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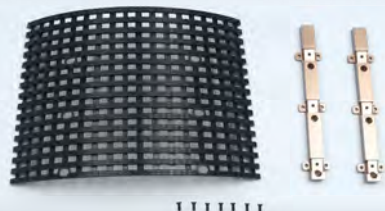
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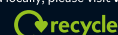


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RESOLUTION

**A deadly
Reconnaissance Scout
Dalek is revived and
threatens the Earth.**

**New Year's Day Special
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A savage and bloody battle takes place in ninth-century Britain in Hope Valley. Three enemy tribes join forces to fight and destroy a strange opponent. The tribal leaders agree to divide the body of their enemy into three pieces and bury them at opposite ends of the world, with the pieces to be guarded by successive generations. One is buried on Anuta Island in the South Pacific.

The second is buried in Siberia, Russia. But the third custodian is killed by thieves in South Yorkshire, England. That piece is lost to history.

On New Year's Day 2019, two archaeologists, Lin and Mitch, are working beneath Sheffield town hall. They shyly admit that they are romantically attracted to each other. "This is my favourite year ever, already!" Mitch says, grinning. Among the objects that have been exhumed is an organic specimen that has been placed inside a plastic bag. It begins to glow after being placed beneath an ultraviolet light. At the same time, the burial sites on Anuta Island and Siberia begin to tremble. The plastic





bag goes missing. Thinking that a rat may have taken it, Lin searches through the dark sewers with a torch. She finds a horrific creature with many tentacles spread out on a wall. It pulsates and stares at Lin with a single eye...

The Doctor picks up an alien energy signal in the TARDIS that indicates multiple teleportations are taking place on Earth. She materialises the TARDIS at the site in Sheffield. Mitch is amazed as



the Doctor, Yaz, Graham and Ryan exit the police box. Lin shows them the place where she saw the creature but it has now vanished. The Doctor takes a sample of its residue. She tells Lin and Mitch to leave and to put the site into quarantine.

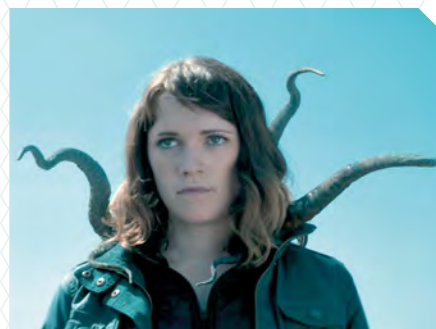
The Doctor takes the TARDIS to Graham's house. Ryan is dismayed to find his estranged father Aaron at the front door. Ryan is upset that Aaron failed to show up for the funeral of Ryan's grandmother. They go to a nearby café to talk.

Lin returns to her home and staggers into the bathroom. She removes her coat to find the alien creature wrapped around her back. "I am your pilot now," it says, "I have control of your body." The creature forces Lin to open her laptop. It quickly uses the internet to examine humanity's history, technology and weapons.

The Doctor completes her scan of the residue and is horrified to learn that it comes from a Dalek. She tells her friends that there is no more dangerous creature in the universe.

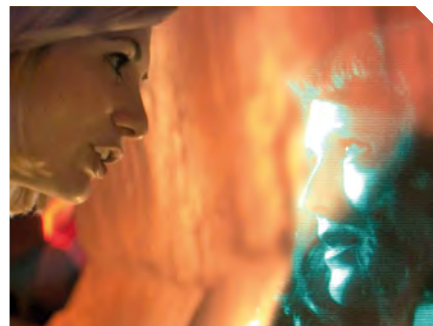
Lin heads down a motorway in her car, going well over the speed limit. A police car pulls her over. The Dalek mutant kills the two police officers and makes Lin steal one of their uniforms. Lin resumes her journey, this time in the police car.

In the café, Aaron shows Ryan a microwave oven he is selling. Ryan is reluctant to talk to his father who he hasn't seen in years. Aaron tells him that he is ashamed of how he abandoned Ryan.



Mitch is brought aboard the TARDIS. He tells them about the Order of the Custodians and the story of the Battle of Hope Valley. The Doctor scans for the Dalek's DNA and realises that the Dalek is manipulating Lin.

Lin drives the Dalek mutant to a warehouse owned by MDZ, a company that researches weapons. It finds a Dalek gunstick and also steals some missiles. The Doctor contacts the mutant via the TARDIS and confirms that it is a Reconnaissance Scout – an advanced form of Dalek sent out from Skaro to locate inhabited worlds. The Doctor tells Lin to keep fighting the Dalek.



AUTOMATIC DALEK

The Reconnaissance Scout Dalek marked the first time a lead Dalek was not operated by an actor in *Doctor Who*. "Arwel [Wyn Jones, production designer] had the task of designing the new Dalek and he wanted to make it completely remote-controlled," director Wayne Yip explained. "His main objective was to try to make the Dalek do things that, because of the limitation of somebody inside it, you'd never seen before – like longer journeys and movements. It just had a more mechanical feel to it." This special Dalek offered new challenges: "I had to communicate with two people. One person was controlling the Dalek's movement and another person was controlling the gun and the eyestalk. Sometimes they'd be over the other side of a large space and I'd be shouting, 'Eyestalk! Eyestalk up!'"



ACTING ALONE

Actor Charlotte Ritchie found the scenes where her character Lin interacted with the Dalek mutant very challenging. "It felt quite solitary because there are lots of scenes of me dealing with the monster alone," she said. The actor had an animatronic prop attached to her back which was later augmented with computer graphics: "I looked for a lot of assurance but tried not to ask too much, because you get the feeling that everybody knows that you don't quite know what you're doing! I think it's risky to say it's too difficult, because it's a really great job to do, but I did find it very hard."





The Doctor attempts to track Lin's route by hacking the motorway cameras, but the Dalek destroys them. The Doctor tries to contact UNIT for help but a woman named Polly at a call centre tells her that all UNIT operations have been suspended pending a budget review. "We're on our own," the Doctor tells her friends.

The mutant and Lin travel to a secluded industrial workshop. The Dalek kills its owner. Using Lin, the Dalek begins to build a new casing for itself. Hours pass and the physical stress causes the mutant to weaken. Lin fights its control. The Doctor, Yaz, Ryan and Mitch track the mutant to the workshop. They find Lin on the floor. The mutant is gone.



The Doctor tells the others to retreat. She confronts the Dalek, now wearing its makeshift armour. "The fleet will be summoned," it says. The Doctor blocks its gunstick with her sonic screwdriver but the Dalek overcomes the jamming. The Doctor dodges its energy blasts. The Dalek takes to the air and departs.

The TARDIS returns to Graham's house to collect him. An astonished Aaron also comes aboard and learns that his son has been travelling through the universe. Aaron suggests that they use parts of his microwave to attack the Dalek.

The Dalek enters a military training area and attacks a squad of soldiers. Their gunfire has no effect, and the Dalek kills them all. When it is challenged by a tank, it deflects its shell with a missile. Satisfied, it heads for GCHQ, the country's biggest communications resource. The Dalek invades the complex and prepares to send a transmission to the Dalek fleet. The TARDIS arrives, protected by a force field. The Doctor tells the Dalek, "Earth is protected by me and my mates, this year and every other." The Doctor and her friends dodge the Dalek's energy blasts and attach pieces of the microwave to its armour. They increase the armour's temperature until it explodes. But the Dalek mutant has survived and attaches itself to Aaron. It demands that the Doctor return it to the Dalek fleet. She agrees and they return to the TARDIS.

In space, the Doctor opens the TARDIS doors. She tells the mutant that the Dalek fleet is outside, but it is in fact a star going



supernova. The Doctor has created a small vacuum corridor to pull the Dalek mutant outside, but it hangs on to Aaron. He is pulled to the doors. Ryan goes to help his father and tells him that he loves him. Aaron gains the strength to break free and the mutant is pulled into the star.

The Doctor and her friends return to the site in Sheffield. Aaron says goodbye to Ryan, and the pair hug each other. Lin and Mitch watch awestruck as the TARDIS vanishes.



DALEK SECRETS

The presence of the Dalek was a closely guarded secret during the making of *Resolution*. The word 'Dalek' was never used in the shooting scripts, and was replaced by the codename 'Kevin'. Actor Nikesh Patel, who played Mitch, recalled, "I asked them to send me through a script and it was a cracking read, but also a confusing read. It was a really tense horror thriller, but this buried ancient tentacled evil was only referred to by a codename! As someone who was not a die-hard *Who* fan, I thought, 'That's a step too far, surely?'" The secrecy continued when the cast was brought together for the first time: "In the readthrough, Jodie [Whittaker] stuck with the codename, although with hindsight she did it with a wry smile."



Nikesh Patel as Mitch.

RECONNAISSANCE SCOUT DALEK

When the Daleks finally achieved interstellar space flight centuries ago, the Emperor Dalek declared that a new, elite breed of Dalek was to be created: the Reconnaissance Scout.

The Reconnaissance Scouts were few in number. They were dispatched from Skaro, each one travelling alone in a small spacecraft. Their mission was to search for mineral-rich planets that would serve as future resources for the Dalek empire and report back to Skaro when they were successful.

The Scouts were designed to be completely self-sufficient and independent. Most Daleks are bred to expect constant orders and are deliberately programmed with a need to maintain contact with others of their kind. Isolated, they are often prone to physical and mental breakdowns. The Scout mutant does not have these weaknesses and can operate for centuries on its own. This is one of the many reasons it considers itself vastly superior to a common Dalek.

The Scout mutant is considerably more mobile and resistant to injury than a typical Dalek mutant. Its tentacle limbs are longer, more plentiful and far more powerful. It can move freely without its casing and travels extremely quickly on land or underwater. It can process almost any organic matter and turn it into a source of nutrition.





The Reconnaissance Scout's mental capabilities are likewise far superior to a traditional Dalek drone. It possesses strong telepathic powers and is capable of invading a human mind and dominating its functions [1]. Once physical contact has been established, it can take control of a human body's central nervous system and, within a few minutes, turn its host into a virtual puppet. It can then 'pilot' the human with a remarkable degree of dexterity.

Reconnaissance Scouts are extremely durable and very difficult to kill. If even the tiniest piece of organic matter is left, it is possible for the Scout to be completely regenerated from its DNA with its consciousness intact. The Scout that was defeated on Earth in the ninth-century was overcome by applying intense heat to its outer shell. This weakened the Scout long enough for its human opponents to breach its casing and apparently kill it. The human warriors were cautious and considered the possibility that the Scout mutant might have a way of healing itself, and so they divided what was left of its body into three pieces. Their fears were proven correct 120 years later. The three pieces of the Scout mutant were able to find each other, presumably via a telepathic link. When it had received a sufficient dose of ultraviolet radiation, the mutant gained enough energy to create a spatial shift that brought its segments together from across the world. Once the three pieces were assembled, it quickly reformed into a fully functioning organism.

The original casing of the Reconnaissance Scout seemed to resemble a standard Dalek. The new casing it created for itself after its resurrection in 2019 still followed a basic Dalek design but was very different in proportion and details. This was presumably a matter of necessity as the

tools and materials it had to work with were limited. Its gunstick was a remnant from an earlier Dalek incursion – presumably the Scout mutant was able to detect traces of Dalek technology stored at the MDZ warehouse and located it with relative ease [2]. Other pieces of Dalek equipment were likely also claimed at the same time, making the Scout a 'patchwork' Dalek, constructed from many different models.

The Scout has a flexible claw instead of the traditional sucker arm [3]. The front six domes on its skirt retract to reveal missiles of human design [4]. They can be fired individually or all at once. They



are guided by the Scout's internal battle computer and also have heat-seeking capability. Most of the other domes are the more traditional sensory units which give the Scout a highly comprehensive overview of its surroundings. However, several of these smaller domes house stinger missiles which can deflect or destroy oncoming artillery fire. This defence system is vital: the Scout's armour is constructed of Earth metals

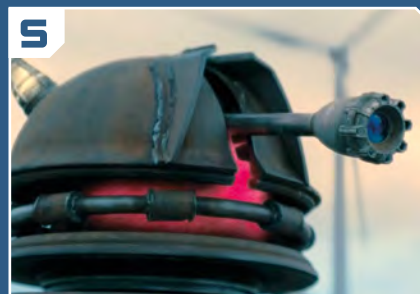


instead of the standard Dalekanium alloy, and is therefore its greatest area of vulnerability. A sustained artillery attack would destroy it.

The sensor mesh below the upper dome has been replaced by a wide cylinder unit protected by a metallic ring [5].



The cylinder flashes red as the Scout speaks. The Scout has a standard anti-gravity unit built into its base, enabling it to hover and fly. It can travel at speeds of up to 100 mph in Earth's lower atmosphere, 200 mph in Earth's upper ionosphere, and 500 mph in the vacuum of space.



The Scout Dalek became the template for the Dalek Drones that were constructed over the course of 2019 by the American industrialist Jack Robertson [6]. They were presented to the world by the British Prime Minister Jo Patterson on 1 January 2020, and quickly went on a murderous rampage across London. The original Scout mutant had been unknowingly restored by the scientist Leo Rugazzi after a piece of its body was cloned. The Scout took the opportunity to update the Drones' weapon systems, significantly increasing the strength of their gunsticks' energy beams. However, the Drones' armour was still composed of Earth metals and was no defence against the firepower of the opposing Dalek Death Squad.



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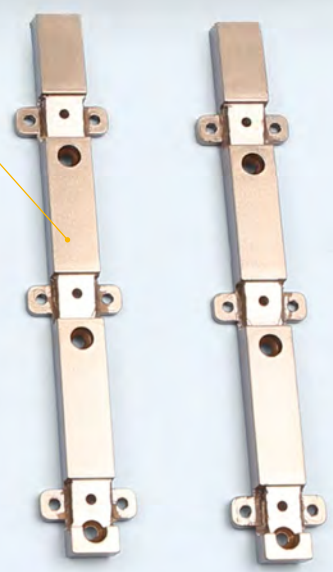
DALEK NECK GRID AND FIXING STRIPS



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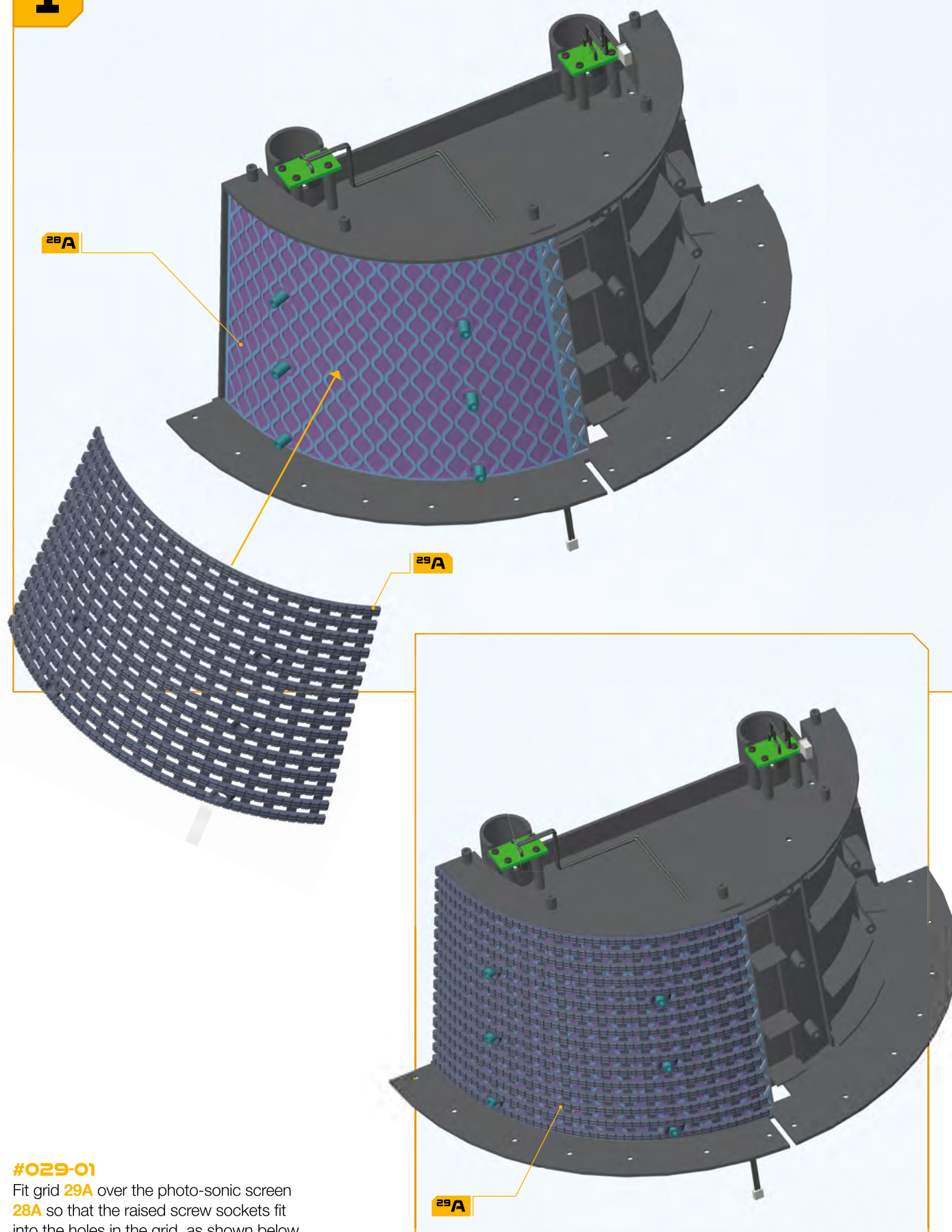
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29B FIXING
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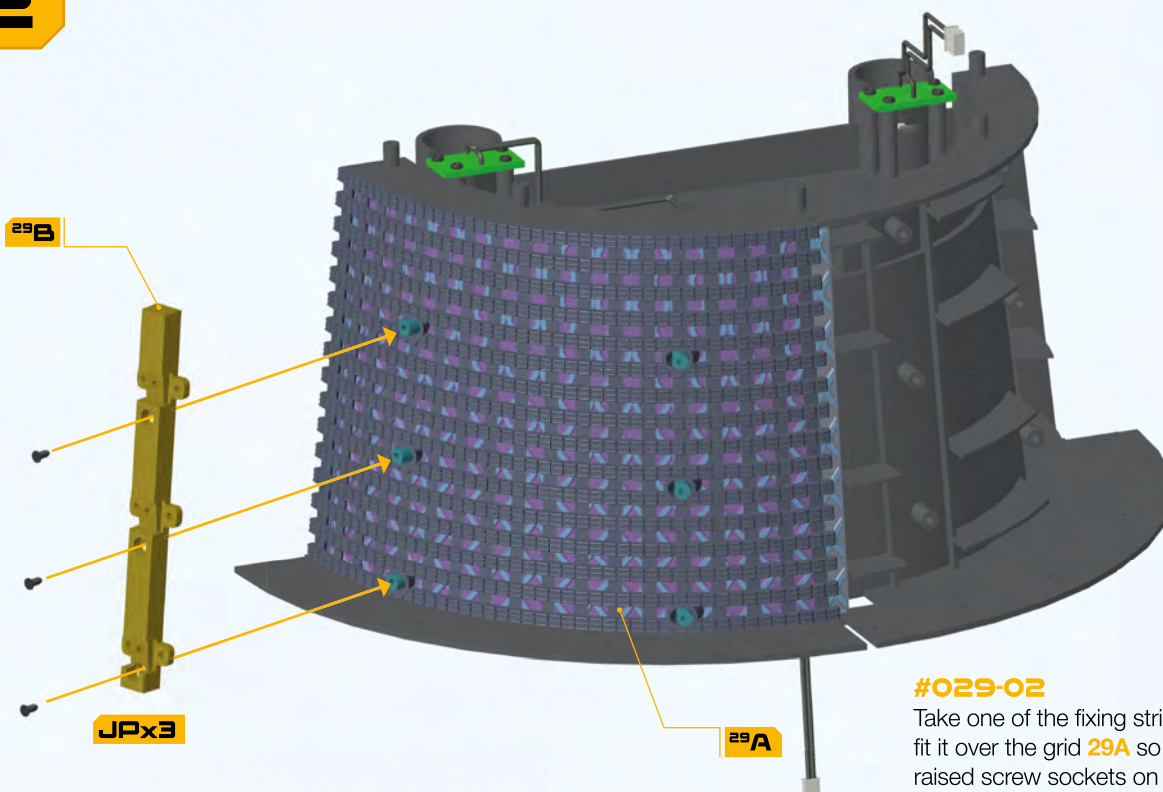
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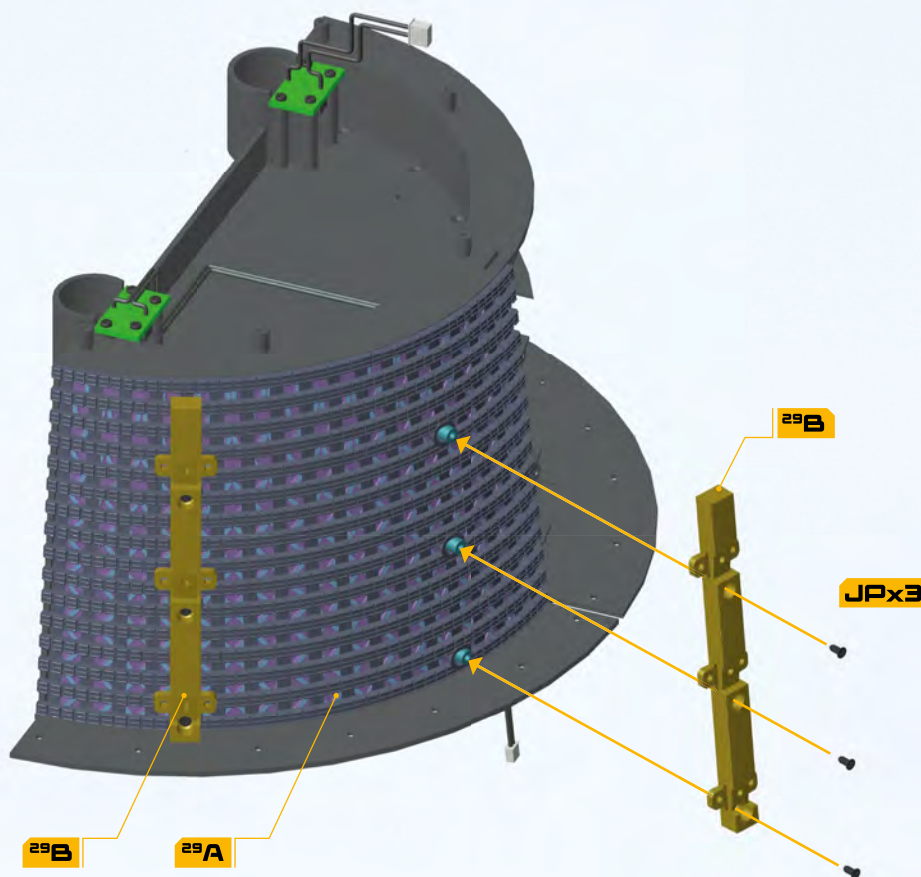
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Take one of the fixing strips **29B** and fit it over the grid **29A** so that the three raised screw sockets on the left fit into the screw holes in part **29B**. Fix in place with three **JP** screws.

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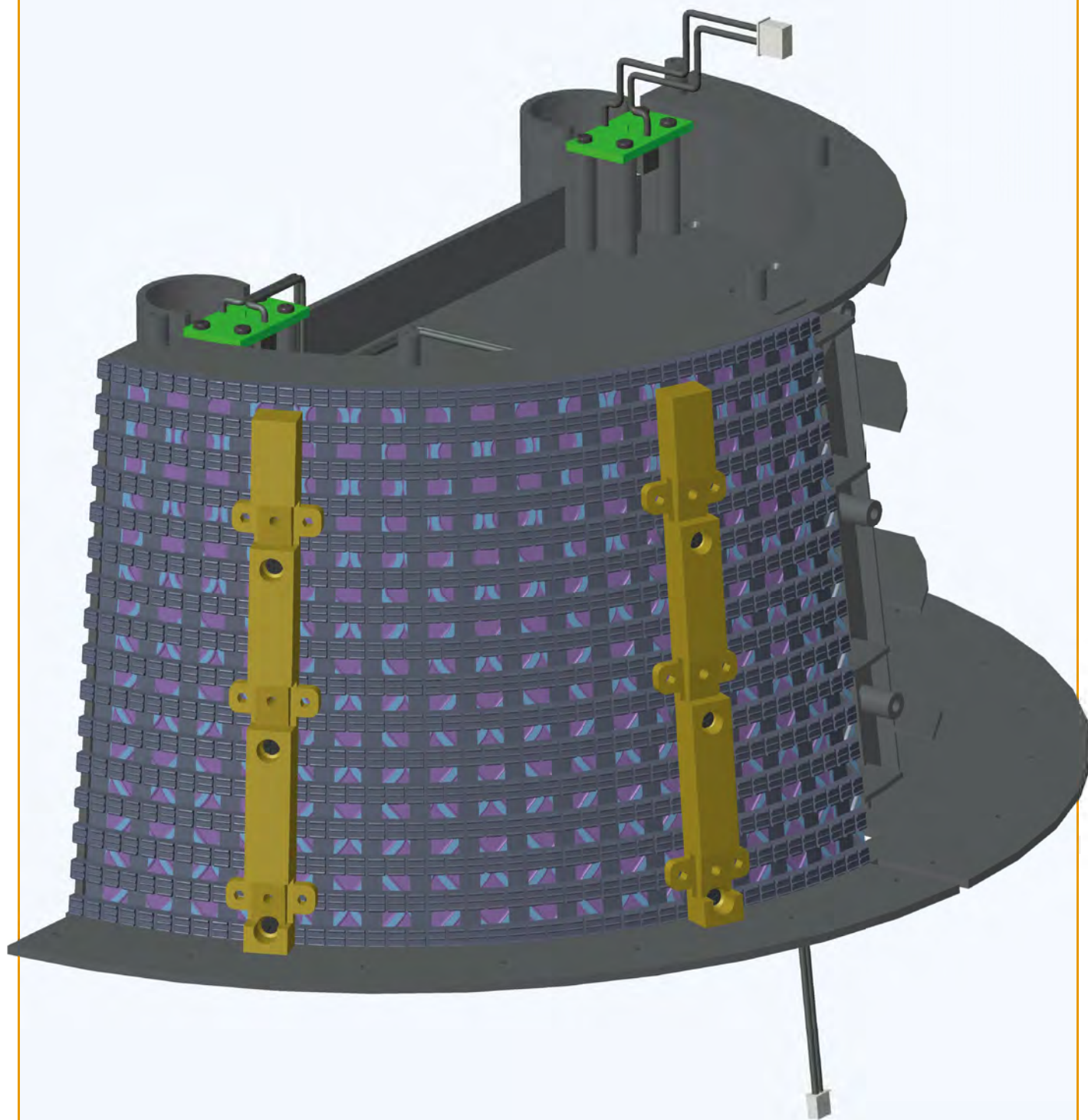
Fit the second fixing strip **29B** down the other side of the grid **29A** so that the raised screw sockets fit into the screw holes in part **29B**. Fix in place with three **JP** screws.



COMPLETED WORK

#29-COMPLETED WORK

A grid has been fitted over the photo-sonic screen.



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Four deflector strips, plus cover brackets and fixing screws. These are to be positioned around the neck grill and will continue this section.



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