

Upgrading Matchbox Super King Rocket Launcher to a Warhammer 40K Personnel Carrier

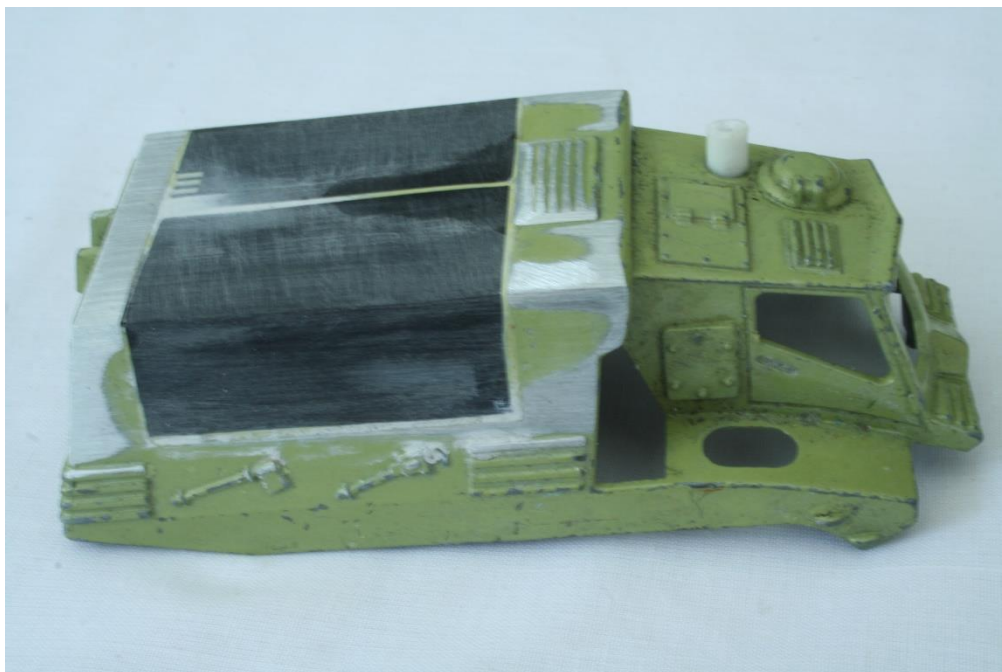
Planning a diorama with Warhammer Imperial Guard acting as “Peace Keepers” I wanted to include a wheeled armoured personnel carrier (APC) but there was no suitable kits. To fit the bill I bought an old toy rocket launcher from the Matchbox series with a view to convert it. The starting kit had a spring loaded mechanism that opened up to allow the launcher to be fired as shown below.



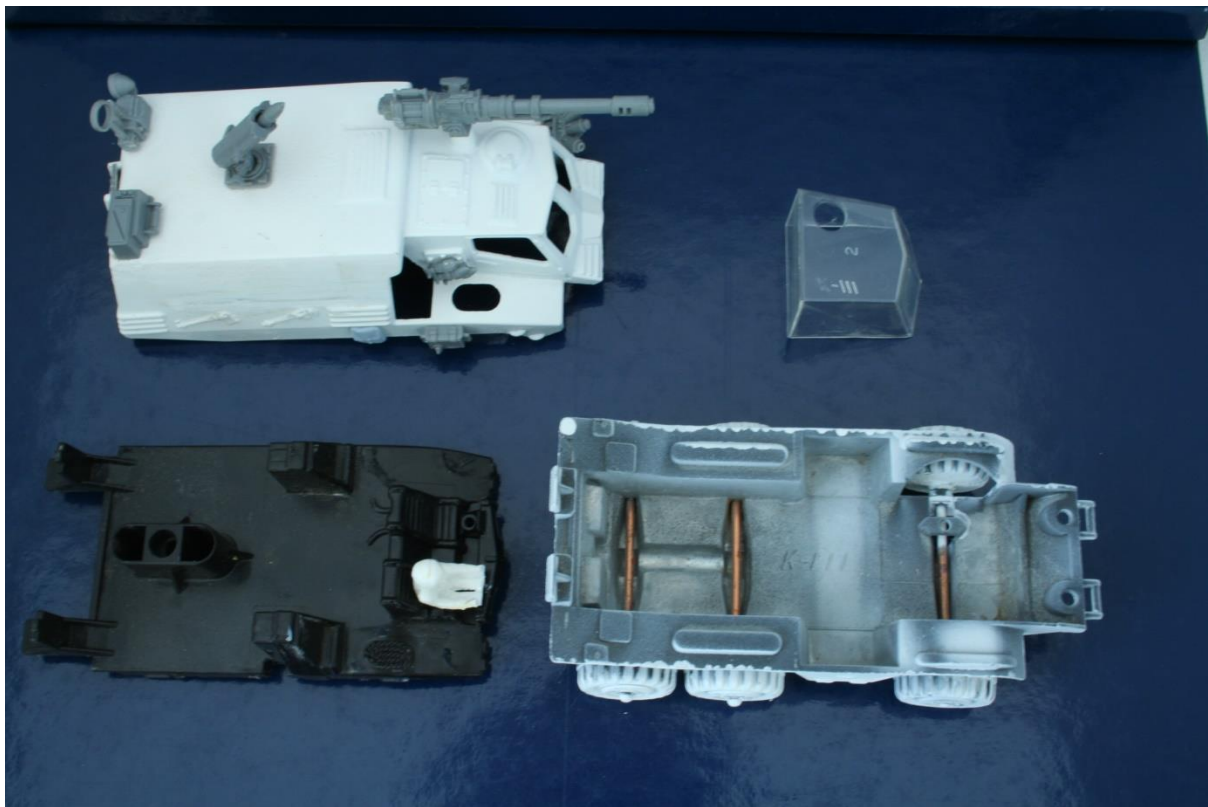
The toy was stripped to its component parts and the rocket launcher and radar system discarded. Where the radar was removed, a mount was fitted to attach an auto-cannon from the spares box to the vehicle.



The next stage was to fix to roof doors in a permanently closed position, fill the gaps with Milliput and sand to give a smooth body.



The spares box was raided to add a communication array at the rear and a missile launcher in the centre of the roof plus a few other accessories. A driver from a toy racing car was cut down to fit and the body and chassis primed with automotive primer prior to assembly.





The APC was painted in a five tone camouflage to match in with the other vehicles being used in the diorama.



Decals for a Cadian Regiment were added and sealed. The vehicles and figures were then added to the base.



The finished diorama as seen from different angles was fun to build with the APC fitting in well.

