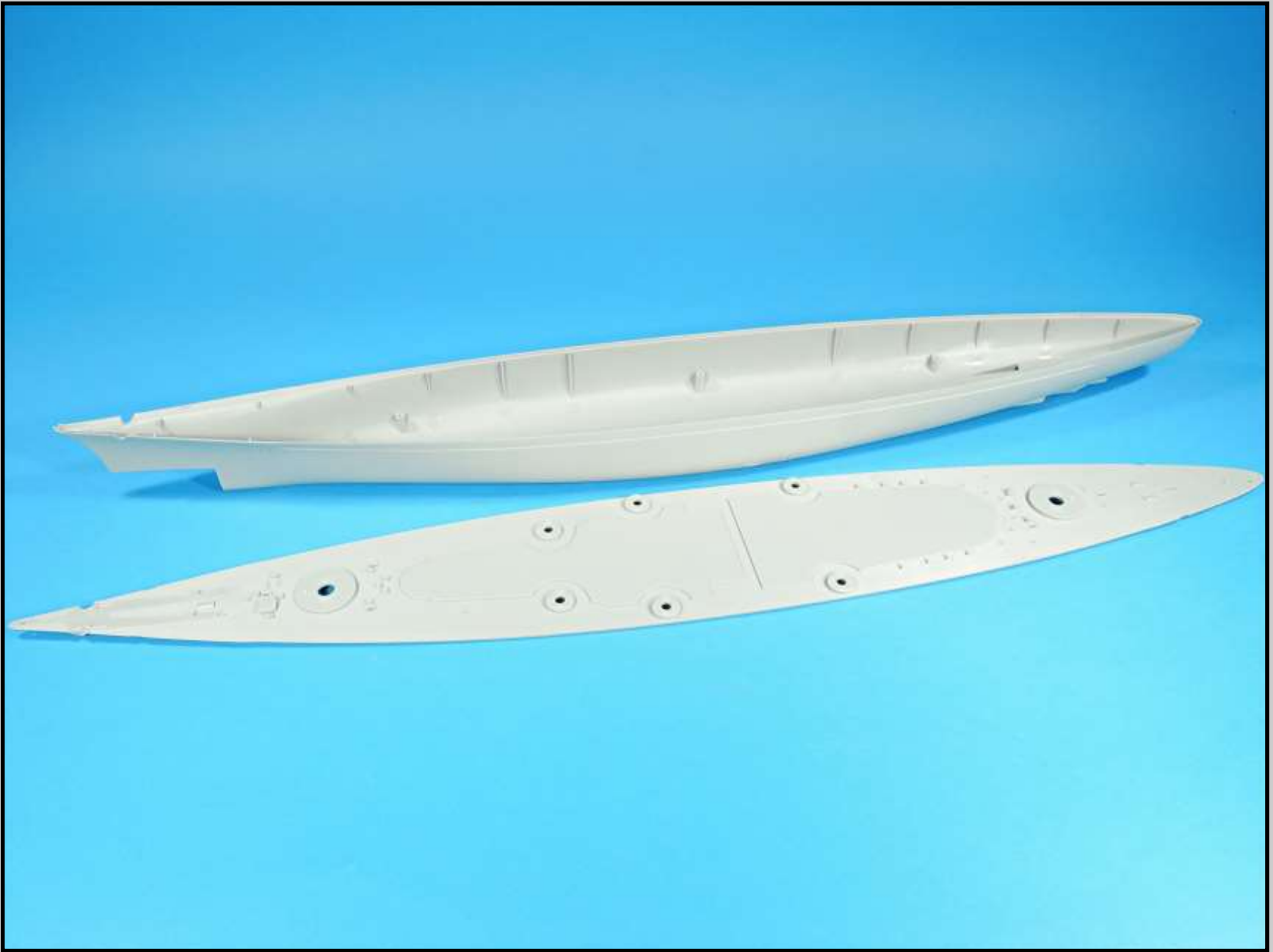


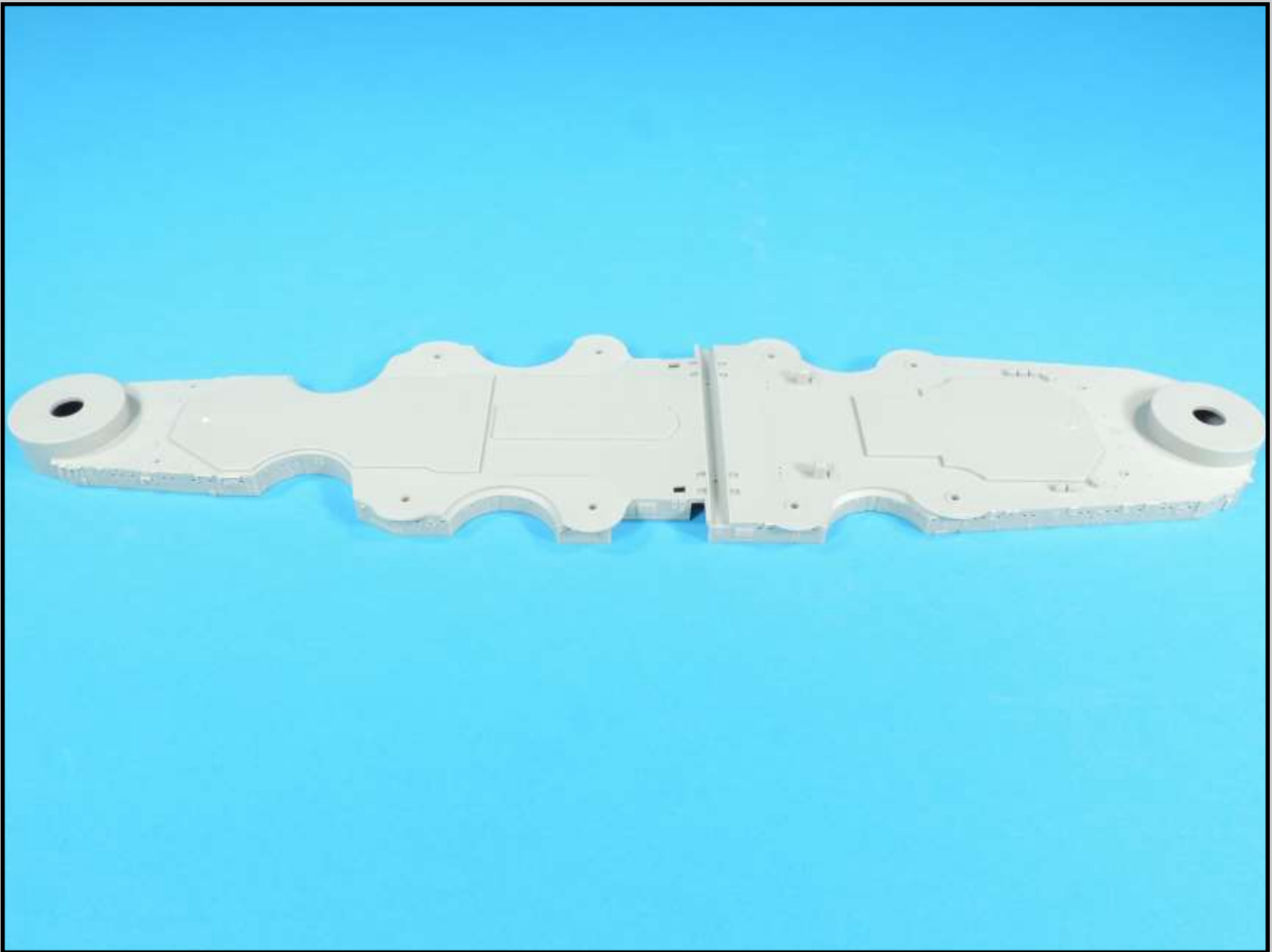


The Trumpeter 1/350 scale German Battleship Bismarck is a complete kit which includes all the photoetch railings. The superstructure sides have a lot of surface detail and the deck scribing is well done. The fit is good except for a slight problem with the main deck which I show you how to fix. There is also an issue with the anti-aircraft gun right barrels. Overall this kit is a big step up from the Tamiya kit and it does not have the slide molding issues that the Revell kit has. The kit's packaging is outstanding and the instructions and color sheet are excellent.

Be sure to watch my YouTube review of this kit!





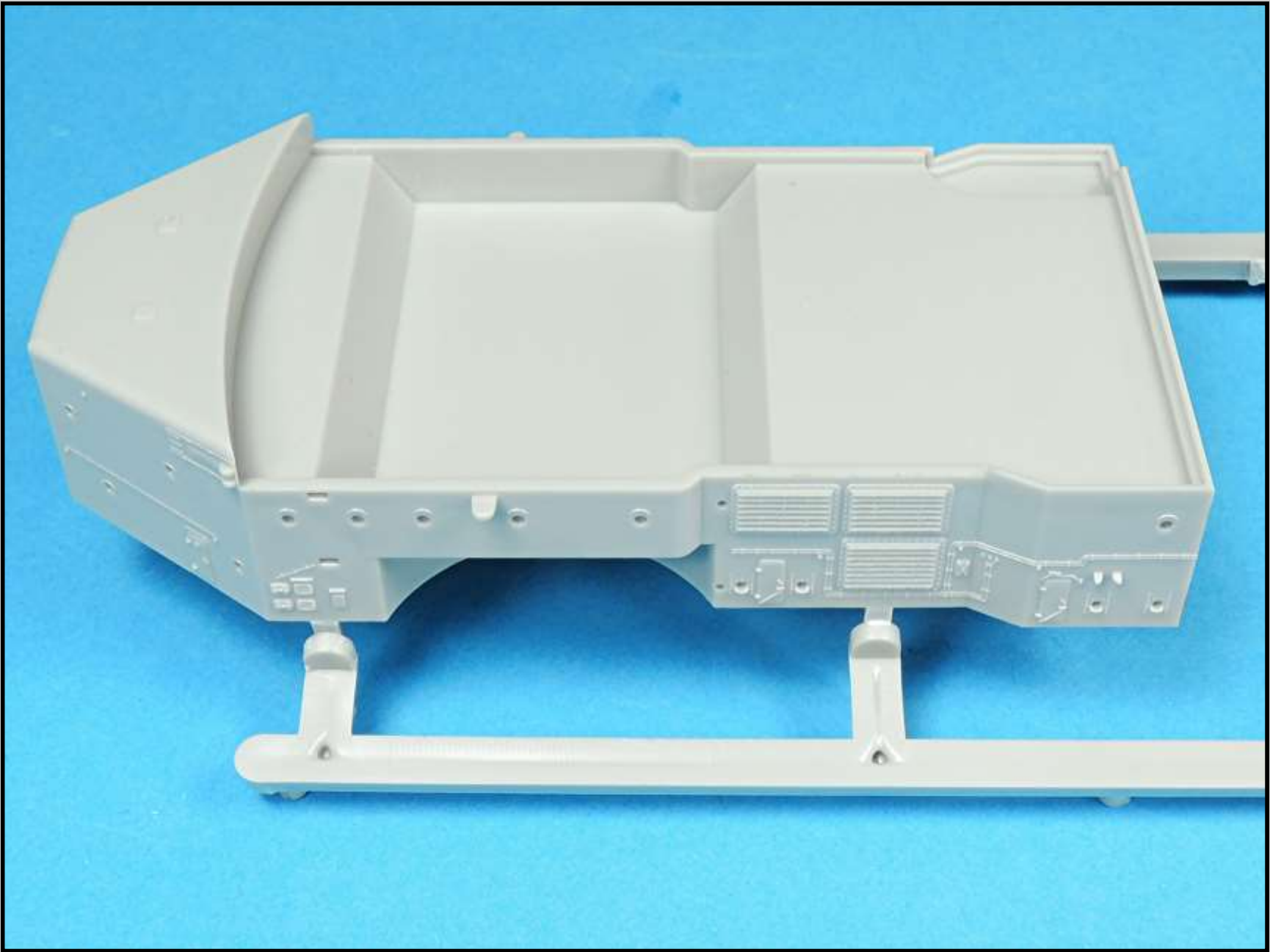


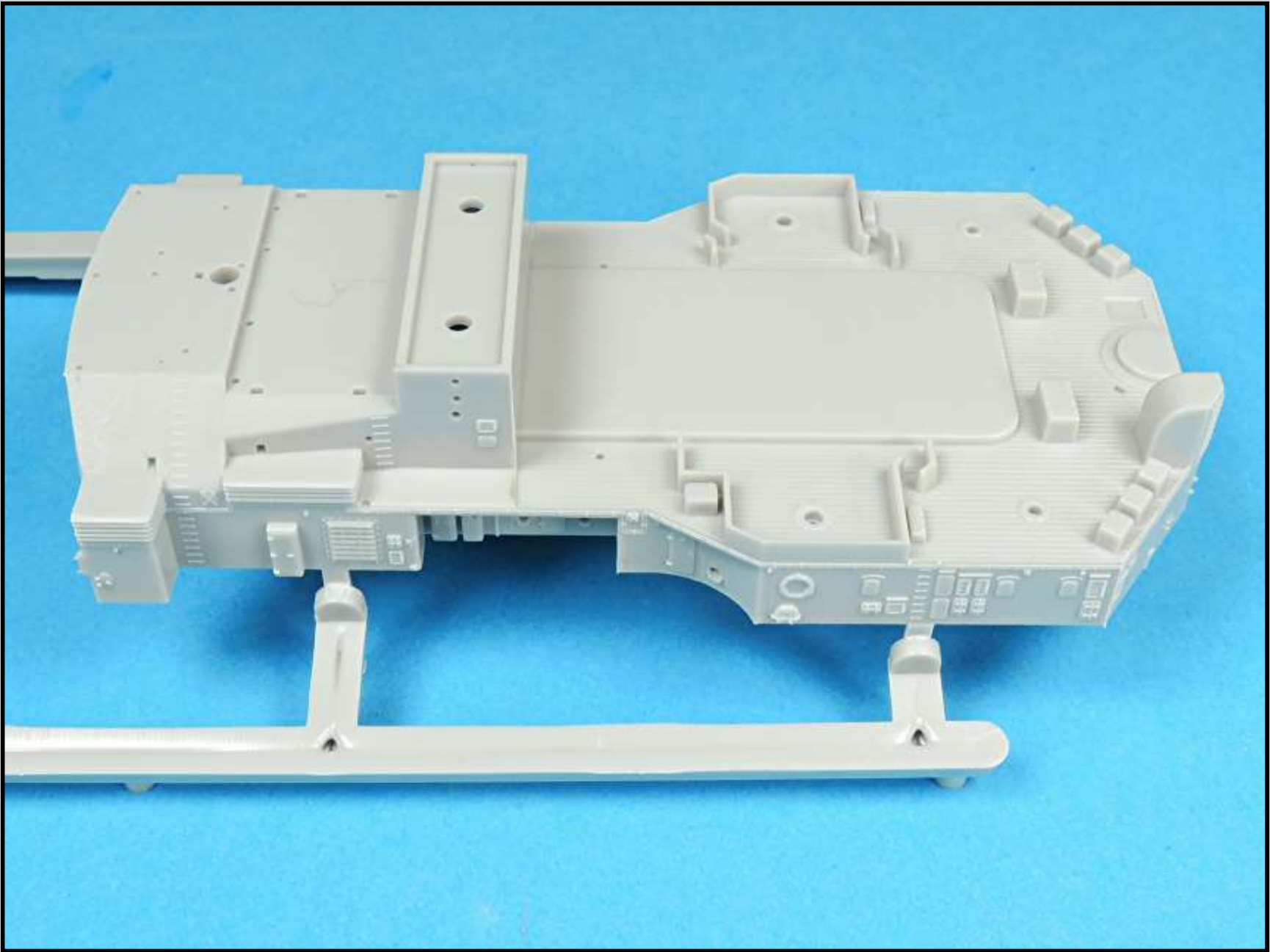


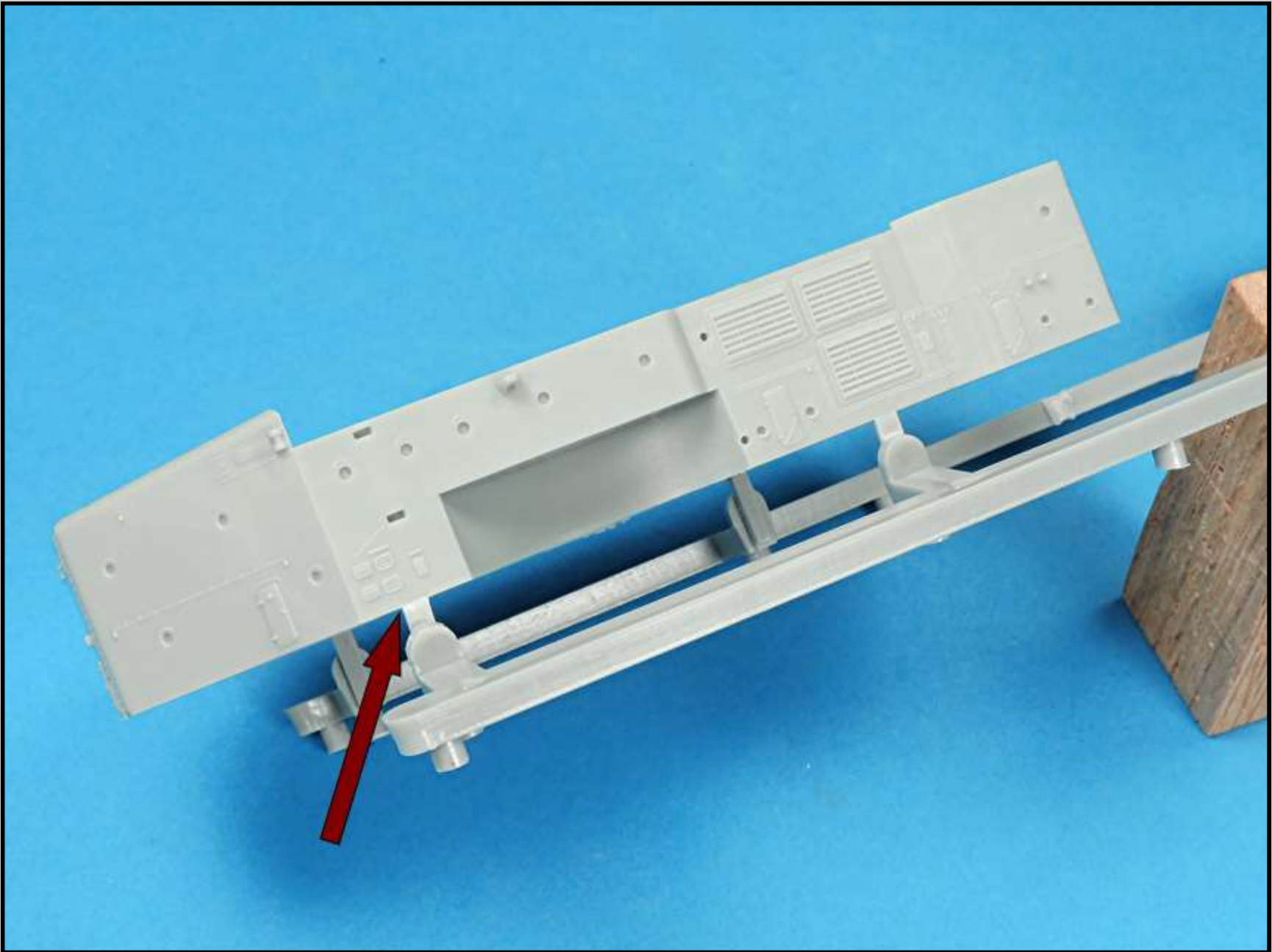
The surface detail on the superstructure sides is excellent.



The wood deck scribing on the 01 superstructure deck is well executed just like on the main deck.





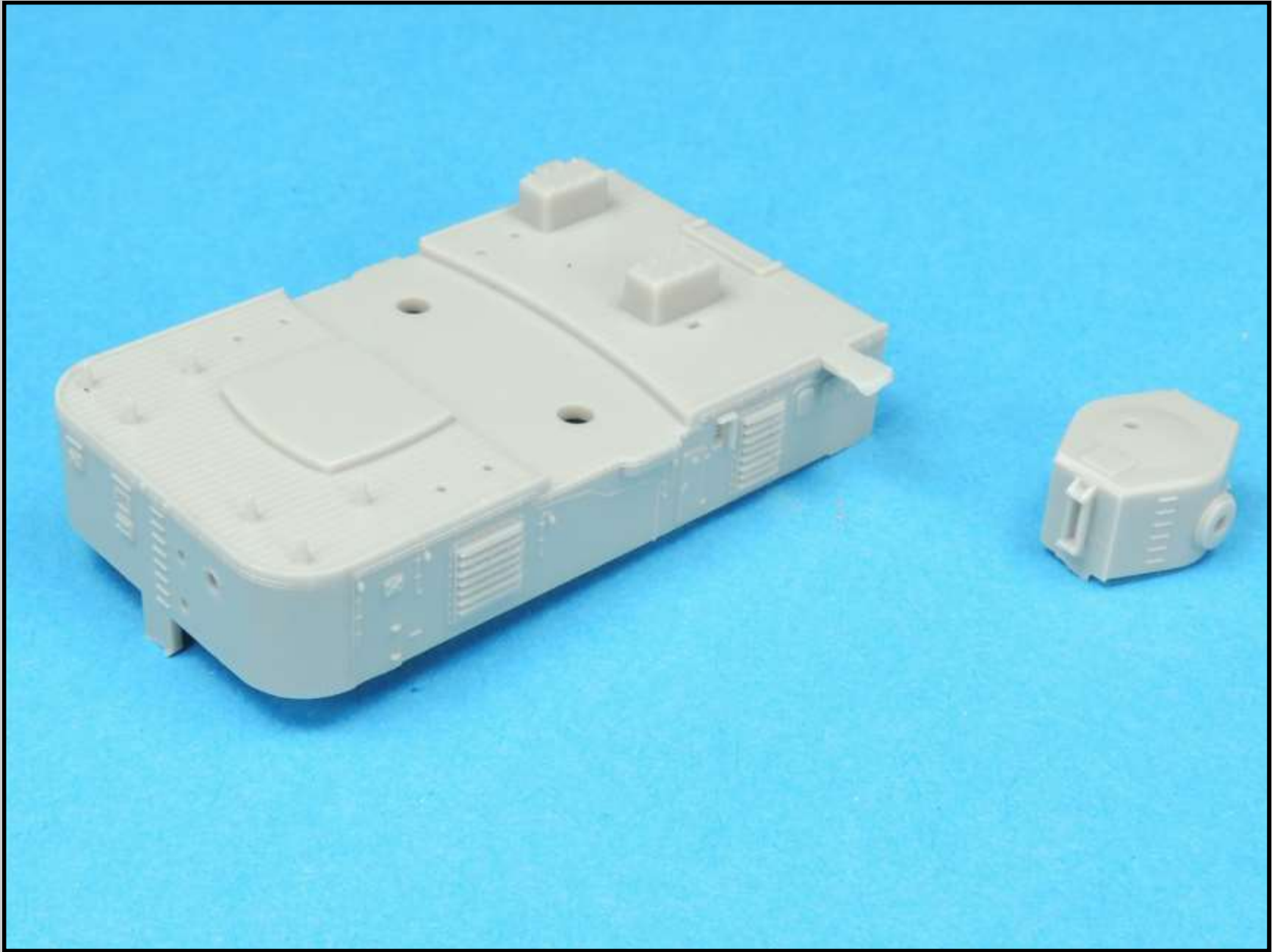


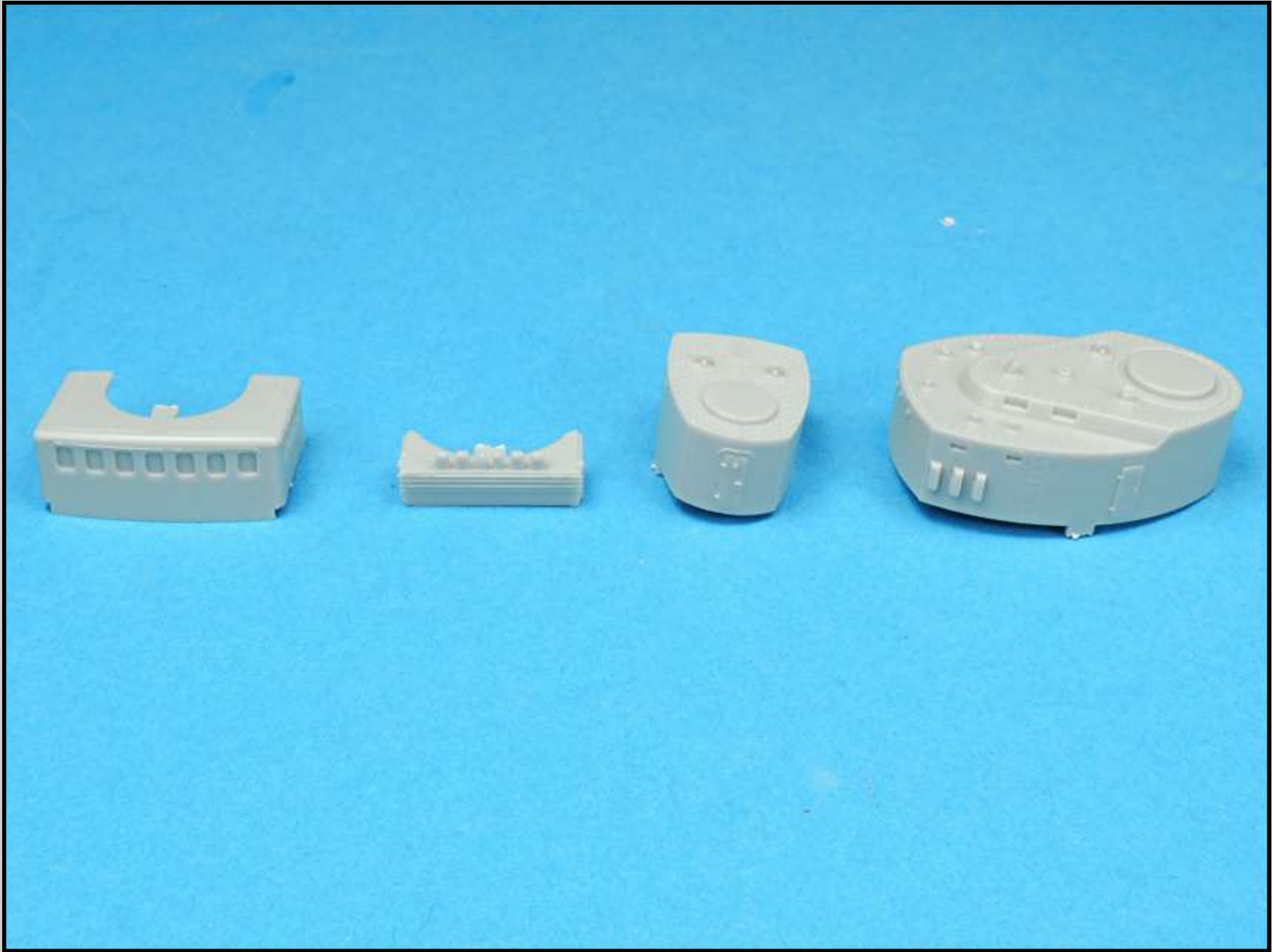
The tree attachment points on many of the parts are in locations that will not impact the part or they are in places where the surface detail will not be damaged when the tree attachments are removed and the surfaces cleaned up.

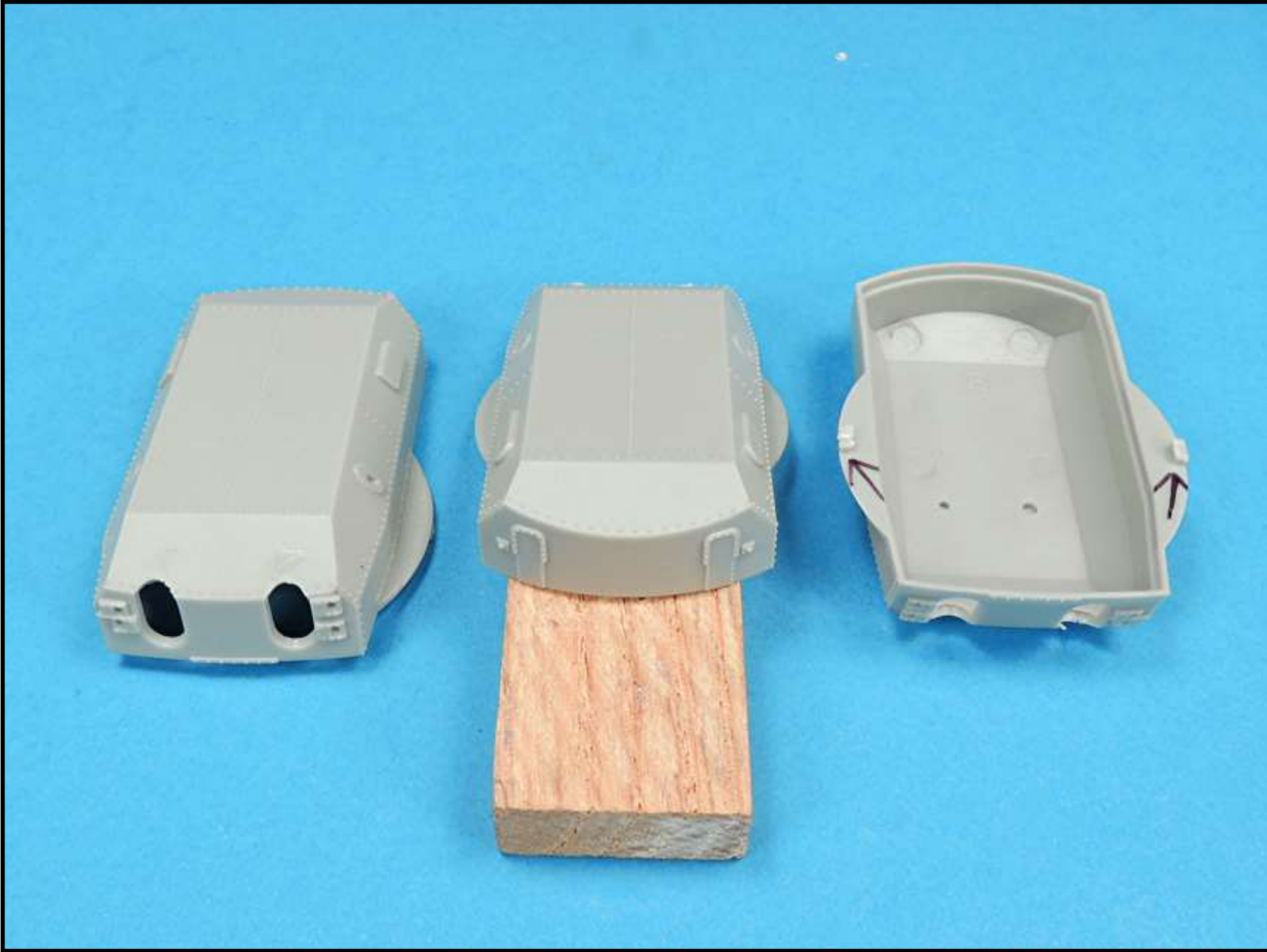


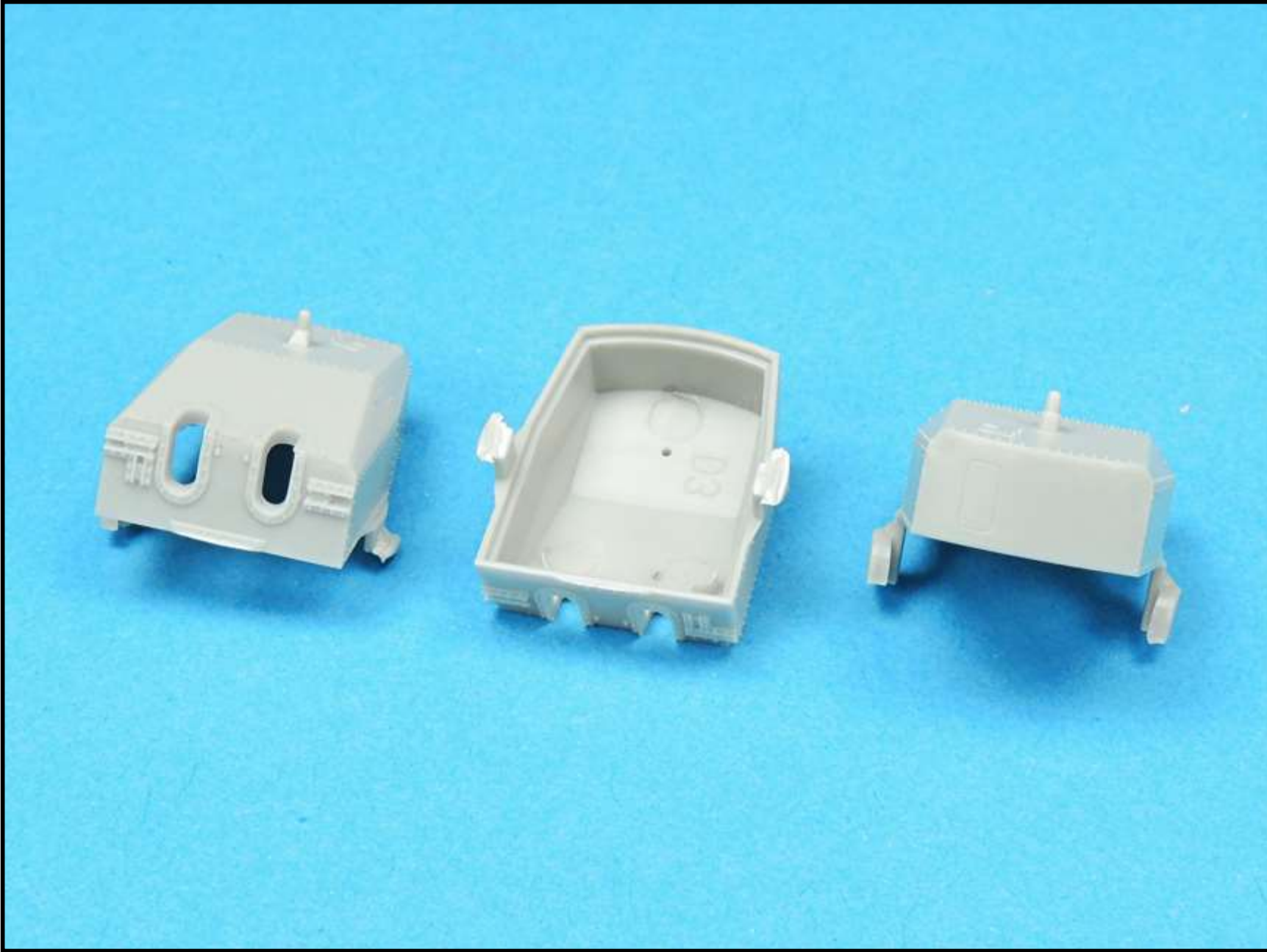
Some of the superstructure parts and the turrets for all the guns are bagged separately.



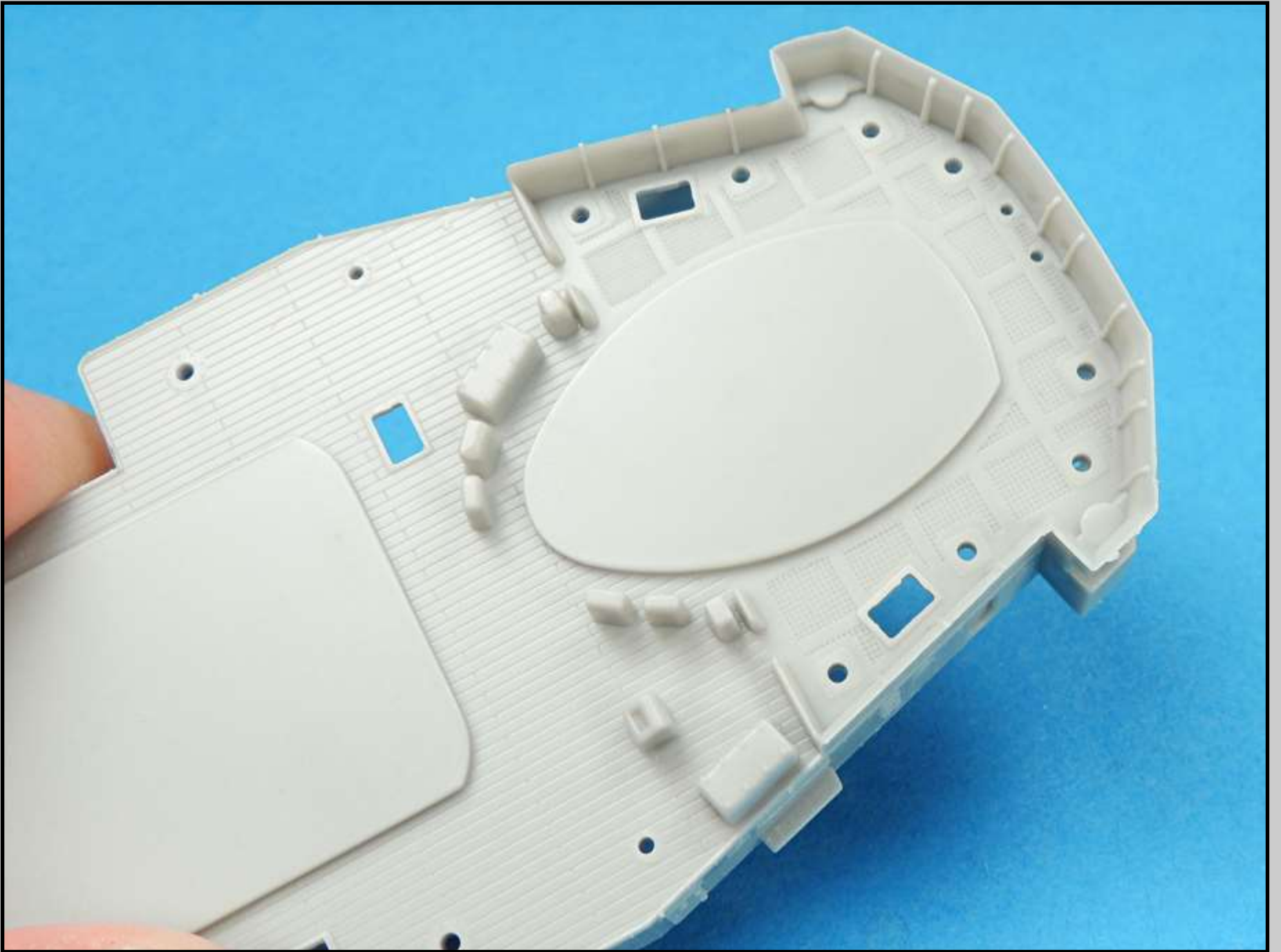




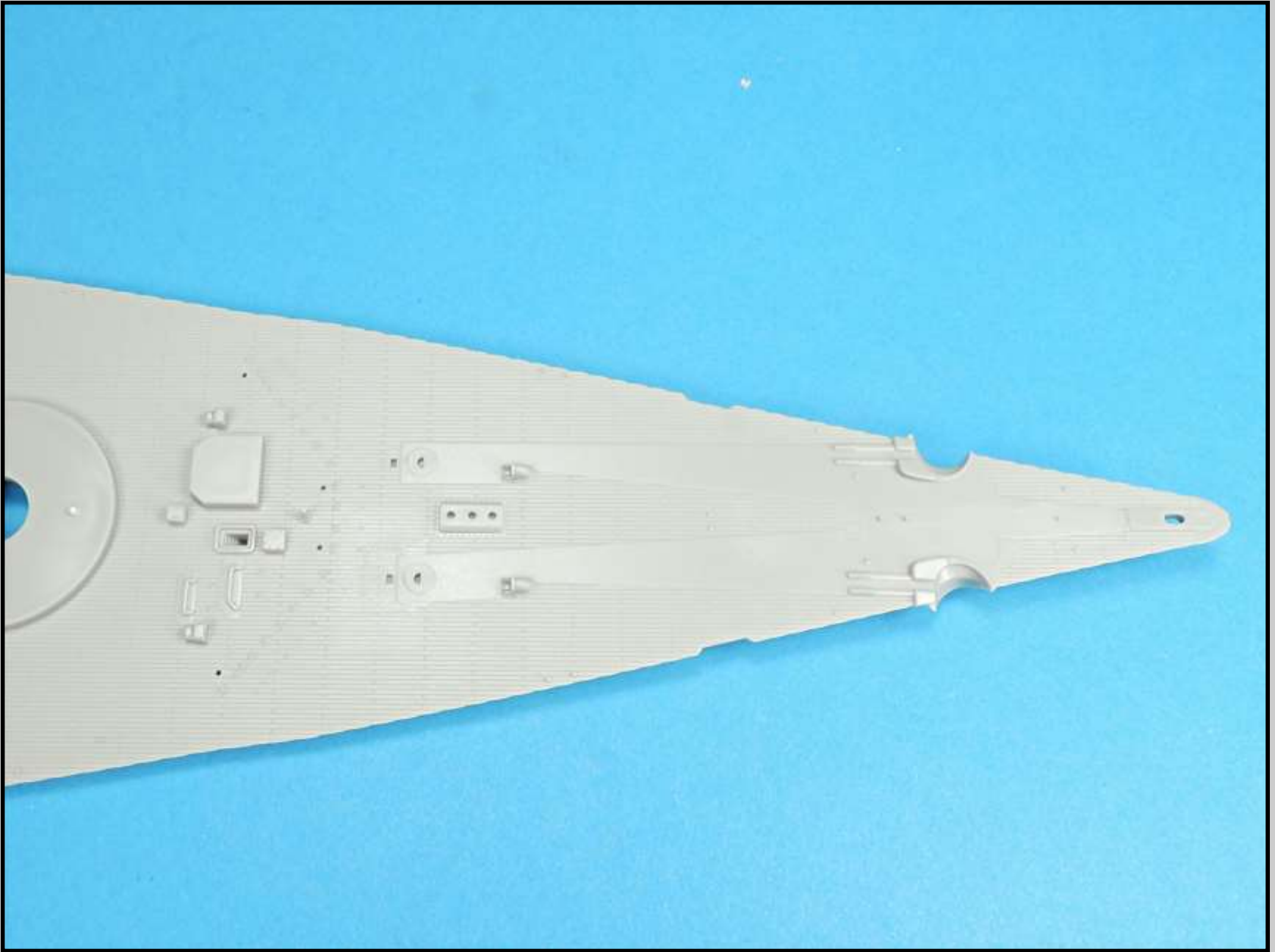


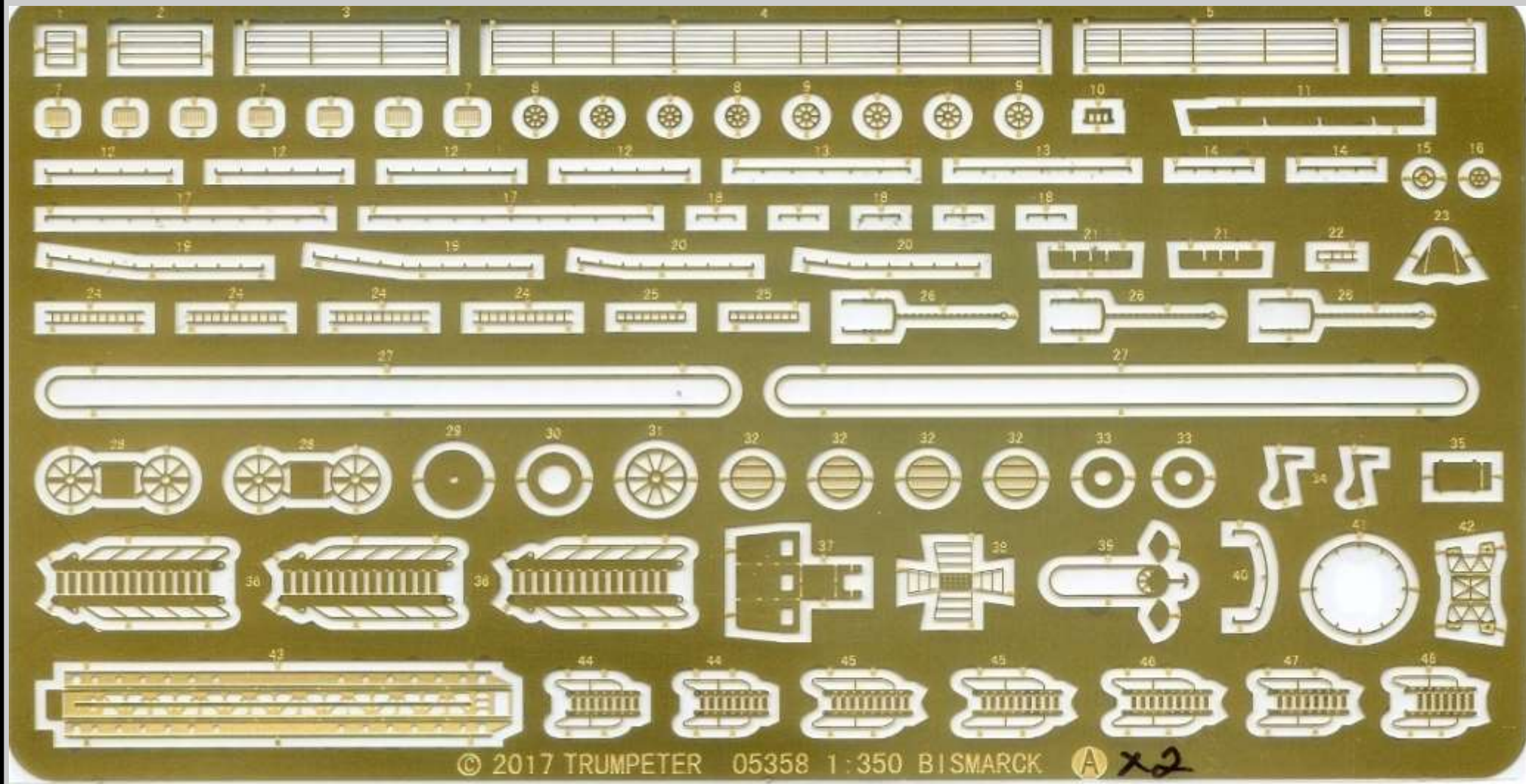




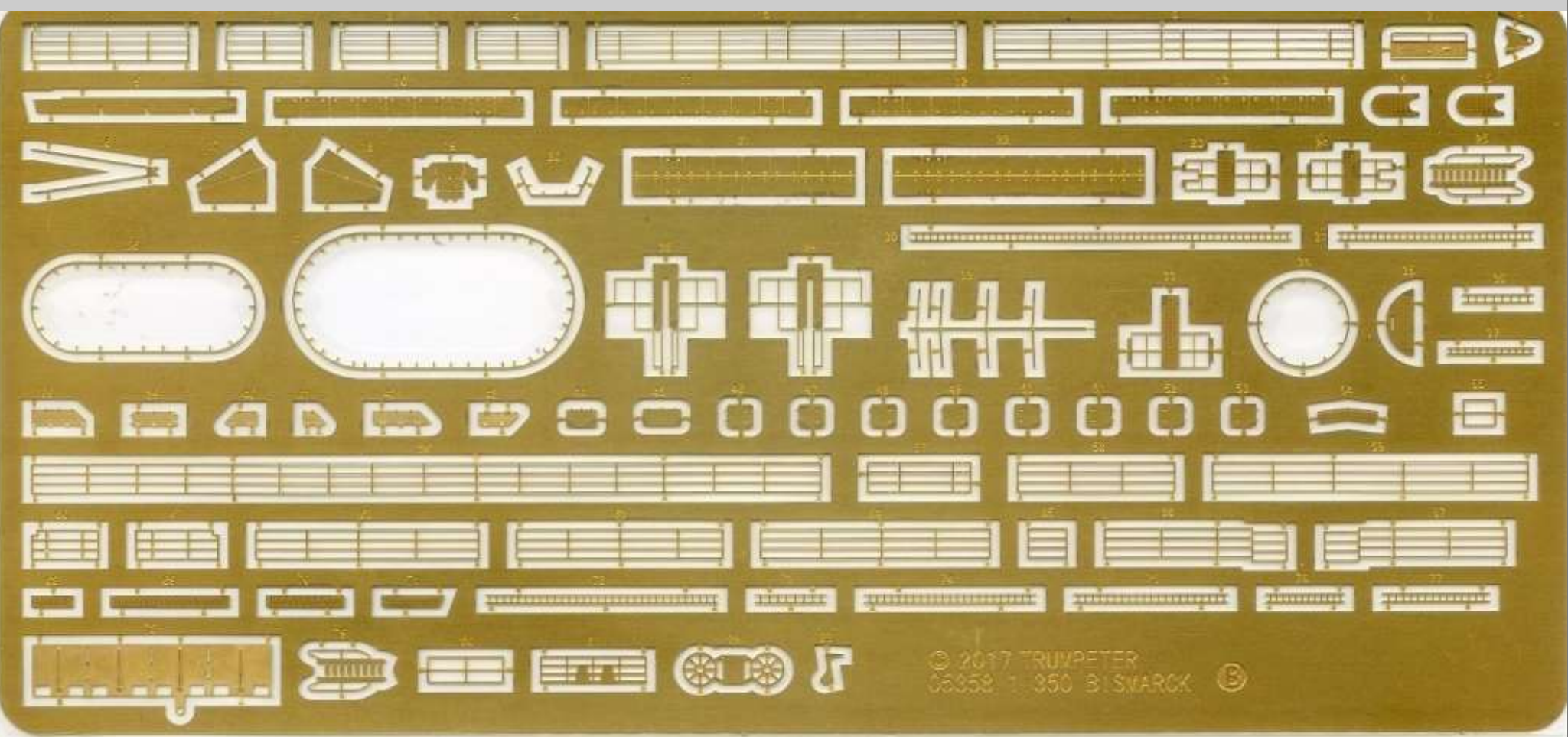




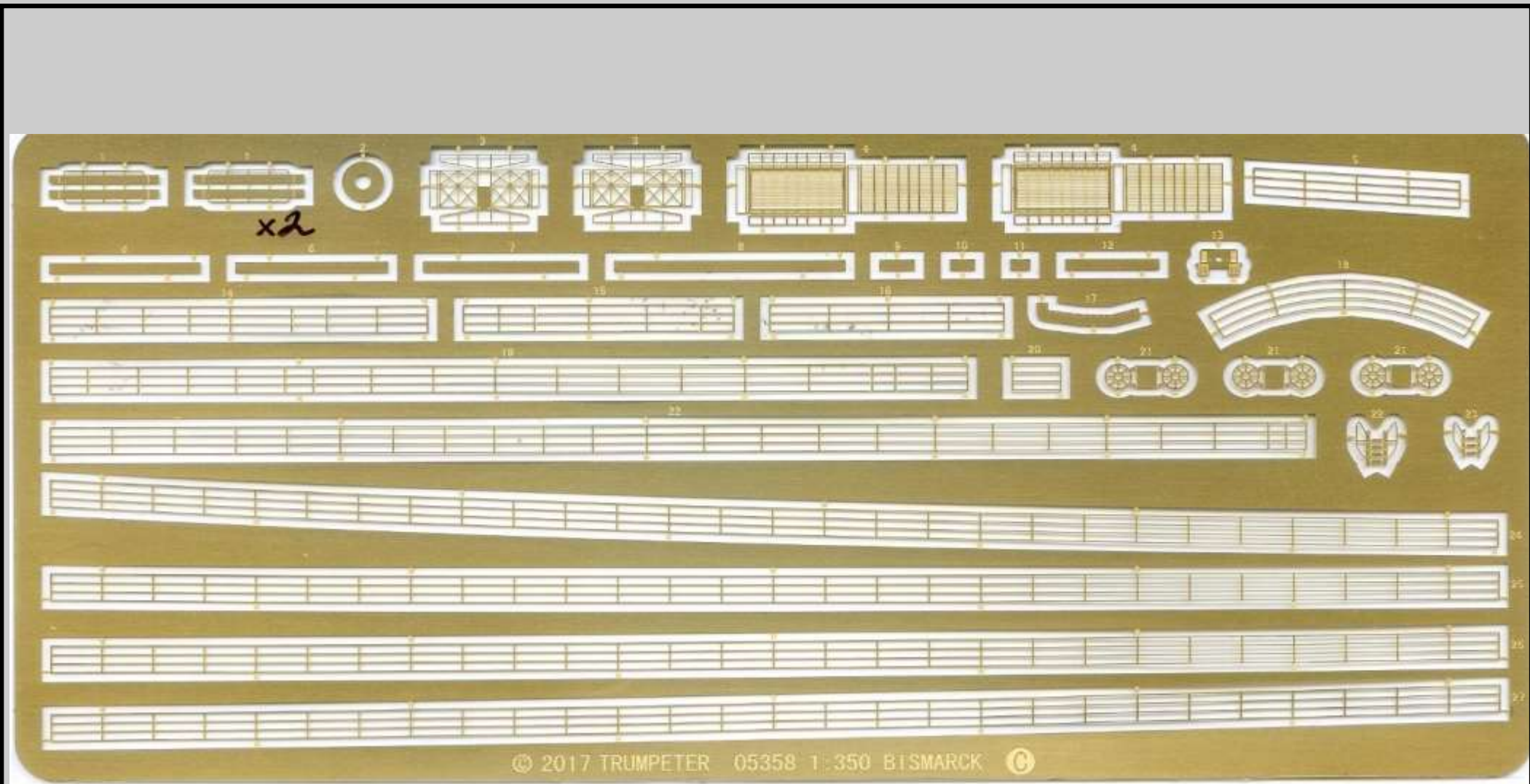




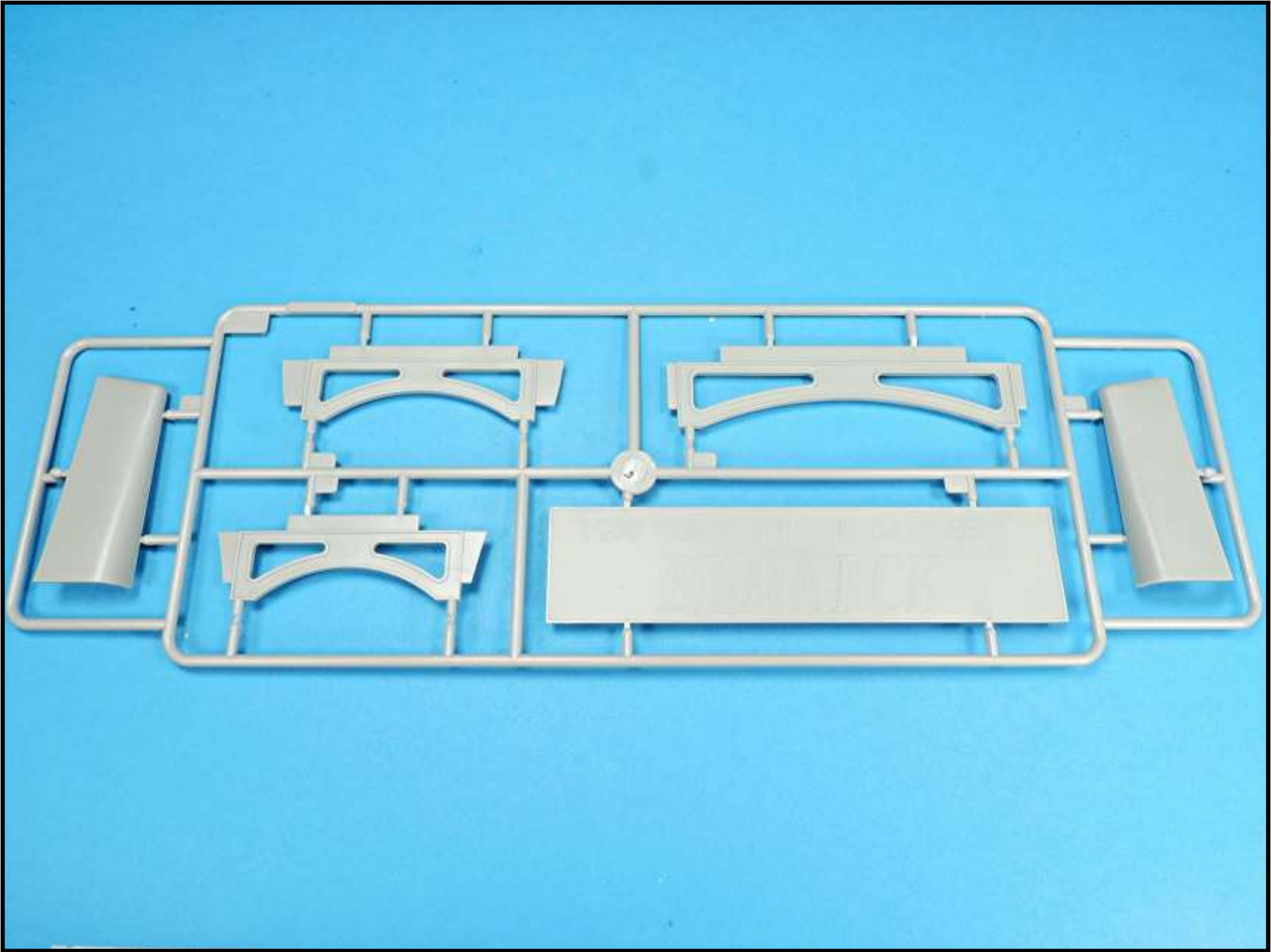
There are two (2) photoetch sheet A's.

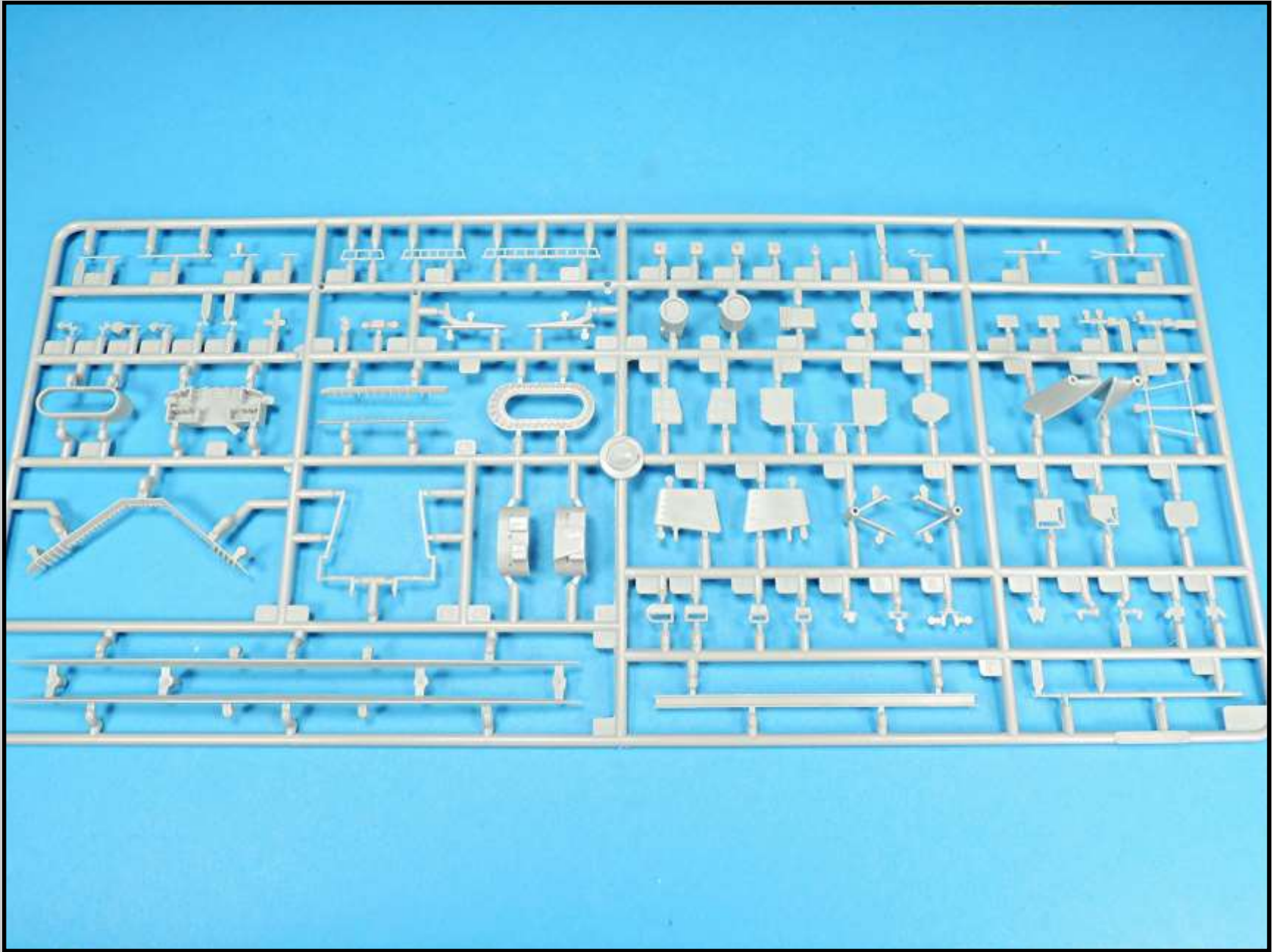


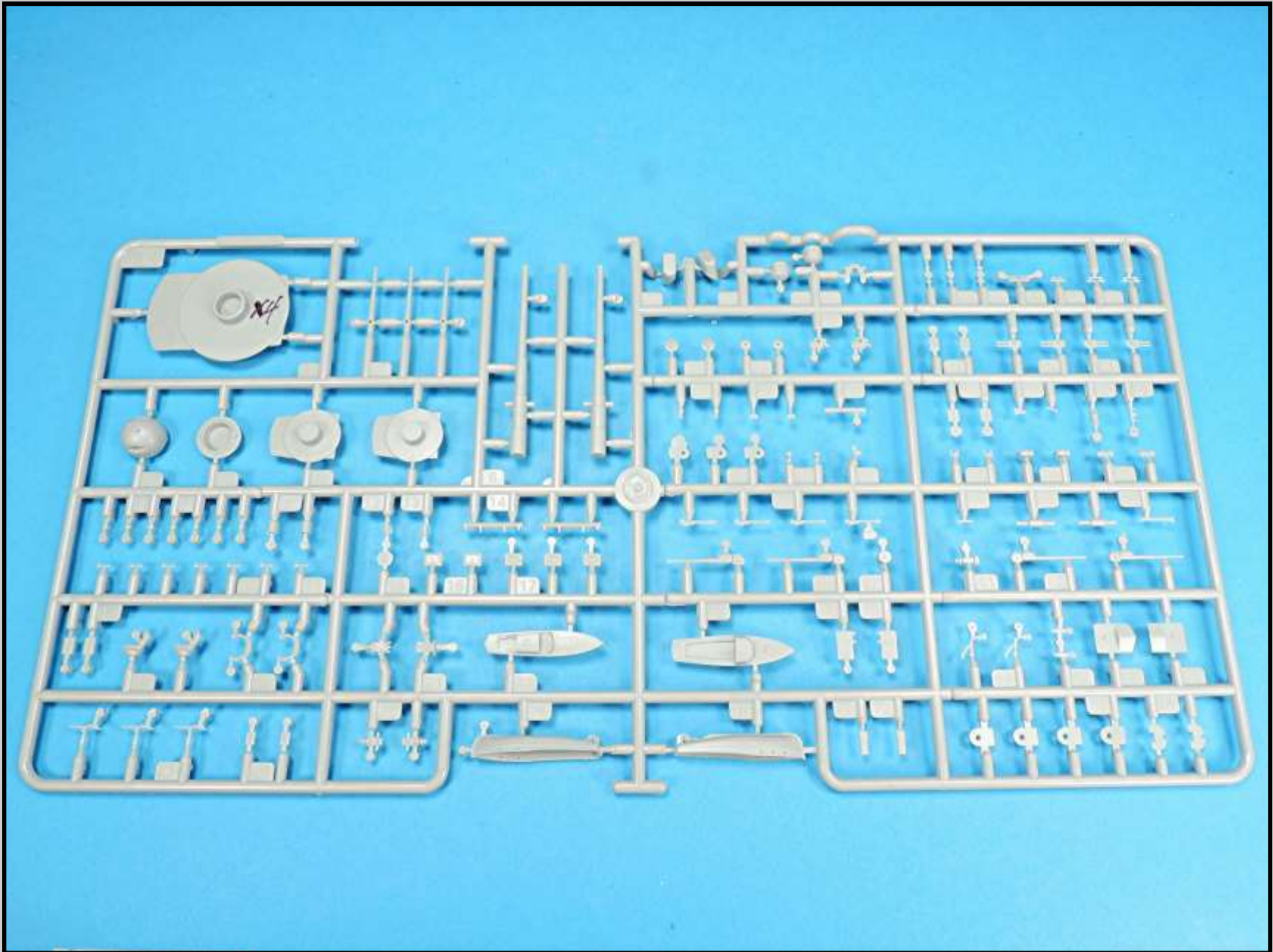
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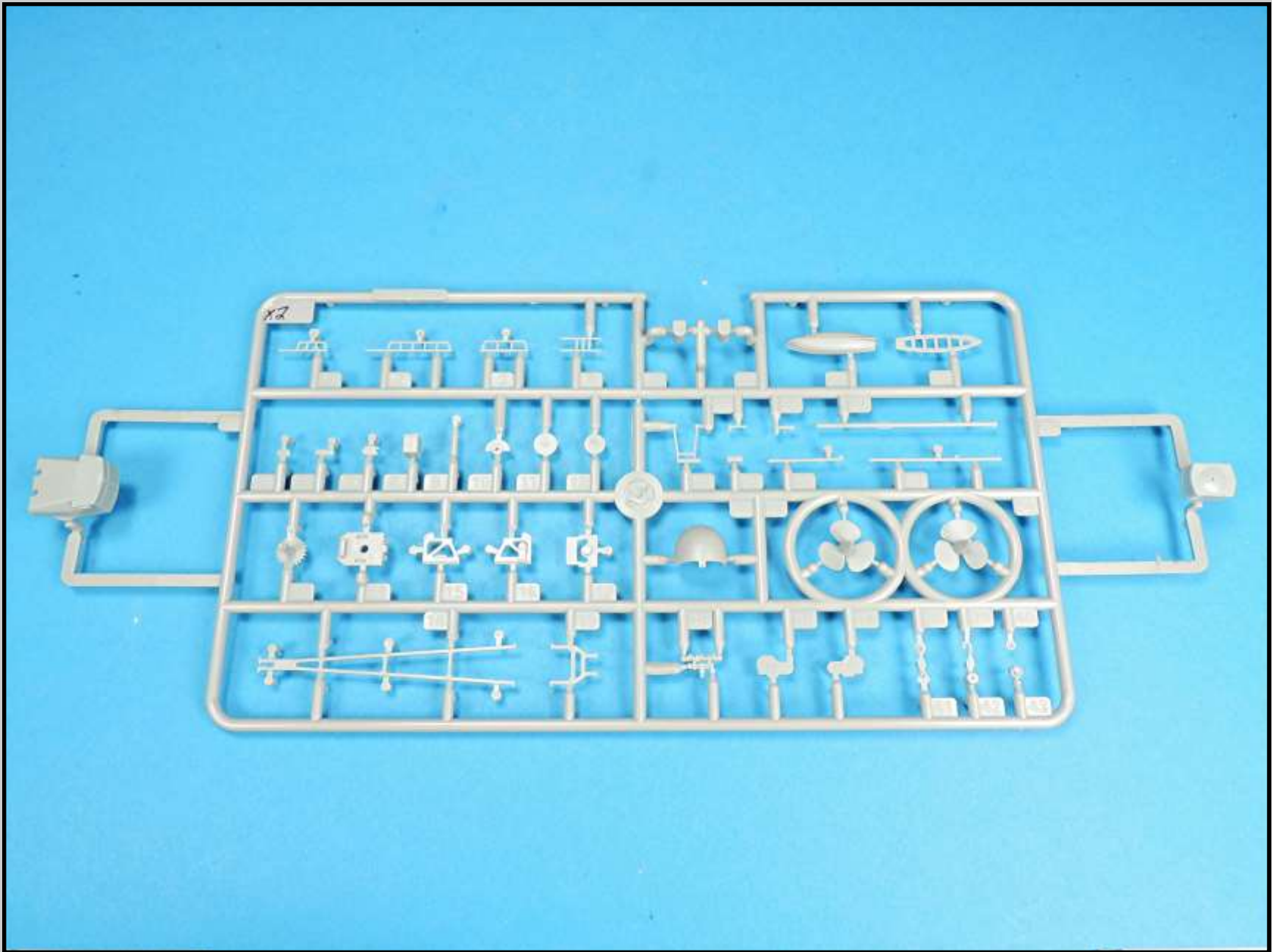
There are two (2) photoetch C's.



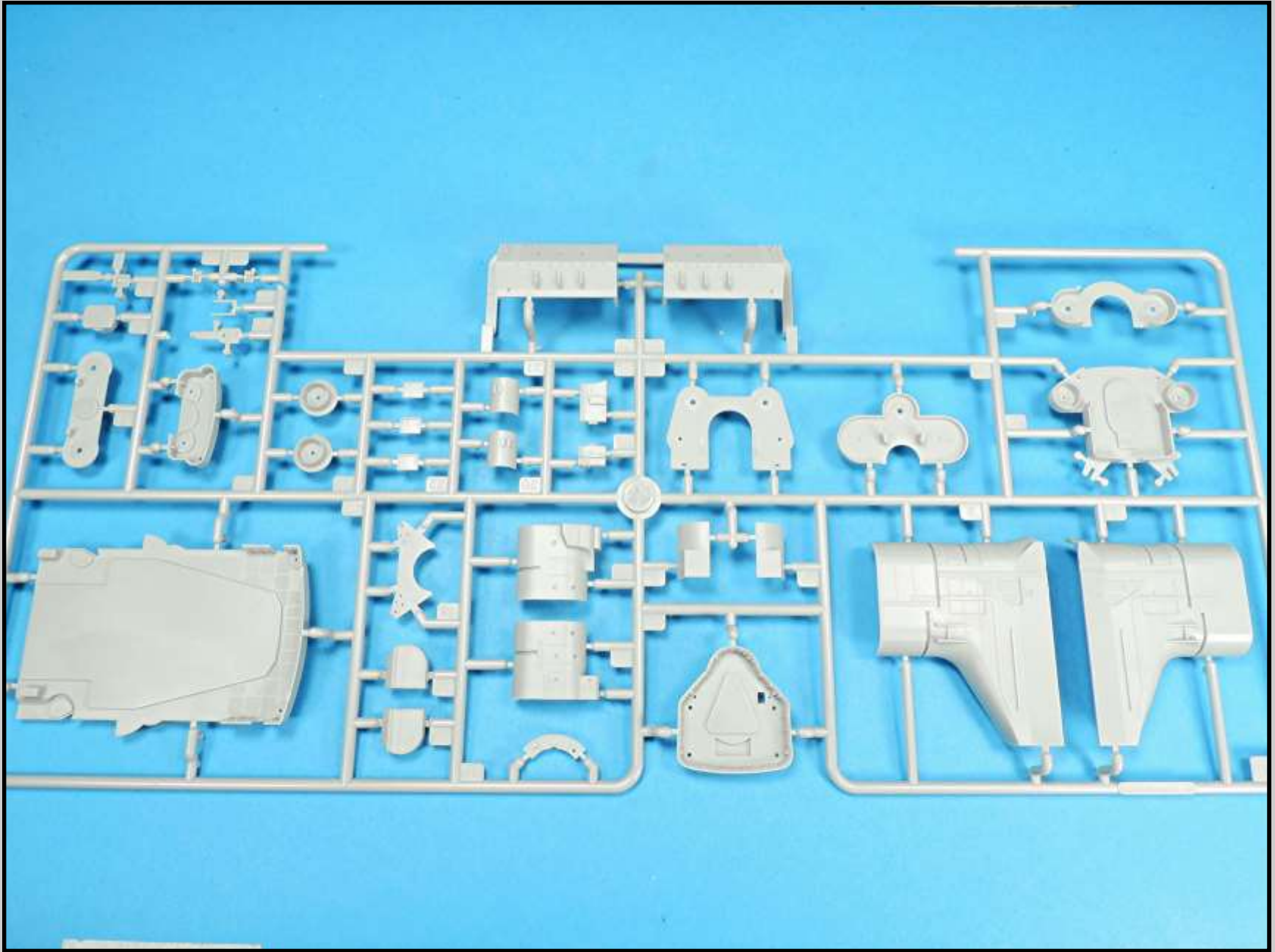


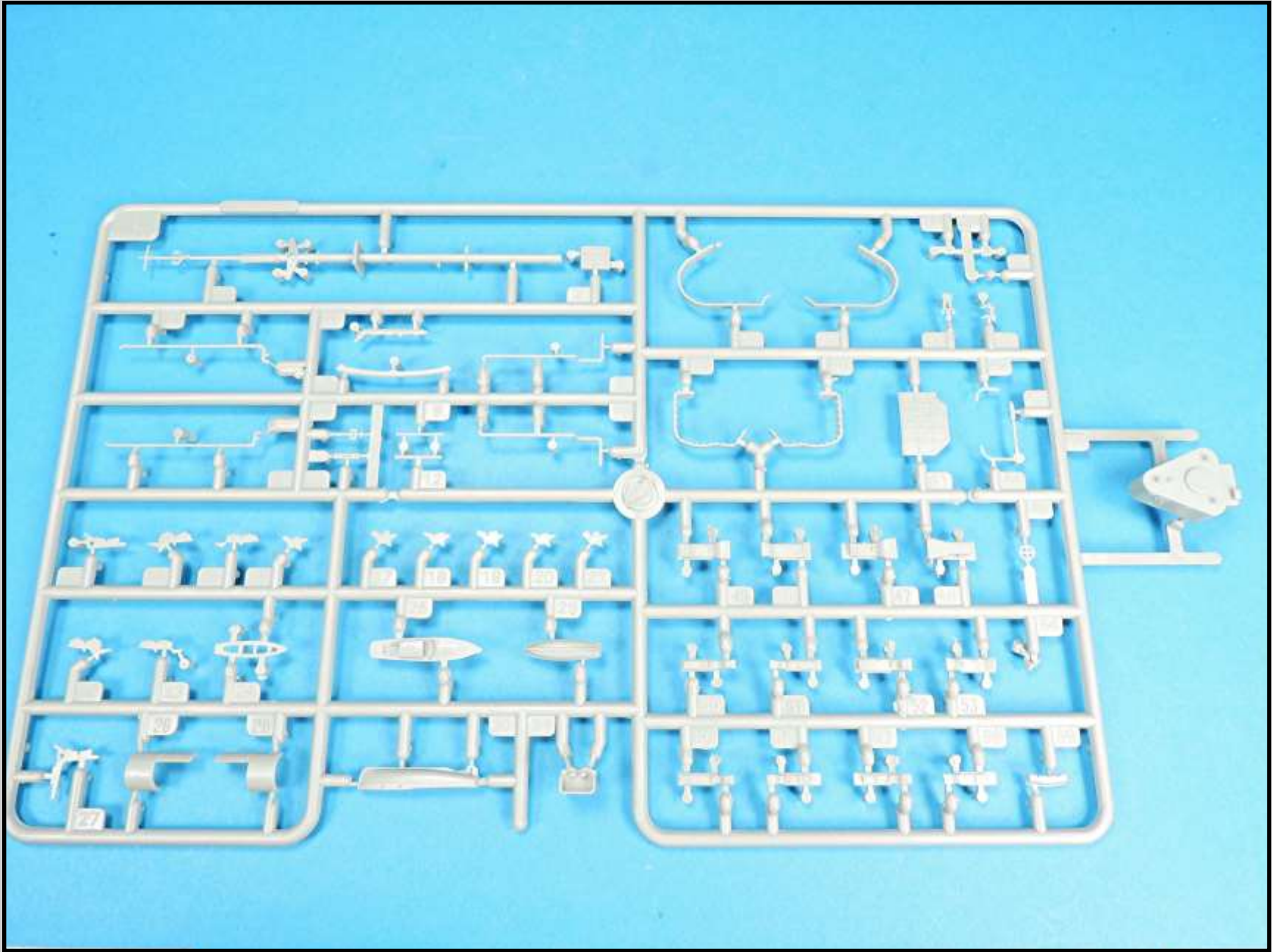


There are four (4) of these sprues.



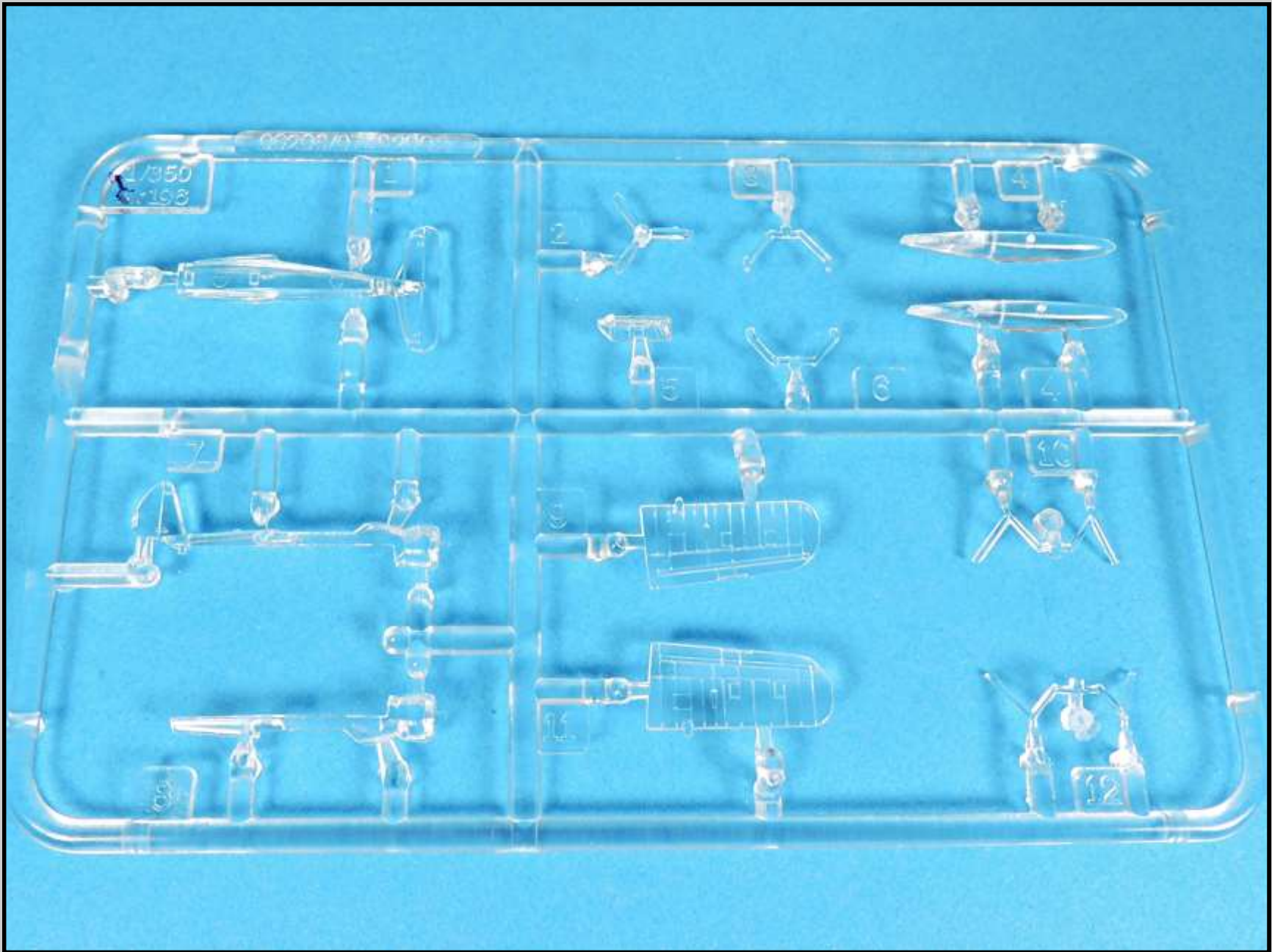
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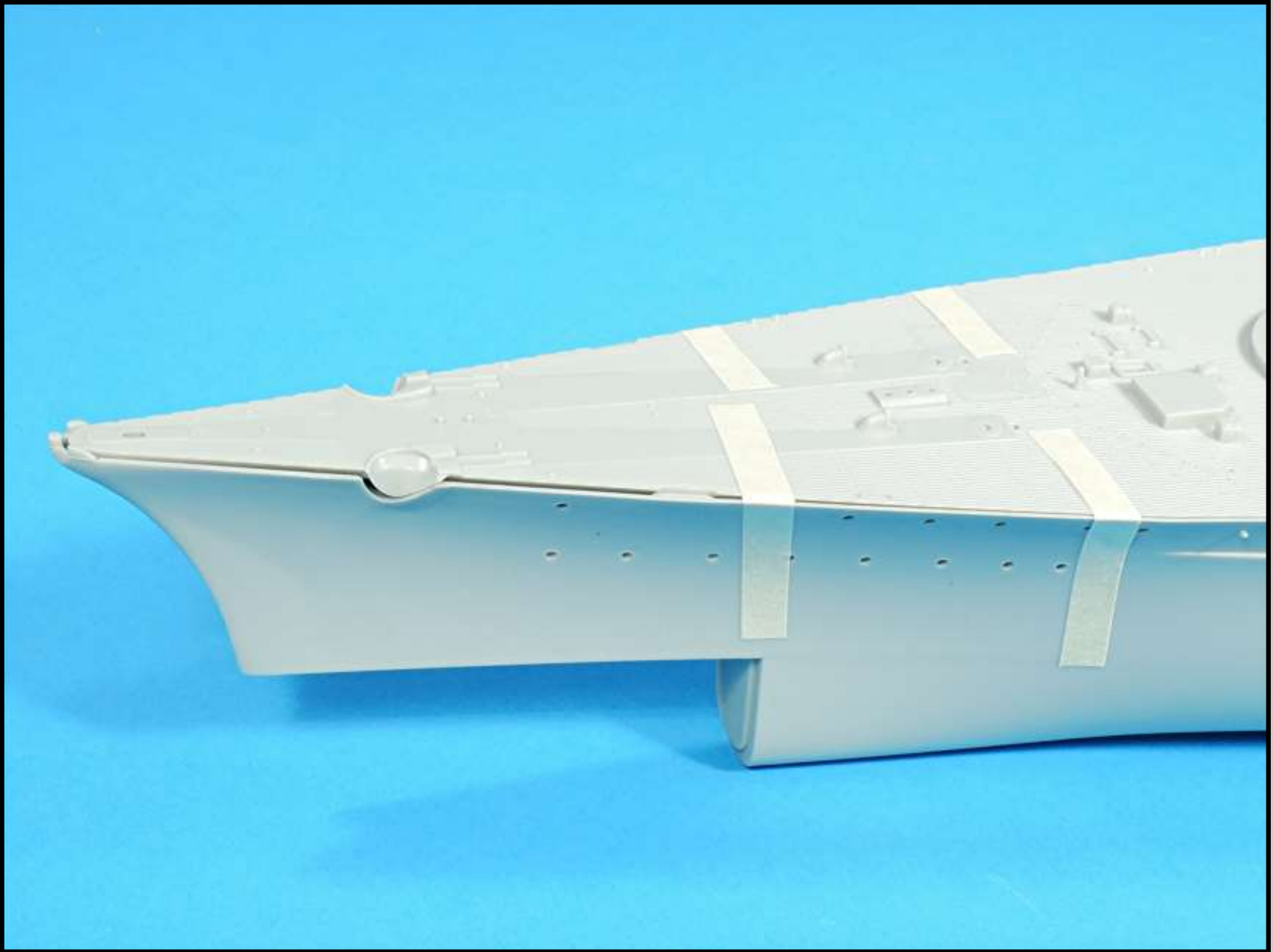
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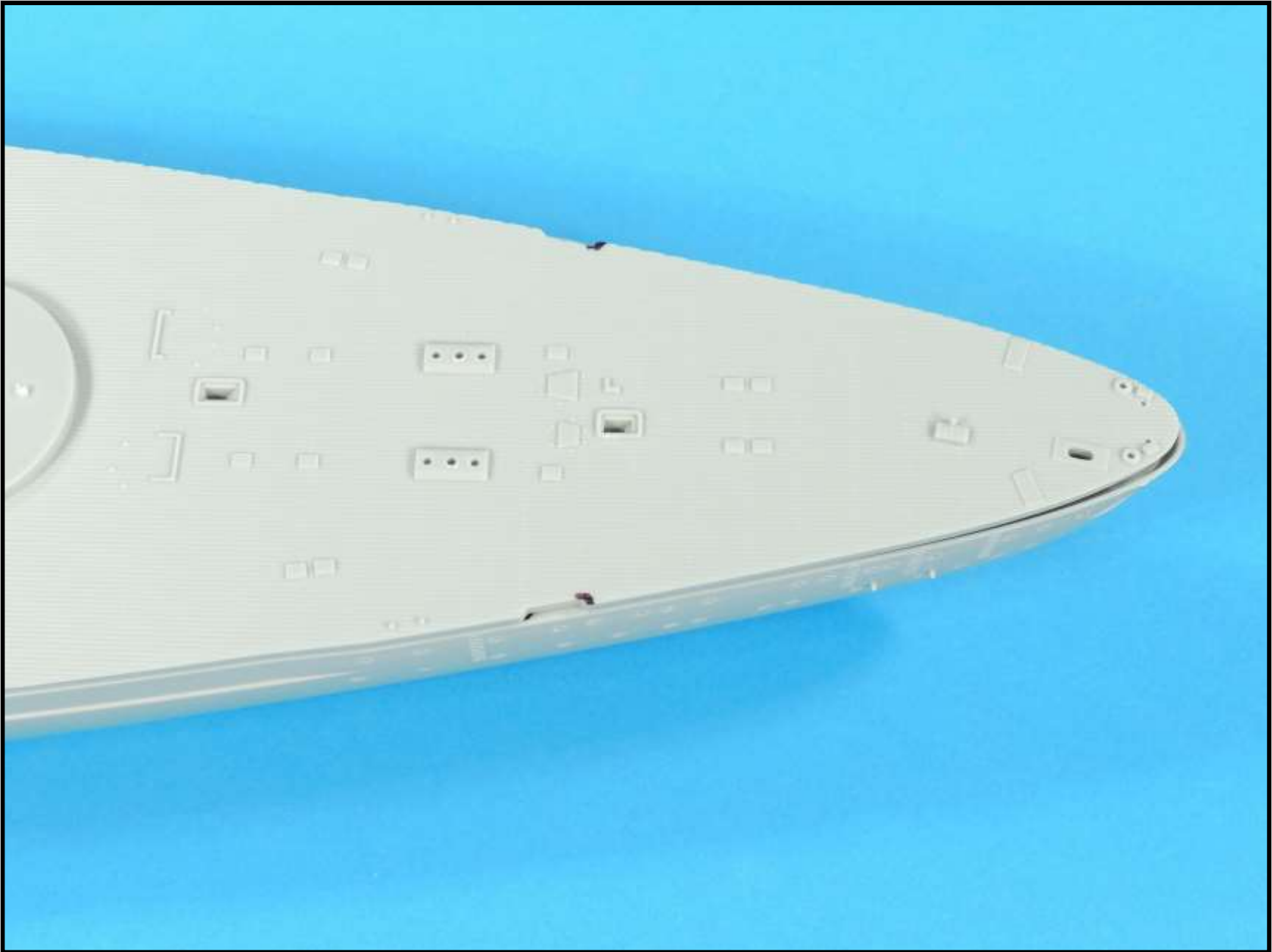
There are two (2) aircraft sprues.



The instructions are well executed with outstanding three dimensional drawings of the assembly sequences. The color sheet is excellent and accurate.



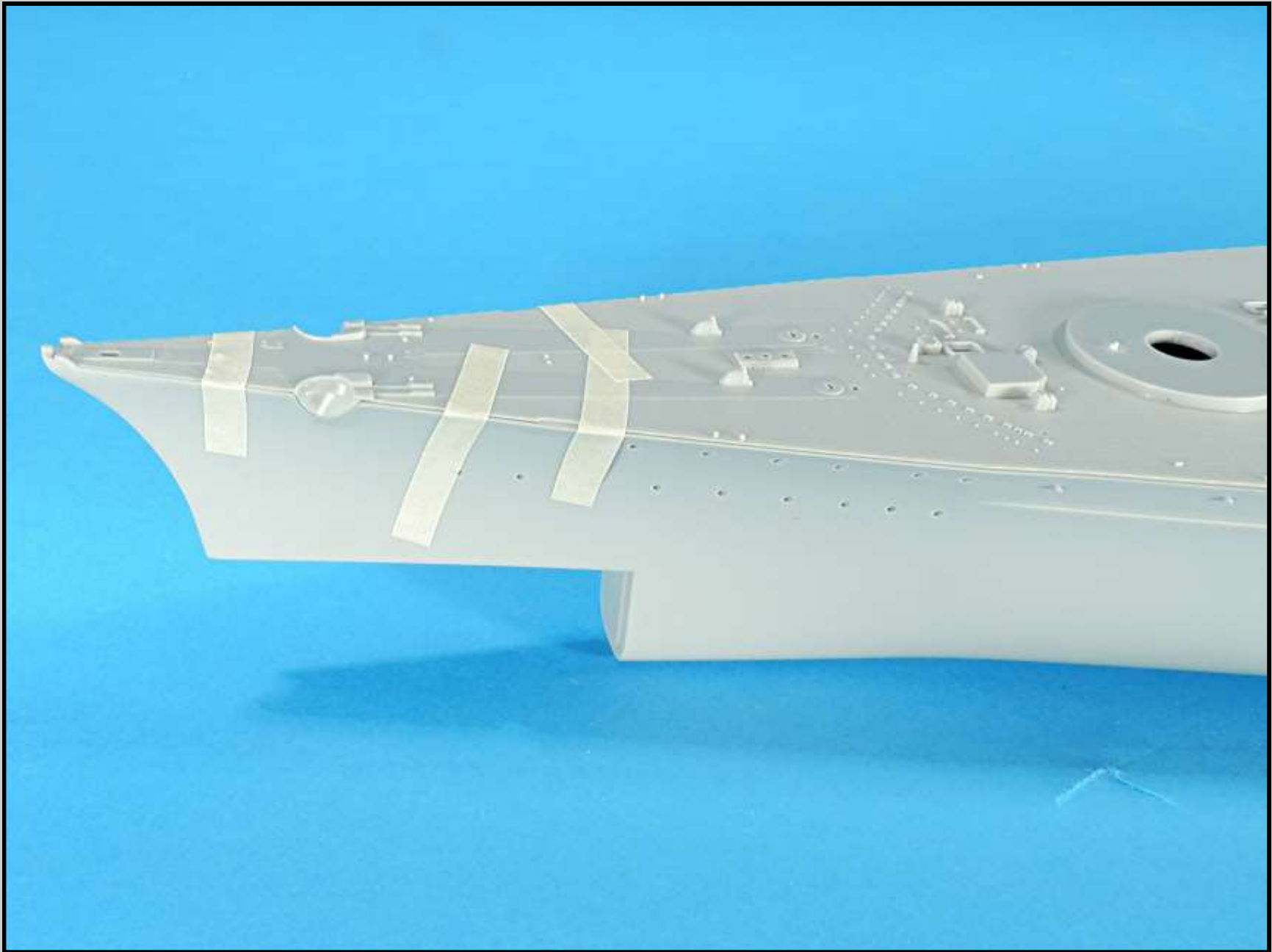
The main deck will not sit snugly onto the hull at the bow.



The problem is at the stern where the deck cut outs are not positioned correctly.



To fix this misalignment issue notch out the aft end of each of the deck cutouts. Remove a tiny bit of plastic at a time and form fit the deck into place. The tiny voids at the stern and at the two cutouts can easily be filled with either super glue or white glue.



With the stern area fixed, the main deck fit at the bow is greatly improved.















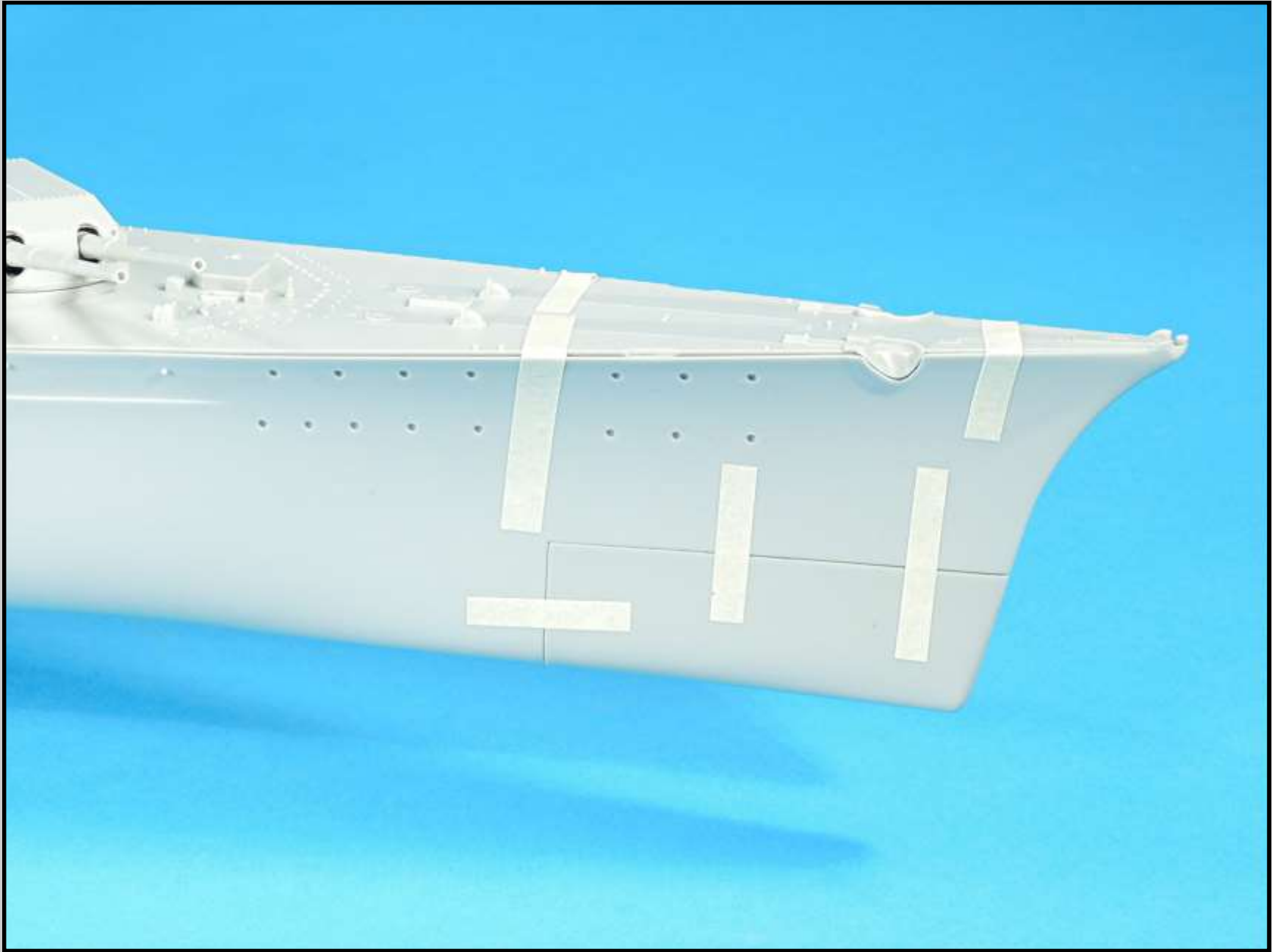






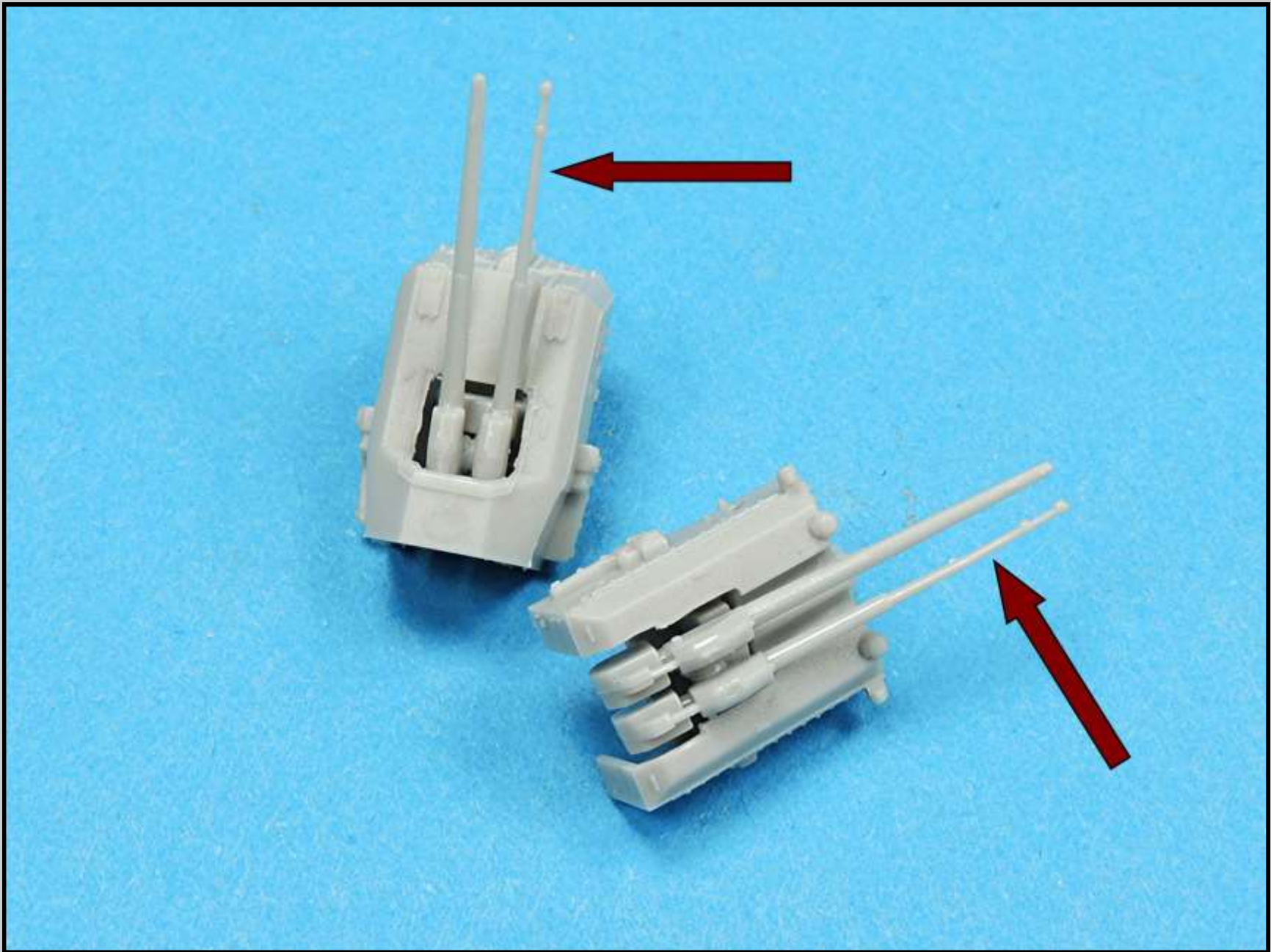








To elevate the main guns, cut off the ends. I also cut off the tops of the gun barrel positioning rings so that the guns could be snapped into place after painting them and the turrets separately.



The right anti-aircraft barrels are badly deformed. I recommend replacing the entire assemblies with parts from a Tamiya Bismarck kit, resin detail sets or 3D printed sets.