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1:8



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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 101: Left Wheel Arch

The wheel arch and sill trim are fixed to the left-hand side of the model.



List of parts:

- 101A** Mount for sill trim
- 101B** Left wheel arch and sill trim
- PS05** Two* 2.3 x 4mm PB screws
- DS02** Five* 2.3 x 4mm PM screws

* Including spare

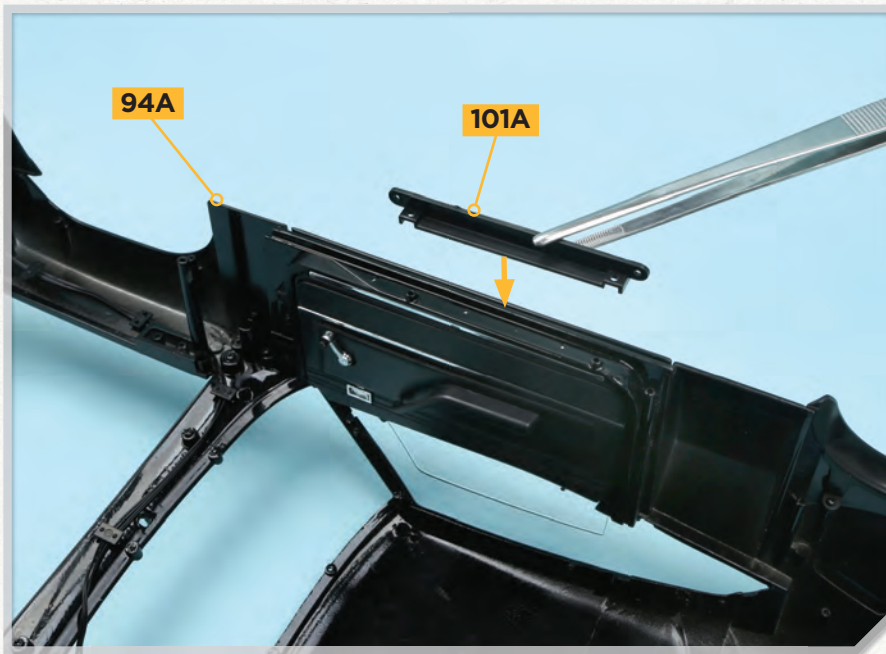
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PM = Pan head for metal

Area of assembly

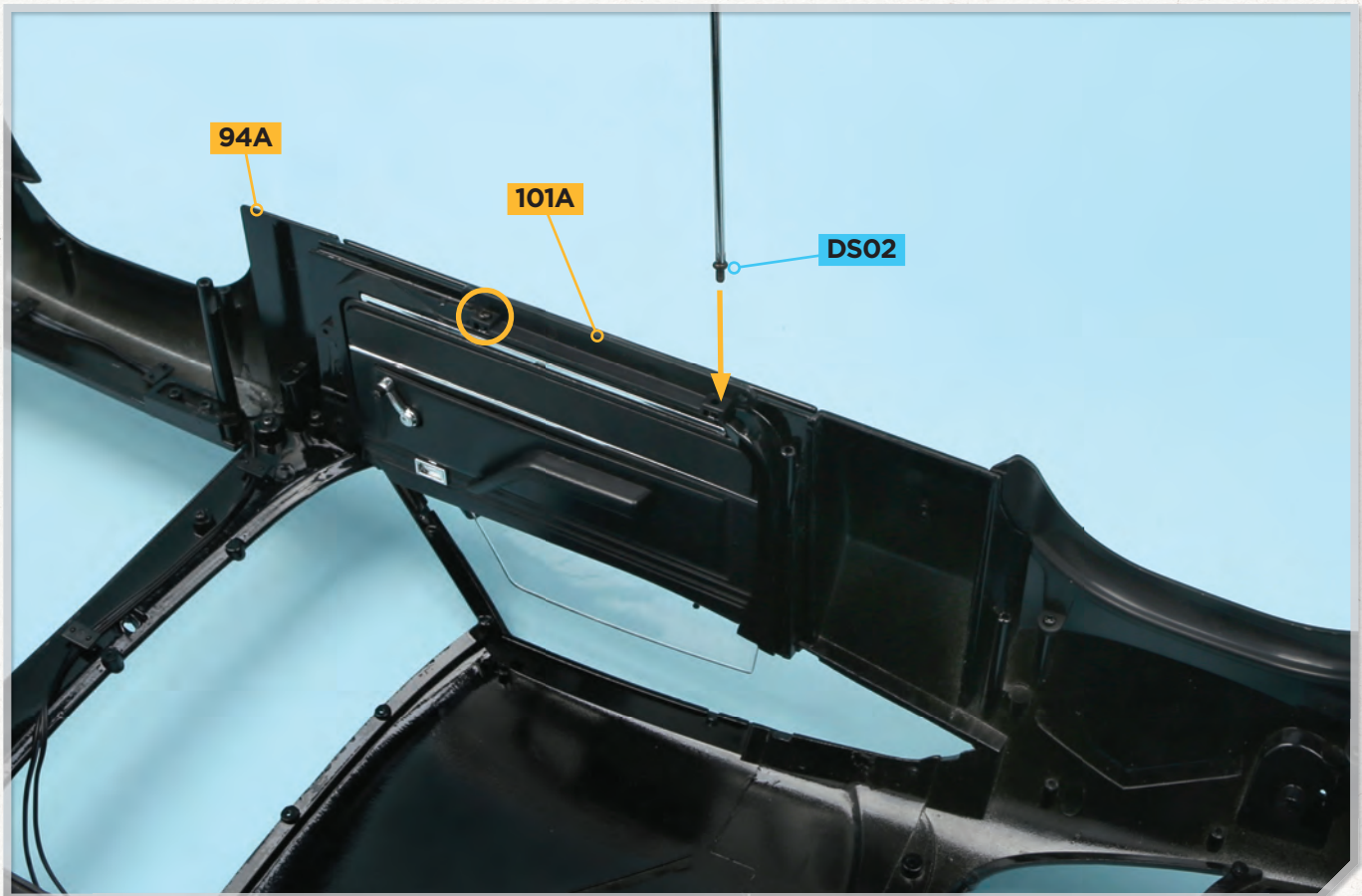


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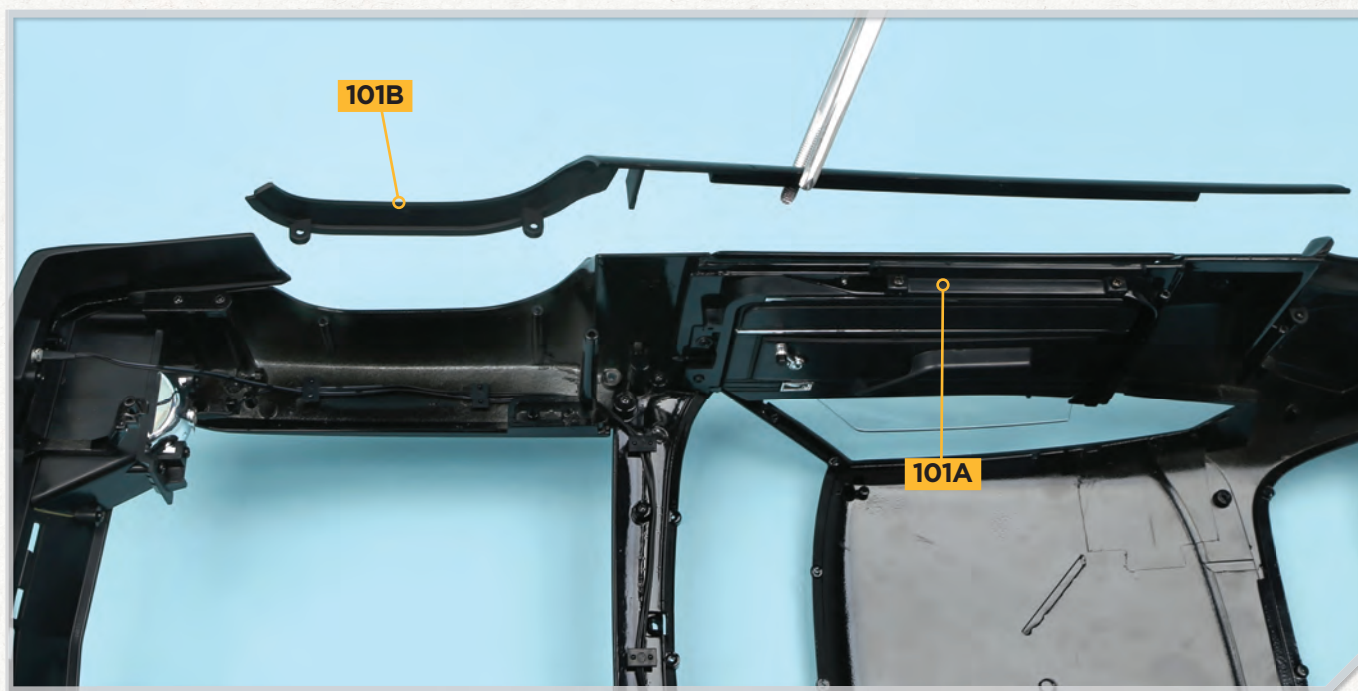
STEP 1

Take the mount plate **101A** and check how it fits to the underside of the car body **94A**, along the sill beneath the left door. The raised flange should be on the outer side of the part, and the raised screw sockets on the car body align with the screw holes in part **101A**.



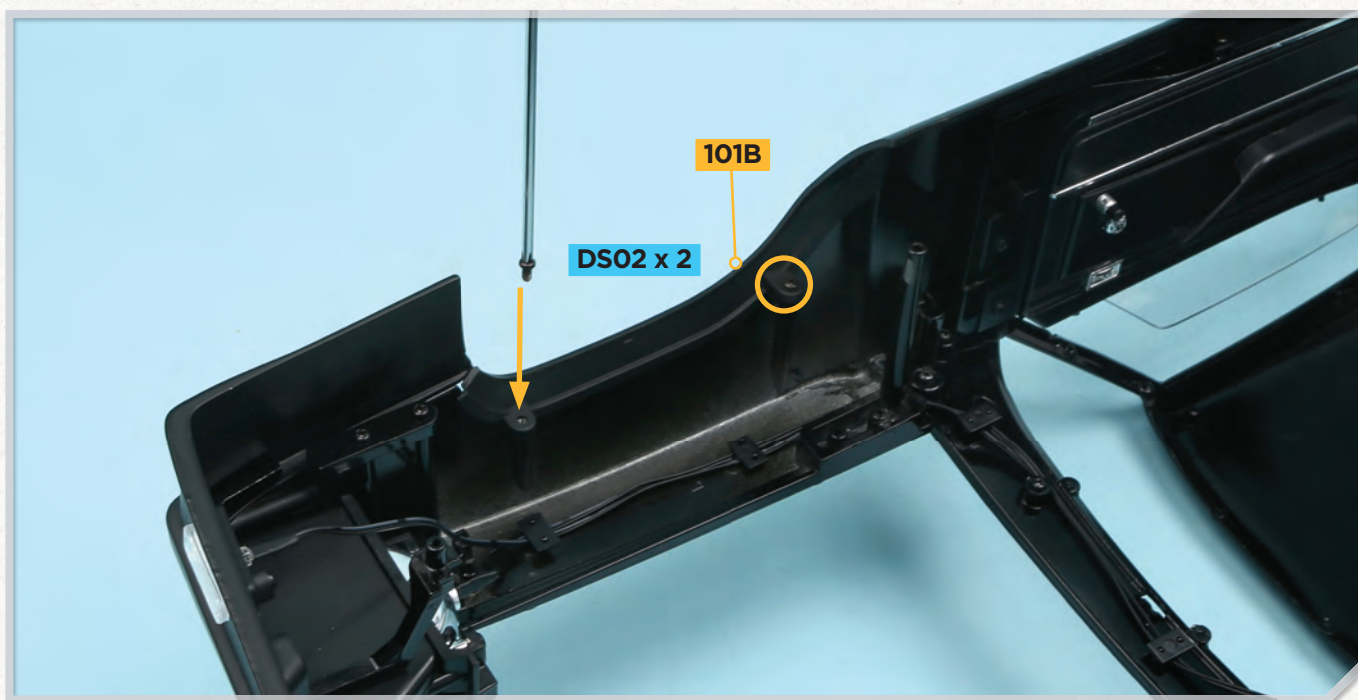
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Fix the mount plate **101A** in place with two **DS02** screws.



STEP 3

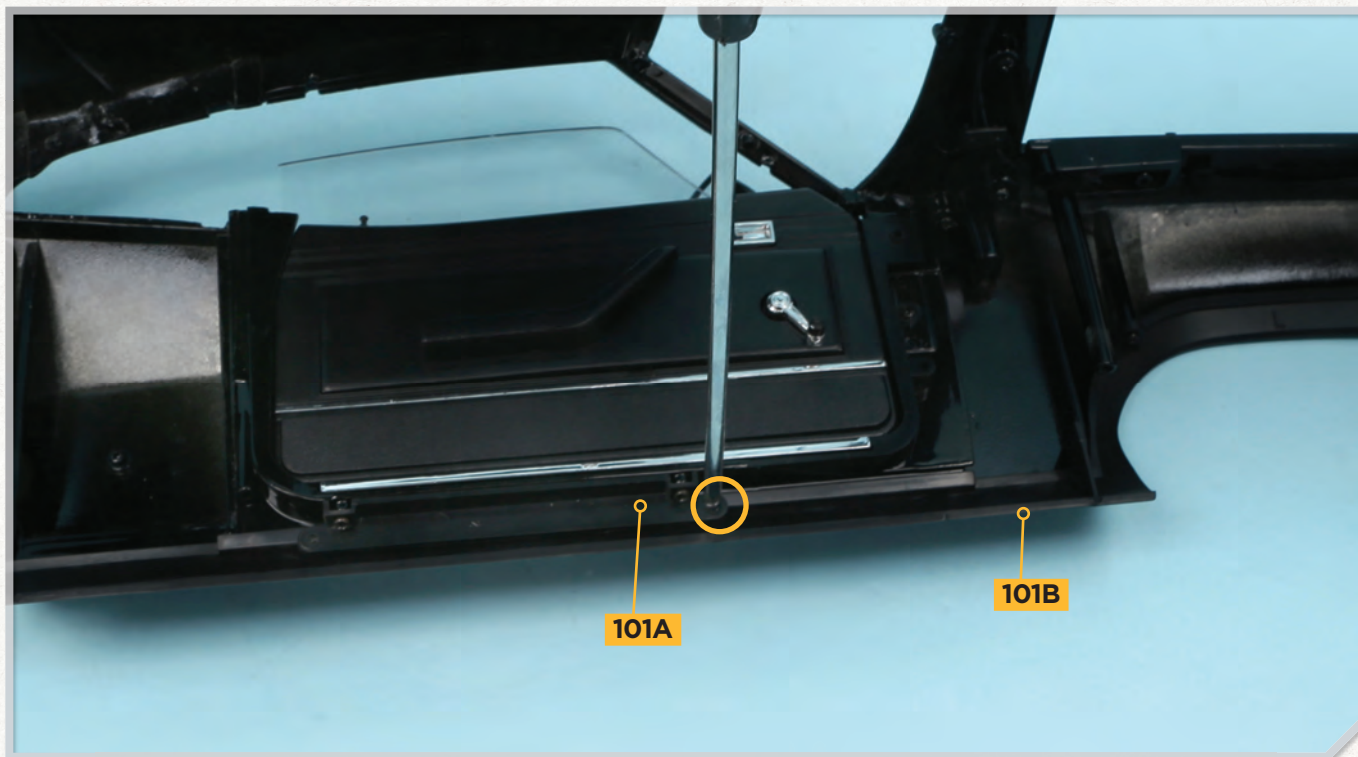
Position the wheel arch and sill trim **101B** along the lower edge of the left-hand side of the car body **94A**. Raised screw sockets on part **101B** align with screw holes in part **101A**.



STEP 4

Fix the wheel arch **101B** in place with two **DS02** screws.

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STEP 5

Fix the sill trim strip of part **101B** to the mount plate **101A** with a **PS05** screw.

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY

The left front wheel arch and left sill trim have been fitted to the body of the model.



Back to the Future (1985)

This hugely successful science fiction movie was the highest grossing film of 1985 and, as Mike Renaut explains, unwittingly made a star of a fairly obscure sports car.

The film follows Californian teenager Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) as he travels back in time to 1955. In 1985, McFly witnesses the death of his friend Emmett 'Doc' Brown (Christopher Lloyd) at the hands of terrorists, and flees in Brown's new time machine. While 30 years in the past McFly meets his teenage parents and is able to alter the course of history to make his parents, and his future self, far more successful.

Originally, the time machine was to have been a refrigerator that made use of atomic energy from a nuclear bomb, but due to concerns that children might be encouraged by the film to climb inside refrigerators, co-writer and director Robert Zemeckis chose to feature a DeLorean DMC-12. Three 1982 DeLoreans were used; a 'hero' car, stunt car and a special effects car. Custom speedometers were created to show speeds beyond 88mph, since the factory

DeLorean's only read up to 85mph. The 88mph figure was chosen as the required speed for time travel because it was "easy to remember and looked cool". The cars were modified to have a home-built feel, since Doc was supposed to have built it in his home workshop. Hundreds of feet of wiring were added to tubing, helicopter parts and electrical components, along with large air vents on the rear. While retaining their original V6 powertrains, a Porsche 928 was used for V8 engine sound effects.

LEGACY

The 'hero' car was mainly used for close-up work and also appeared in the two film sequels in 1989 and 1990. It was then displayed at Universal Studios. It is currently in the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

The stunt car was also used in both sequels. It was deliberately hit by a train in the third film and

left as a pile of parts. Movie car customiser Jay Ohrberg used the remains as a template to construct various replicas, after which the pieces went on display at Planet Hollywood.

The third special effects DeLorean had been cut into sections to allow for interior filming. After being stored at Universal, various parts were removed and used on a replica built for Universal Japan's theme park. It was later sold and supposedly now decorates the lobby of a Japanese office block.

The legacy of the DeLorean time machine continued well beyond the film's cinematic run. Numerous replicas have been built, and the car has become synonymous with the movies, being offered as toys and model kits. Without *Back to the Future* it is unlikely that the DeLorean would be more than a mere footnote in 1980s car history. ■



One of the replica *Back to the Future* time machine DeLoreans on display at The Gadget Show at the NEC in Birmingham in April 2015.

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Neck of fuel tank, fuel cap, hinge, boot door and screws.



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