer IV Ausf F/F2/G/H
- 280078 Panzer IV Ausf J
- 280079 Flakpanzer IV "Wirbelwind" with crew

There are additional add-on resin and pewter products.
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