

1:32 Land Rover Britains Defender Hard Top Kit

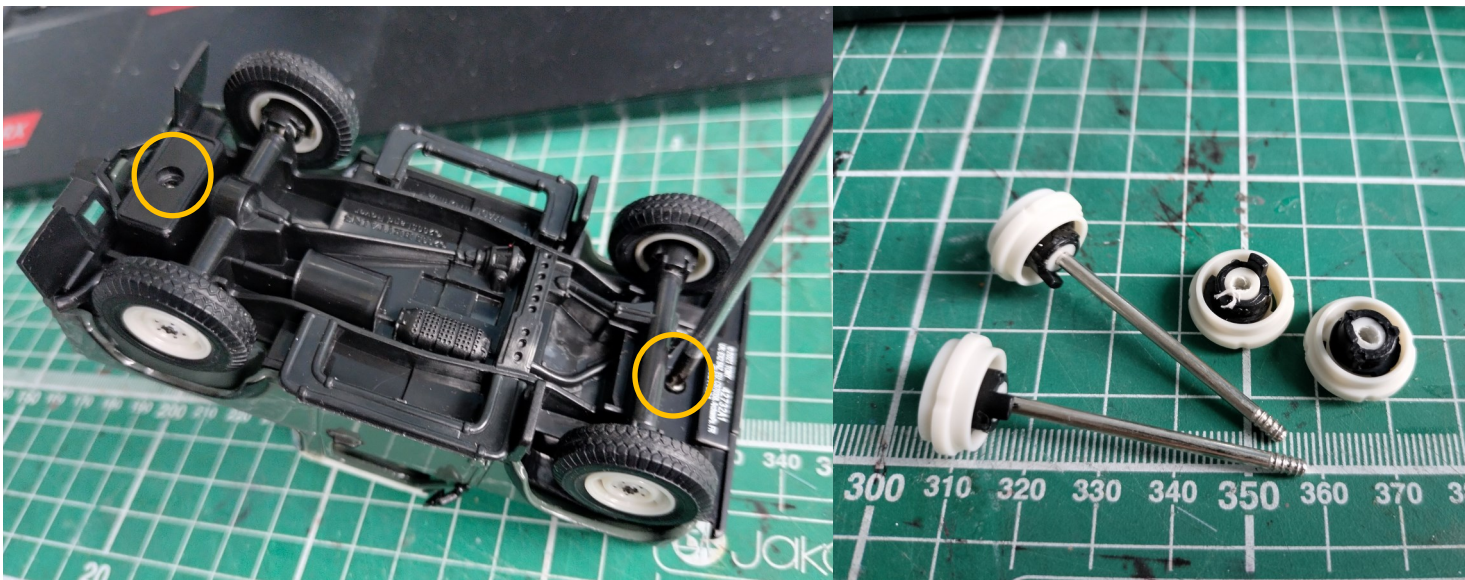
1x Hard Top front, 1x Hard Top Rear, 2x Hard Top Sides, Glazing Sheet

**This is a rough guide to using the kit.** Care should be taken at each stage to make sure the model is going together correctly and any alterations that are not in the instructions should be carried out.

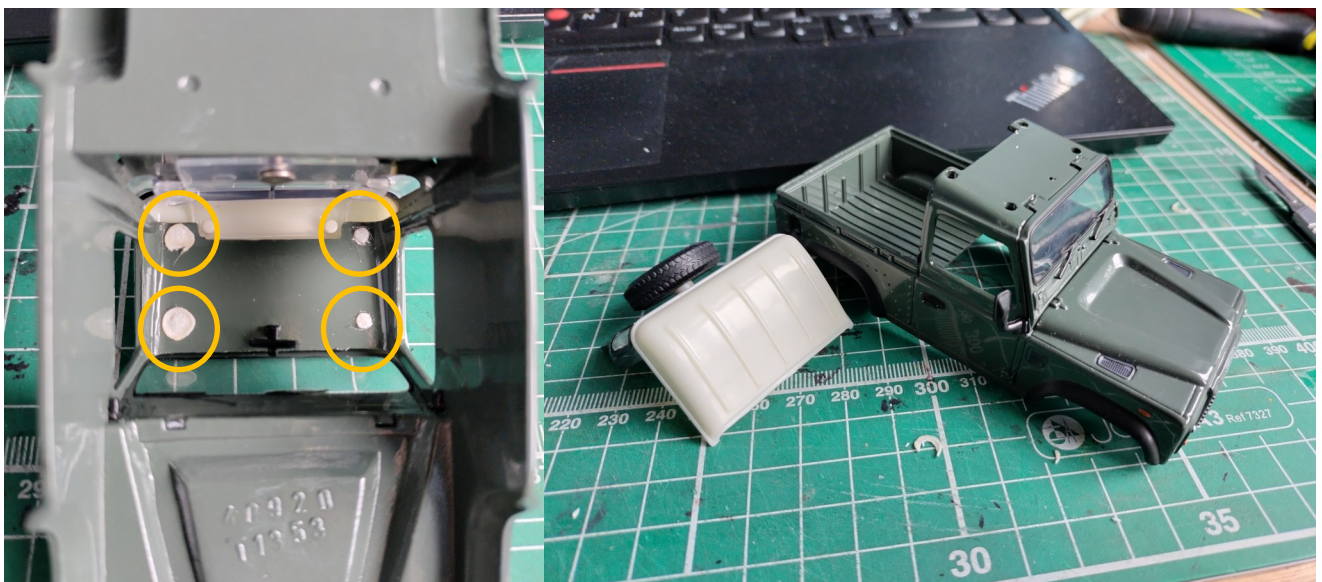
**Paint:** Components can be painted at any time in the build, it is a case of what suits the builder. Modelling paints or automotive spray paints can be used.

**Glue:** Recommended glue is contact adhesive or super glue. We used Gorilla Super Glue (Blue Lid)

**1 Separate the chassis.** The first step is to remove the body from the chassis. Simply unscrew the two Phillips screws at the front and rear of the chassis. The chassis should now lift away from the body. If adding new wheels then they will need removing. To do this place the chassis in a bowl of boiling water, allow it to warm up, CAREFULLY remove from the water and twist and pull the wheels until they pop off the axles as shown. This will take considerable effort/force.

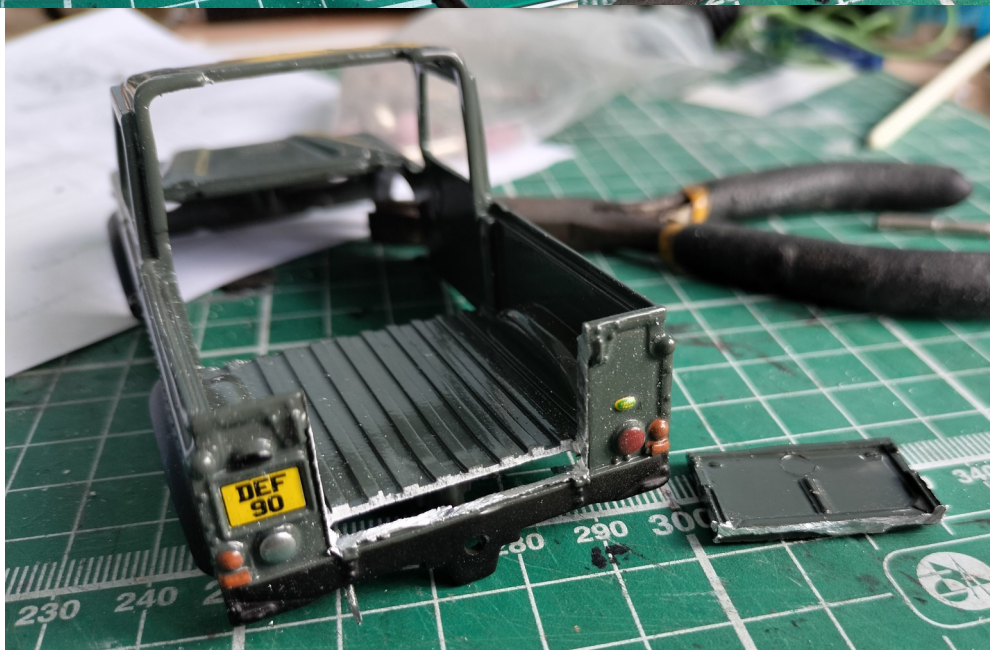
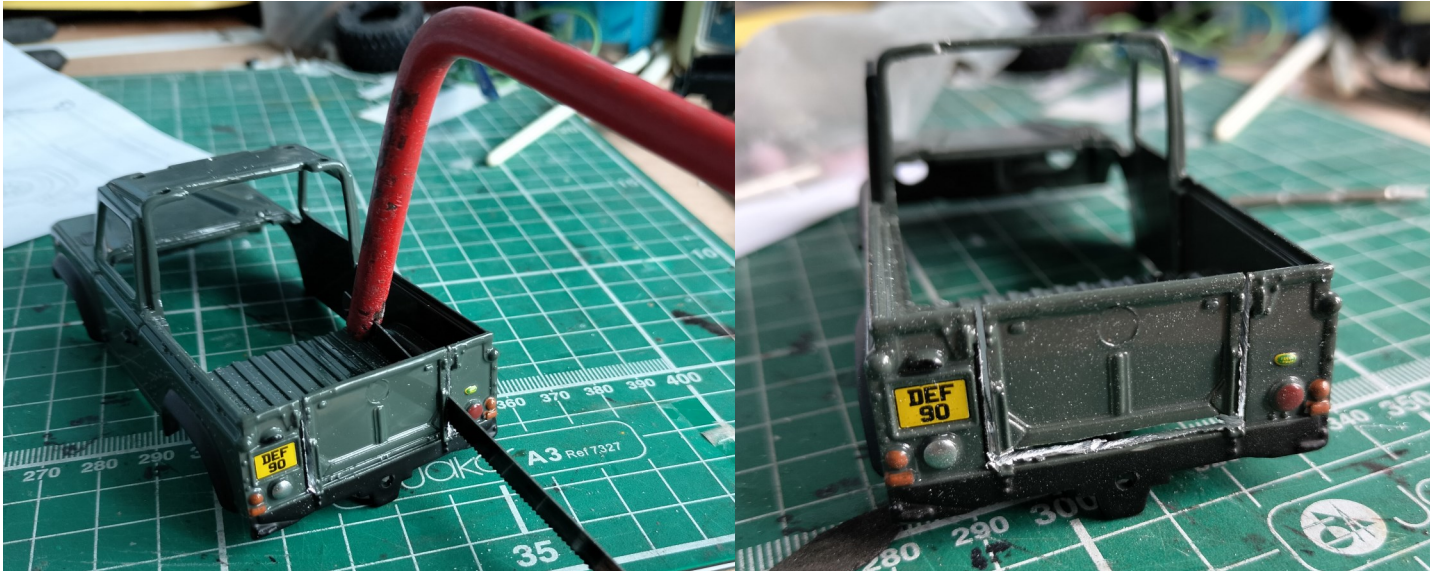


**2 Remove truck cab.** Cut away or drill the melted plastic in the tip of the cab that holds the truck cab to the main diecast body. The truck cab should simply lift off.

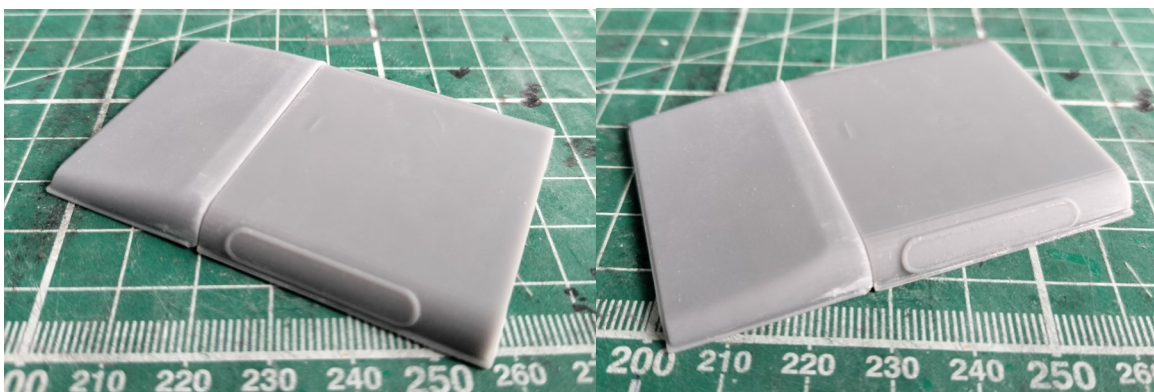




**5 Cut the door cavity.** Using the door as a template draw out the cut lines for the door. See the illustration for where to cut. To actually cut the space we used a hacksaw to cut down the sides of the tailgate, then slit the bottom with a Dremel and snapped the tailgate out. Finally we filed the cut out square checking all the time until the door was well received checking the height by placing the roof on and making sure it sits flat.

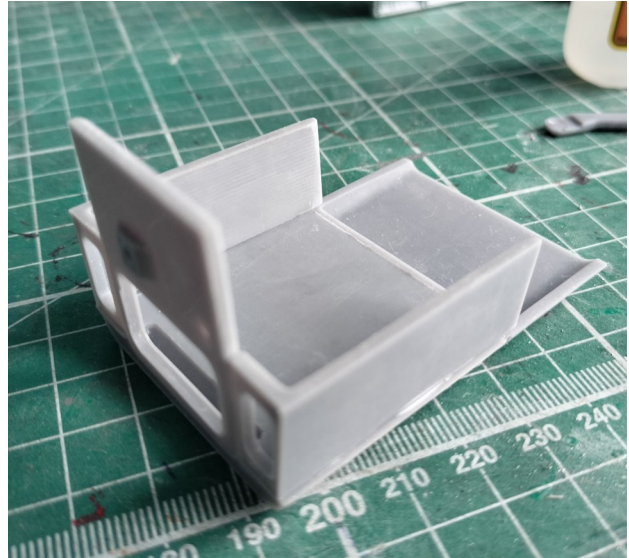
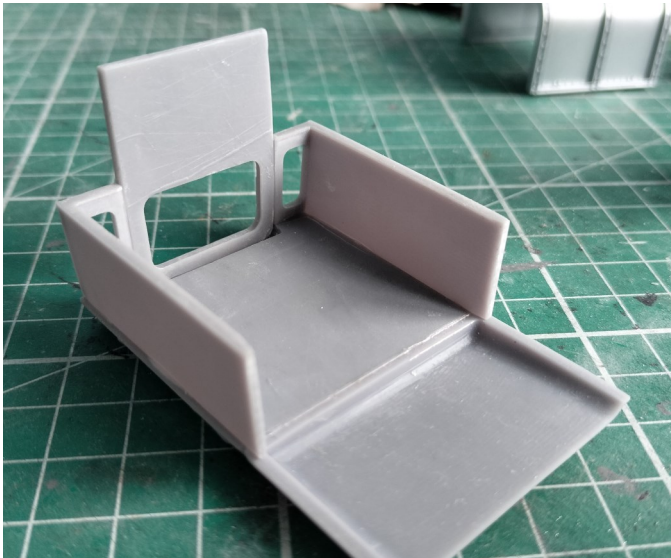
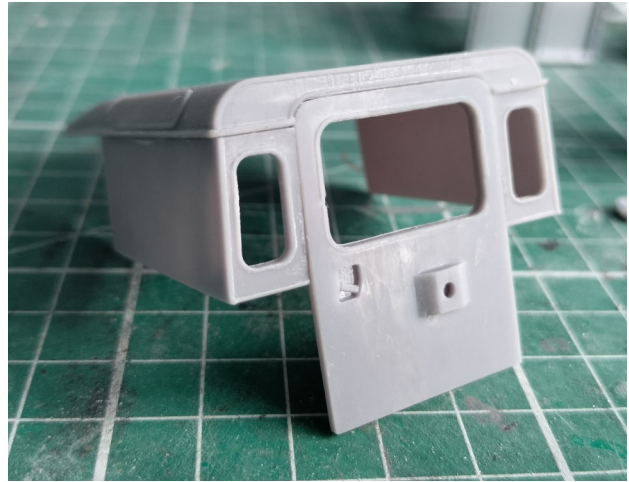
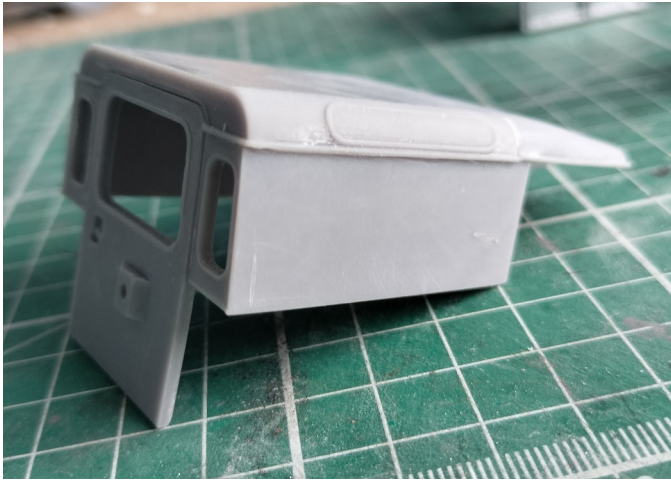


**6 Roof.** Glue the front and back of the roof together. Some sanding/filler is needed to get the two parts to fit together seamlessly.





**7 Add the roof.** There is a slight lip left over from printing on the inside of the door cut out in the cab. This needs sanding or cutting away so the door fits correctly. Simply glue the door into the cut out in the roof, then glue the two sides onto the door and roof. Note the sides slope away with a camber. This should slope inwards on both sides. Give the sides a quick sand to make them smooth for paint.



**8 Paint the body.** For the best finish we recommend painting the body at this stage. We have used Halfords Grey Primer followed by an automotive spray paint top coat. The front windscreen will require painting separately, either by masking the windscreen or decanting spray paint into a tub and brush painting around the window.



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Hardtop kit  
with addition of  
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