BAM48055 P-38 detailing set for Tamiya

Nose landing gear

Comparison between the original parts on the right and the 3D part on the left.

This set allows you to adjust the suspension high (Tamiya represents a compressed one) and to turn the front wheel.



Assembly of the front leg:

In this kit we assume the steering fork from the original plastic part is stronger than a resin equivalent.

Cut the original part carefully, then hollow out the shock absorber compass housing.

Drill the mounting hole for the shock absorber piston. We used G16 hypodermic needle how's 1.6 mm in diameter.

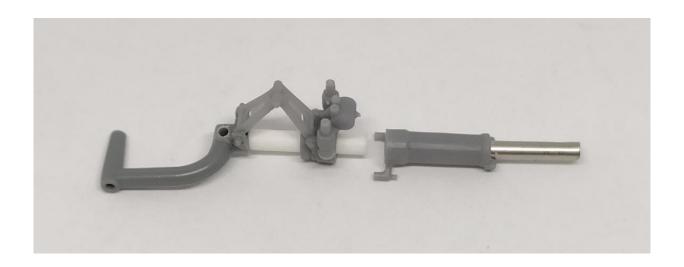


The set provides two shock absorber compass lengths:

The piston part mesure 8 mm for the compressed one (equivalent to the Tamiya part) and 10 mm for the other one. On the picture we used a plastique rod to determine the correct length before cutting the metallic piston.

On the other side of the leg, we used a 1.5mm needle to match with the Tamiya C32 and C34 parts.

We drilled a little hole in the fork for a mooring ring.



The leg is completed with a mooring ring (copper color), piston rod for the orientation of the wheel and pipe for the piston system.



Main landing gear

The 3D part replaces the original D21 parts. The picture depict the piping arrangement, it is made with copper and fishing line.



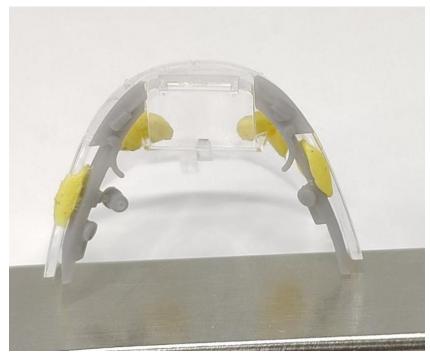
Oil radiator flaps
Oil radiator flaps are cut and replaced by the new 3D parts.



Windshield bracing

Two options are available:

With the armored glass (part H6) for P-38F and G versions





Without the armored glass for P-38H version



If you are building a J please check your references to know which windshield (and thus 3D parts) to use – most likely without armoured glass