

REFORGER GECKO MODELS

MAGIRUS MERCUR / EL NASR



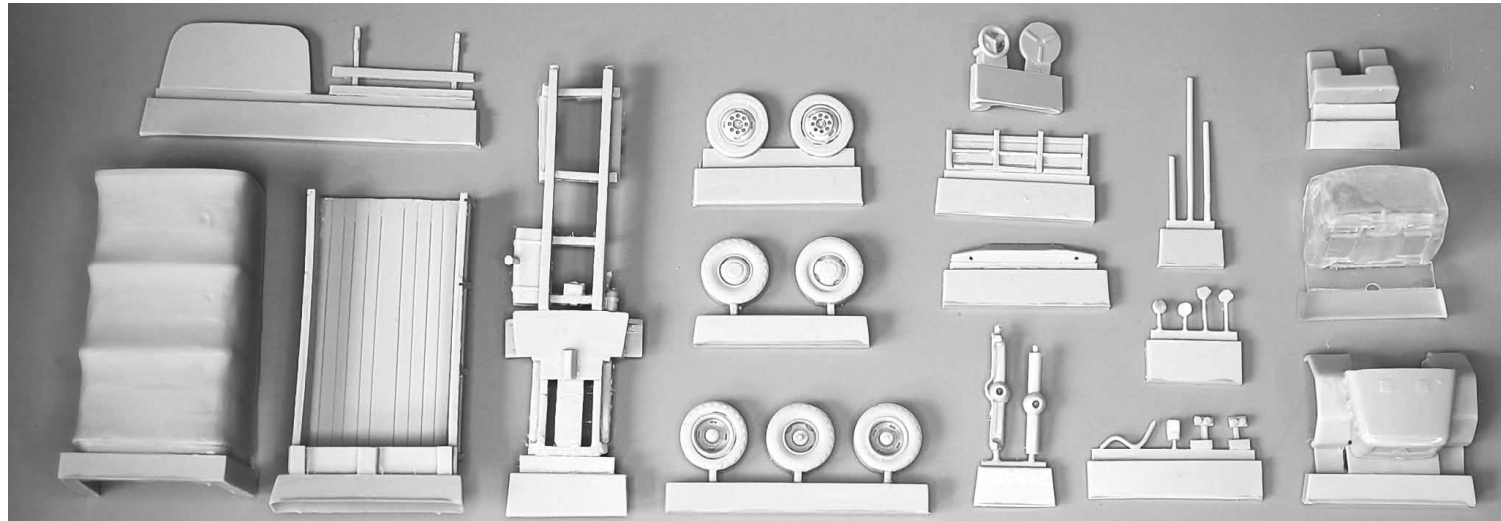
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History

The Magirus Mercur was a 5 ton 2 axle truck built by Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz in Germany from 1951 to 1972, first with a rounded hood, then with a square hood. The trucks were equipped with different variations of robust air cooled Diesel engines, rear wheel drive for most civilian versions and all-wheel drive for military variants. Thanks to its locking center differential, the Mercur trucks were capable off road vehicles. This truck was produced under license by Slovenian manufacturer TAM, as "TAM-Deutz." The Egyptian company El Nasr Automotive Manufacturing Company (NASCO) also started producing the Mercur and its Deutz engines under license from 1959 until around 1980 as the air cooled truck was ideal for arid regions. These were used for civilian purposes and they also served in the Egyptian military, with many captured in the Sinai in 1967.

Model Construction



Construction Notes

Carefully remove all parts from the casting blocks. Attach Seats, front bumper and Axles to chassis, the one with steering rods at the front. Install drive shafts between engine, transmission and axles. Mask window on transparent cabin. Prime and paint interior with dark grey floor, exterior paint scheme for the interior sides and light grey cabin roof. Install steering wheel inside cabin and mount cabin on chassis: Then mount hood onto chassis in front of cabin. Install Truck bed on chassis leaving a little room behind cabin for the cab guard. Installation of the canvas tilt and front canvas is optional, depending on modeller wishes. Install pre painted wheels, lights and rear reflectors as well as cabin top hatch for military variant. There are many photos of civilian Mercurs on the internet. Using the **password** found in **printed kit instructions**, check out Egyptian Mercur AL Nasr references: <https://www.geckoheavyindustriesmodels.de/reg72002-magirus-mercur-el-nasr/>

General Instructions

We try to make our parts as easy to fit as possible but these are kits for relatively experienced modelers. 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 so use Cyano acrylate glue or epoxy. Resin Parts are preferably sanded wet, to avoid inhaling the dust. Use Cyano acrylate and epoxies under well ventilated conditions. Read the instructions of your adhesive products. **NOT RECOMMENDED TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14.**