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1:8



Rear Window



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Universally accepted as being the most important car ever, the Ford Model T launched in 1908 and remained in production until 1927. The official Car of the Century was responsible for greater social change than any machine since the printing press.

YOUR MODEL

You will be building a 1:8 scale replica of a customised 1973 Ford Falcon XB GT. Features include a lift-up bonnet that reveals a detailed engine, opening doors, wind-down windows and an 'active' steering wheel. A remote-control fob illuminates the main lights, brake lights and indicators.

Scale: 1:8
Length: 62cm
Width: 25cm
Height: 19cm
Weight: 7+kg



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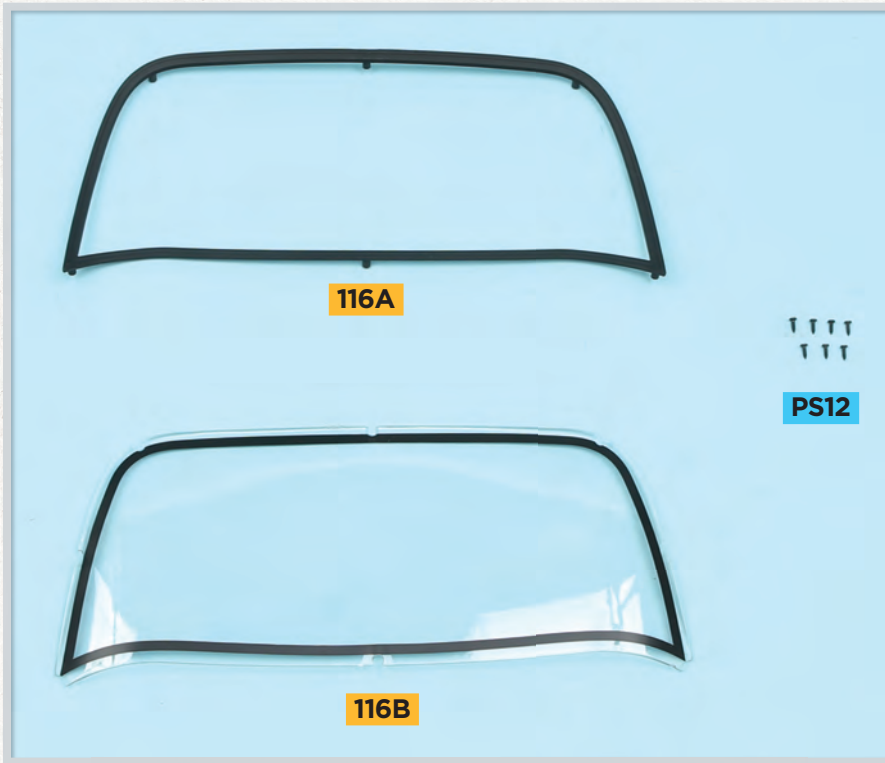
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Stage 116: Rear Window

The boot grille and lock are fitted to the model, the rear window is positioned and the window trim is fixed in place.



List of parts:

- 116A** Rear window trim
- 116B** Rear window
- PS12** Seven* 1.2 x 4mm PB screws

* Including spare

PB = Pan head for plastic

MODEL SUPPORT

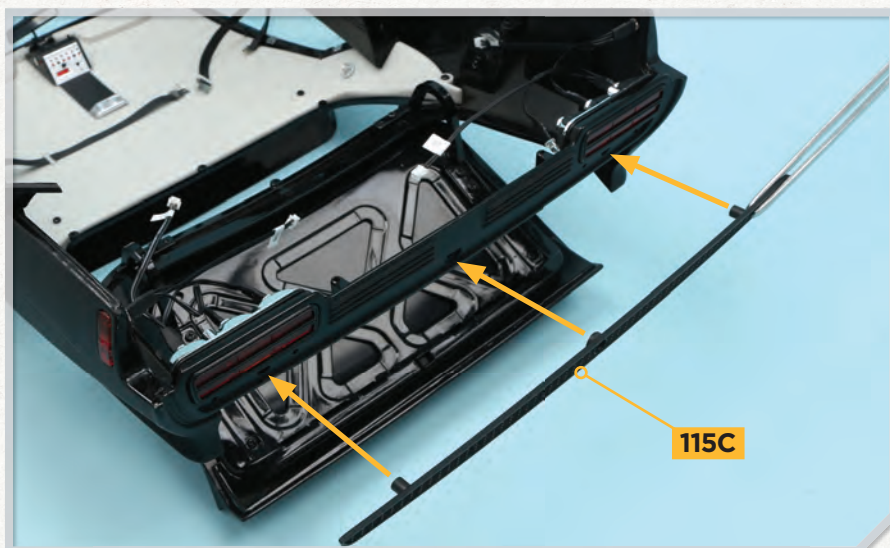
When your car body is positioned upside down on the work surface, it is advisable to support the boot and bonnet to keep it stable.

We suggest you use blocks of polystyrene, or rolls of bubble wrap securely taped to form a sausage-shaped support.

Area of assembly

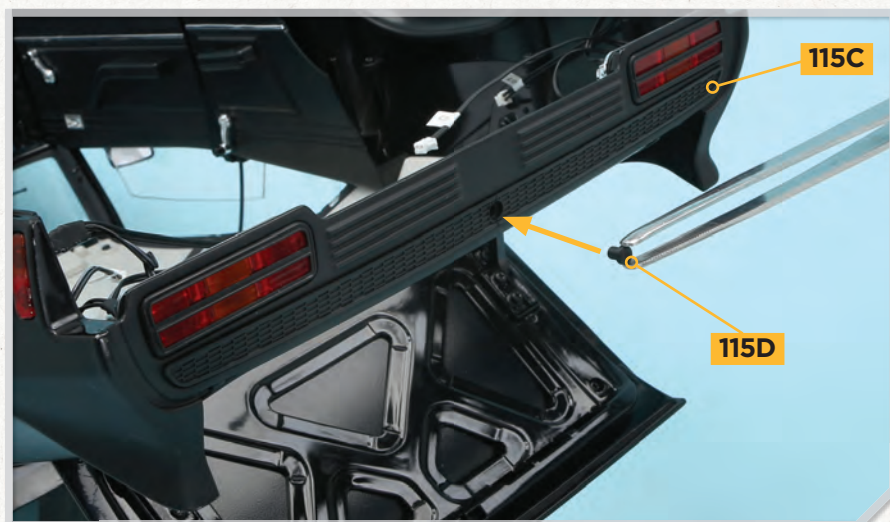


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STEP 1

Position the car body upside down on the work surface, with the boot open. Fit the boot grille **115C** (supplied with the previous issue) across the rear of the model.



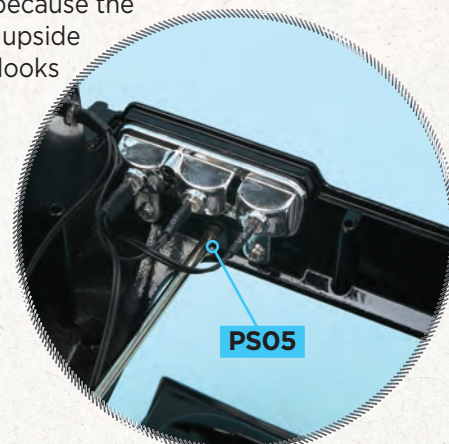
STEP 2

Position the boot lock **115D** in the recess in the centre of the grille **115C**. Fix in place with a **PS12** screw (supplied with the previous issue), fitted from the inside of the boot opening.



STEP 3

Use a **PS05** screw (supplied with the previous issue) to fix each end of the boot grille in place. The screws are fitted through screw holes in the tail of the car body above the rear lights (in these photos, because the model is upside down, it looks as if the screw is inserted below the rear lights).





STEP 4

Position the rear window **116B** in the opening in the rear of the car body.



STEP 5

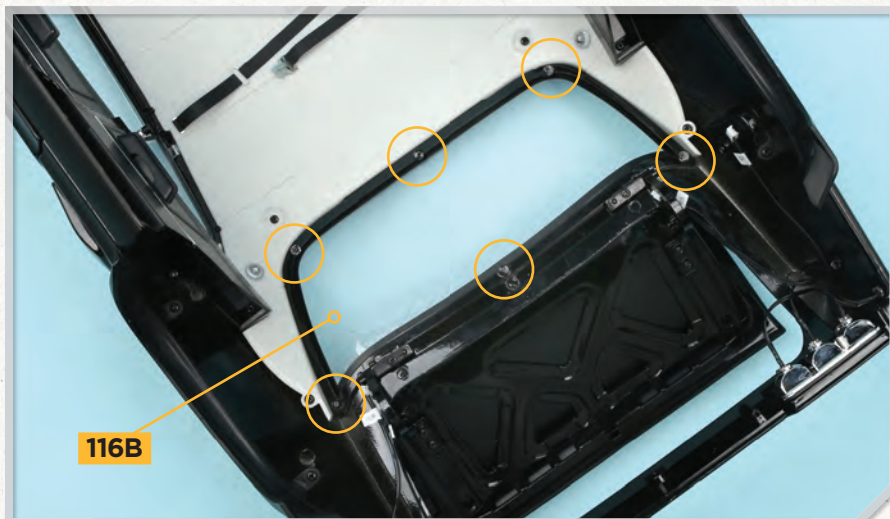
Fit the window trim **116A** around the edge of the window **116B**. Carefully press the trim **116A** in place all around the window **116B**.

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STEP 6

Turn the model upside down and make sure it is well supported. The rear window trim is fixed in place with **PS12** screws, fitted from the inside. You will need to support the trim from the outside while you insert each of the screws.



STEP 7

You will need a total of six **PS12** screws (circled) to fix the window trim in place.

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY

The boot grille, lock, rear window and window trim have been fitted to the model.





Ford Model T:

Any colour, as long as it is profitable

The official Car of the Century was responsible for greater social change than any machine since the printing press.

Car enthusiasts often wax lyrical about their particular passion, but there can only ever be one car that is universally accepted as being the most important car ever made. That accolade will always belong to the Ford Model T, all 15,007,033 of them.

It was launched in 1908 and remained in production until 1927. Drawing on mass-production techniques pioneered by American gun makers, Ford took the process to an unprecedented scale, motorising America and helping to mobilise the world; they were produced in factories worldwide, including Cork, Ireland and Trafford Park, Manchester. Ford also kept improving the production efficiency dropping the selling price from \$825 in 1908 to \$259 in 1925.

The car was initially a plaything for the rich, not a mobility tool, but the Model T showed the car could

be a useful device. It was cheaper, cleaner and drier than a horse. The hitherto engineering-led practice of car production, done on a small scale for a rich clientele, proved to be very profitable when scaled up, and that led to competition: for where there is money to make, an opportunist will try to do so. Very soon car production became an industry, and in January 1914 Ford raised his workers' pay to an unprecedented \$5 a day, twice that of other factories. His workers were thus loyal and kept the lines rolling, but it also meant workers making the Model T could, increasingly, afford to buy one. Mass production had created mass consumption, and the circle of the modern consumer economy was complete.

The Model T had to be an off-roader because the majority of buyers lived in places without roads. This meant that it had to

The Model T is still a popular car with enthusiasts, and an affordable way of owning a vintage car. BF 7386 is a 1913 example, seen here joining the Ipswich to Felixstowe Historic Vehicle Run.

have generous ground clearance, low departure and approach angles and be strong enough to be overloaded with sheep, hay or even moonshine. It may have only been two-wheel-drive, but those narrow tyres bit through mud to the hard ground underneath and made it quite capable off-road. As roads improved, cars became lower, sleeker, and faster. The modern trend towards higher cars with the looks and ground clearance of a 4x4, is actually a return to the multi-use utilitarian car principles the Model T pioneered.

Ford started the Ford Motor Company on 16 June 1903, and gradually worked his way through from Model A to Model S, selling 20,000 cars in the process. When he got to the Model T he felt it refined the car to the very essence of what was needed; it was light, powerful, strong and easy to maintain. In 1909 he announced Ford would only ever build the Model T, a policy they maintained until 1927. ■

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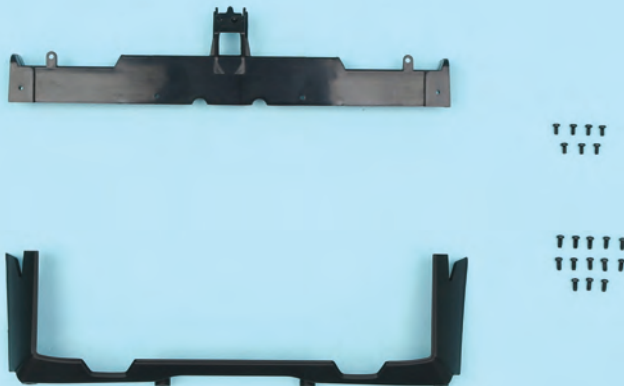


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The support for the rear bumper is fitted, and work starts on fitting the car body to the chassis.

NEW PARTS

Rear bumper support, car body tail wrap plus screws.



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