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Die Landungsschiffe der LSM-Klasse (Landing Ship Medium) wurden für den Kampf gegen Japan im Pazifik entwickelt und mit mehr als 550 Einheiten von Mai 1944 bis November 1945 in Dienst gestellt. Sie waren als wesentlicher Bestandteil der amphibischen Kräfte der U.S. Navy für die unmittelbare Anlandung von Truppen und Fahrzeugen an feindlichen Stränden ausgelegt. Auch als Landungsunterstützungsschiffe, ausgerüstet mit Raketenwerfern (LSM(R)) oder mit Artillerie, waren diese Schiffe bei jedem Lande-Unternehmen ab Mitte 1944 bis zum Kriegsende im Einsatz. Sechs Werften waren für die Massenproduktion innerhalb von 16 Monaten herangezogen worden. Mit einer Bauzeit von drei Wochen war ein Schiff nach weiteren drei Wochen zur Ausrüstung abnahmebereit. Die Ladepazität eines LSM entsprach in etwa einem mechanisierten Zug. Der Stahlrumpf verfügte über neun wasserdichte Schotten. Mit dem am Heck befindlichen Anker konnten sich die Schiffe selbstständig vom Strand zurückziehen. Die Aufbauten waren gegen den Beschuss mit Handfeuerwaffen geschützt. Zur Selbstverteidigung waren die frühen LSM meist mit sechs 20-mm-Oerlikon-Kanonen ausgerüstet. Jedes Schiff verfügte über ein Navigationsradargerät. Der nach oben offene Laderaum reichte fast über die gesamte Schiffslänge und war maximal 7,9 m breit. Bis Kriegsende sind neun Schiffe, hauptsächlich durch Kamikaze-Angriffe, verloren gegangen. Nach dem Ende der Kampfhandlungen und der alliierten Besetzung Südostasiens außer Dienst gestellt, kam es zu einer Reaktivierung von vier Schiffen während des Koreakrieges. Außerdem wurden LSM an verbündete Streitkräfte abgegeben oder an zivile Nutzer verkauft. Der NATO-Partner Deutschland erhielt 1958 drei LSM und zwei LSM(R).

Technische Daten:

Länge: 62,06 m
 Breite: 10,52 m
 Tiefgang: Bug 1,9 m / Heck 2,6 m
 Max. Verdrängung: 1.095 t
 Nutzlast: 165 t
 Antrieb: 2 Dieselmotoren mit je 1.059 kW (1.440 PS)
 Höchstgeschwindigkeit: 13,2 kn
 Besatzung: 4 Offiziere und 54 Mannschaften
 Bewaffnung: 6 x 20-mm-Oerlikon-Kanone

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Landing Ships of the LSM-Class (Landing Ship Medium) were used from the middle of 1944 by the U.S. Navy in the fight against Japan in the Pacific. They went into service from May 1944 to November 1945 with more than 550 ships. They were an integral part of the U.S. Naval Amphibious Forces designed to immediately discharge landing troops and vehicles onto enemy held beaches. Also used as landing support ships carrying rocket launchers (LSM (R)) or artillery, these ships were used in every landing operation from mid 1944 until the end of the war. Within 16 months six shipyards were enlisted for the mass production of these craft. The building time was only three weeks and after a further three weeks to fit equipment another ship was ready for acceptance. The loading capacity of a LSM corresponded roughly to a mechanized platoon. The steel hull had nine watertight bulkheads. With an anchor located at the stern, the ships could withdraw from the beach without assistance. Armour plating protected the superstructures against small arms fire. The early LSM were mostly equipped with six 20-mm Oerlikon guns for self defence. Each ship had its own radar navigation unit. The open-top cargo area encompassed almost the entire length of the ship and was at maximum 7.9 m (26 ft) wide. By the end of the war, nine ships were lost mainly due to Kamikaze attacks. Taken out of service after the end of hostilities and the Allied occupation of South-east Asia, four ships were reactivated during the Korean War. Additionally, some ships went into service with allies armed forces or were sold to civil users. In 1958 NATO partners Germany received three LSM and two LSM(R).

Technical Data:

Length: 62.06 m (203 ft 6 ins)
 Width: 10.52 m (34 ft 6 ins)
 Draught: Bow 1.9 m (6 ft 2 ins) / Stern 2.6 m (8 ft 6 ins)
 Maximum displacement: 1095 t
 Payload: 165 t
 Engines: 2 Diesel engines each developing 1059 kW (1440 bhp)
 Maximum speed: 13.2 knots
 Crew: 4 Officers and 54 other ranks
 Armament: 6 x 20 mm Oerlikon cannon

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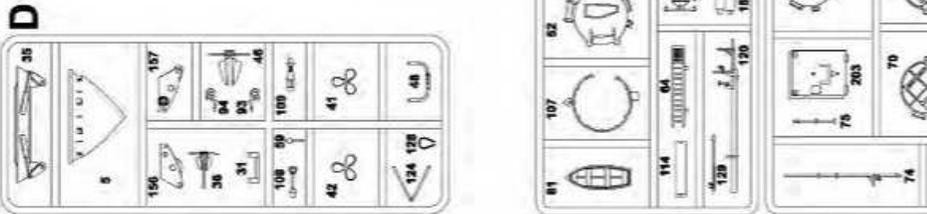
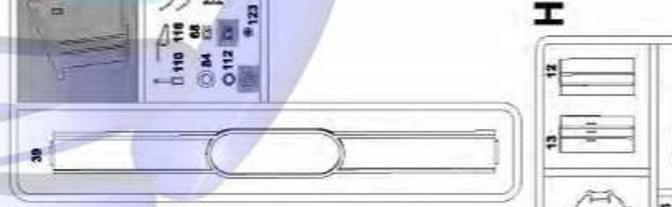
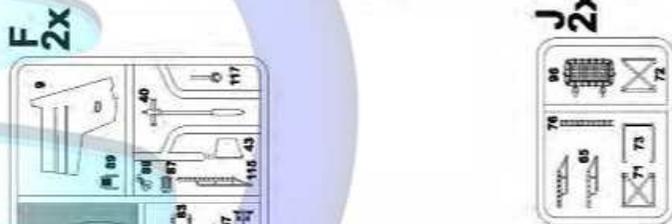
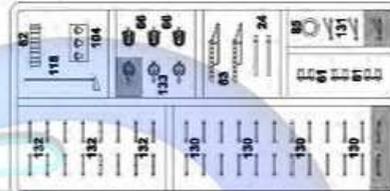
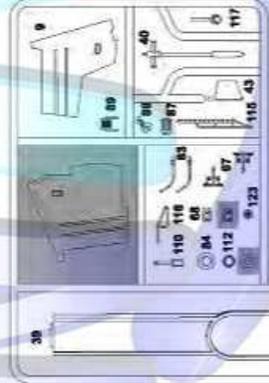
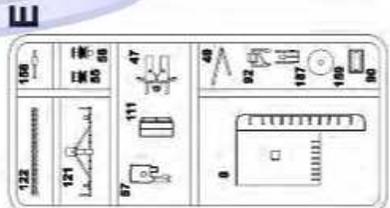
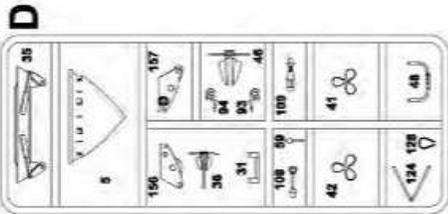
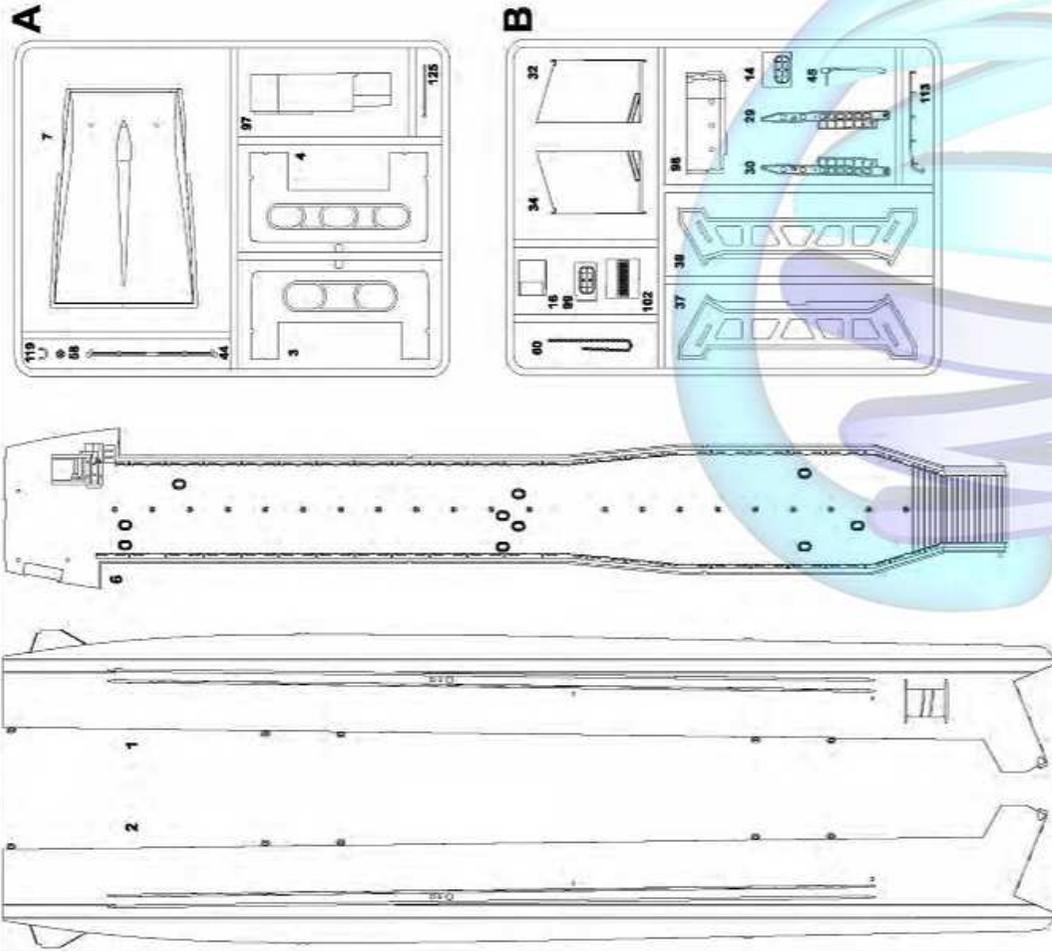
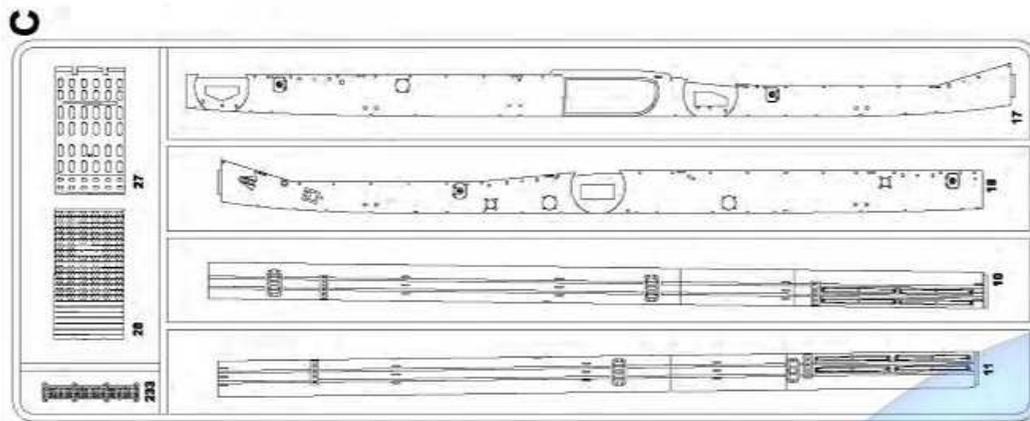
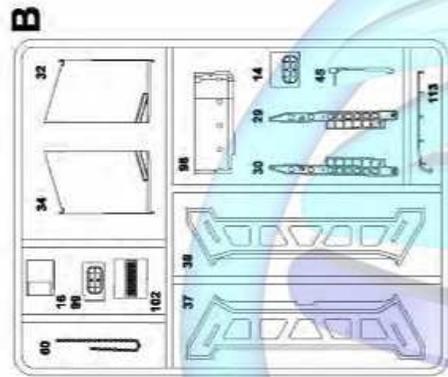
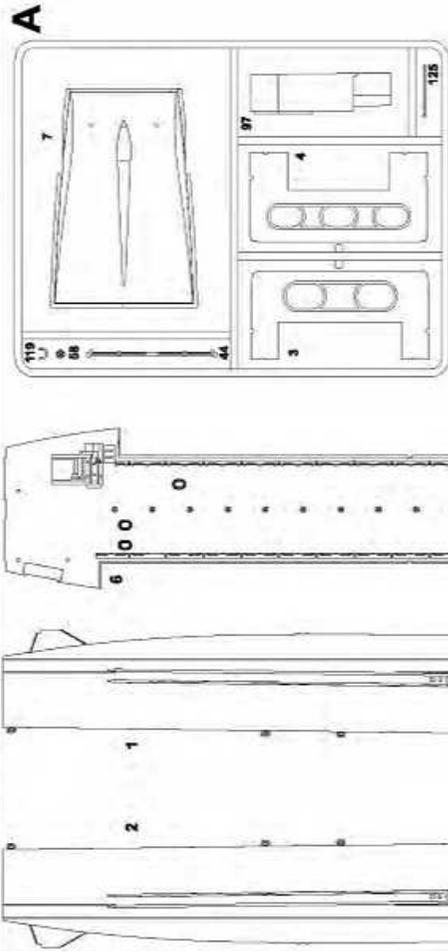
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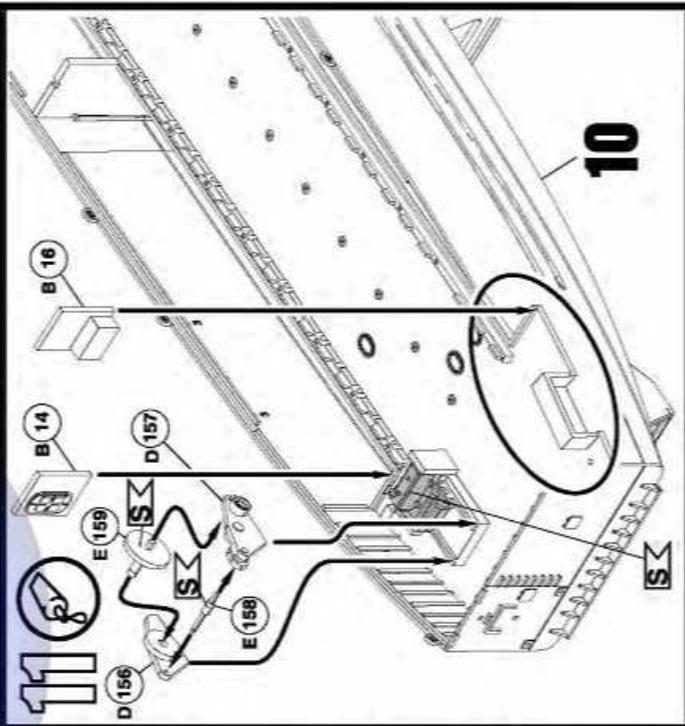
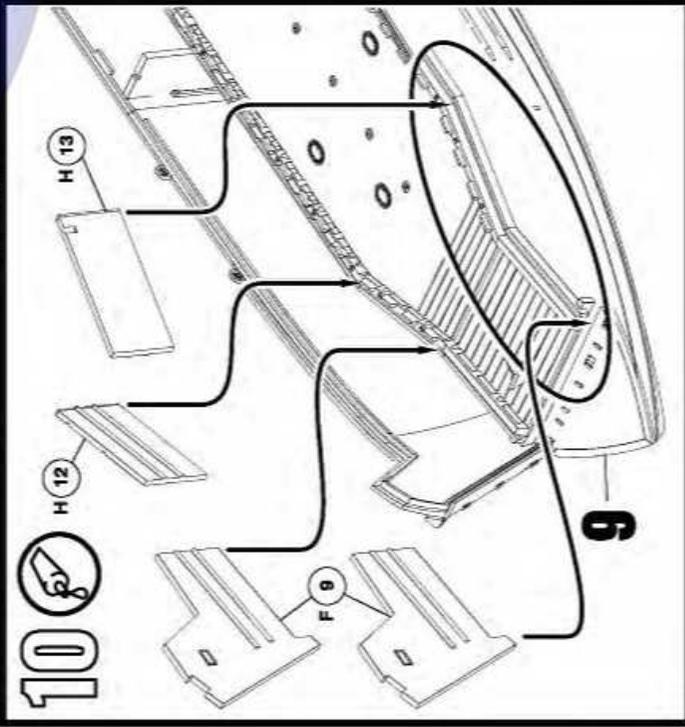
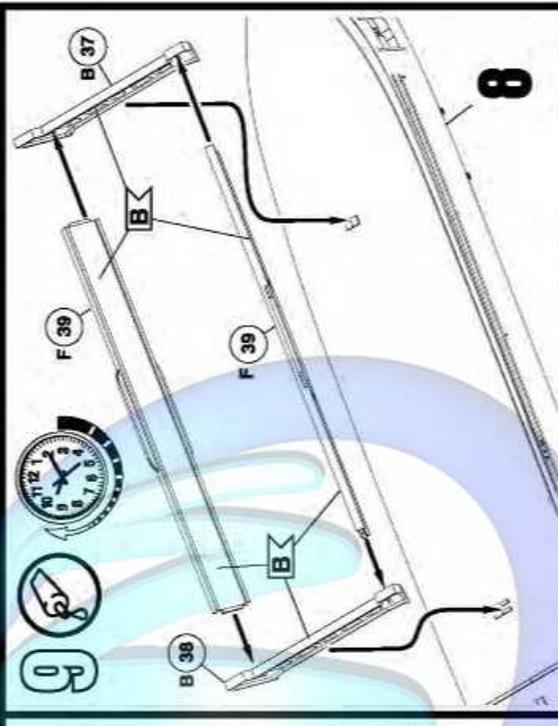
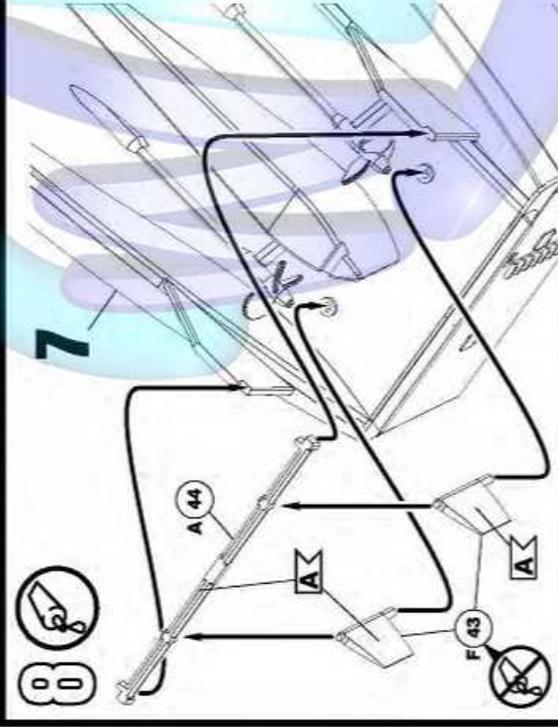
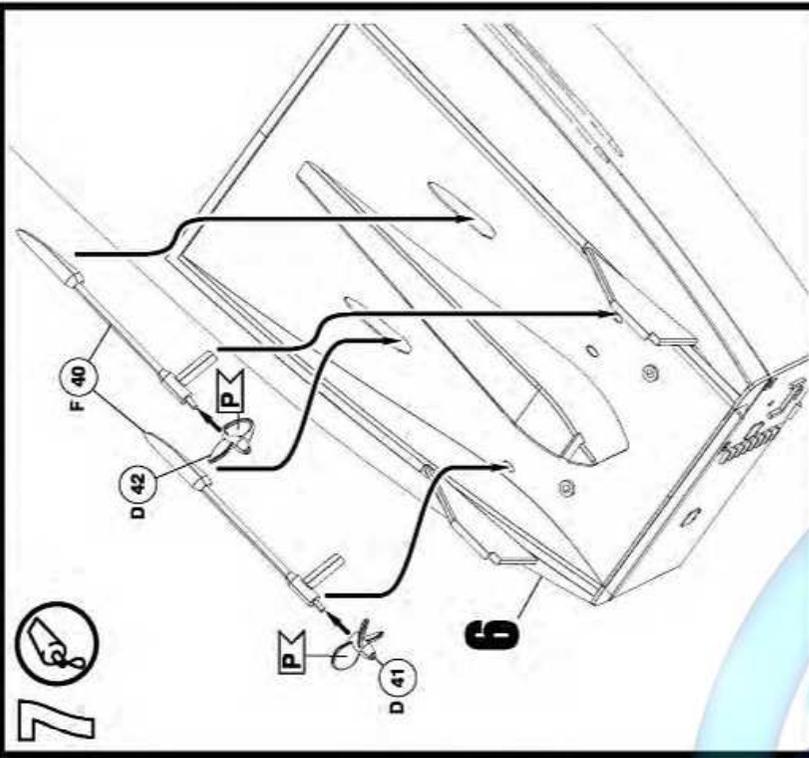
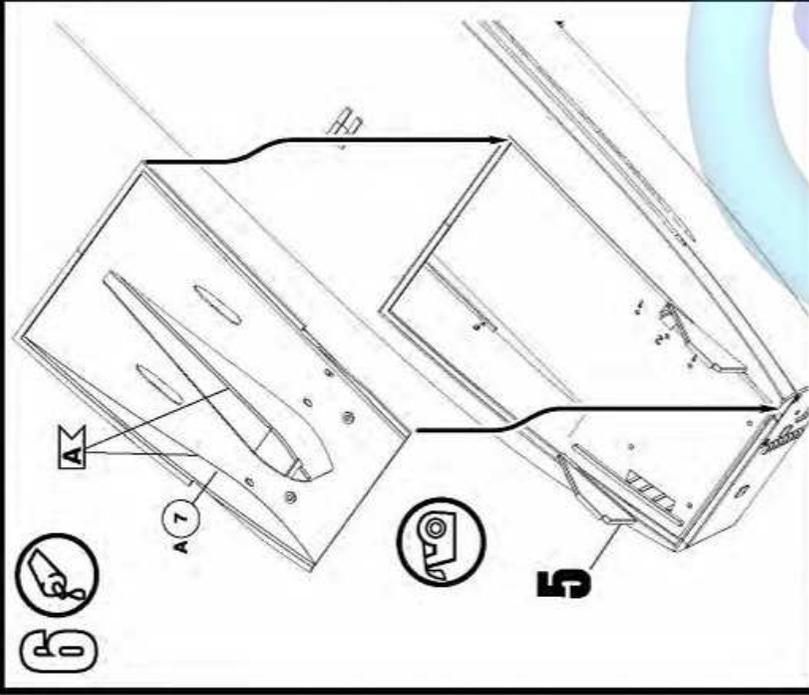
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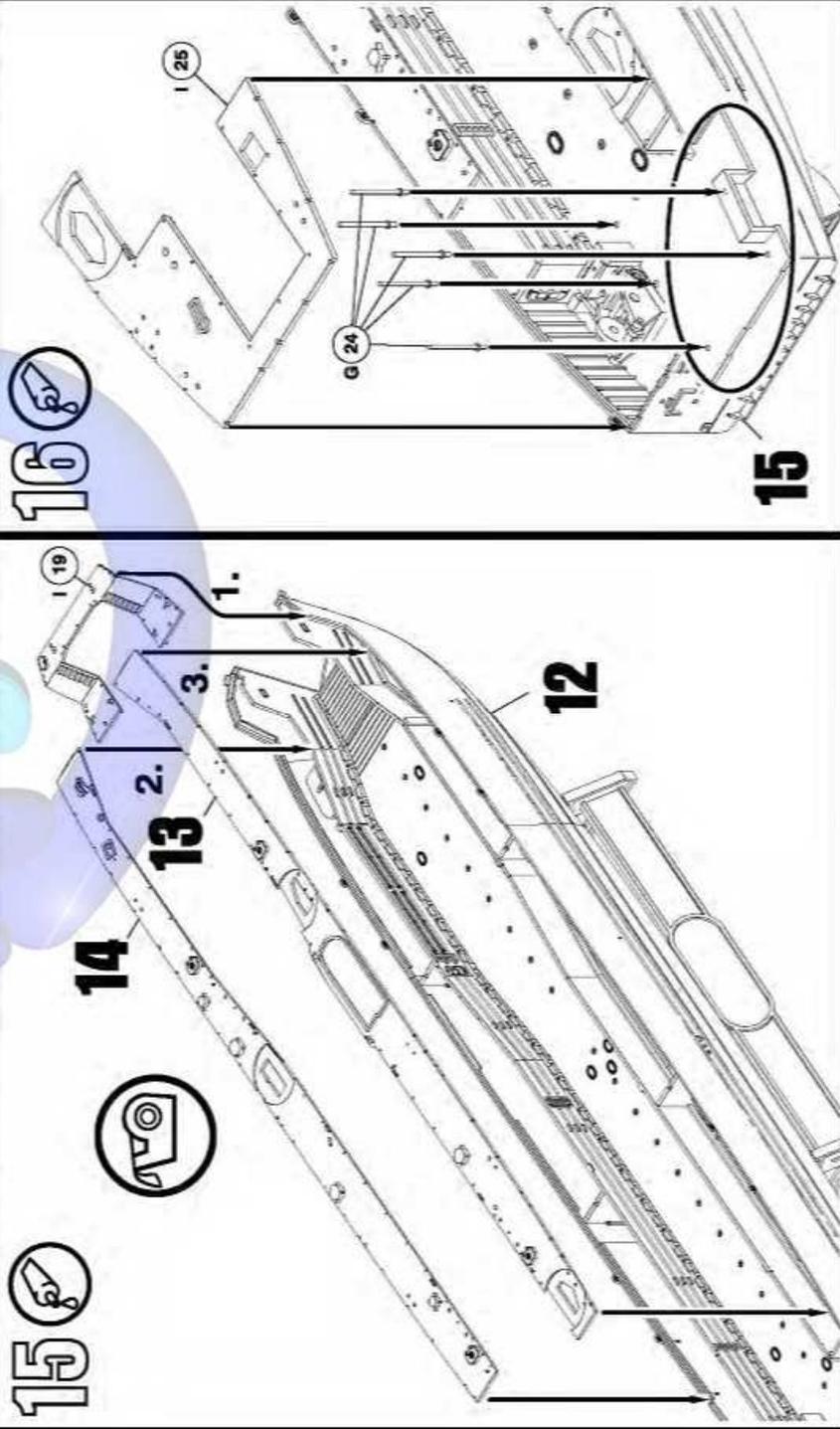
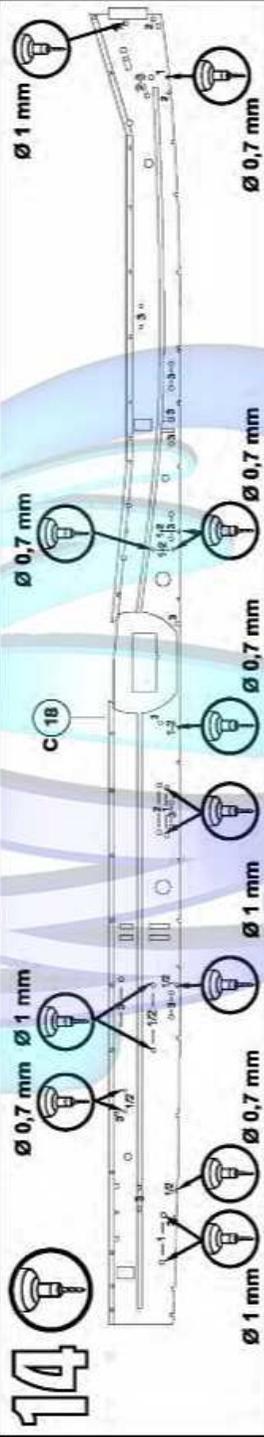
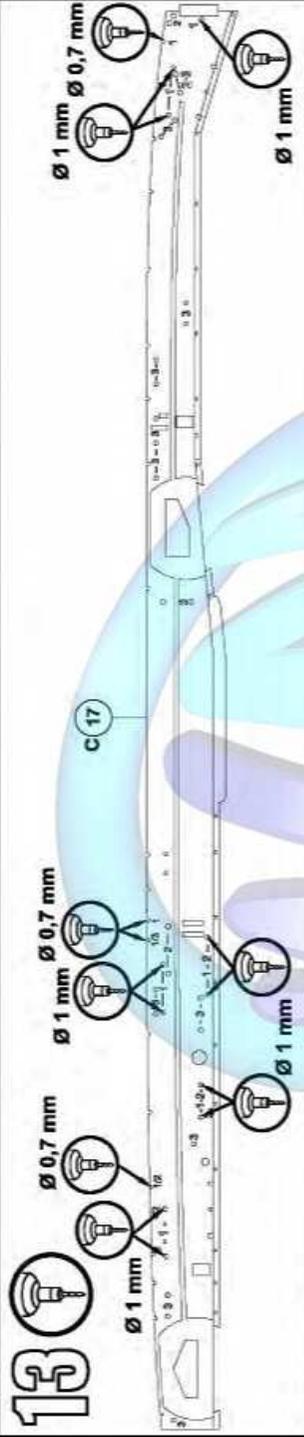
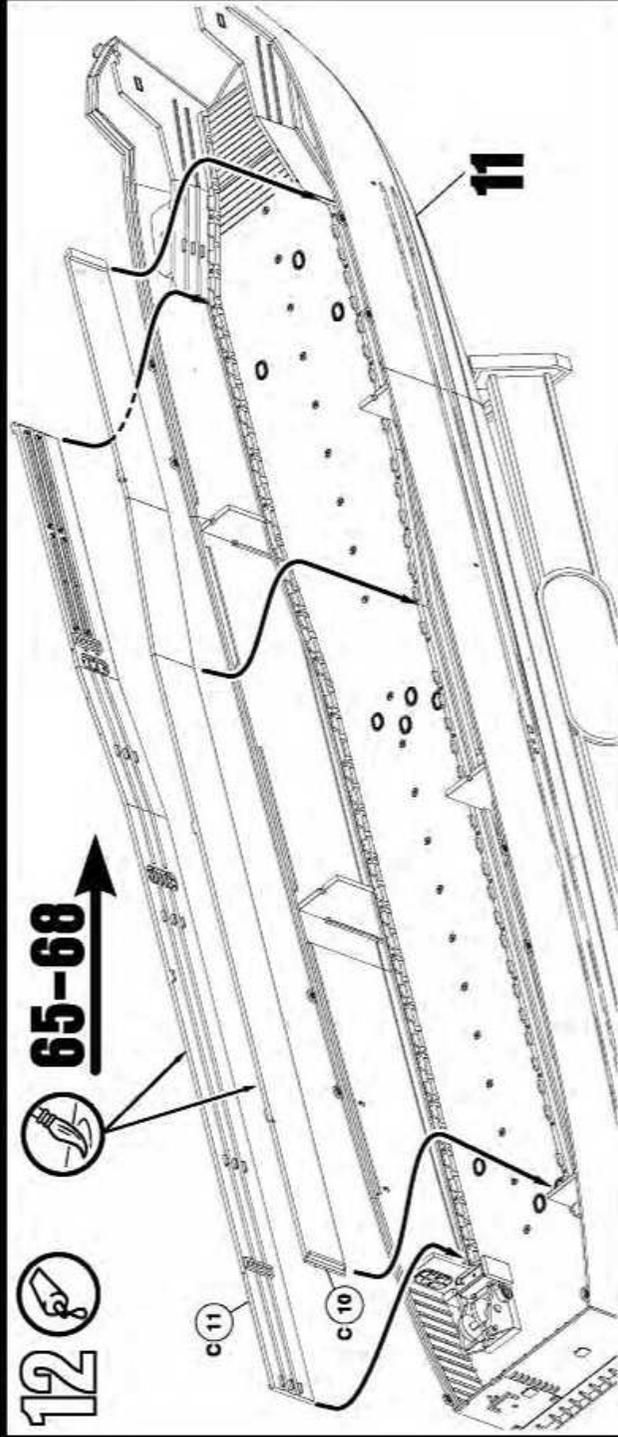


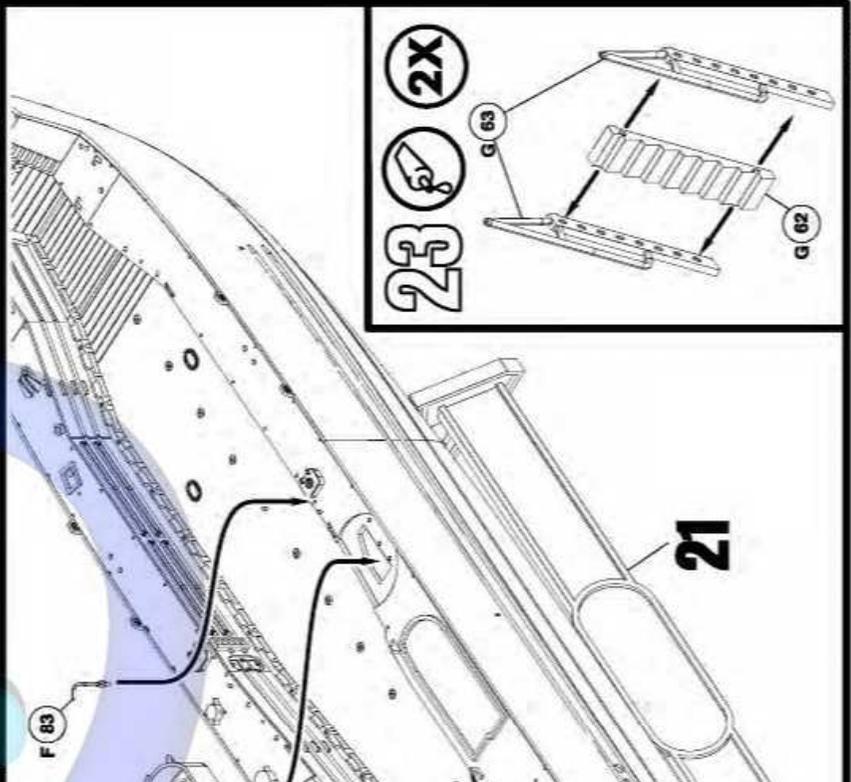
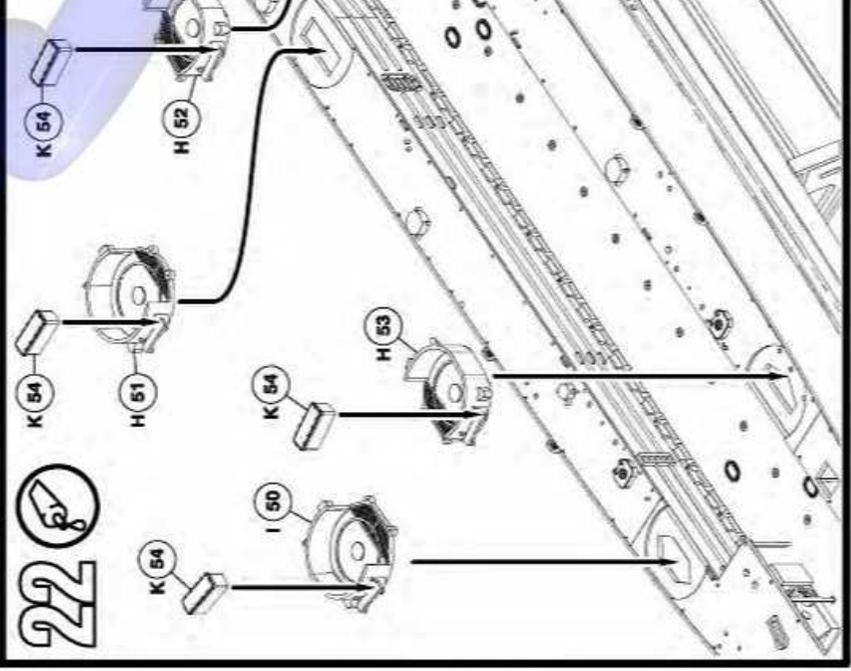
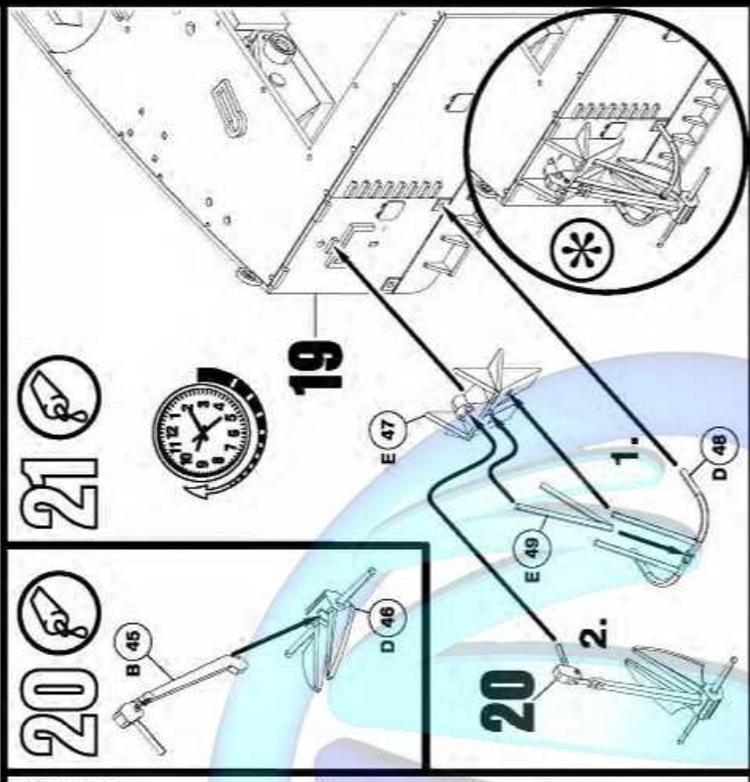
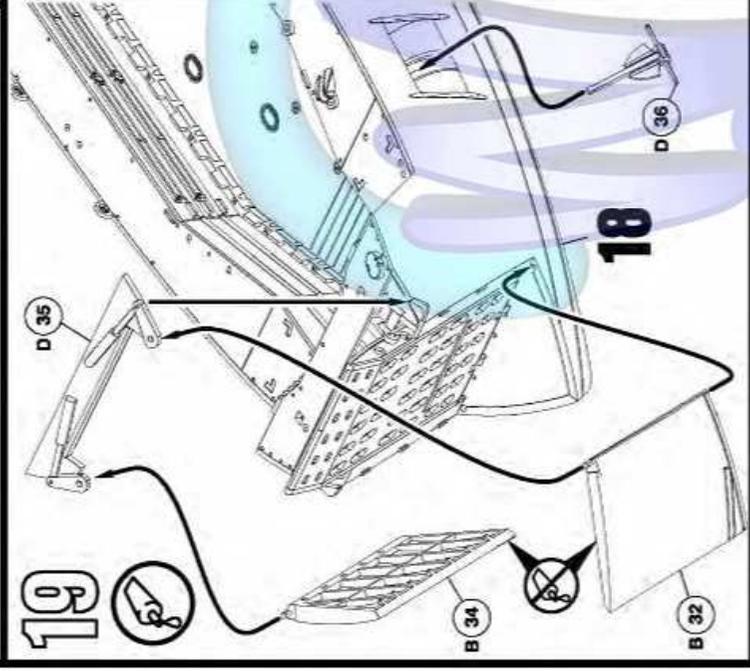
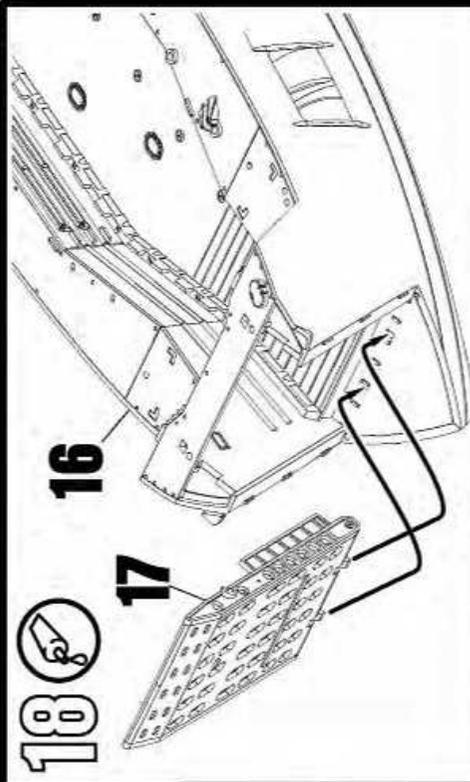
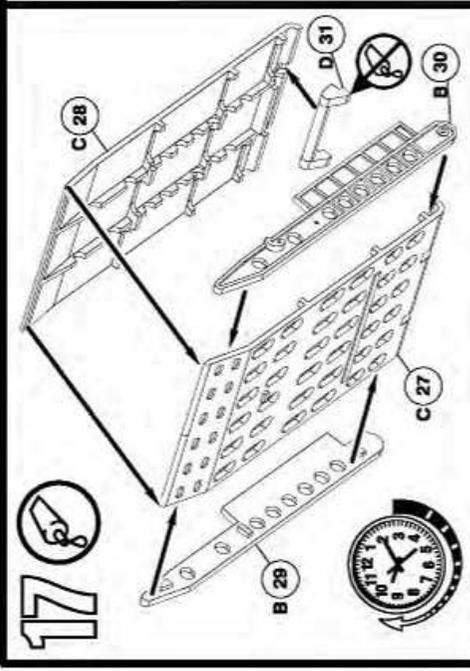
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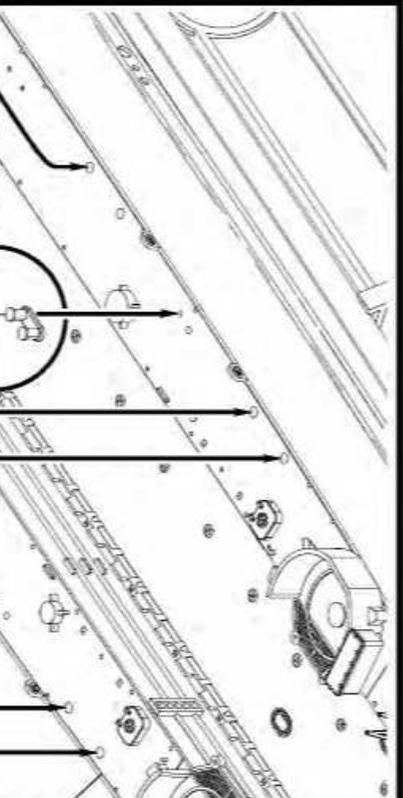
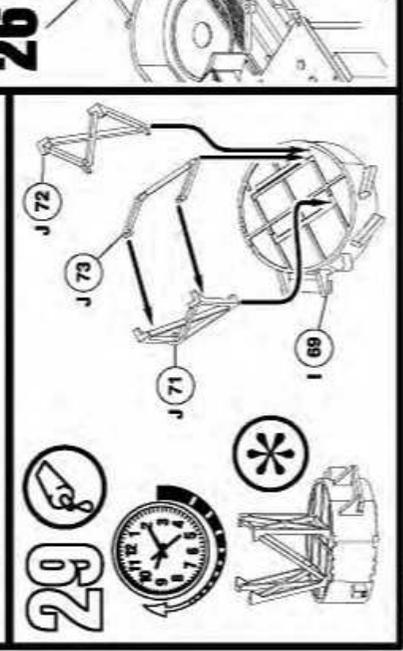
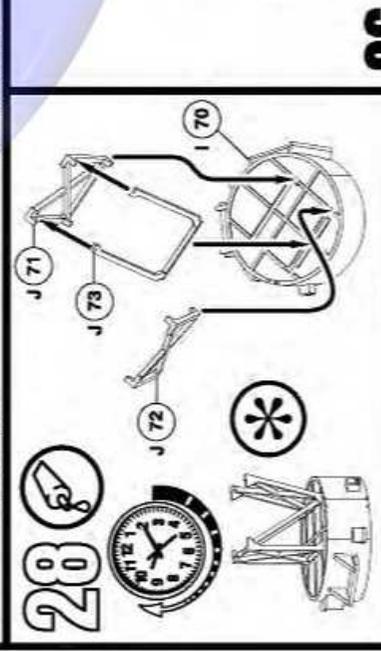
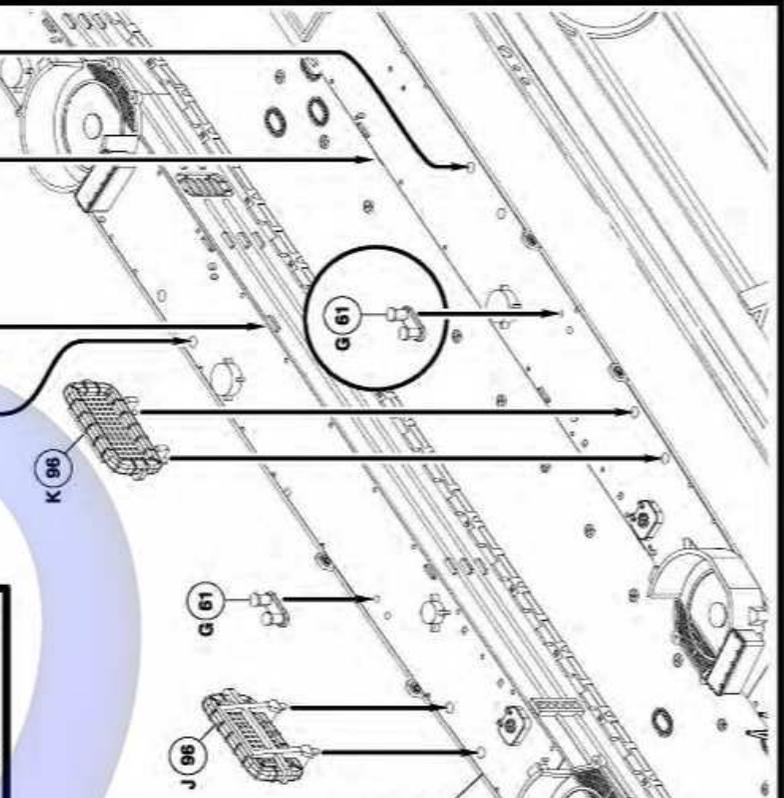
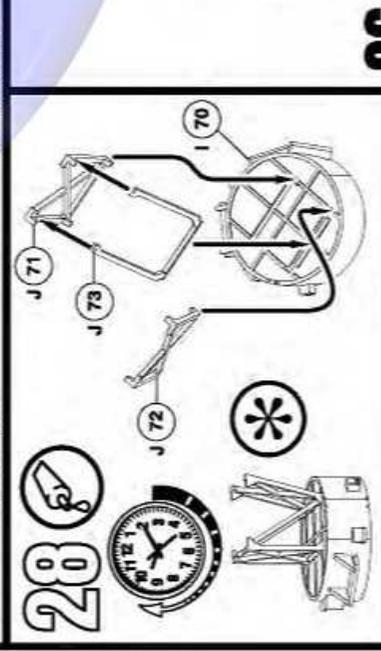
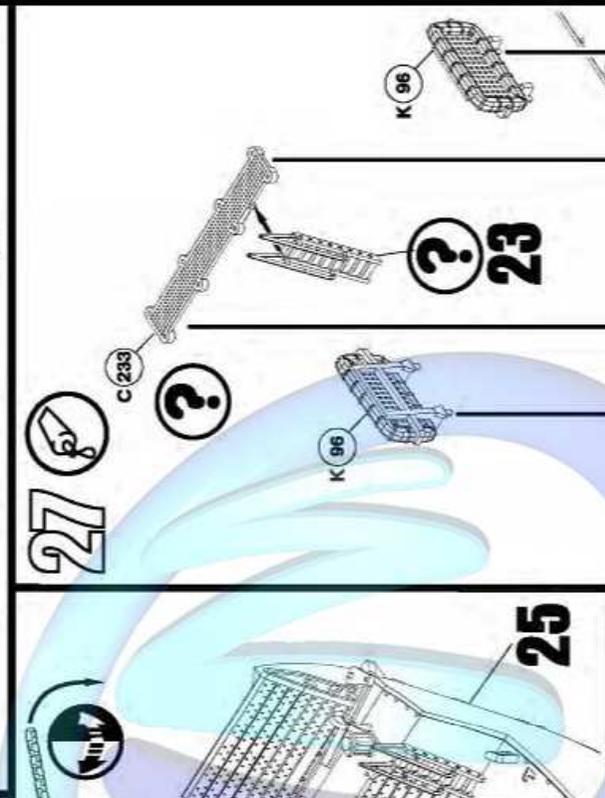
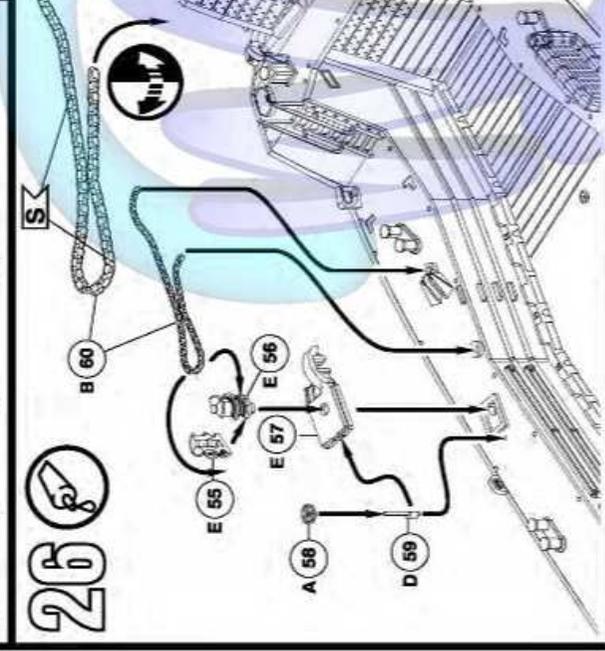
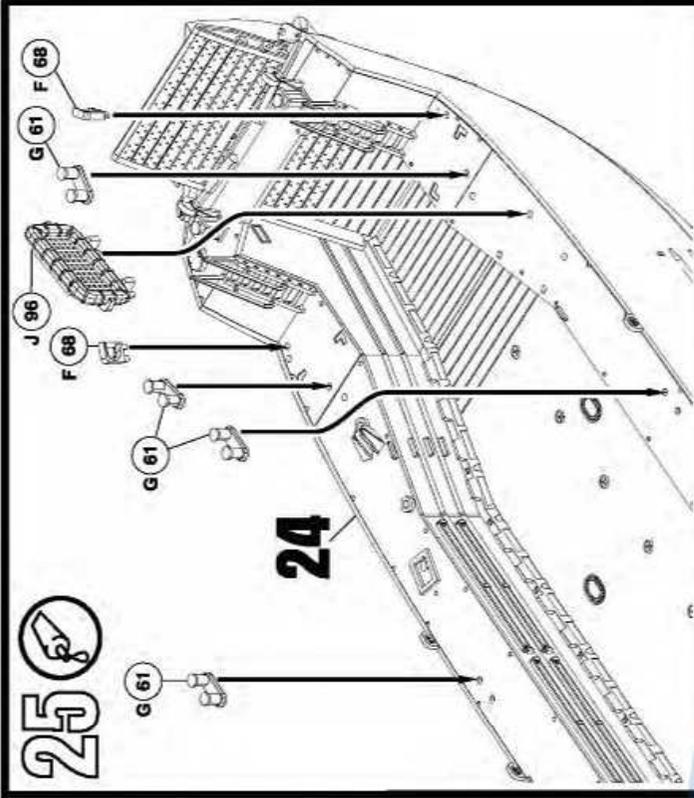
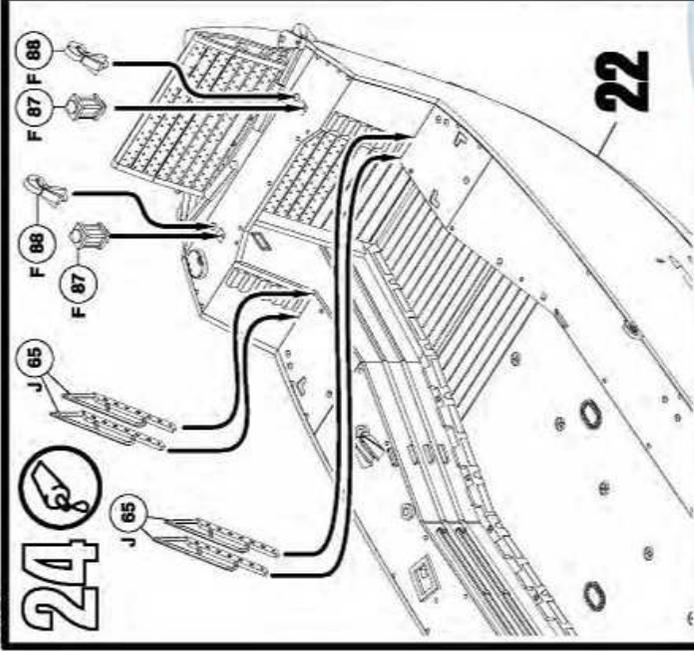




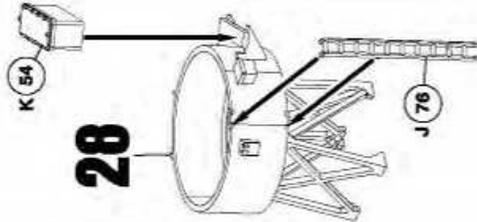
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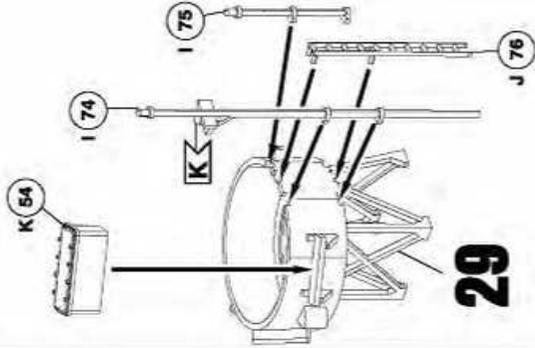


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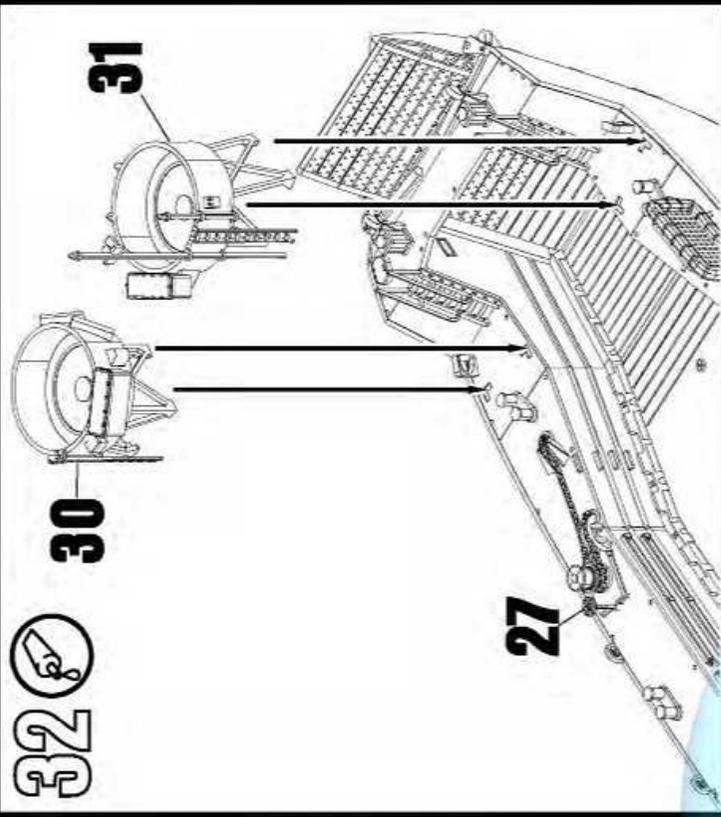
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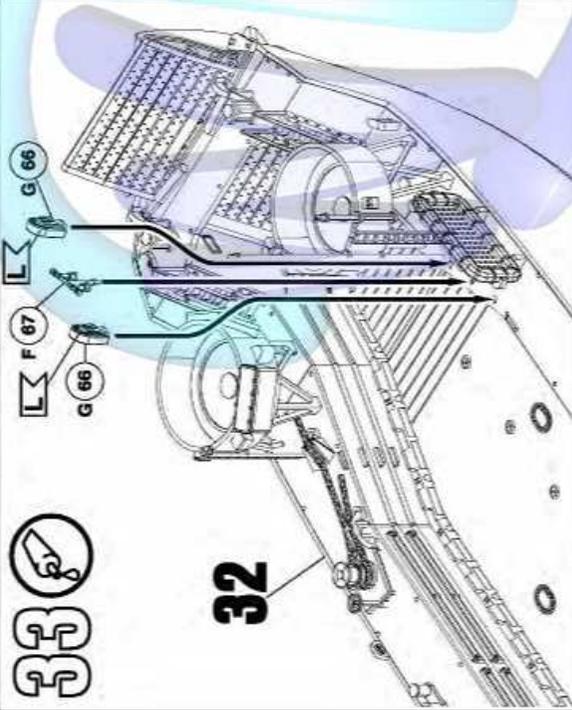


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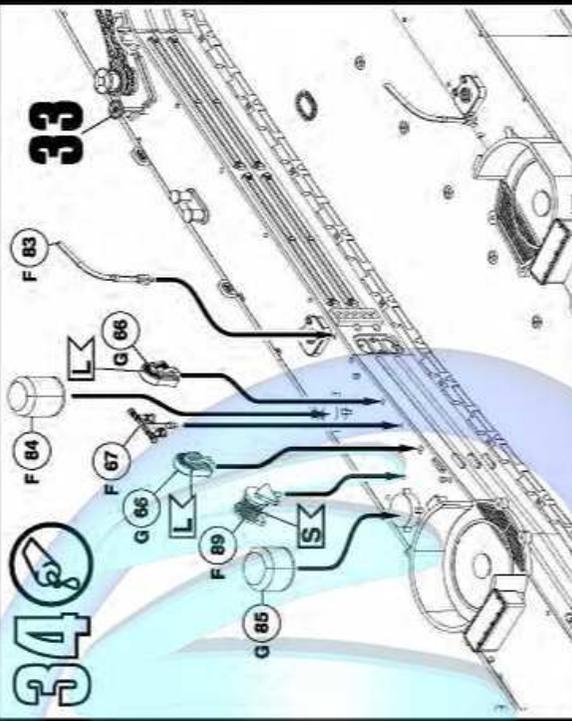
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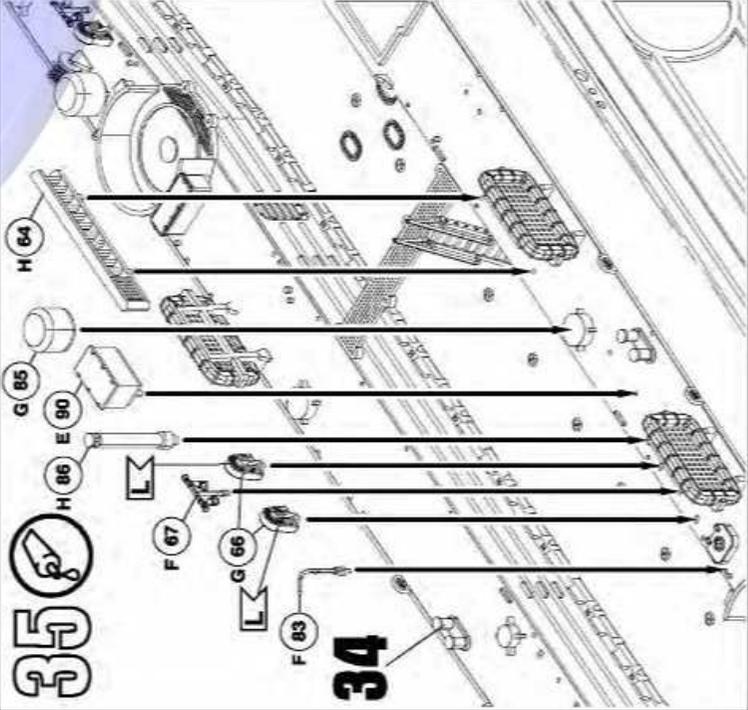
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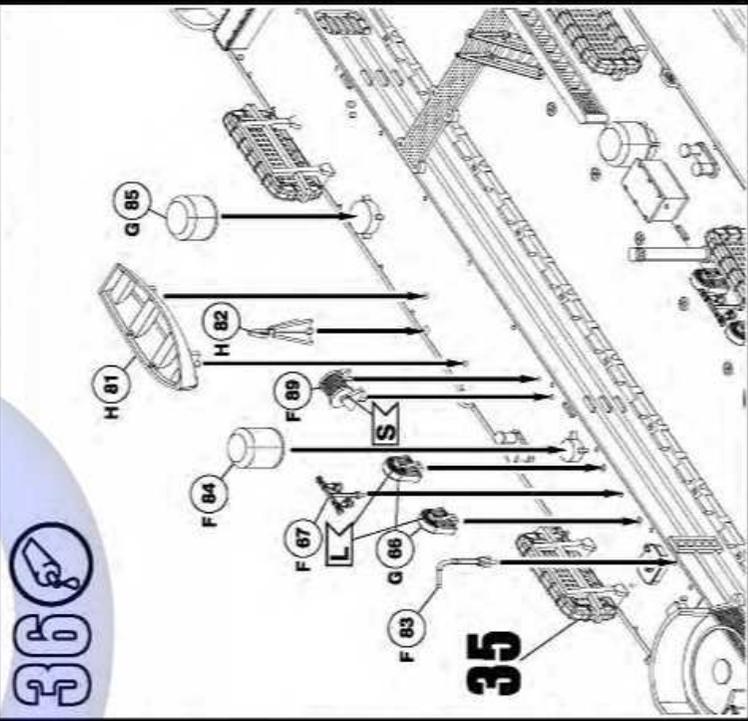
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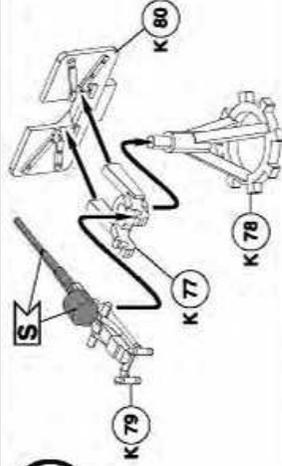
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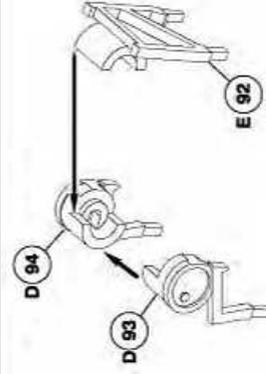
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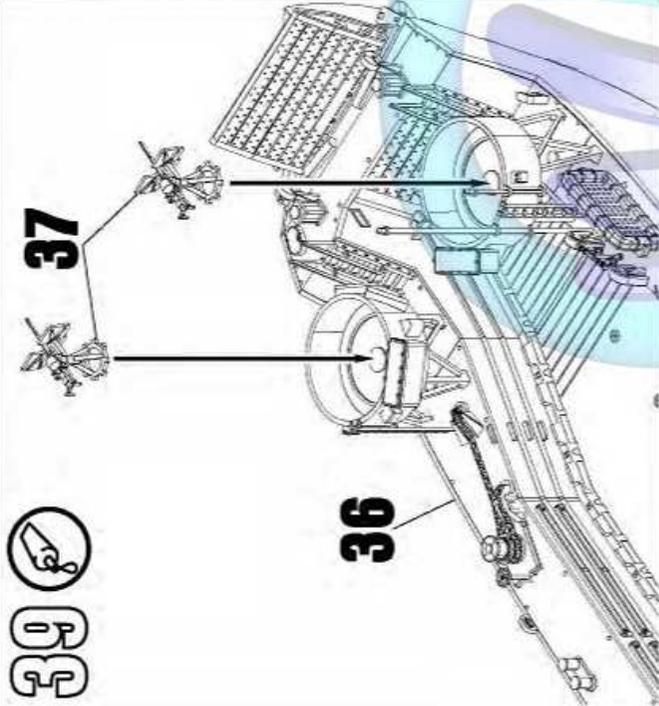
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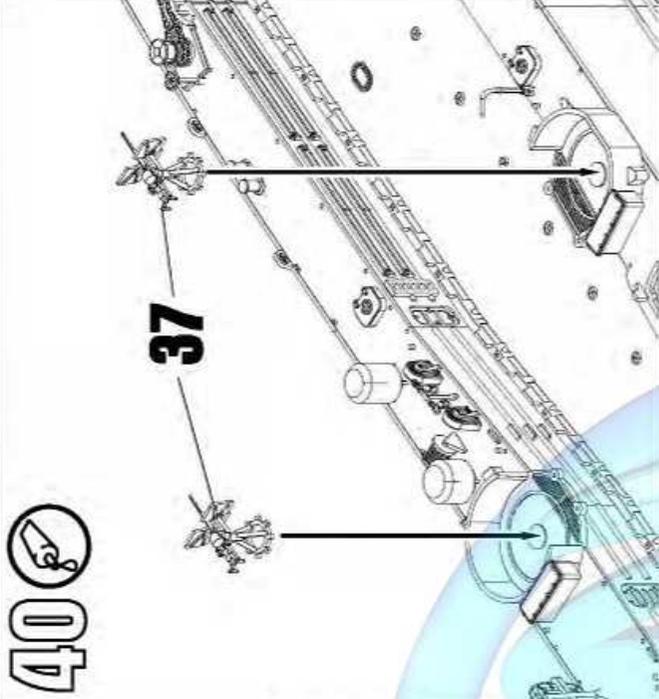
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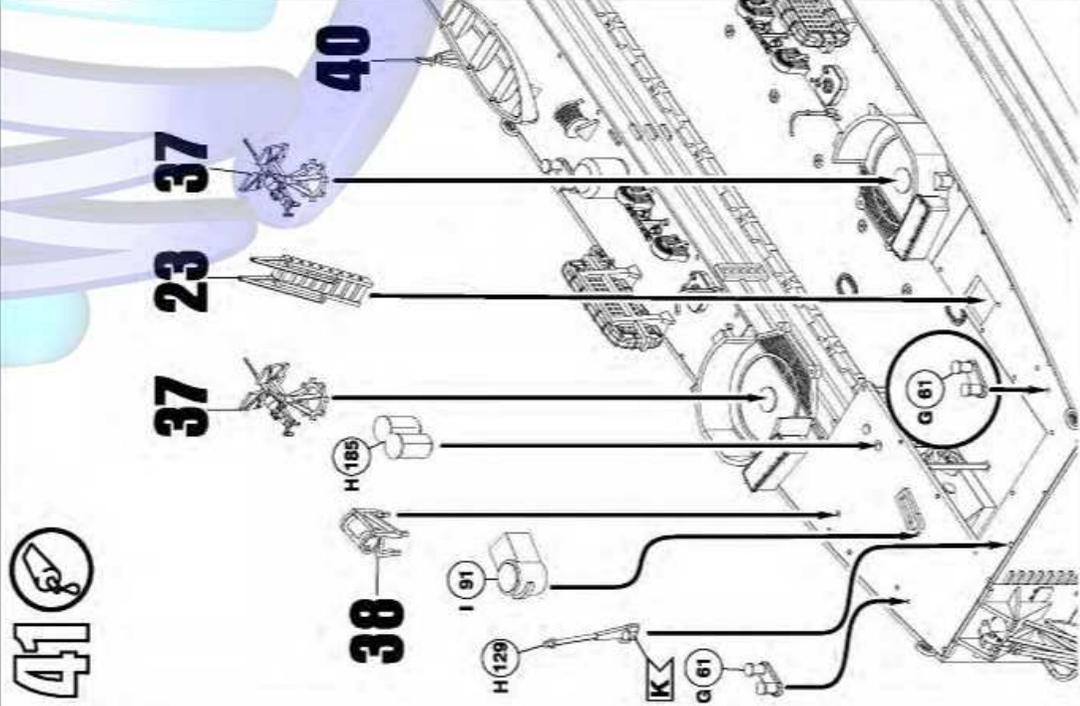
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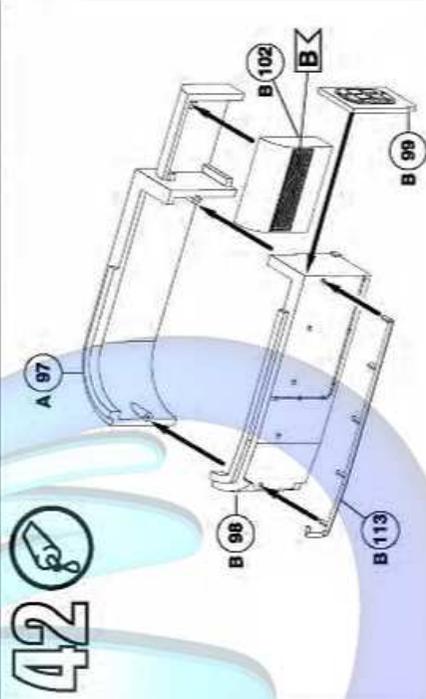
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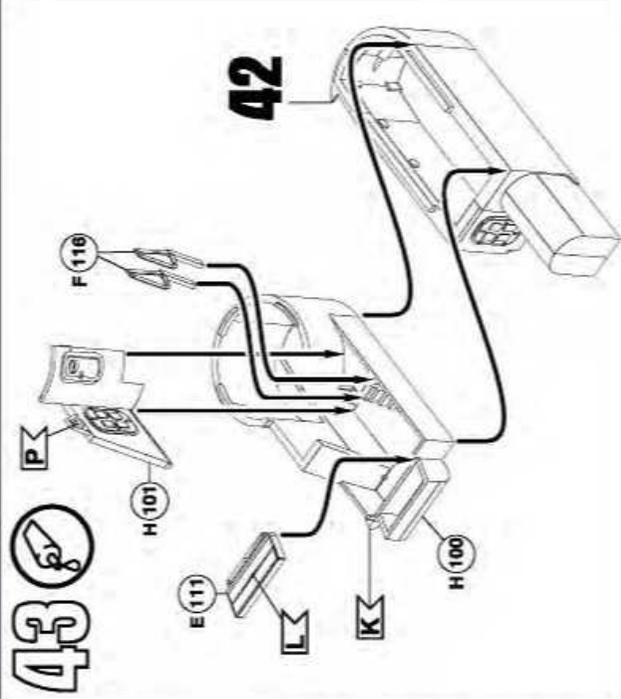
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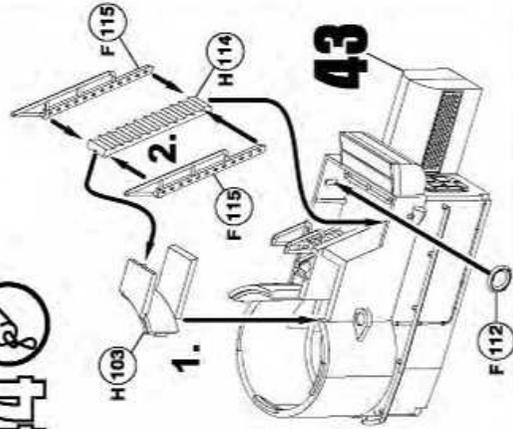
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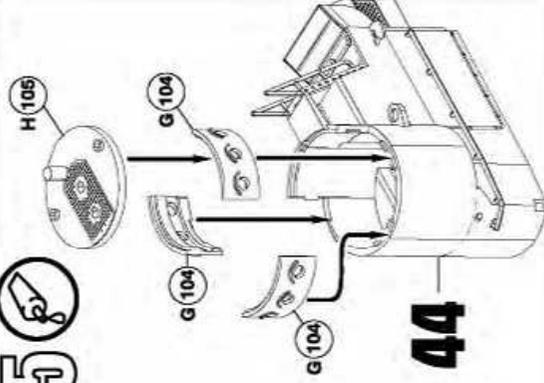


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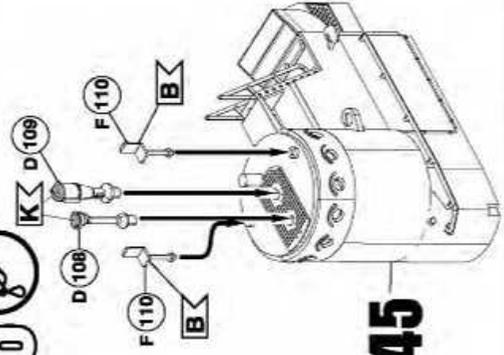
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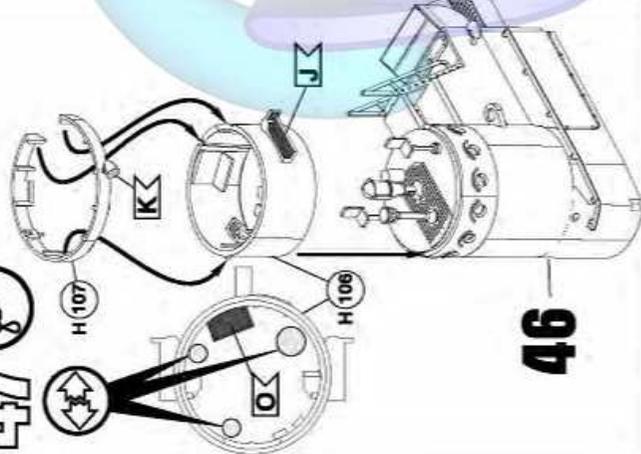
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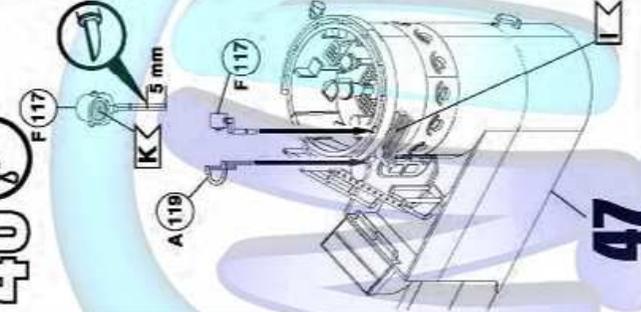
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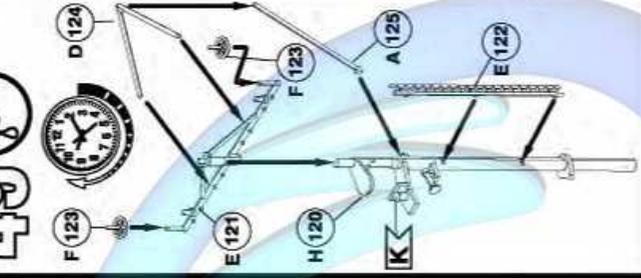
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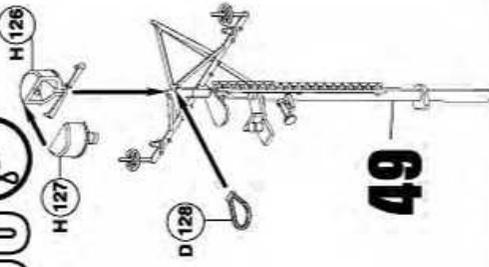
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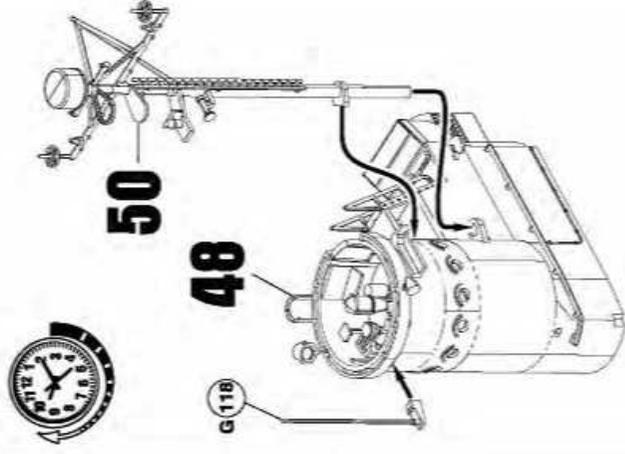


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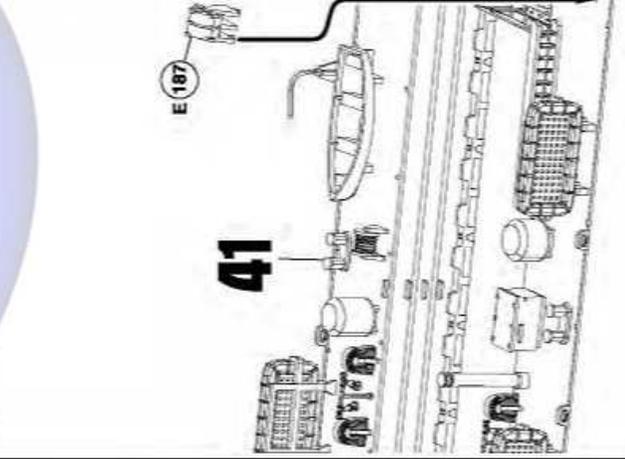


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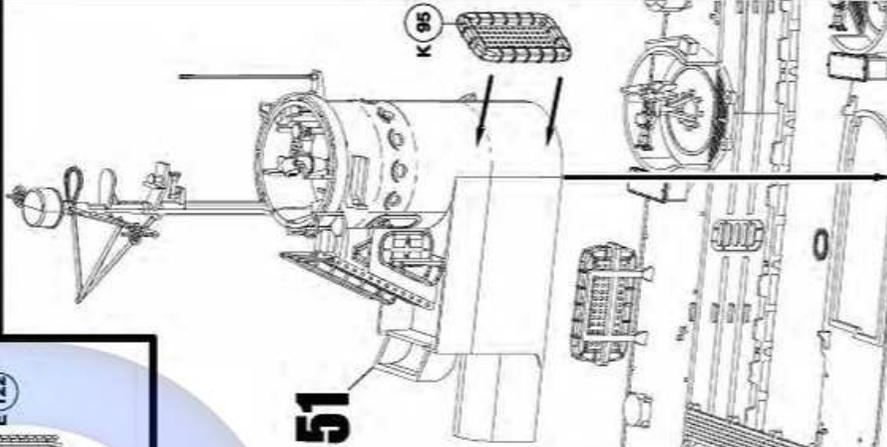
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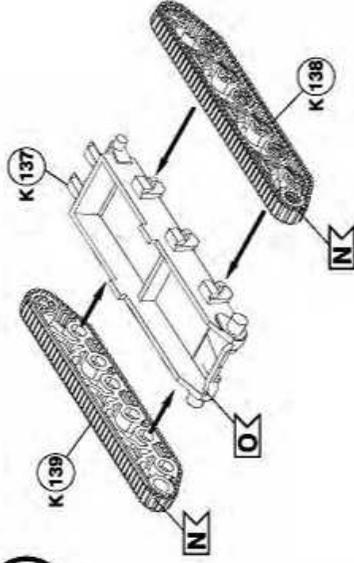
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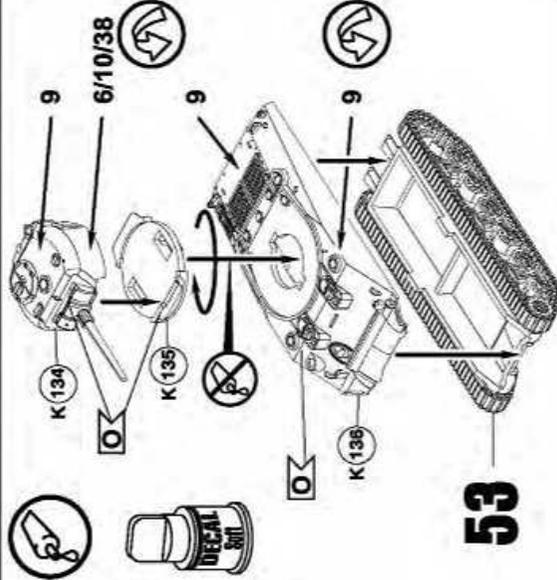
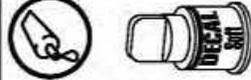
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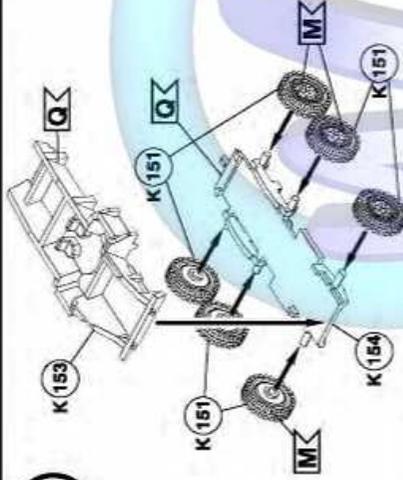
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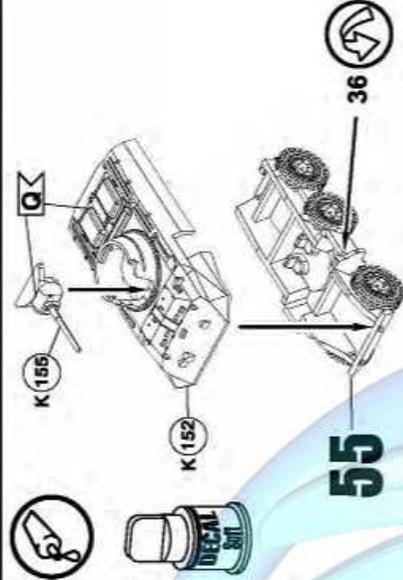
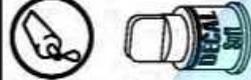
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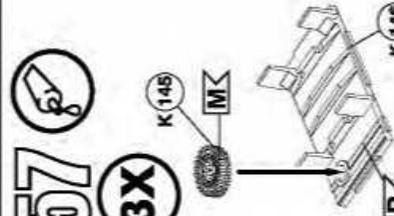
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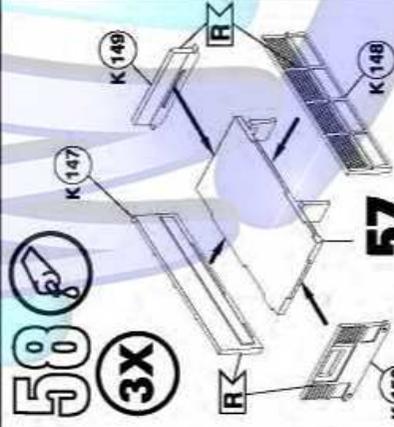
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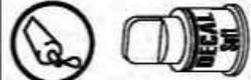
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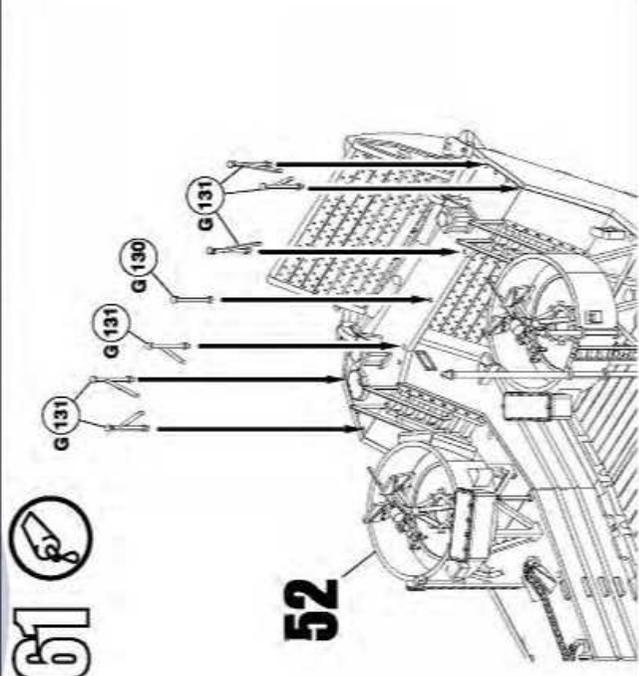
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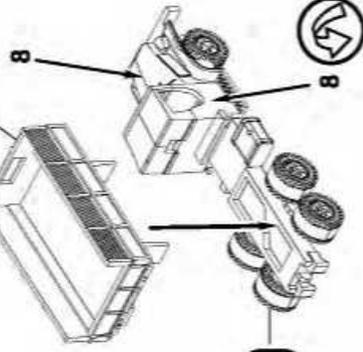


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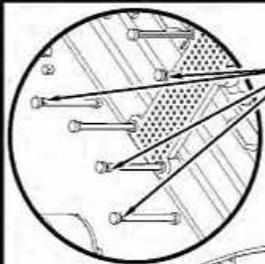
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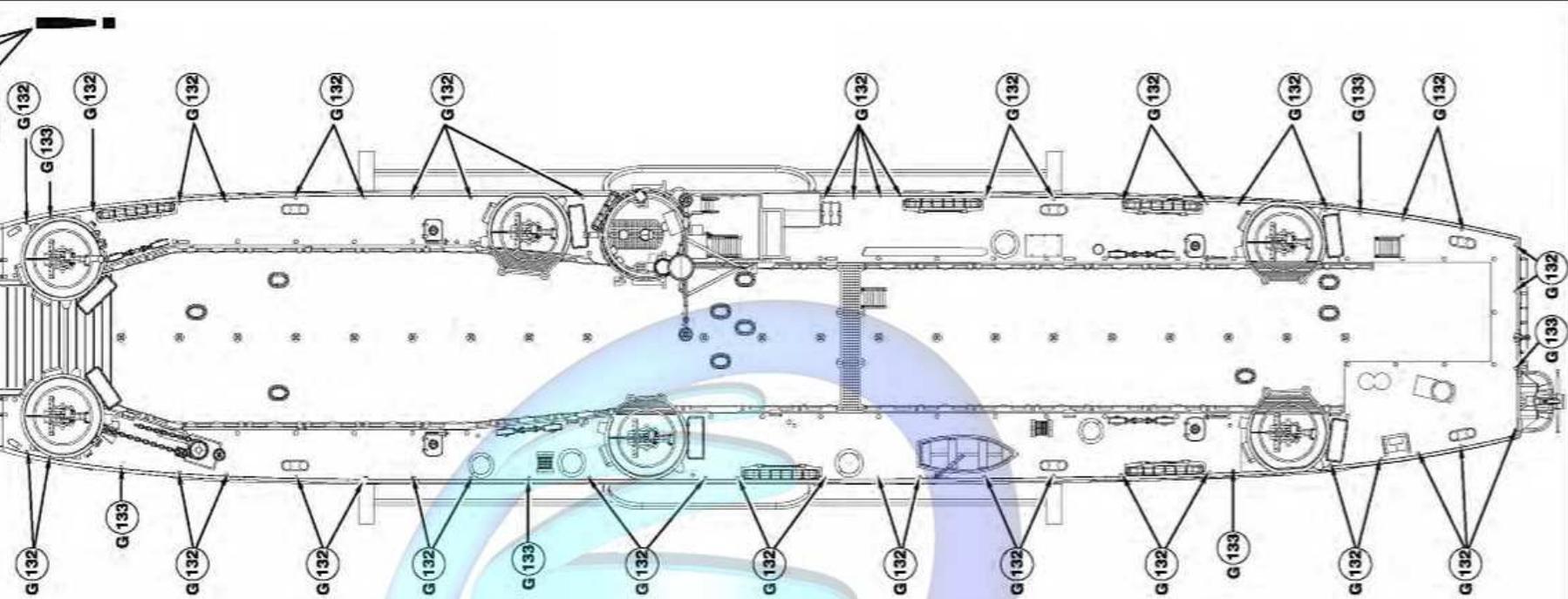


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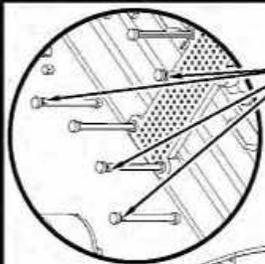
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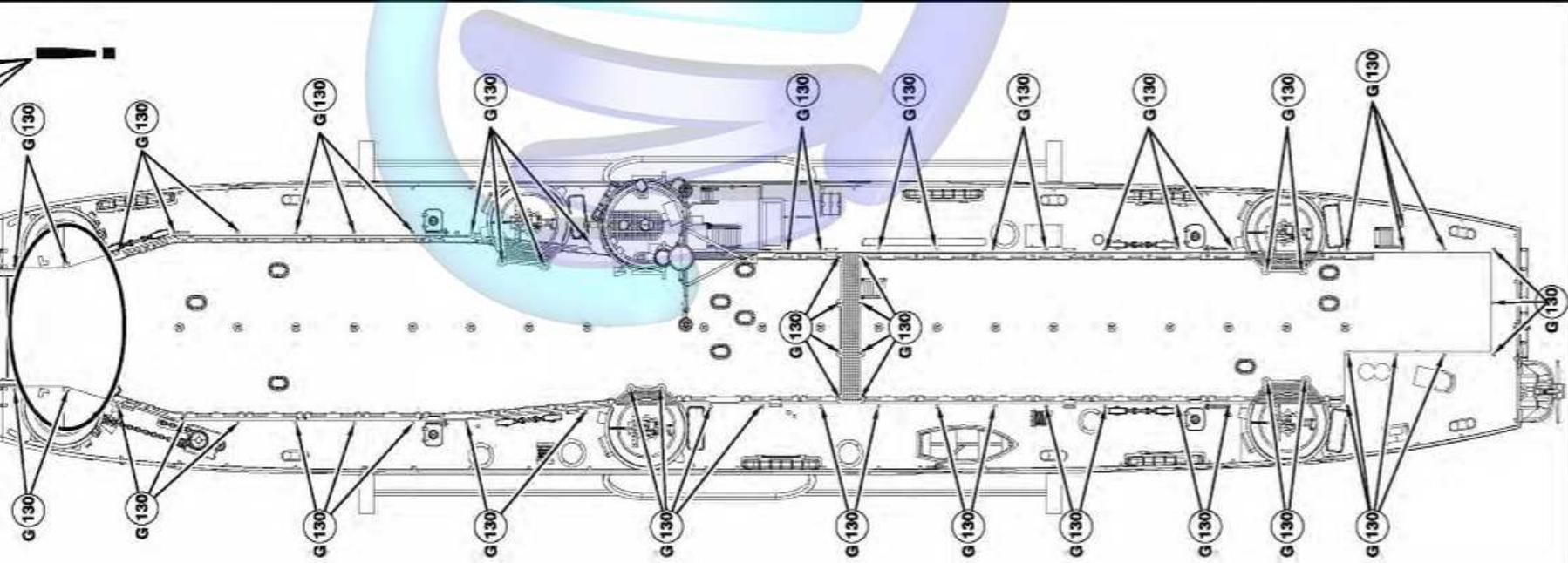
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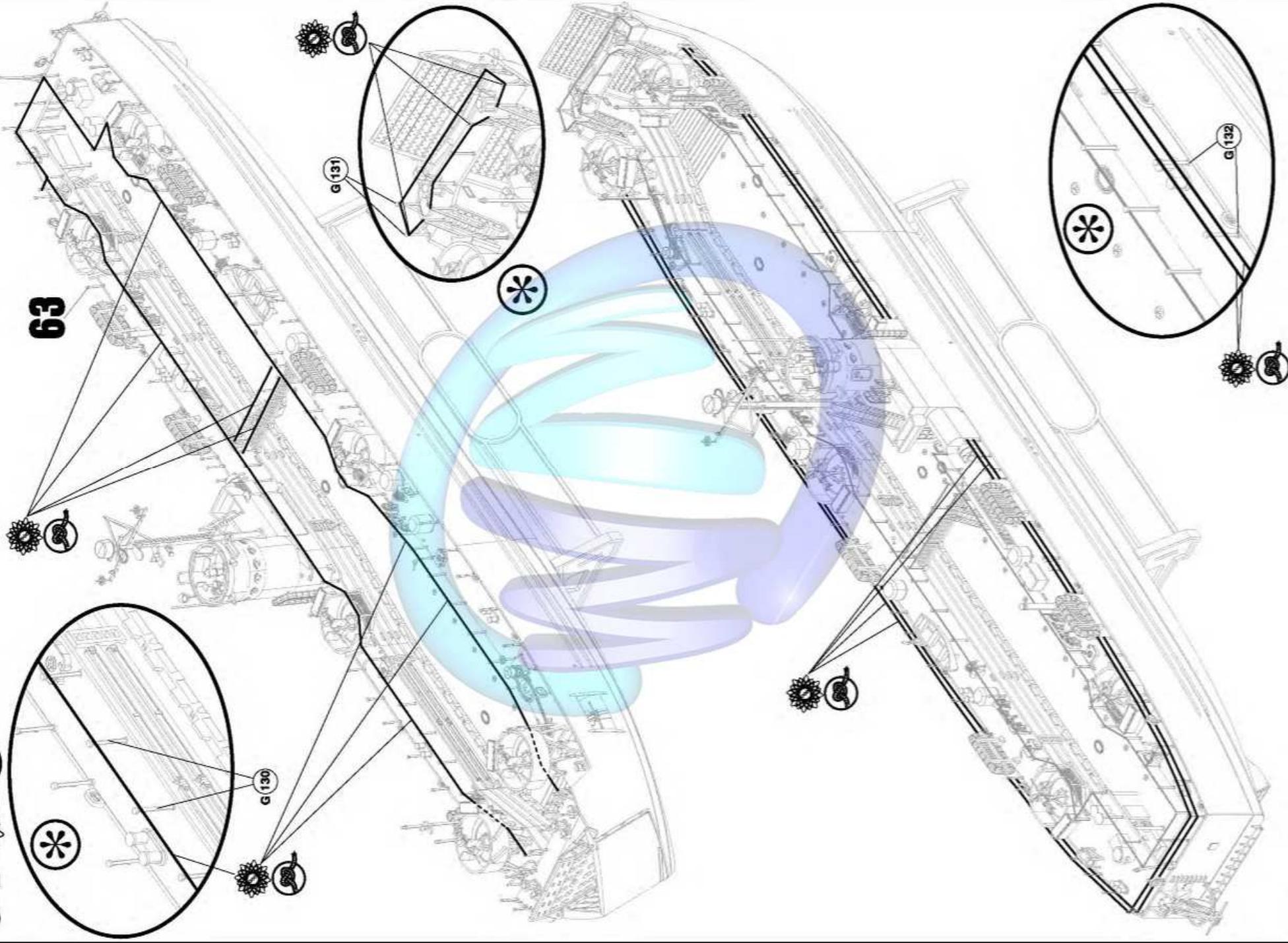


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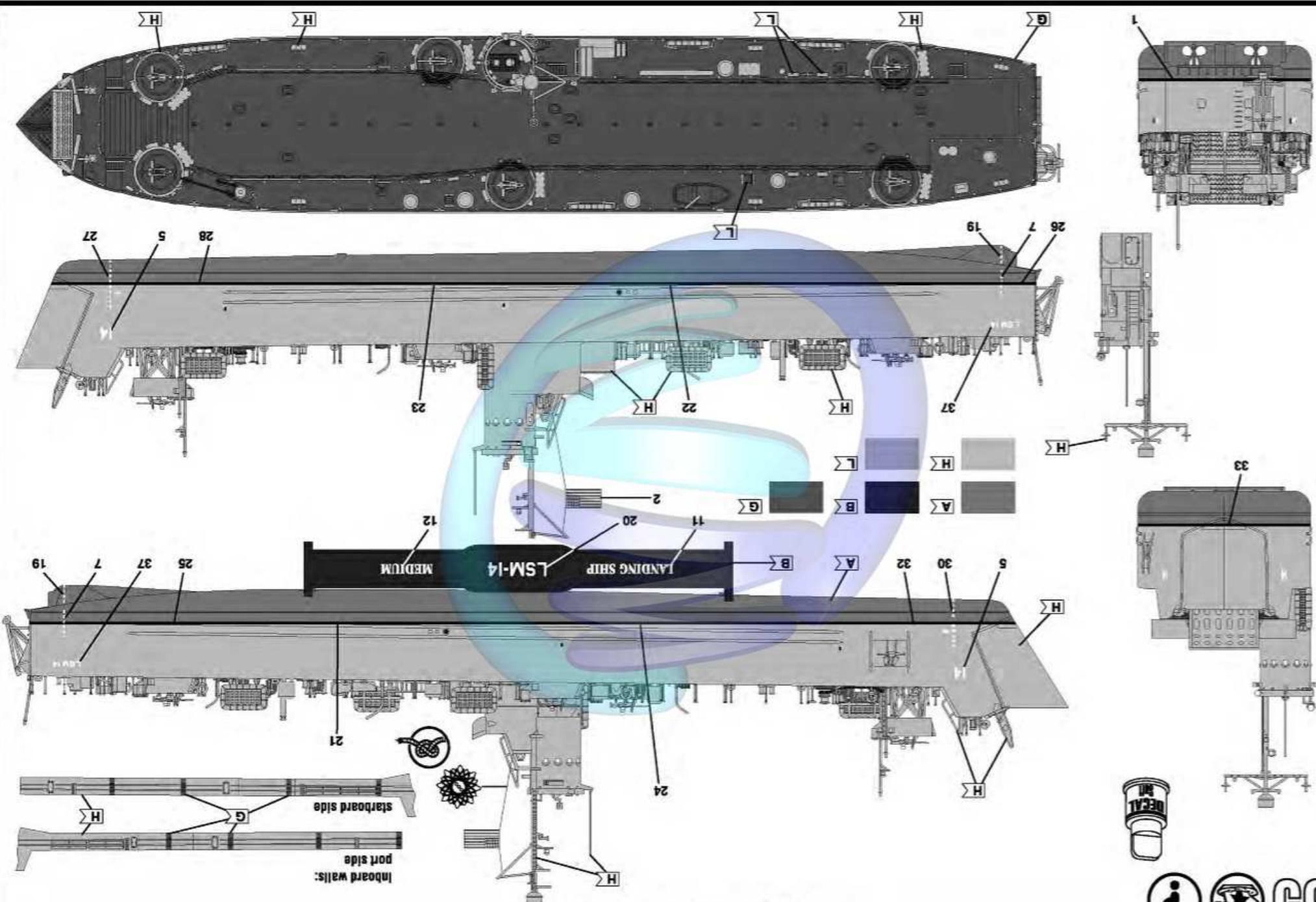


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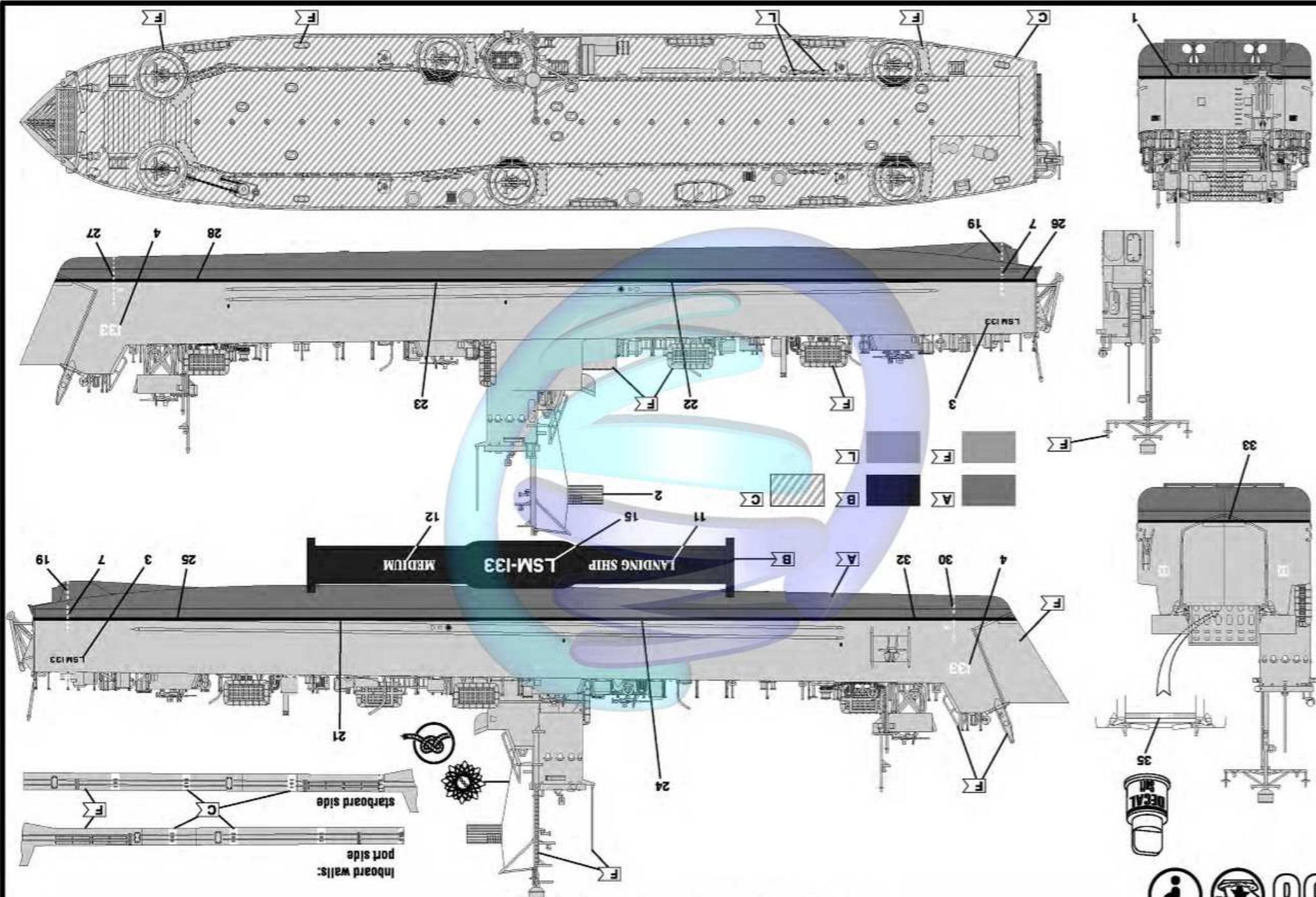
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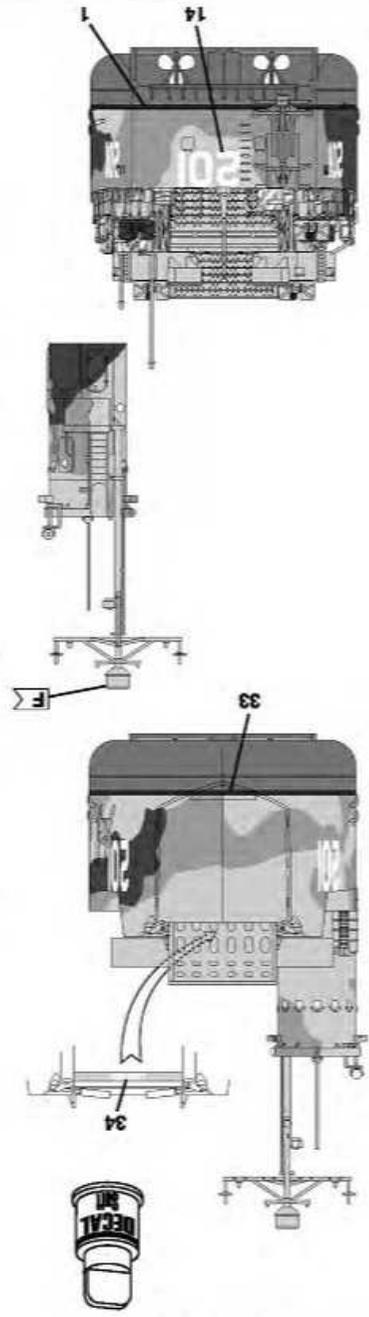
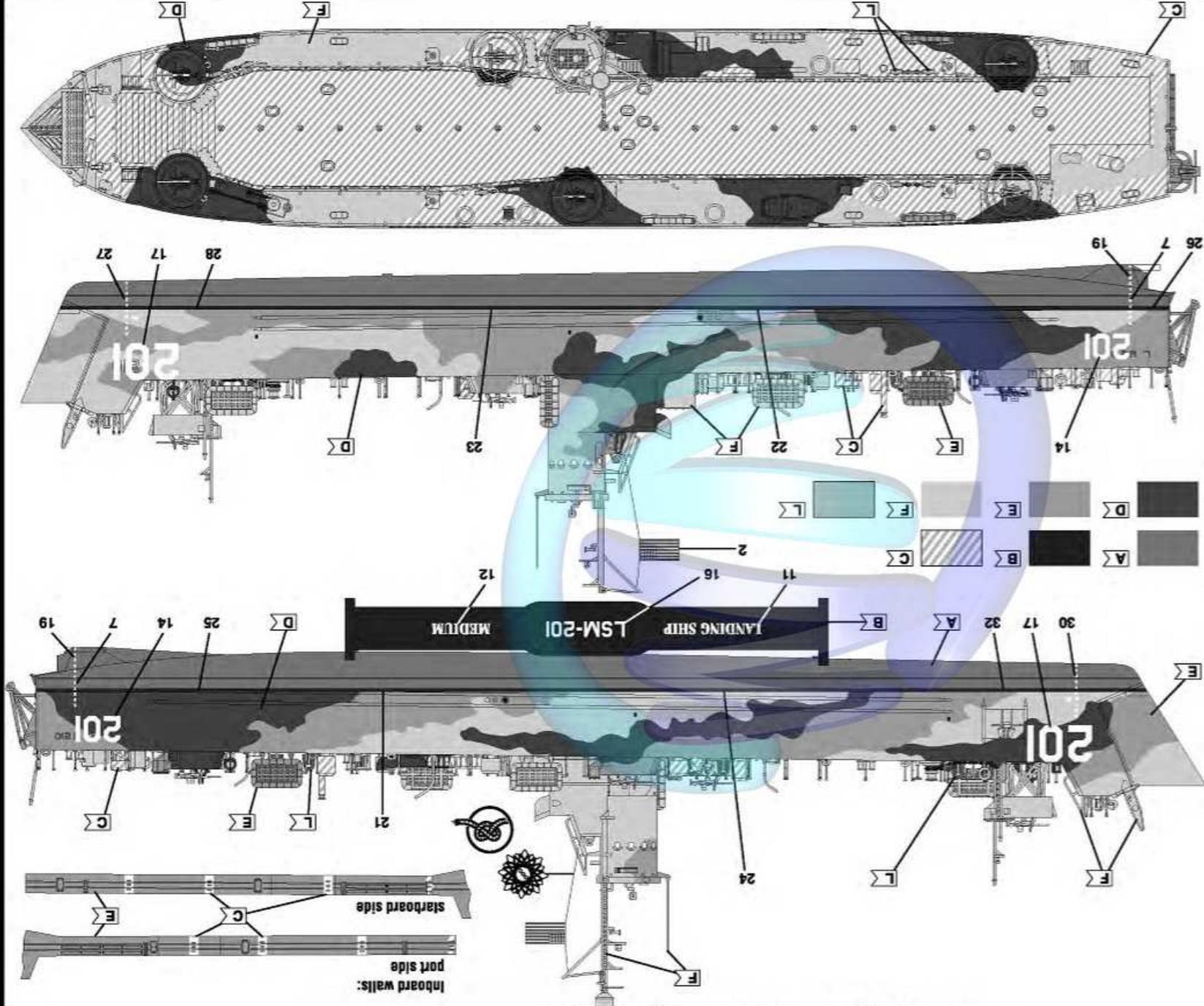
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