



Israeli tank carrier - Six-Day War - 1967 - 1/32-35 scale

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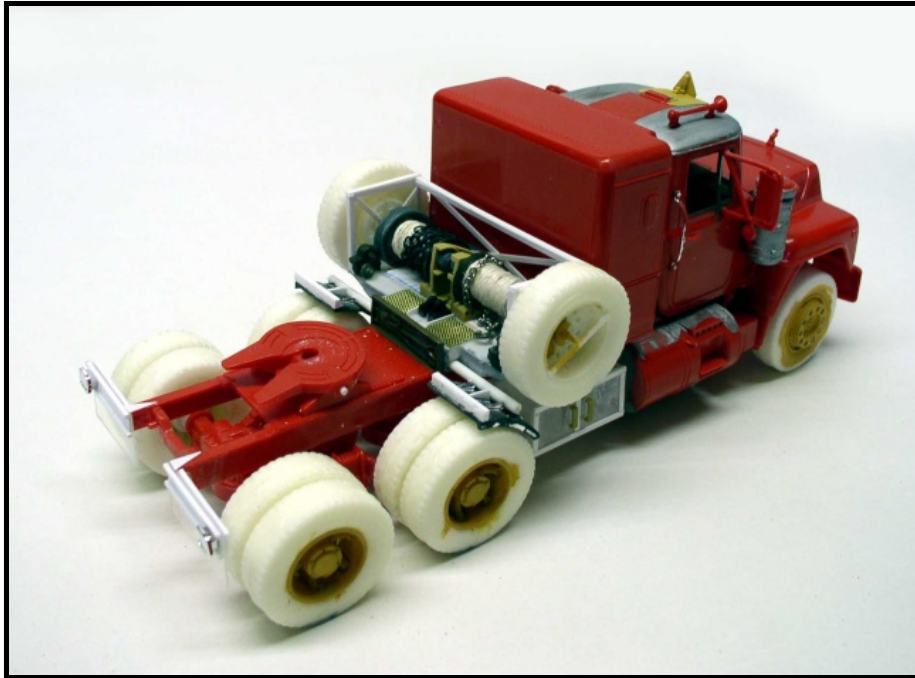
Le camion est le Mack de la marque Monogram en Snaftite (montage à encliper sans colle). Les demi-roues du kit sont éliminées et remplacées par des modèles plus réalistes en résine... Le modèle est amélioré et reçoit entre autres de nouveaux coffres latéraux, U...





The truck is a Monogram Mack model made of Snapfit (a glue-free snap-fit assembly). The kit's half-wheels have been removed and replaced with more realistic resin versions...

The model has been upgraded and now features, among other things, new side trunks and a set of resin wheels...



Painting



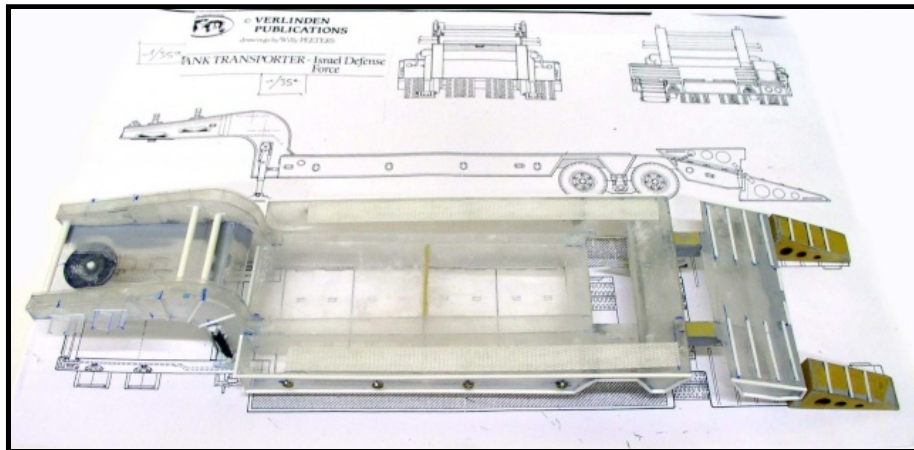


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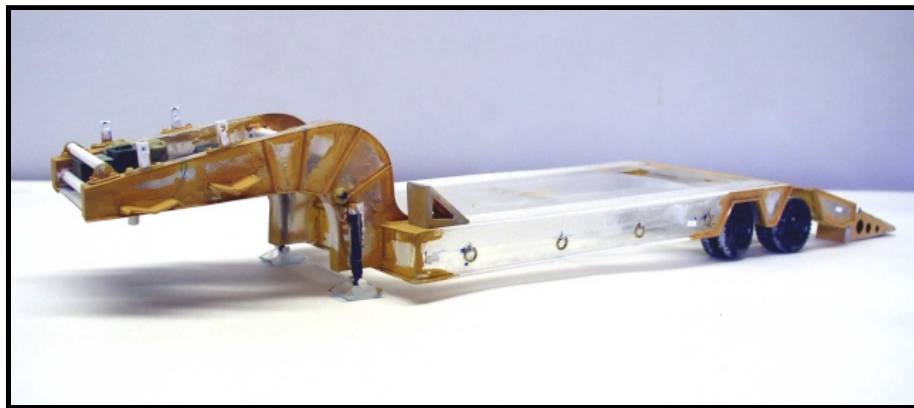
...and the final coat of paint!

Humbrol oil-based paint...

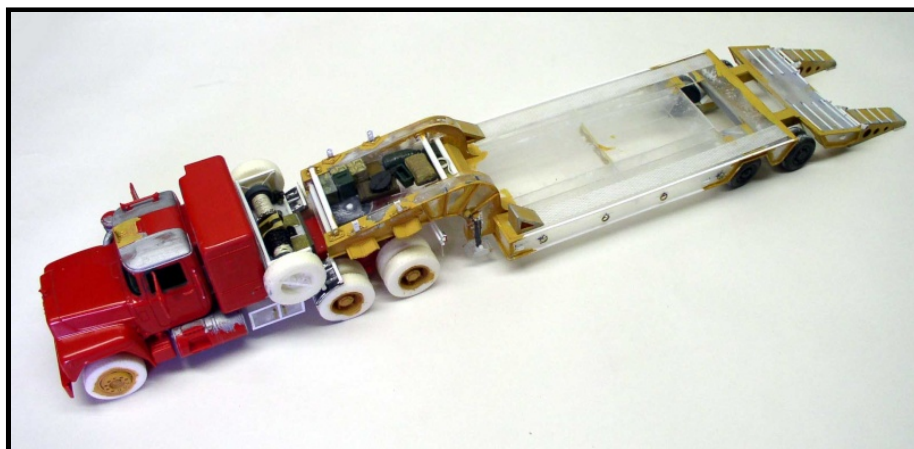
Trailer Construction



The trailer is built piece by piece—from scratch—based on a plan provided by François Verlinden in one of his books...



When working with clear plastic, a few brushstrokes of a single color can help you spot any flaws in the seams...



General view of the towed assembly. The trailer wheels are still missing; they will be borrowed from 1/35-scale Dodge vehicles...

Painting the Trailer

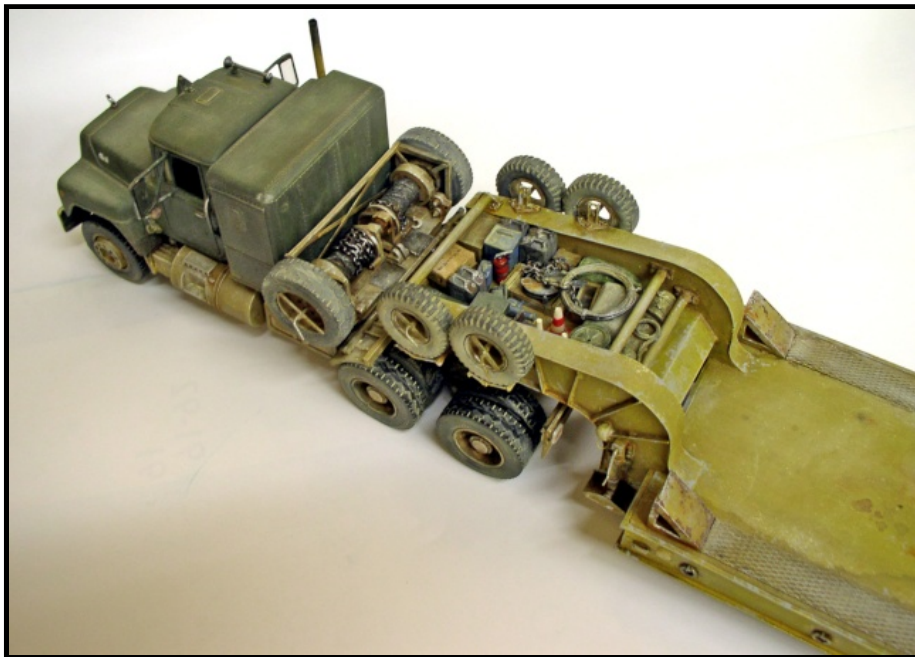


First base coats in chestnut and sandy yellow...

Another view ...



After applying paint and simulating wear and tear, we add the appropriate dirt and grime...





The assembly is complete, ready for the tank...



The trailer's rear axle has been modified to conform to the shape of the ground and accommodate the weight of the tank as it rolls onto it...



The tank's suspension arms are also moved to recreate the effect of movement...

The T55



The tank is the Tamiya T55—it's superb...



Nevertheless, it, too, has been redone in detail, particularly in terms of the wiring...



The Oxbow Jeep has been converted into an Israeli version...





The set design is simple: a plaster-and-fine-sand coating on a wooden panel. A background painted with acrylic paint is added...

