



Forward Windows for AMT/ERTL 1:1400 Galaxy Class



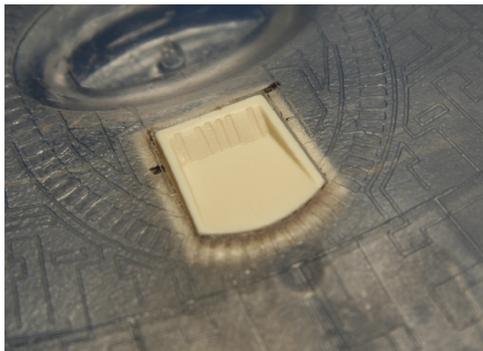
Preparing the Replacement Part

Resin parts should always be carefully washed with soap to remove mold release agents. A light sanding will help paint adhere to the plastic.

Preparing the Model

The forward window piece is provided as a cut-and-replace portion of the Galaxy Class lower saucer piece. It addresses a missing set of windows forward of the Captain's Yacht.

To cut the correct section out of the lower saucer piece (kit part #2), cut the shape within the shaded area of the provided template. It is



best to cut out the template, position it on the model, and transfer it with permanent marker. A pin vise with a small drill bit can be used to drill along the inside of the perimeter, and the

kit plastic can then be removed using a sharp hobby knife. A small file is useful to clean up and adjust the cut.

Proper positioning of the cutout is crucial; the replacement piece follows the curve of the lower sensor band, as illustrated.

Test-fit the replacement part in the opening frequently, and adjust the cut as needed. The goal is to have a clean fit, with as little gap as possible.

Applying Replacement Part

The new windows should be glued into the lower saucer piece from behind. The piece is designed to sit flush with the outside of the hull. Attach using cyanoacrylate glue or epoxy. Polystyrene cement will not work with polyurethane resin.

After the glue dries, any remaining gap should be filled with gap putty and sanded smooth.

Lighting (clear part only)

The recommended way to light the new windows (and those throughout the model) is to apply thin strips of masking tape over each window to be lit to keep it clean of paint. Normally, uncovered areas of the model are then light-blocked with black paint, after which the model is primed and painted as per usual. When the strips of tape are removed, internal light can shine through.

Painting

This part does not require any special consideration when painting. Once installed, the piece can be painted along with the rest of the model.

Recent re-releases of the model kit include wallpaper "aztec" decals. If these are used, make certain to adjust decal #32 around the forward windows so that it applies properly.



Cut-out Template