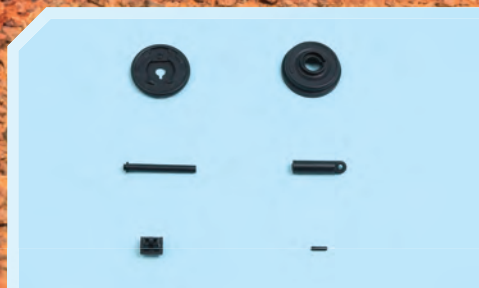


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SCALE
1:8



Right Wheel Shock Absorbers



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The post-apocalyptic action thriller *I Am Legend* (2007) featured Will Smith and a bright red 2007 Ford Shelby Mustang GT500.

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 31: Rear Right Wheel (3)

Shock absorbers are attached to the chassis assembly.
The brake plates will be fitted in the next issue.



List of parts:

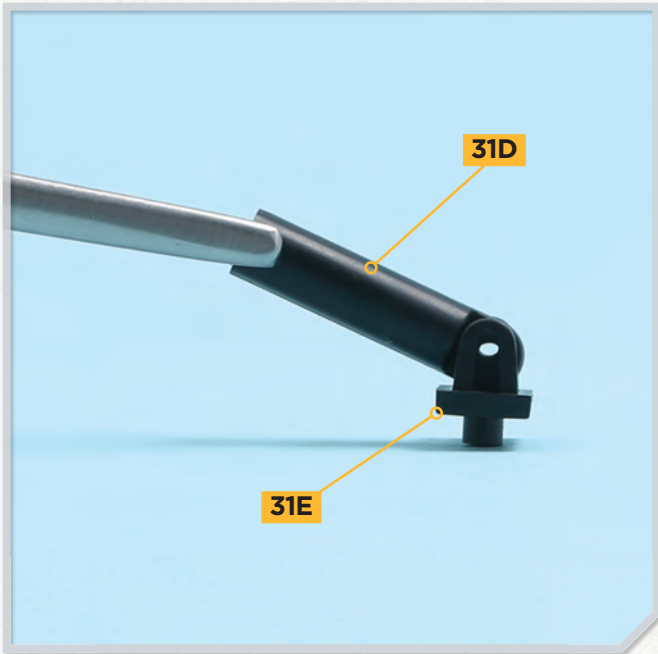
- 31A** Rear right wheel brake plate (inner)
- 31B** Rear right wheel brake plate (outer)
- 31C** Right shock absorber (inner shaft)
- 31D** Right shock absorber (outer casing)
- 31E** Shock absorber connection plate
- 31F** Shock absorber hinge pin
- PS08** Two* 2.3 x 4mm PWB screws
- PS05** Two* 2.3 x 4mm PB screws
- DS12** Two* 2.3 x 3mm PWM screws

*Including spares
PWB = Flange head for plastic
PB = Pan head for plastic
PWM = Flange head for metal

Area of assembly



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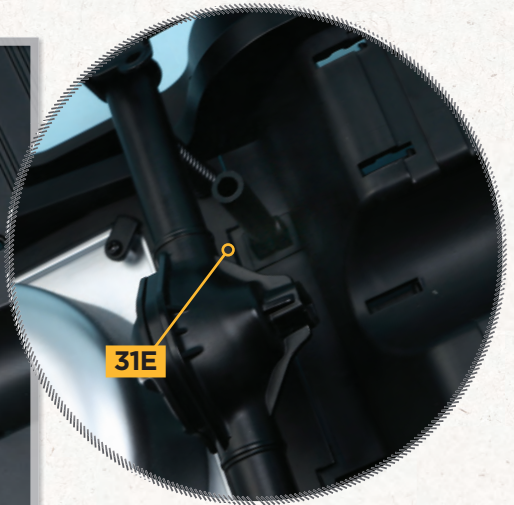
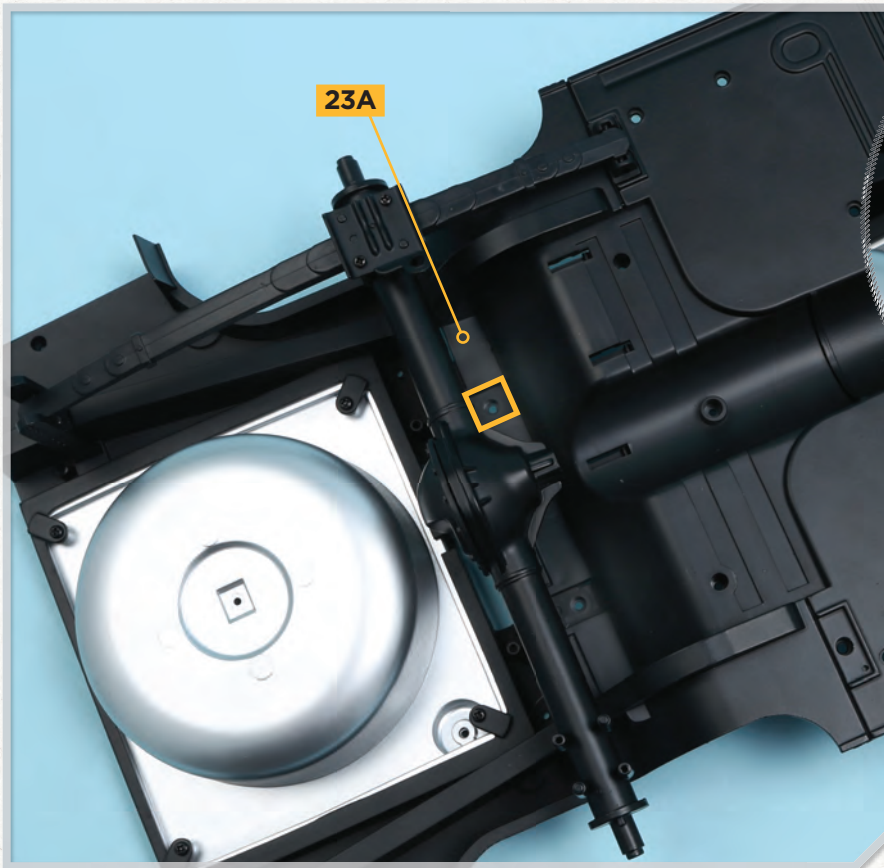
STEP 1

Take the outer casing of the shock absorber **31D** and the connection part **31E**. Fit the end of the shock absorber between the flanges of part **31E** so that the holes are aligned.



STEP 2

Take the hinge pin **31F** and fit it through the holes so that parts **31D** and **31E** are fixed together. Squeeze the pin in place with a pair of fine-nosed pliers.



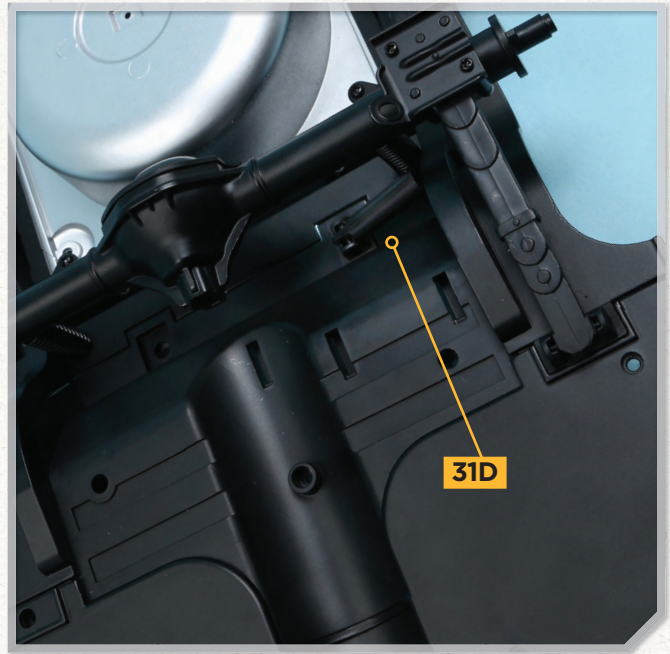
STEP 3

Place the chassis assembly upside down on your work surface. Identify the fixing point for the shock absorber on the righthand side of the assembly, in part **23A**, between the chassis panel and the axle. Note that since the assembly is upside down, the fixing point appears to be on the left in these photos. The inset shows the shock absorber in place.



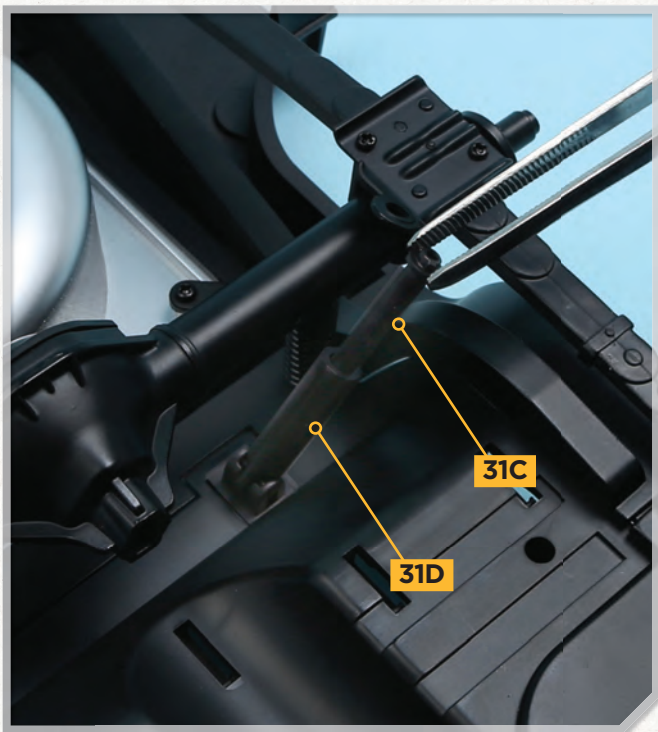
STEP 4

Holding part **31E** in place, turn the assembly over and fix the shock absorber in place with a **PS05** screw.



STEP 5

Turn the assembly upside down, and arrange the shock absorber casing **31D** as shown so that the open end runs to the righthand side of the chassis.



STEP 6

Take the inner shaft of the shock absorber **31C** and fit it into the casing **31D**.



STEP 7

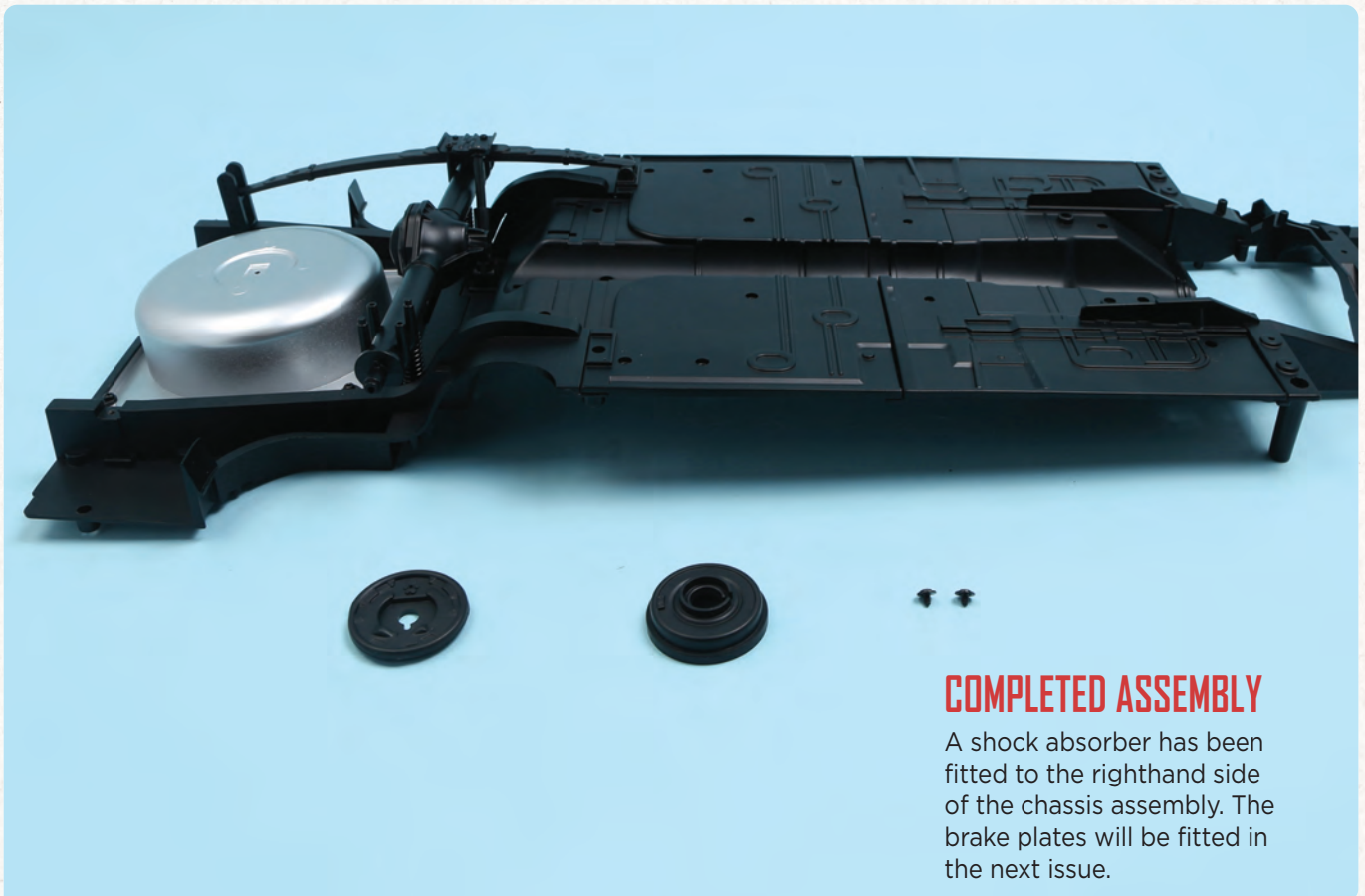
Align the end of shaft **31C** with the large screw hole in the tab on part **28A**.

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STEP 8

Fix the end of the shock absorber in place with a **PS08** screw. You may find it helpful to hold the tip of the shock absorber steady using tweezers or fine-nosed pliers.



COMPLETED ASSEMBLY

A shock absorber has been fitted to the righthand side of the chassis assembly. The brake plates will be fitted in the next issue.

I Am Legend (2007)

Will Smith stars as Doctor Robert Neville, apparently the only human survivor of a virus outbreak that has left New York City full of animals, tall grass and abandoned vehicles. But, as the film's trailer puts it, "The last man on earth... is not alone."

A failed attempt to develop a virus that can cure cancer caused the outbreak of disease, but the dodgy genetic engineering turned any humans it hadn't already killed into vampirical zombies called Darkseekers. These albino, cannibalistic mutants are vulnerable to sunlight and so roam the city by night. The script of the film was loosely based on a 1954 novel of the same name by Richard Matheson, which was set in California in 1976. In the film it is 2012, 1,001 days after the outbreak of the disease. Doctor Robert Neville (Will Smith) spends his days foraging for supplies, seeking other survivors and driving the streets in a blood red Shelby Mustang GT500.

SMART CAR

The Mustang only appears for a few minutes and is immaculate because Neville has stolen it from a dealership. Various streets in Manhattan were closed off to allow filming and the production used six 2007 Shelby GT500s — all brand new identical cars supplied by Ford through Manhattan Automobile Company (the car on screen wears its licence plate.)

All six vehicles were Torch Red with white racing stripes, black interiors and silver wheels. They were powered by 5.4-litre supercharged V8 engines and from the factory had some 500bhp and 480lb.ft of torque. However, all the stunt cars benefitted from



some tweaks using a Diablosport Predator programming tuner, since they would be used for high-speed driving and stunts, including fast slides and a spin when Neville meets and chases a herd of deer.

The reason for six stunt cars was that a number of other stunts were filmed that didn't actually make it to the final cut, including several more jumps — for which the suspensions were modified to take hard landings. Despite this, the front lower spoilers were damaged on at least two of the jumps and another car had front end damage. One more blew its gearbox during the slides.

Although only 2,150 Shelby GT500 coupes were made in Torch Red for the 2007 model year, the movie Mustangs were returned to Ford and crushed after filming concluded. However, in August 2020 it was revealed that one of these example had survived. The 'beauty car' or hero car used for

The streets of New York City are littered with damaged cars and vans as Neville hunts for survivors.

close-up scenes was auctioned on eBay by a seller in Connecticut who had driven the car sparingly — it was offered with 6,605 miles on the clock and a full dealership service record. It was also supplied with a certificate of authentication and paperwork showing it was titled to the film production company via Picture Cars East. It is said that Will Smith drove this car on screen. The manual Shelby was being offered for an asking price of \$85,000 — over twice what it would have been worth had it not been featured in a movie.

For the remainder of the film, Neville is seen in a black 2007 Ford Expedition EL, modified with extra lights, roof rack and high-performance off-road tyres. It is thought that five Expeditions were used in the film. ■

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Brake discs are attached to the chassis assembly and the rear right wheel is fixed in place, together with a wheel arch.

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Rear right wheel arch and screws.



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