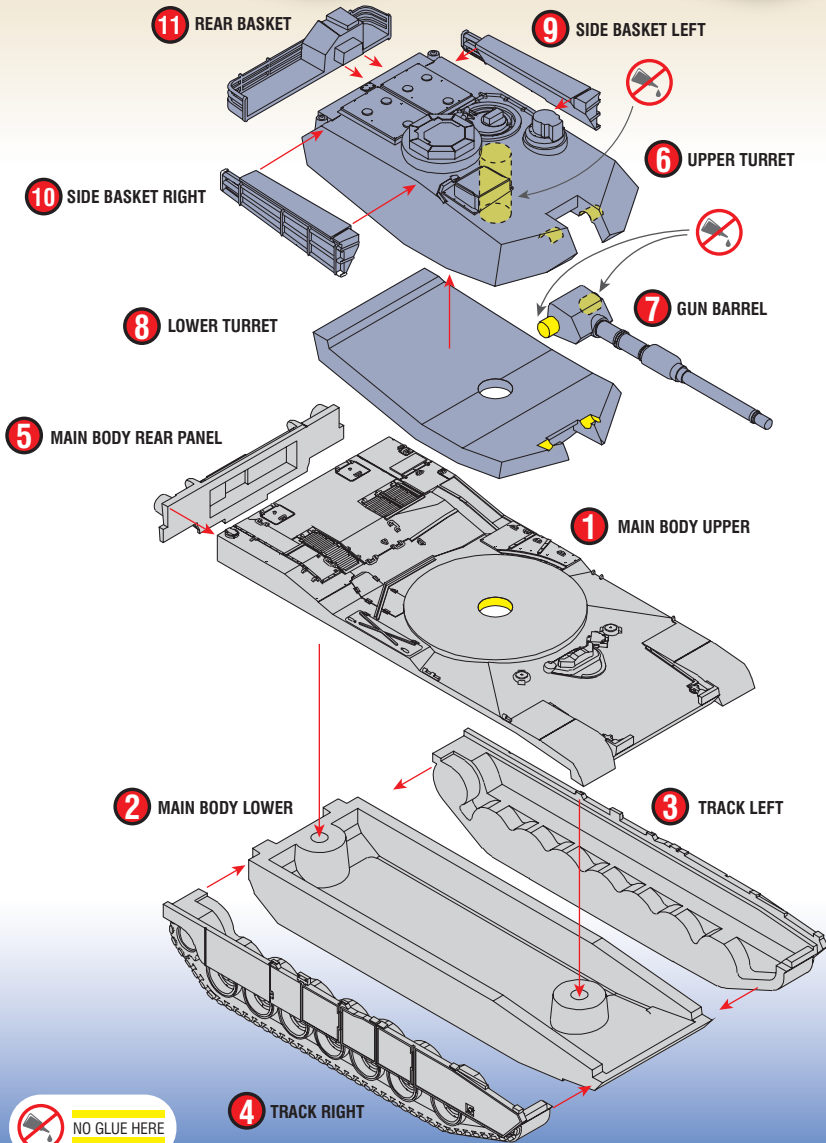


M1A2 ABRAMS

MAIN BATTLE TANK



N-SCALE MILITARY M1A2 ABRAMS TANK PLASTIC INJECTION MOLDED KIT WITH ETCHED METAL DETAILS APRIL 2020 v.1



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TURRET ASSEMBLY

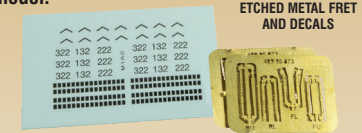
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BODY ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Remove all the parts from the packaging and inspect for any defects. Contact Micro-Trains Line with any concerns.

You should have one each of the following to assemble one M1A2 Abrams model:

- TURRET ASSEMBLY PLASTIC PARTS TREE
- BODY ASSEMBLY PLASTIC PARTS TREE
- ETCHED METAL FRET & DECAL SET



For this project, you'll need a thin plastic solvent glue (recommended) or cyanoacrylate adhesive (super glue, or "CA"), flush-cut nippers, a sharp hobby knife and fine sandpaper. Good lighting and magnification is recommended.

The Micro-Trains Line M1A2 Abrams tank is a highly detailed model kit. It is designed to not only be easy to assemble, but also features a positionable main turret and gun barrel after assembly.

Using a sharp knife or flush-cut nippers, carefully snip loose, inspect, and carefully de-flash (if needed) plastic parts from both parts trees. **CAUTION: Extra care must be taken when removing the side baskets and rear basket due to detailed and thin parts. If a part breaks, it can be repaired with a tiny amount of thin solvent glue.**

MAIN ASSEMBLY

The M1A2 Abrams has two main parts assemblies; the (A) Body Assembly and the (B) Turret Assembly.

(A) BODY ASSEMBLY

Glue (#1) MAIN BODY UPPER to (#2) MAIN BODY LOWER, taking note of locator posts to ensure alignment. Next, glue (#3) TRACK LEFT and then (#4) TRACK RIGHT to sides of MAIN BODY LOWER. Once dry, glue (#5) MAIN BODY REAR PANEL to rear of Body Assembly, aligning to locator nubs formed by Body Assembly.

(B) TURRET ASSEMBLY

Lay (#6) UPPER TURRET upside down, and place (#7) GUN BARREL into cradle at front of turret, ensuring orientation is correct. Glue (#8) LOWER TURRET into UPPER TURRET. **CAUTION: Be careful to not allow any glue in GUN BARREL cradle (yellow shaded areas of diagram), allowing gun to be free to move up and down once assembled.**

Glue (#9) SIDE BASKET LEFT and (#10) SIDE BASKET RIGHT to sides of UPPER TURRET, aligning each side basket over locator ridges on top edge of UPPER TURRET. The see-through part of the railing should be toward the rear of the turret. Finally, glue (#11) REAR BASKET locator post into slot on rear of turret. You should now have a completed Body Assembly and Turret Assembly, and you now are ready for painting.

PAINTING AND FINAL ASSEMBLY

Use any standard hobby paint you prefer as long as it's either enamel or acrylic. Lacquer paints are not recommended as they may attack the plastic without appropriate primer. Paint to match your prototype, generally desert tan or olive drab. For added realism, you may want to use a dark paint wash to simulate voids in-between the wheels of the tracks. Add decals of your choice for division and tank tread markings, and seal with a flat clear coat. Once dry, slide turret post into body assembly. Your model is now complete!

OPTIONAL: Included in the etched metal fret are eight "tie-down chains" that can be painted and used when affixing the tanks to DODX flat cars. Review model below and prototype images for placement. Note ID letters on metal fret.

Tie-Down Position ID:
 RU = REAR UPPER
 RL = REAR LOWER
 FL = FRONT LOWER
 FU = FRONT UPPER



M1A2 Abrams Tanks shown on MTL 68' DODX flat car. NOTE: Turrets are rotated into reverse position when carried on flat cars.

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