

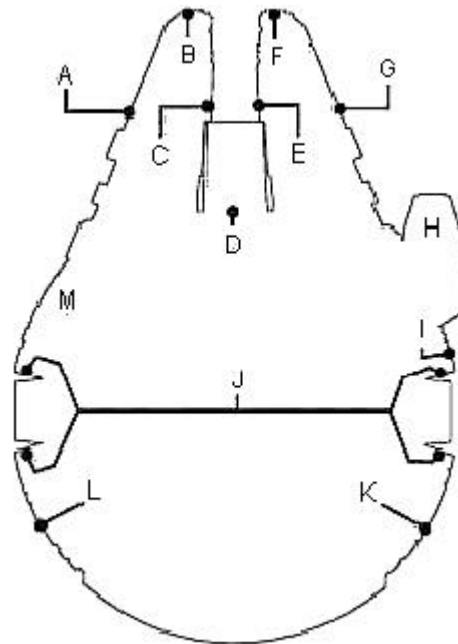
MILLENNIUM FALCON SIDE PANELS DETAIL KIT

Thank you for purchasing the Millennium Falcon Side Panels Detail Kit! This kit will enable you to construct a properly scaled and a much more detailed replica of Han Solo's famous freighter. Most of these parts are direct kit replacements and assembly should be no more difficult than it is with Ertl's parts. Just follow these simple instructions and enjoy!

On the back of each piece is a label. Below is a table identifying the part it is replacing from the original kit. See diagram for the location of each part.

PARTS IDENTIFICATION

| Kit Part | Replaces Part # |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| A - Left Front Outer Mandible | 3 |
| B - Left Mandible Floodlight | 71 |
| C - Left Inner Mandible | 68 |
| D - Cargo Loading Hatch | 8 |
| E - Right Inner Mandible | 68 |
| F - Right Mandible Floodlight | 71 |
| G- Right Front Outer Mandible | 5 |
| H - Lower Cockpit Tube | 10 |
| I - Aft Tube Panel | 5 |
| J - Hull Plates | 18 |
| K - Right Rear Quarter Panel | 4 |
| L - Left Rear Quarter Panel | 4 |
| M - Left Side Mandible | 3 |
| ROD - A small section of plastic rod | |



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ASSEMBLY

Before assembling ANY of the parts, read the full instruction sheet first! The kit is simple if followed

carefully. The arrows on the back side of the parts indicate the front of the ship and/or the top of the ship.

- 1) Locate the seven locating holes inside the lower hull of the ship (these are the holes where the pins, part #83, are to be inserted.) Using a razor saw, cut the locator holes down by 1 cm (~3/8 in). You will also need to trim 0.5 cm (~3/16 in) from the ends of the locator pins (part #83). This will allow the ship's upper hull to rest lower against the bottom hull. Be sure to trim carefully - trimming too little won't allow the hulls to sit close enough together, while trimming too much may make it difficult to cement the two hulls together. **(NOTE: The equipment bays (parts 16-19 and 24-27) should fit snugly between the hulls in the new smaller space. If they do not, gently sand away a small bit from the back of each piece until they fit. MOST kits will NOT have this problem.)**
- 2) After cutting the locator pins and holes to size, dry-fit the two hulls together and test fit the side panels. If the side panels do not fit "flush", trim the locator pins a little at a time until they do. Once you are happy with the fit, cement the locator pins in place. Now begin cementing the following parts in place, paying attention to the assembly notes:
 - A, M - Part M should be installed before A. Note the small "flap" at the rear of A that overlaps the front part of M.
 - G - Part G may need to be sanded down where it runs behind the cockpit to improve fit.
 - C, E - for a proper fit, trim back the locator guides on the inside of the lower hull (Diagram 2) and slide the part all the way toward the front of the ship. For these parts, the three raised lines should face the bottom of the ship.
 - I - Slide toward rear of ship to ensure room for the new cockpit tube.
 - K, L - Note the direction of the arrows.
 - ROD - It will be necessary to cut the rod into three sections: one approx. 2 cm., two approx 3cm. Used to portray the piping on part G. Bend the rod as shown and attach it to part G as shown in Diag. 3

OPTIONAL: If you would like to replace the clear engine cover, you may use .010 inch clear styrene, cut approximately 1.9 cm. high.

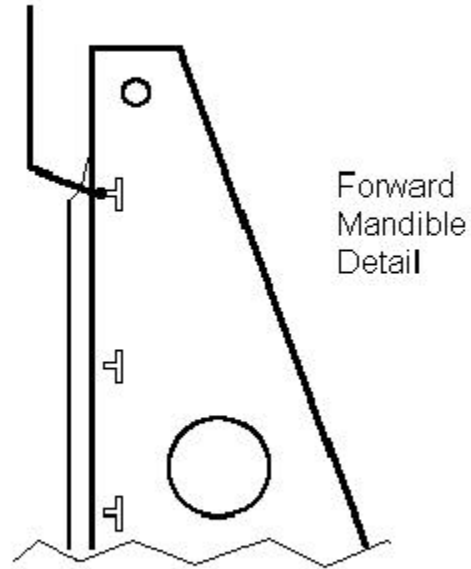
All other parts assemble as shown in the above diagram, per Ertl's instructions, with the exception of the new cockpit tube, part H. This part must now be installed AFTER the side panels are attached, as this part now "slides over" the lower hull. If you have purchased the cockpit detail set, refer to those instructions for assembly of the cockpit interior.

The round docking ports (part #14 in the Ertl kit) must be trimmed to fit the new height of the ship. Trim a little at a time. We have found that there is a small ridge around the edge of this part where the "hull plating" ends, and trimming back to this line at the top and bottom of part 14 produces the correct height.

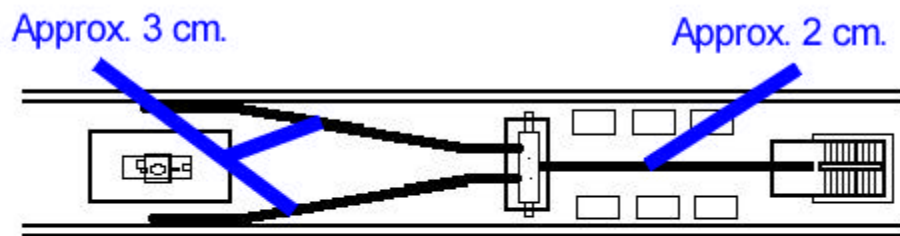
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Trim these ribs back far enough
to allow the pieces to fit properly.



Diag. 2



Diag. 3

Detail omitted for clarity.