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VOLVO HJULTRAKTOR 383



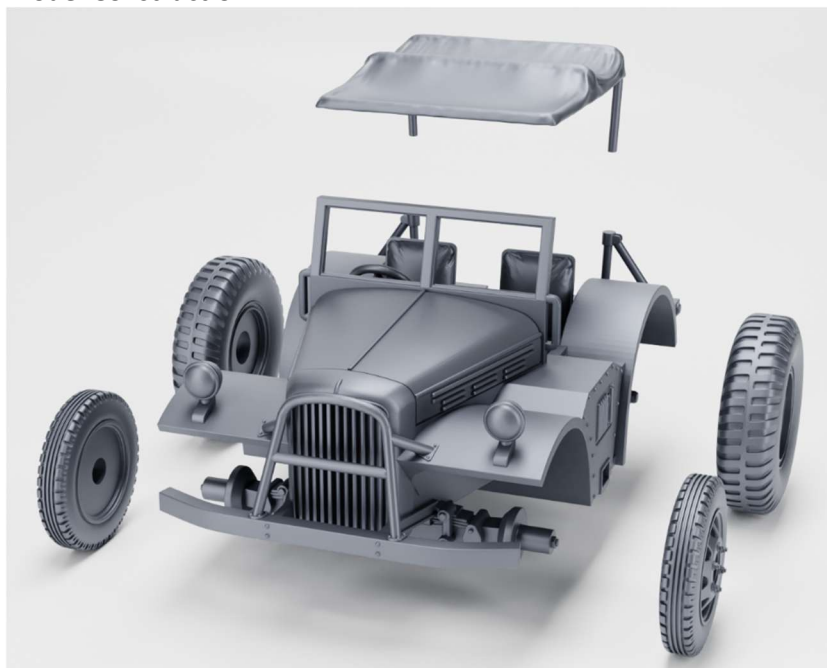
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History

The Volvo HBT Artilleritraktor m/43 was a reversed engineered Demag SdKfz 10 Halftrack of which 108 were manufactured from 1943. In 1958-1959, 45 tractor conversions were made by army workshops consisting of cutting the vehicle in half behind the sprocket, installing large tractor rear tires and making new fenders. Some vehicles were equipped with plows, forklifts or rear ballast. Around half these tractors served in the army and half in Flygvapnet until 1965-1966 when they were sold off. Some of these vehicles are now being restored by enthusiast or collectors, but none are yet in museums.

Model Construction



Very carefully cut out the kit parts from the 3D supports and sand off any residue. Prime and paint all parts. Most of the vehicles served in the Swedish Olive drab scheme, though some photographic evidence suggests early examples had the remains of the early 1940s camouflage scheme of the light green, beige, brown and black camouflage for at least the hood and wheels. Tilt was most likely greenish beige canvas. Cement wheels and tilt to hull. To liven up your model, consider outfitting it with **GEC72057 Flygvapnet 1940-1960s Drivers** figures. On <https://www.geckoheavyindustriesmodels.de/gec-72053-volvo-m-43-hjultraktor-383/> use the password found on the printed kit instructions to access reference material of period and museum photos of the Volvo 383 to help paint your kit.

General Instructions

We try to make our parts as easy to fit as possible but these are kits for relatively experienced modelers. We urge you to clean up the parts with soap and water, to remove possible remains of release agents. If parts are warped, dip in very hot water and gently bend back to right shape. The usual plastic cement does not work on resins and metals. Cyano acrylate glue or epoxy do the job. Resin Parts are preferably sanded wet, to avoid inhaling the dust. The use of Cyano acrylate and epoxies is also to be done under well ventilated conditions. Read the instructions of your adhesive products. **NOT RECOMMENDED TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14.**