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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 42:

Transmission Shaft

The two parts of the transmission shaft are joined together and fitted to the model.



Area of assembly

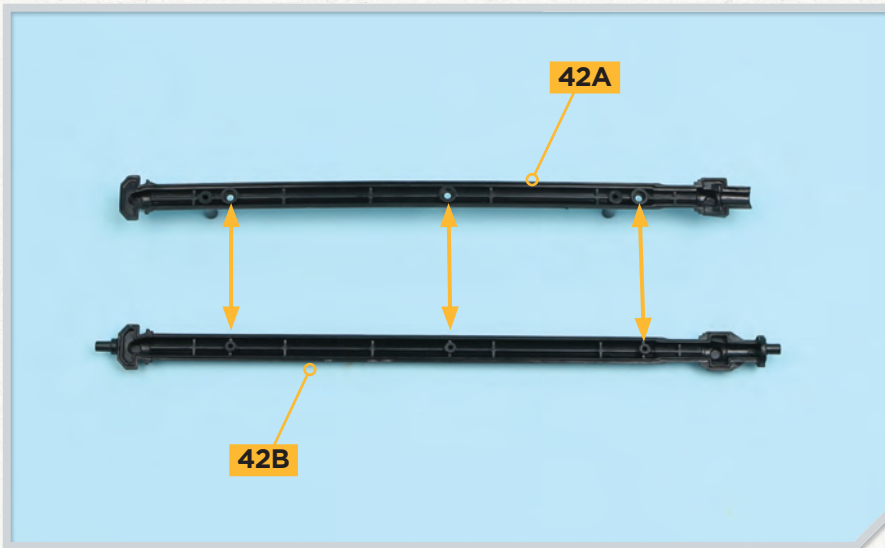


List of parts:

- 42A** Transmission shaft (A)
- 42B** Transmission shaft (B)
- 42C** Support for transmission
- PS14** Eight* 1.8 x 4mm PB screws
- DS02** Three* 2.3 x 4mm PM screws

*Including spare
PB = Pan head for plastic
PM = Pan head for metal

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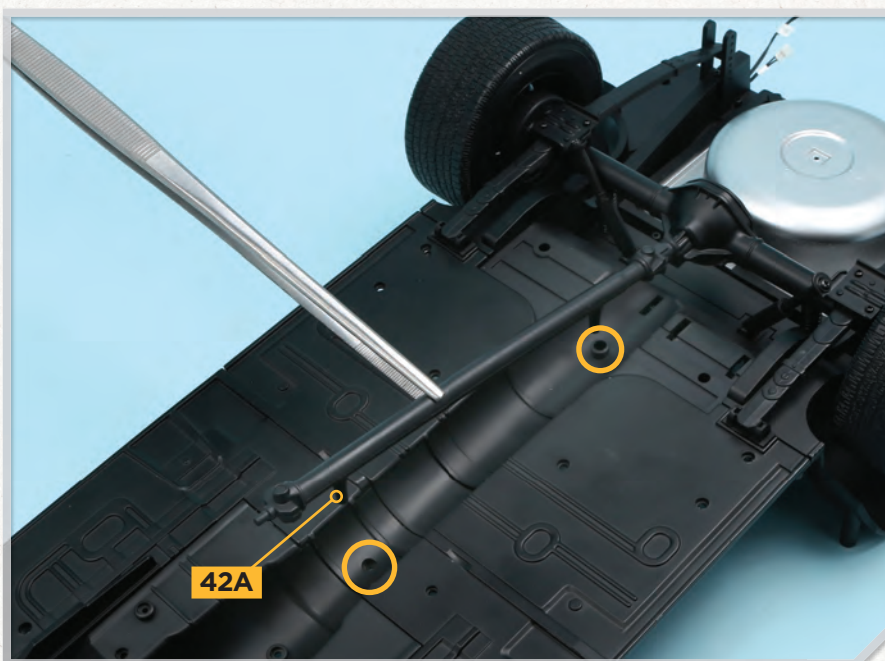


STEP 1

Take the transmission shaft parts **42A** and **42B**. Check how they fit together so that the different shaped ends match and 3 screw holes in part **42A** are aligned with sockets in part **42B**.

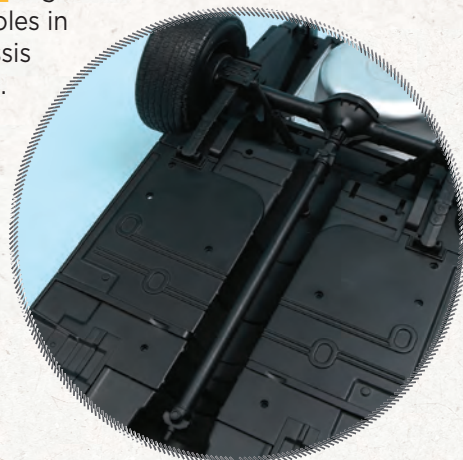
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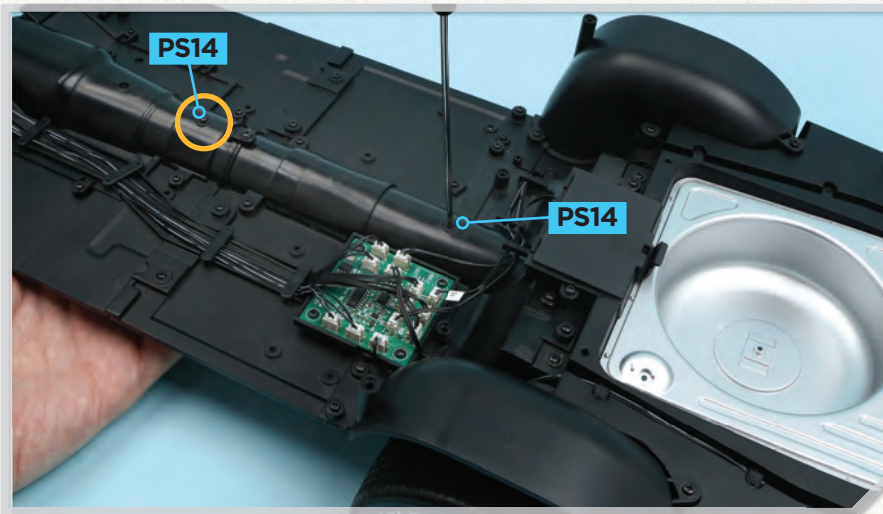
Fix the two shaft parts together with three **PS14** screws, ensuring that the screws are fully tightened.



STEP 3

Take the chassis assembly from the previous issue. Carefully turn it upside down so that you can access the underside. Position the shaft in the transmission hump, fitting the offset peg at one end into the differential on the rear axle. The two raised screw sockets on part **42A** align with screw holes in the chassis (circled).



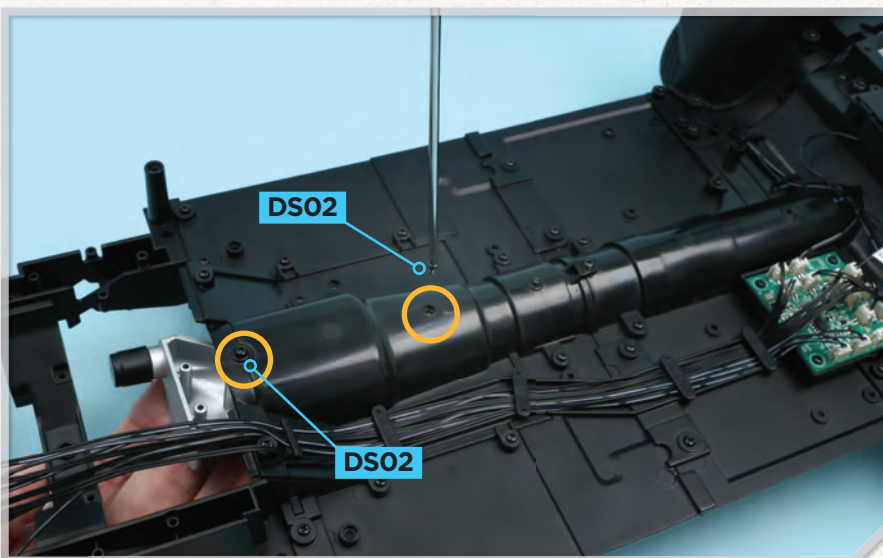
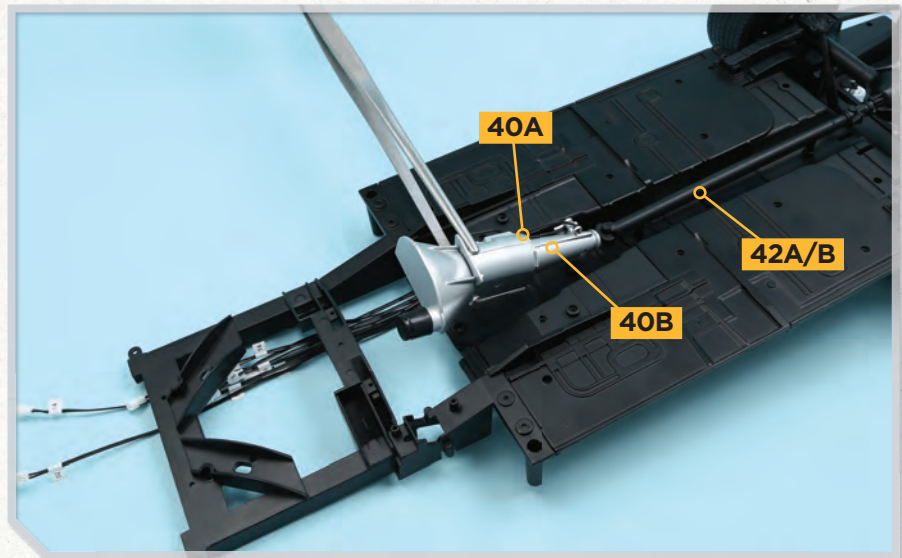


STEP 4

Holding the transmission shaft in place turn the chassis so that you can access the upper side of the transmission hump and fix the transmission shaft in place with two **PS14** screws.

STEP 5

Turn the assembly upside down again and fit the transmission housing assembly from the previous issue at the front of the transmission shaft **42A/B**, so that the peg on the shaft fits into the transmission housing. Note the orientation of the transmission housing **40A/B**.



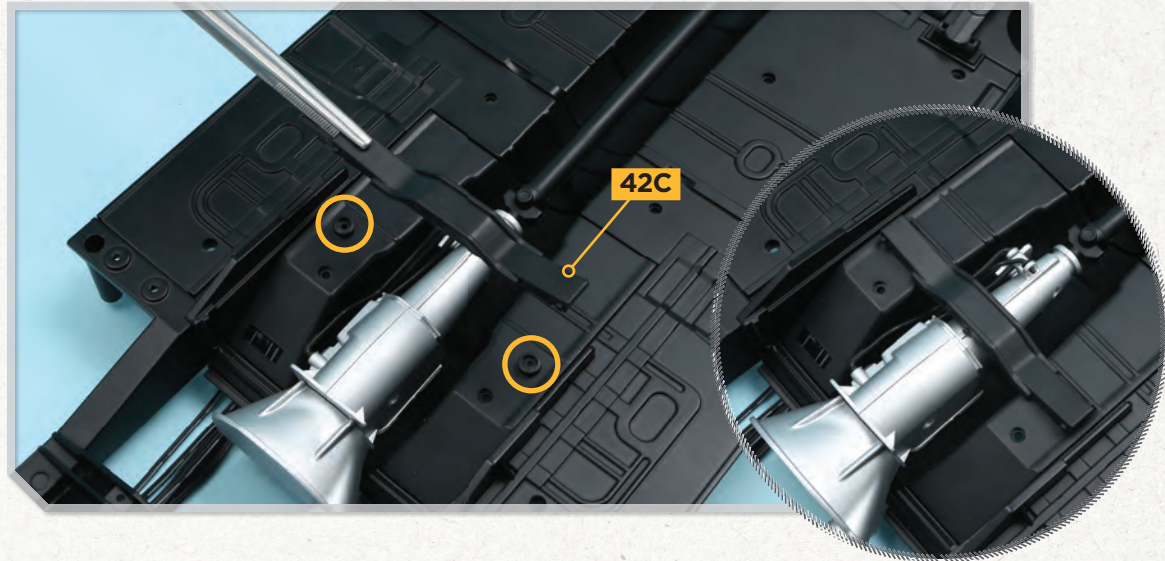
STEP 6

Holding the transmission housing in place, turn the assembly right side up and fix the housing in place with two **DS02** screws.

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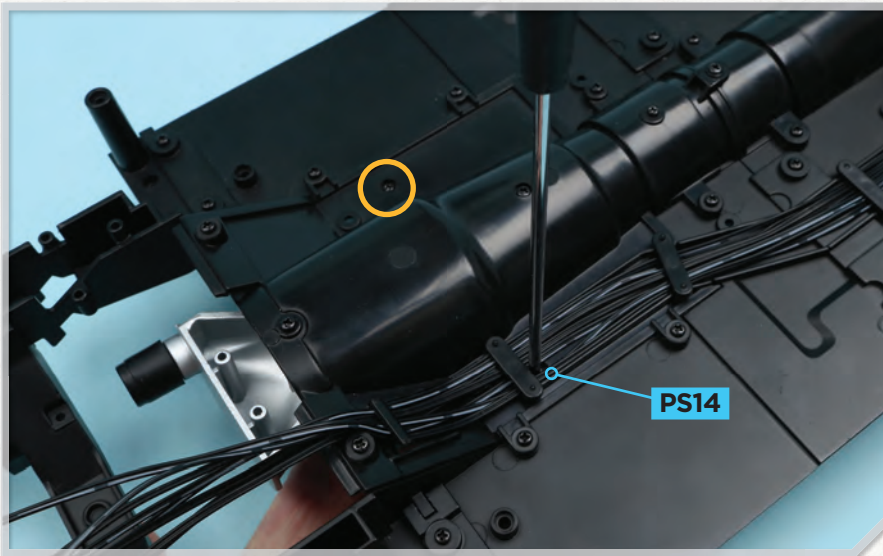
STEP 7

Turning to the underside again, position the support **42C** in place over the neck of the transmission housing so that the screw holes in the support align with screw holes in the chassis (circled).



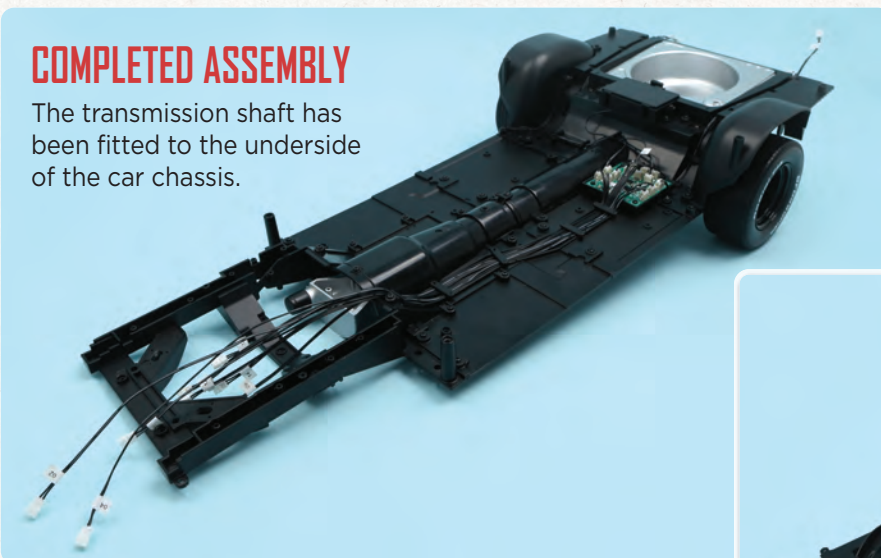
STEP 8

Holding the support in place, turn the assembly right side up and fix the support in place with two **PS14** screws. On the left-hand side of the chassis (on the right in this picture) you will need to draw the cables to one side so that you can access the screw holes.



COMPLETED ASSEMBLY

The transmission shaft has been fitted to the underside of the car chassis.



Transformers (2007)

Transformers were a series of toys by Hasbro that could be converted from everyday cars into fighting robots. First launched in 1983, they appeared in a 2007 science fiction film of the same name, ensured lasting popularity with a whole new generation of fans.

The Autobots are the good guys. They are led by Optimus Prime, who adopts the guise of a circa-1994 Peterbilt 379 conventional, although since the three vehicles used were all of different vintages the exact year isn't clear. It also uses the sleeper from a 359. The star of the film is Bumblebee, a scruffy 1976 Chevrolet Camaro aptly named for its yellow paintwork with black stripes. The production company used three Camaro's, all with 330bhp small block V8 crate engines. Bumblebee later upgrades into a fifth-generation 2007 Camaro, which is anything but! In reality this car was a replica of the 2009 Camaro concept car. Since the real thing was over two years away from release to the public, General Motors supplied two fibreglass replica bodies to Saleen Speciality Vehicles, who built the Bumblebees on new Pontiac GTO chassis. Even the large five-spoke alloy wheels were in fact disguised wheelcovers on steel rims. The 2010-model production Camaro was offered with a Transformers Special Edition package that replicated the movie car. Available for any Camaro ordered in Rally Yellow, it included Autobot badges and wheel centre shields along with Transformers logos inside and on the exterior stripes. Around 1,900 were produced.

Other Autobot players include Jazz, a 2006 Pontiac Solstice, Ratchet a Hummer H2 ambulance

and Ironhide, who is a 2006 GMC Topkick C4500 pickup.

Battling them are the evil Decepticons with their leader Megatron; a Cybertronian jet plane and his second, a Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor stealth fighter jet called Starscream. On the ground is Bonecrusher; a General Dynamics Buffalo H Mine-Protected six-wheel truck. Meanwhile, Barricade is a Saleen S281 in police guise. It was apparently important to Ford that this villainous robot wasn't portrayed as a Mustang, despite the Saleen being obviously based on the Mustang, since the rival Camaro naturally wins the battle. The film's production artists designed the robots based on their real-world vehicle sizes. A deal was made with General Motors who supplied almost 200 vehicles to the production – some \$3 million worth. The US Air Force and Army loaned F-117, F-22 and V-22 Osprey aircraft, as well as providing uniformed soldiers as extras.

AFTERLIFE

One of the three screen-used 1976 Bumblebees was auctioned for charity on eBay raising \$40,100. The film's director, Michael Bay, apparently kept two Bumblebees and a Barricade. The military vehicles were returned to military service and another of the trucks was sold off and converted into a cement mixer. It's also understood that Paramount kept some of the



Chevrolet's Bumblebee transformer, which featured in the third film sequel: *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* (2011).

less modified vehicles on their backlot for future use and at least one of the Bumblebees went to a car museum.

Transformers became the fifth highest grossing film of 2007 while Hasbro, the toy company behind the craze, marketed a range of robots based on the film and sold \$480 million worth of merchandise in 2007 alone. Of course, such success led to several sequels. ■

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The trunk floor is fixed in place, and pipes for the fuel tank are added to the assembly.

• CUSTOM MADE

Hot rodding has always been a specialist hobby and it took a while to catch on in Britain. Cars were still a luxury for many people in the 1960s, and any modification that made a car less practical took careful consideration.

NEW PARTS

Trunk floor, fuel tank filling pipe, fuel tank breather pipe and screws.



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