



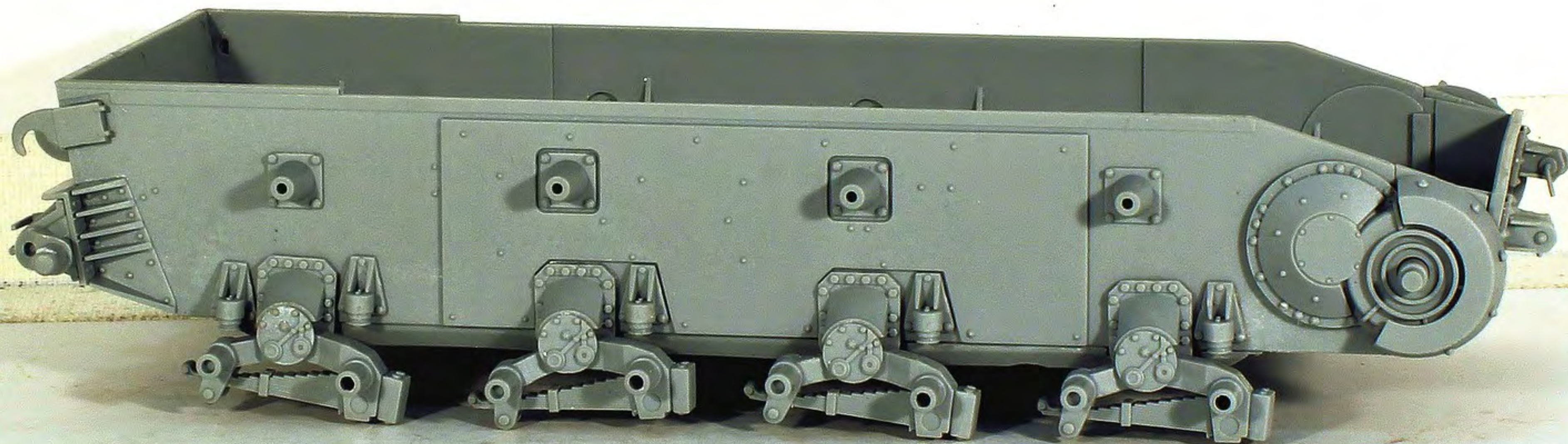




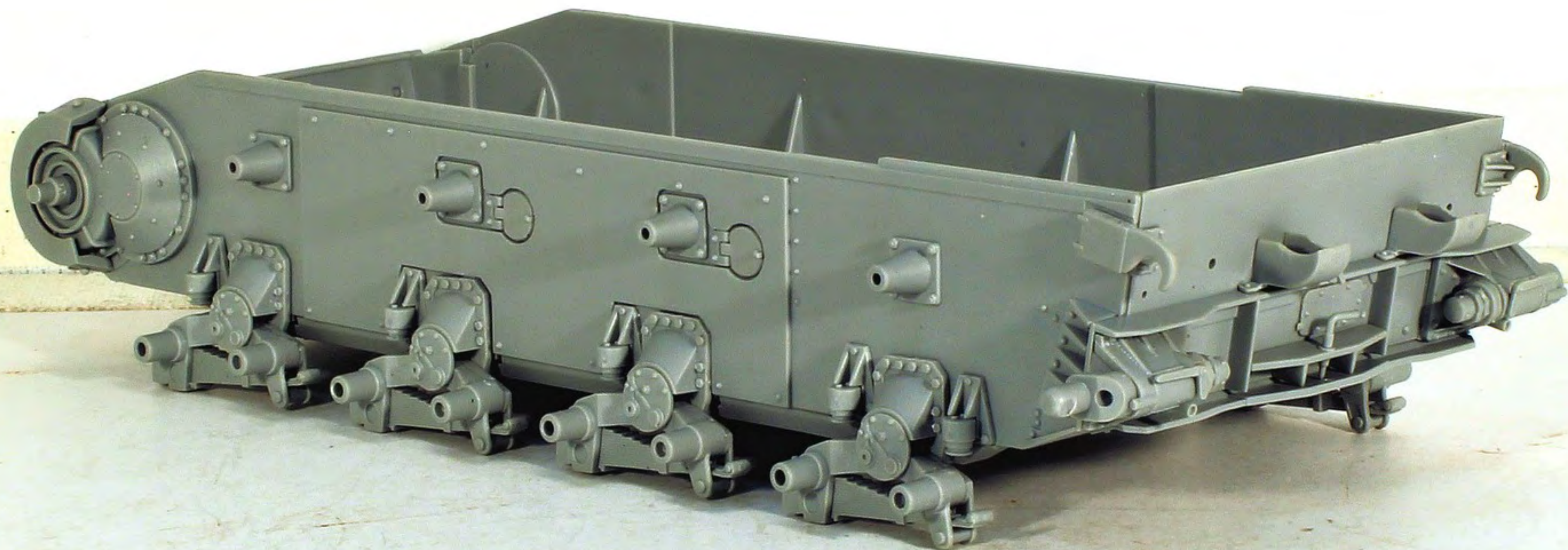




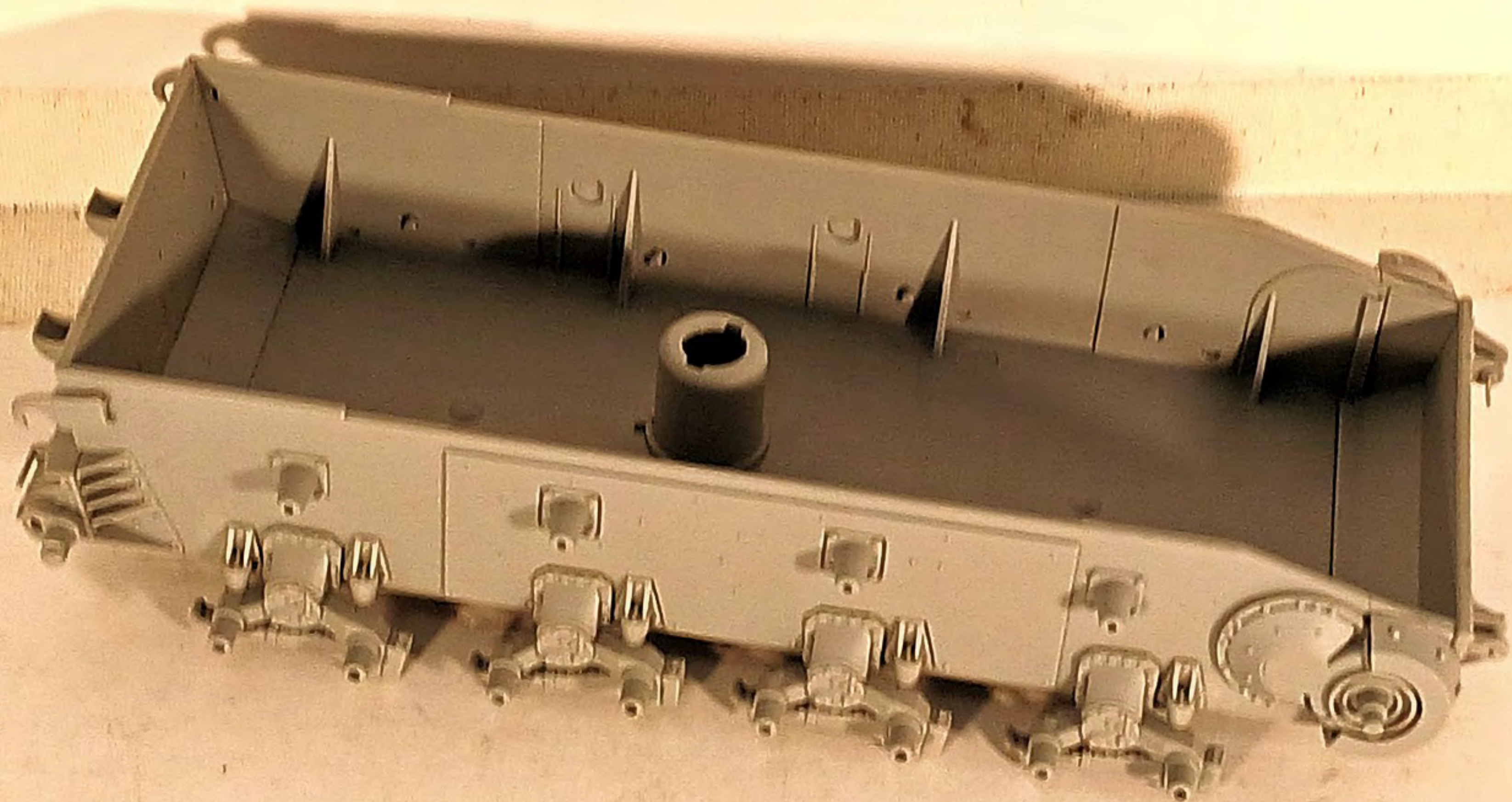












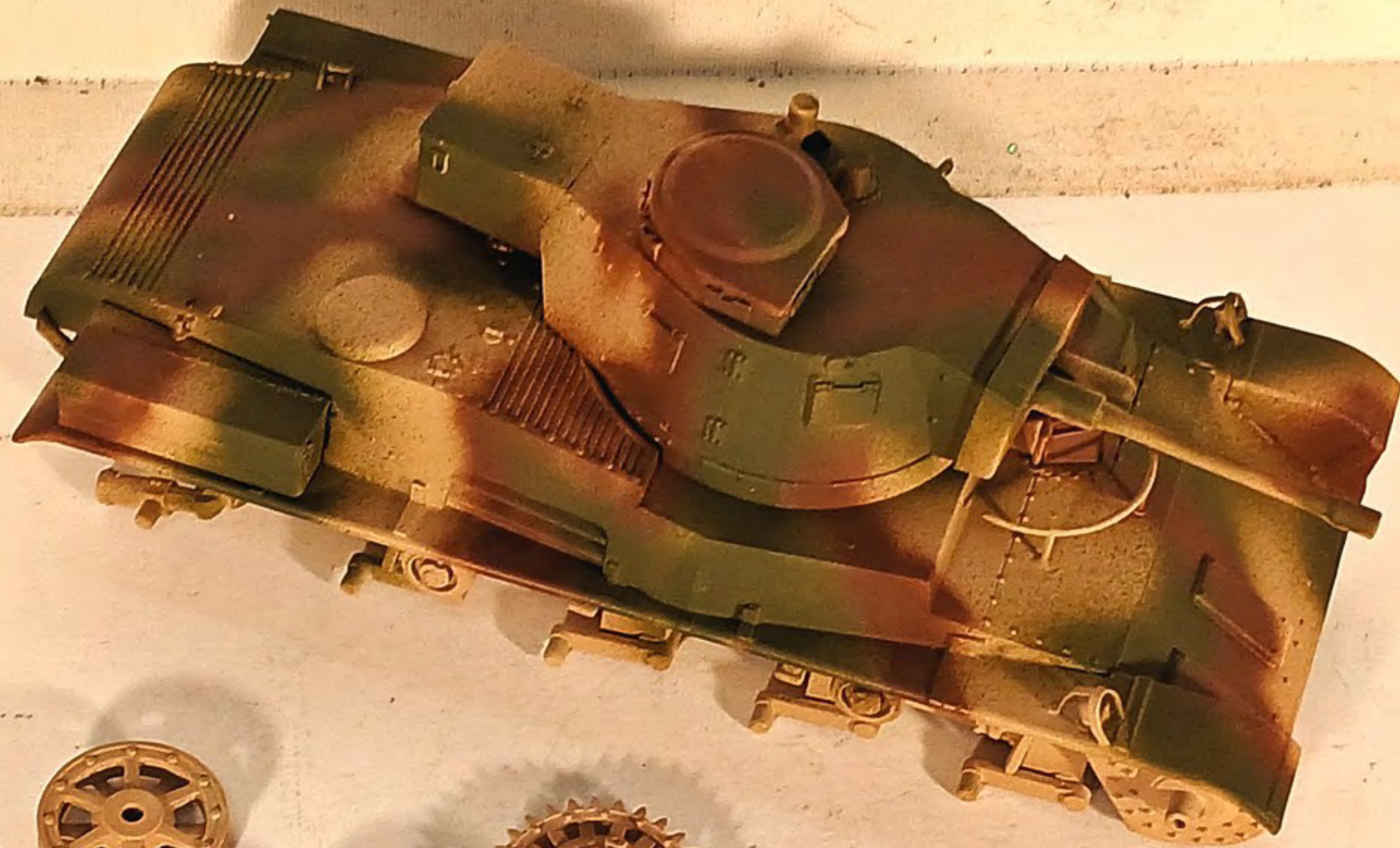
































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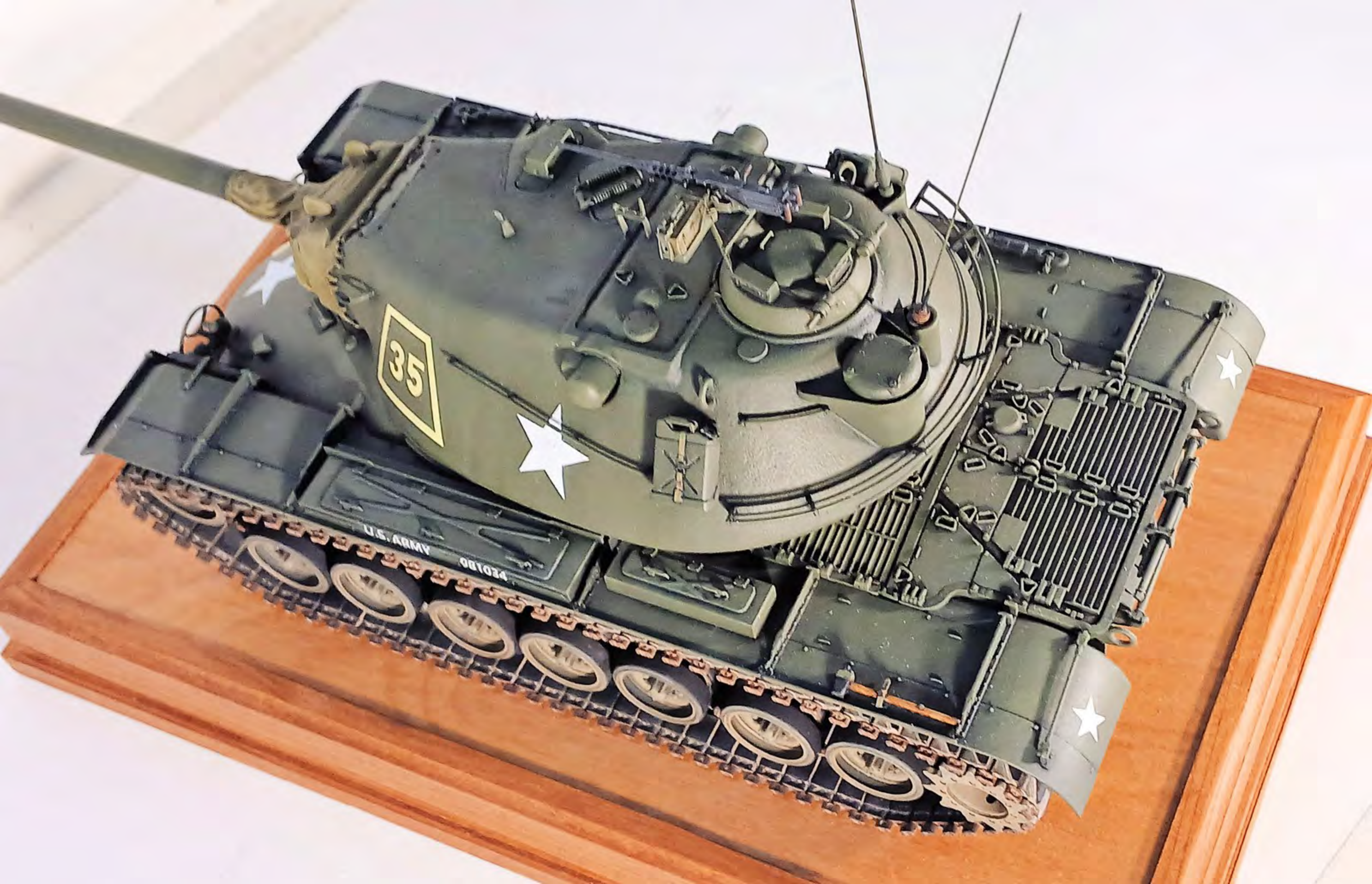
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## M41 Gun Shield Cover

AFV Club Set No. AC35001

1:35 Scale

Review by Terry Ashley

Following the **M41A3** and the **M41 Etched Set** AFV Club have released another accessory set in the form of a gun shield cover for the M41.

The first thing I should say is that this is NOT the gun cover from the **Skybow** M41A3 kit, while it is similar being also for the M41 it is quite different as the details show.

Consisting of a single piece moulded in a soft 'rubbery' material similar to the **Skybow** item, the cover features canvas folds and attachment tabs around the outside edges. As with the **Skybow** item there is a moulding seam along the centre line that has to be removed.

No instructions are included with the set but it is very simple to fit. This is the method I used, firstly glue the kit mantlet (part A20) to the inner support (part A21) and allow to dry completely. You can also attach the sight cover (part A4) at this stage if you wish or later as this is still accessible after fitting the cover.

Slip the metal barrel through the cover "neck" and then dry fit the barrel to the mantlet, next slide the cover back over the mantlet and 'clip' the recesses in the cover over the two lifting eyes on top of the mantlet. The fit of the rubbery cover around the barrel is very tight and once clipped over the lifting eyes holds the whole assembly together without actually gluing the barrel into the mantlet; of course you can glue this if you wish.

The fit around the front of the turret is very snug and a small application of glue will fix in place. The cover goes a long way to improving the look of the turret, this was the major shortcoming of the original kit.

Three views of the AFV Club Gun Cover



The AFV Club cover attached to the gun and turret. No glue has been used at this stage yet.



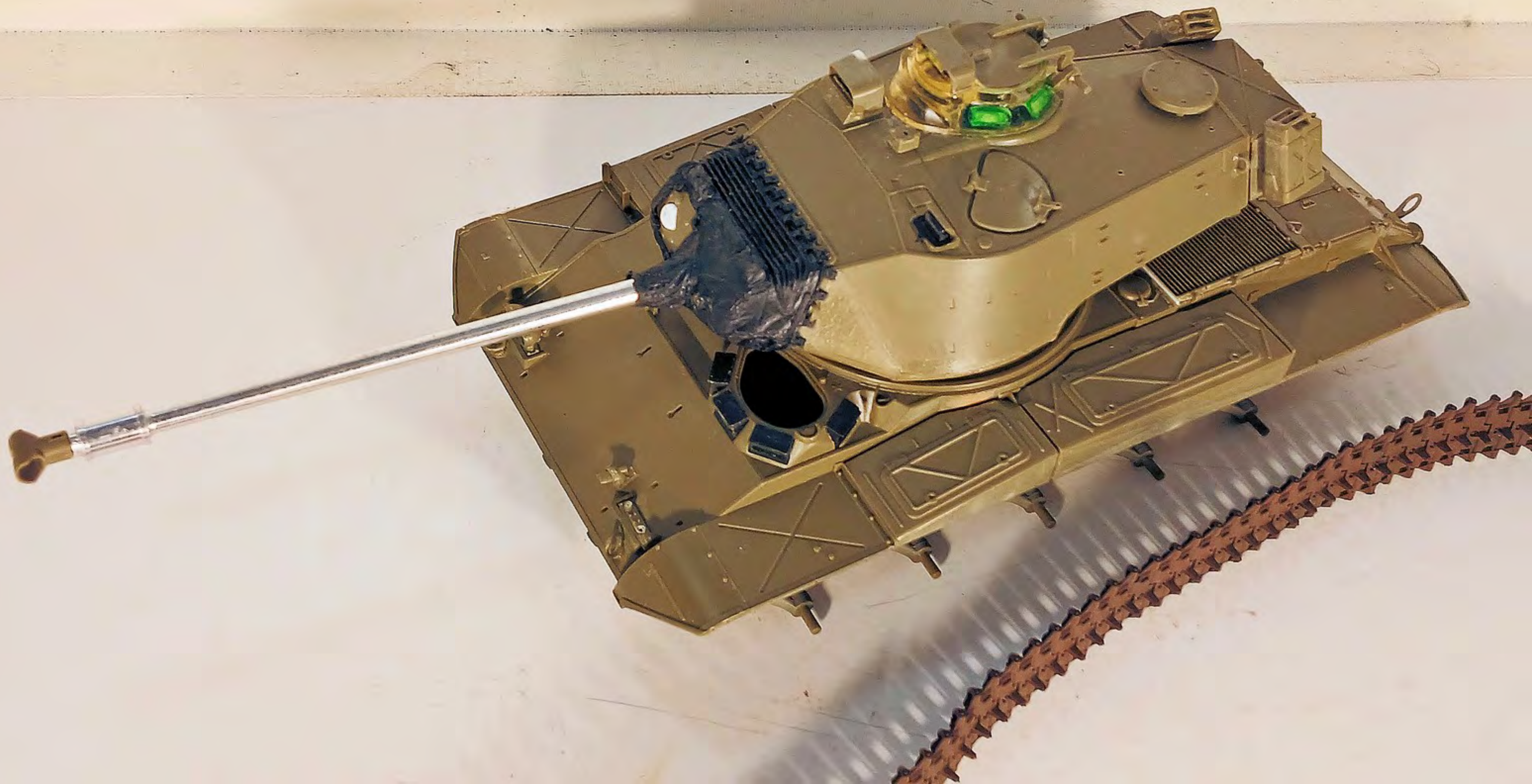








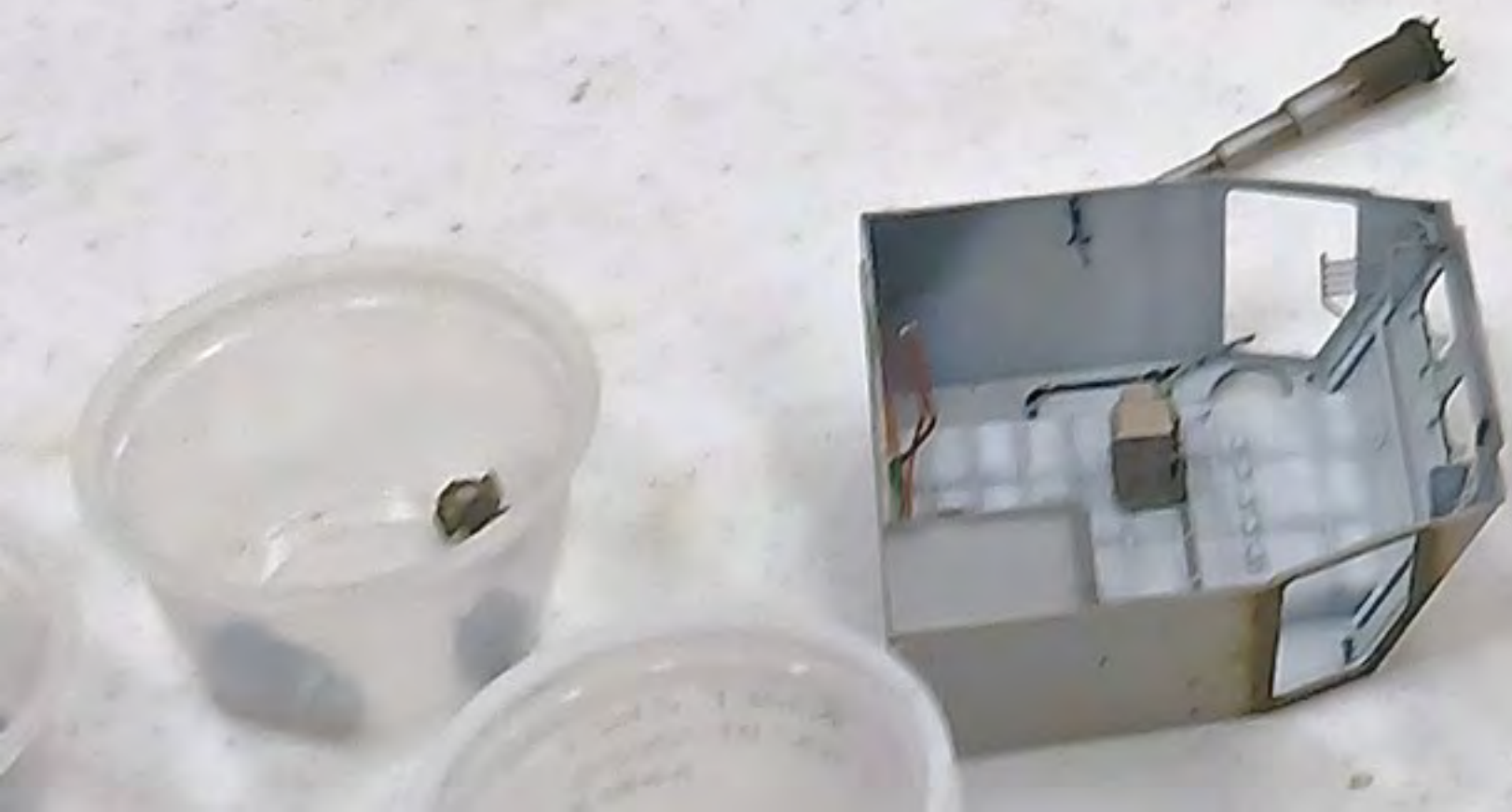
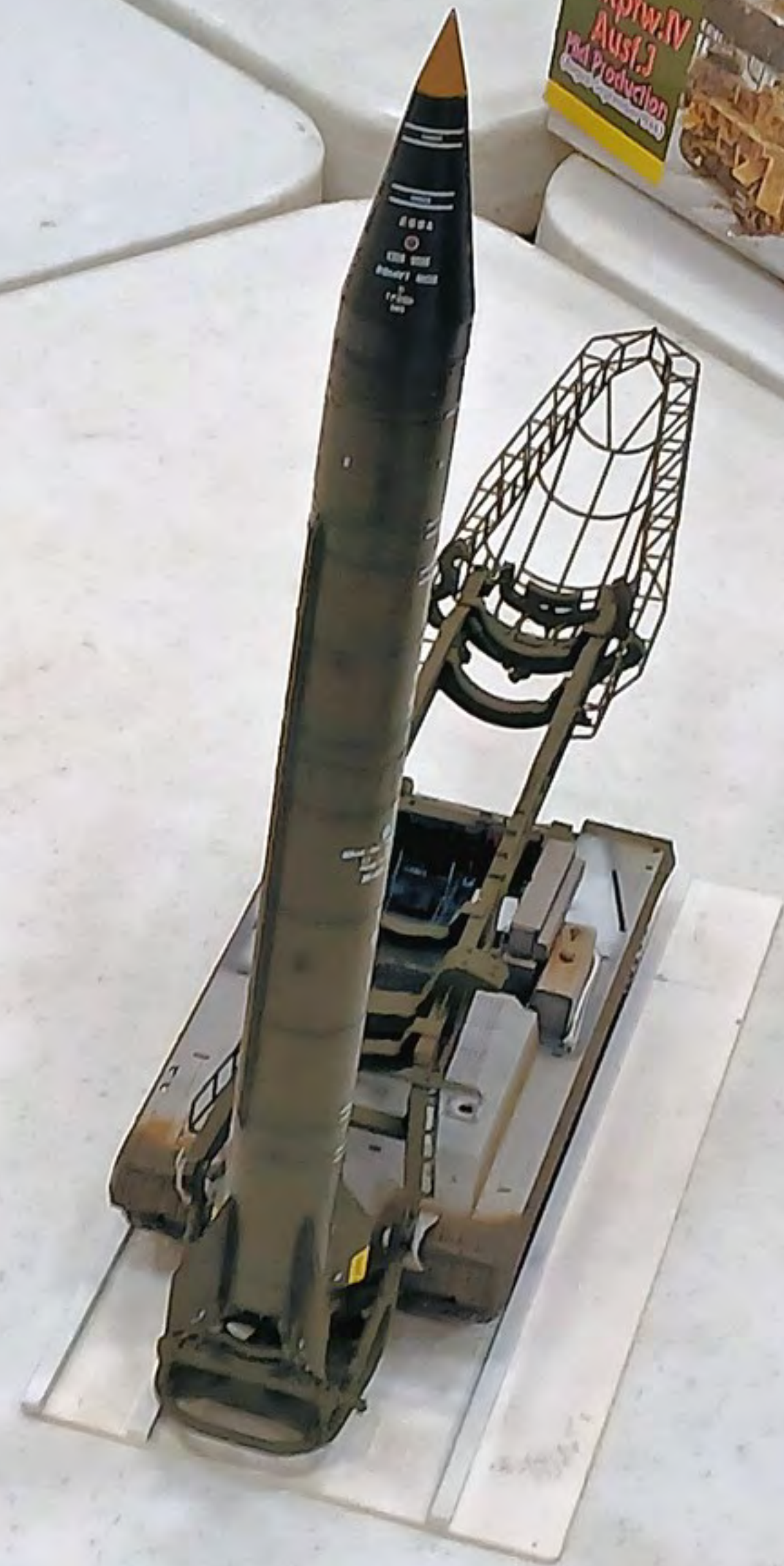








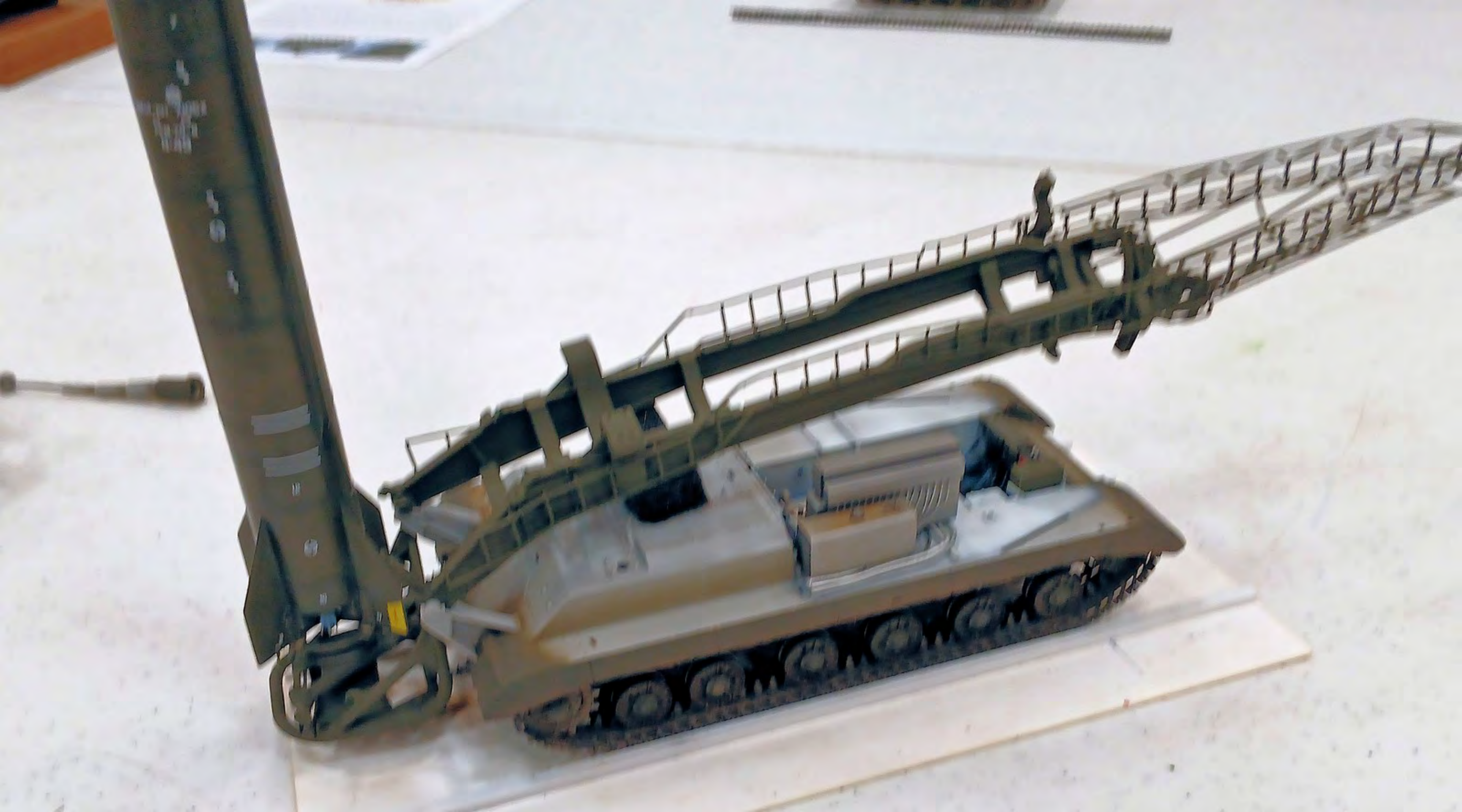








































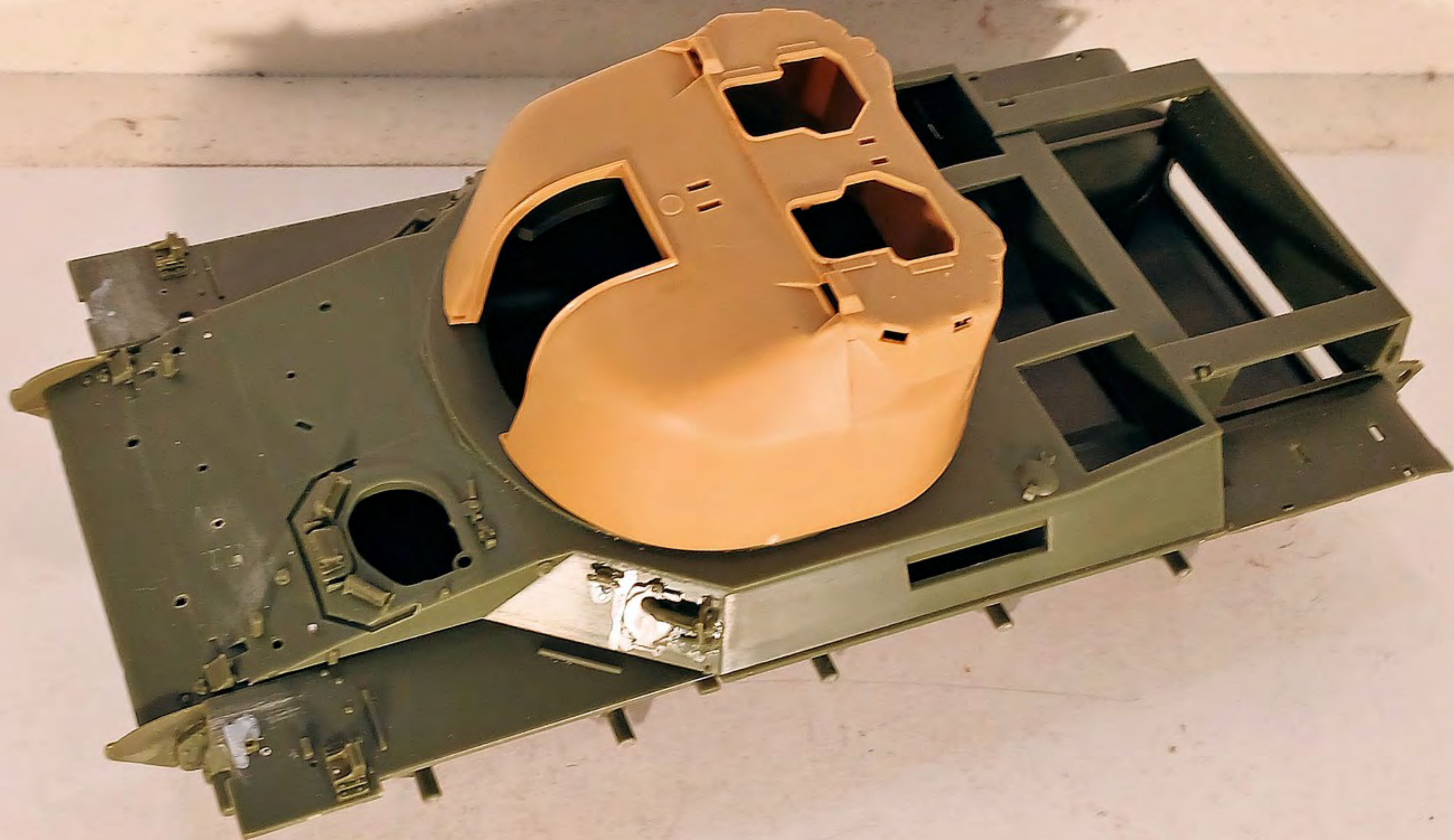








































































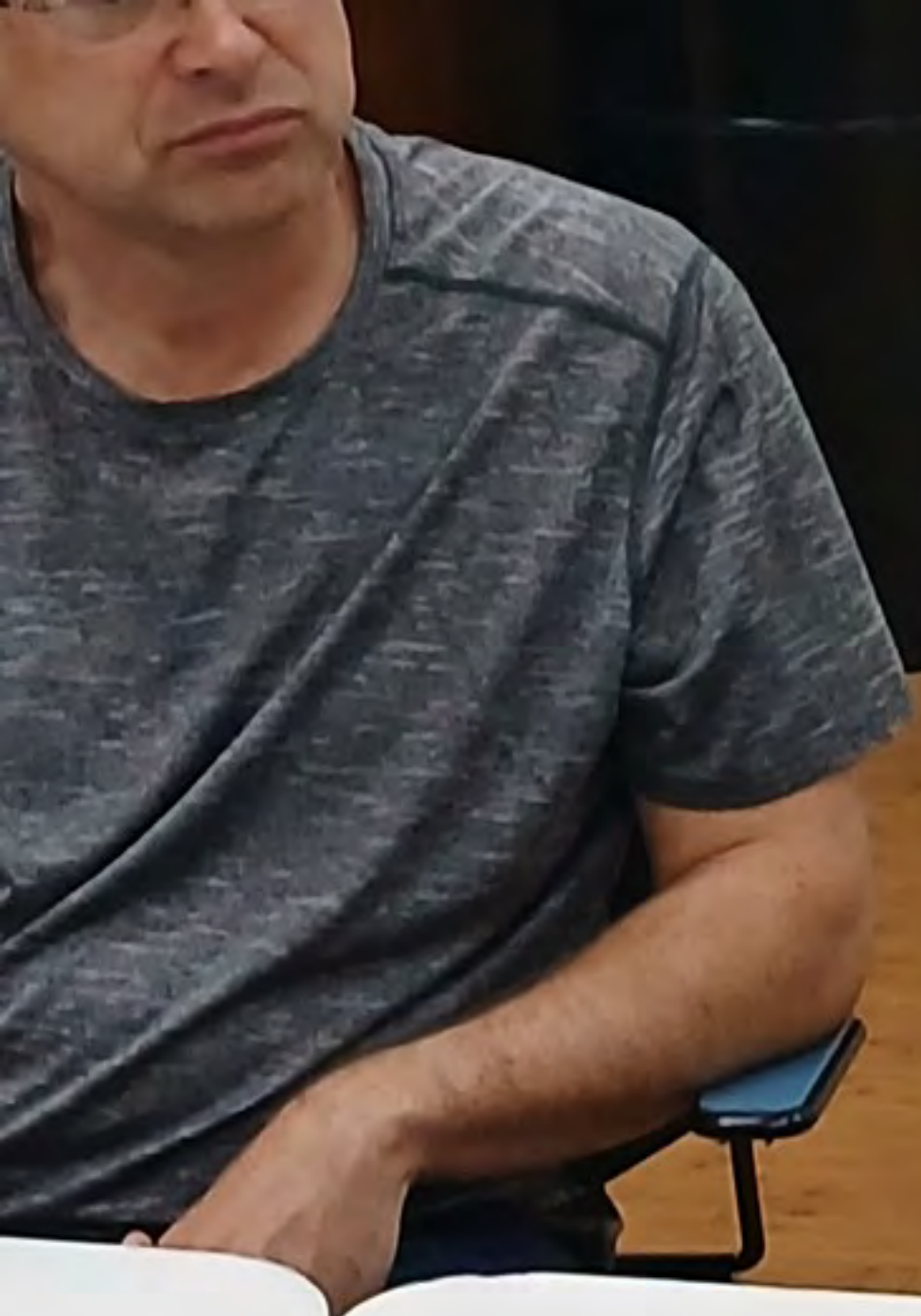






















## 14MAY24 Meeting:

[Regular meeting at Lexington County Library Irmo Branch; ran by Kevin Cook, and 13 other club members attended, plus a guest Mark Davis, who rode with Jeff Nelson from Florence, SC.]

1. Sd.Kfz.182 King Tiger, Henschel Turret "113", Belgium '44 (Tamiya 35160, Cavalier Zimmerit, partial Verlinden Interior, Aber & Voyager PE, 3D printed Tool Clamps, Fruei Tracks, Stalingrad Miniatures/MB/MiniArt/other Figures, Jordio Rubio metal Barrel), 1/35 – John Sherrer
2. Pz.Kpfw. IV Ausf. E, DAK (Dragon), 1/35 – Dave Cicimurri
3. Hungarian Light Tank 38M Toldi IIa(B40) (Hobby Boss + Miniart "Hungarian Tank Crew" + Star Decals #035-C1164 "Axis Tank Mix # 3. 38.M Toldi I."), 1/35 – Kevin Cook
4. U.S. Army M103A1 (Takom), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
5. U.S. Army M41 Walker Bulldog (AFV Club + AFV Club individual Track Links, cast clear resin Periscopes), 1/35 – Carl Wethington
6. Ex-Soviet 2P19 Transporter Erector Launcher (TEL) w/ R-17 Missile (SS-1C SCUD B) of 8K14 Missile System Complex and Soviet Soldier – Scud B Crew (Trumpeter + Voyager Models PE35737 & PE35819, Masterclub MTL35055), 1/35 Mike Roof
7. French Light Tank AMX-13/90, Venezuela Army (Takom + Fruei metal Tracks), 1/35 – Dave Varettoni
8. French AMX-30 IDCA (MENG Hull, Heller Turret + Star Decals) , 1/35 – Dave Varettoni

Raffle: None this month.