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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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Stage 64: Dashboard

We start work on the dashboard, fitting vent levers, a cigarette lighter and other details.

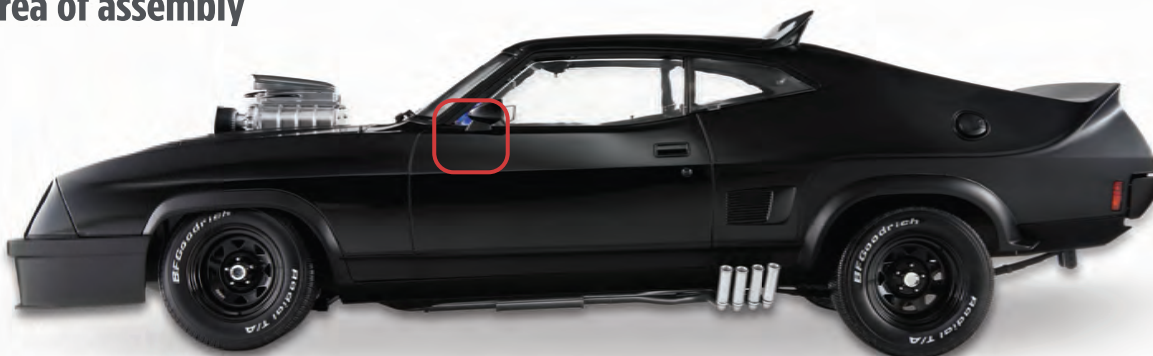


List of parts:

- 64A** Dashboard frame
- 64B** Vent lever (right)
- 64C** Vent lever (left)
- 64D** Cigarette lighter
- 64E** Insert for left of dashboard
- 64F** Insert with clock face
- 64G** Clock lens
- 64H** Heater/fan sticker
- PS07** Three* 1.5 x 4mm PB screws

*Including spare
PB = Pan head for plastic

Area of assembly

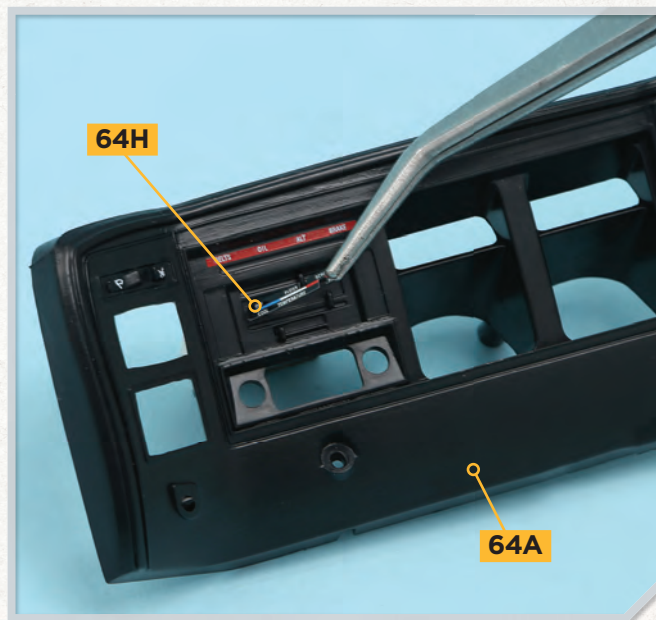


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STEP 1

Remove the longer strip (showing the heating scale) from the sticker **64H**.



STEP 2

Identify the position for the strip on the dashboard **64A**. Notches in the sticker fit around the sliding levers moulded on the dashboard.



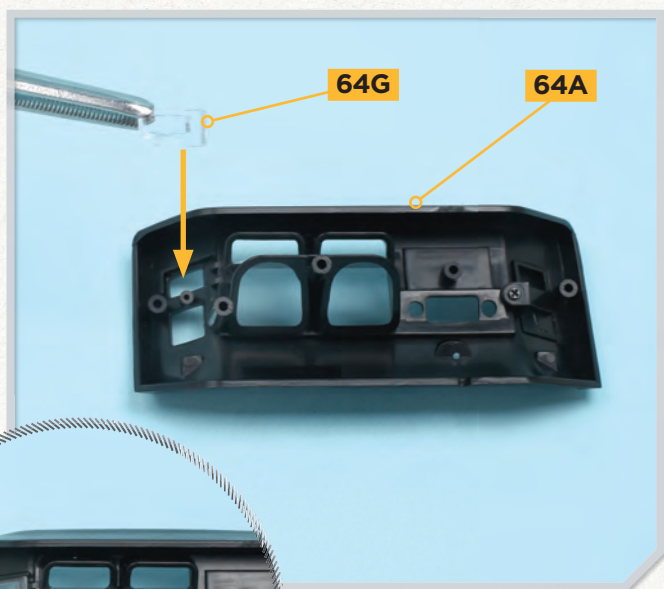
STEP 3

Take the second strip from the sticker sheet **64H** (indicating the position for the fan switch) and stick it in place in the recess below the heating scale strip on the dashboard **64A**.



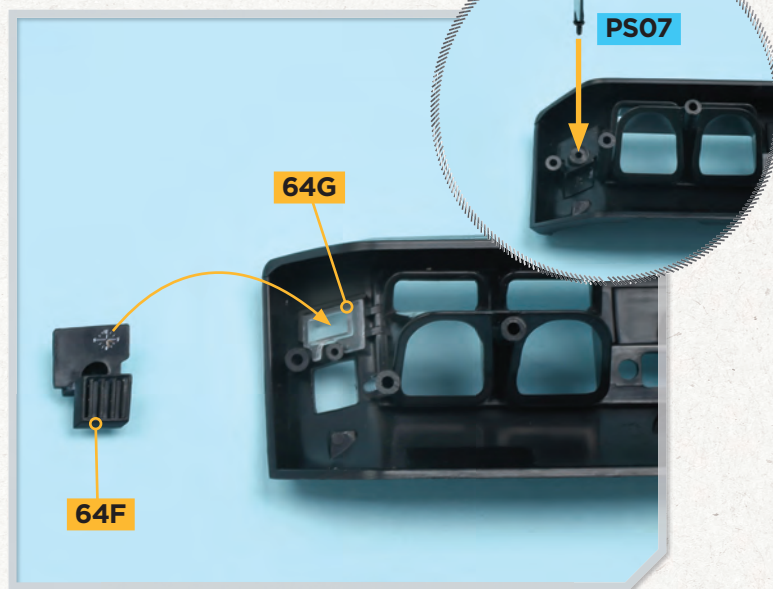
STEP 4

Working from the back of the dashboard **64A**, fit the insert marked L, **64E**, in the two openings (inset). Fix it in place with a **PS07** screw.



STEP 5

Fit the clock lens **64G** into the opening at the top right of the dashboard **64A** (viewed here from the inside). The clock lens fits around the raised screw socket.



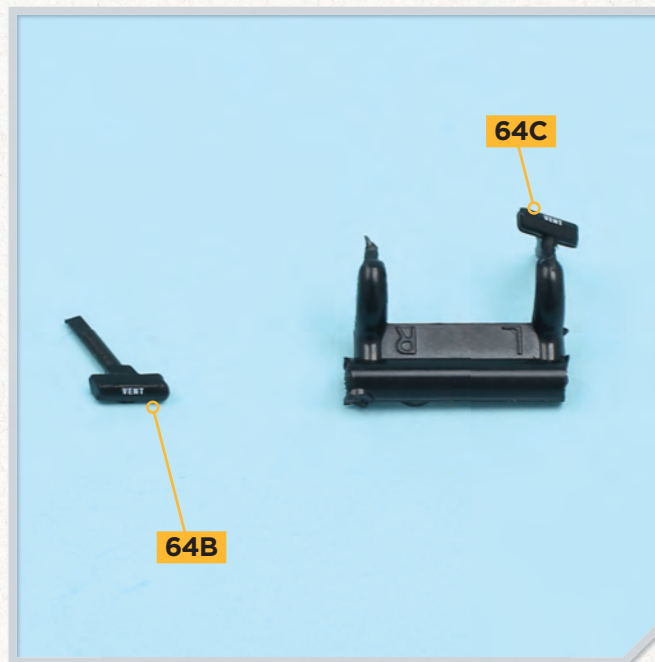
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Fit the panel with the clock face **64F** (marked R) into the opening below the lens **64G** so that the clock face is displayed in the lens. Fix in place with a **PS07** screw.



STEP 7

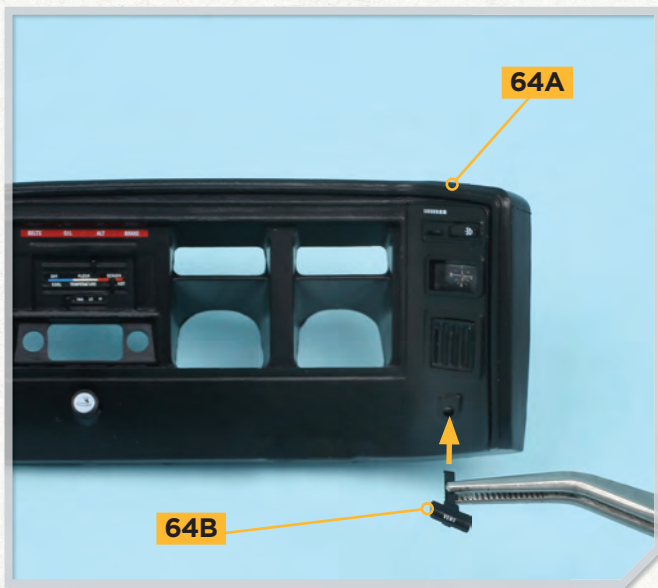
Take the cigarette lighter **64D** and fit it into the hole near the lower edge of the dashboard **64A**. This is a push-fit connection.



STEP 8

Take the frame with the levers **64B** and **64C**. Note that the letters R and L are marked on the frame. Remove the right lever **64B** from the frame.

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STEP 9

Fit the D-shaped end of the long arm of the right vent lever **64B** into the hole (bottom right) on the dashboard. This is a push-fit connection.



STEP 10

Remove the left vent lever **64C** from the frame and fit the long arm into the hole at the bottom left of the dashboard. Again, this is a push-fit connection.

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY

Work has started on fitting details to the dashboard.



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A light blue and white Ford Anglia 105E Deluxe was the unlikely automotive star of the second Potter film, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002). Magically enchanted by Harry's fellow schoolboy wizard Ron Weasley, the Anglia – owned by Ron's father Arthur – can fly, become invisible and comfortably seat ten people, six trunks, an owl and a rat.

The car's achievements include rescuing Harry from imprisonment and flying the boys to Hogwarts school when they miss their train. Arriving at Hogwarts, the car malfunctions, crash landing in a willow tree. The tree then attacks the Anglia, smashing the windows and denting the bodywork before Ron and Harry are ejected. Later the boys are saved from a giant spider attack in the Forbidden Forest when the Anglia reappears.

There are stories of 16 full size Anglias being sourced for the film, and in spite of the sequences being almost entirely CGI it was said 14 of the cars were destroyed. In reality that number is probably much lower since various fibreglass bodies were created, some with Ford Escort mechanical parts, to allow the special effects team to show the car spinning around and turning upside down.

NOSTALGIC BACKGROUND

A Ford Anglia was specifically chosen due to Rowling's previous experience with the car; although she herself has never learned to drive, a similar Anglia was owned by a school friend: "I met Sean Harris," recalled Rowling, "when I was 11, he was the first of my friends to pass his driving test and he had this old Ford Anglia

claptrap and that turquoise and white car meant freedom. Some of my happiest memories of my teenage years are zooming off into the darkness in Sean's car. My heart still lifts when I see an old Ford Anglia."

One of the main on-screen Anglias was stolen in October 2005 from South West Film Studios in Cornwall, supposedly by a fan. The 1962 car, minus its engine, had been stored outside for a year under a tarpaulin after the company closed. A prospective buyer had pulled out after realising the 799 OTD number plates used in the film had been removed. The rusty Anglia was found the following May, dumped near the car park of the 14th century Carn Brea Castle in Cornwall.

Another screen-used example, a 1960 model, was bought by the late One Direction band member Liam Payne, who supposedly paid over £100,000 for the car in 2015 and had it in his garden, alongside a replica of Hagrid's hut.

In the wake of the film, the flying car has been represented as diecast toys, made in Lego and become a Scalextric model, although hopefully that one stays firmly on the ground. ■

After the Anglia crashes into a tree, it drives off by itself and lies abandoned in the Forbidden Forest.



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NEW PARTS

Housing, lens and backing for the dials, backing for the indicators, meter/indicator sticker and screws.



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