



The Blue Ridge Models/Very Fire 1/350 scale USS Cleveland is a nicely detailed kit with a great fit of all the subassemblies. There are common sprues between this kit and the Blue Ridge Models/Very Fire USS Salem kit. The kit does not have a stand and the photoetch sheet that is provided has superstructure railings, but no main deck railings. The kit's parts are well detailed, however the finished models appearance can be greatly enhanced by replacing the Mk-37 radars, the 5"/38 mounts and the 40mm and 20mm guns with 3D printed parts from Black Cat Models.

**BE SURE TO WATCH THE YOUTUBE REVIEW OF THIS GREAT KIT!**



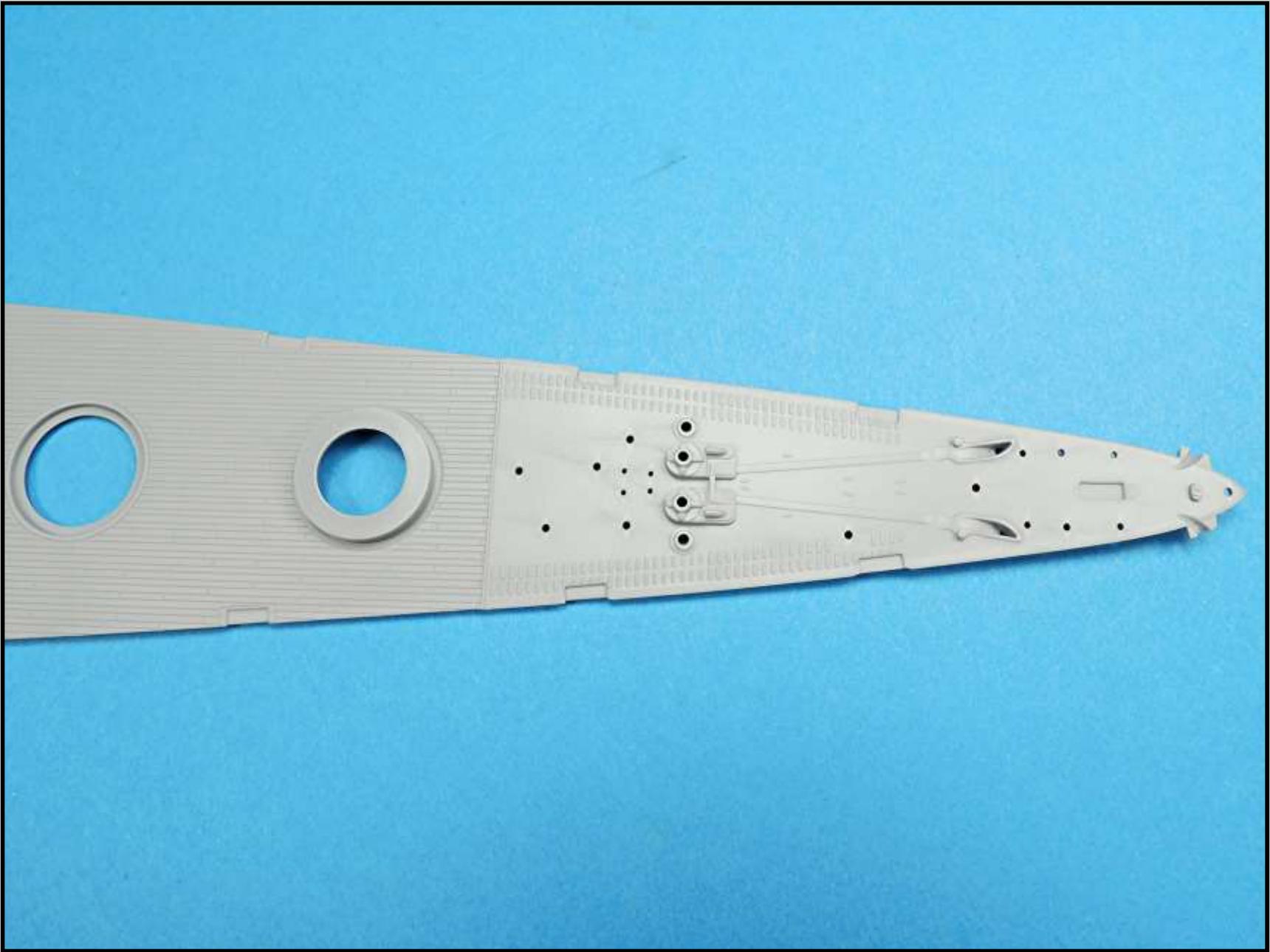
The two piece hull has thick sides so there will not be any flexing issues and there is a lot of surface detail.



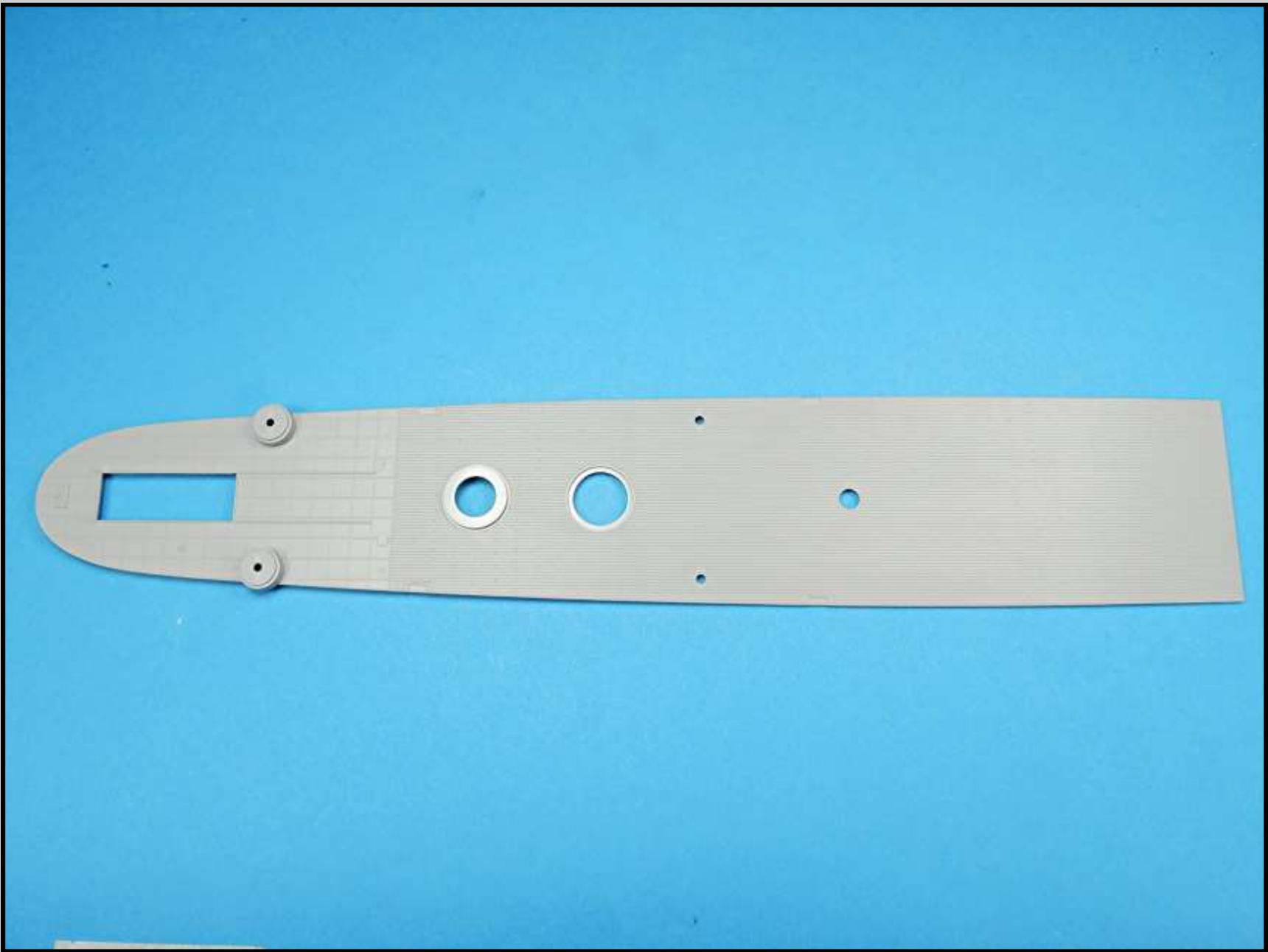
The hull detail even has the water intakes. The black lines are the slide moldings, which can easily be sanded smooth.



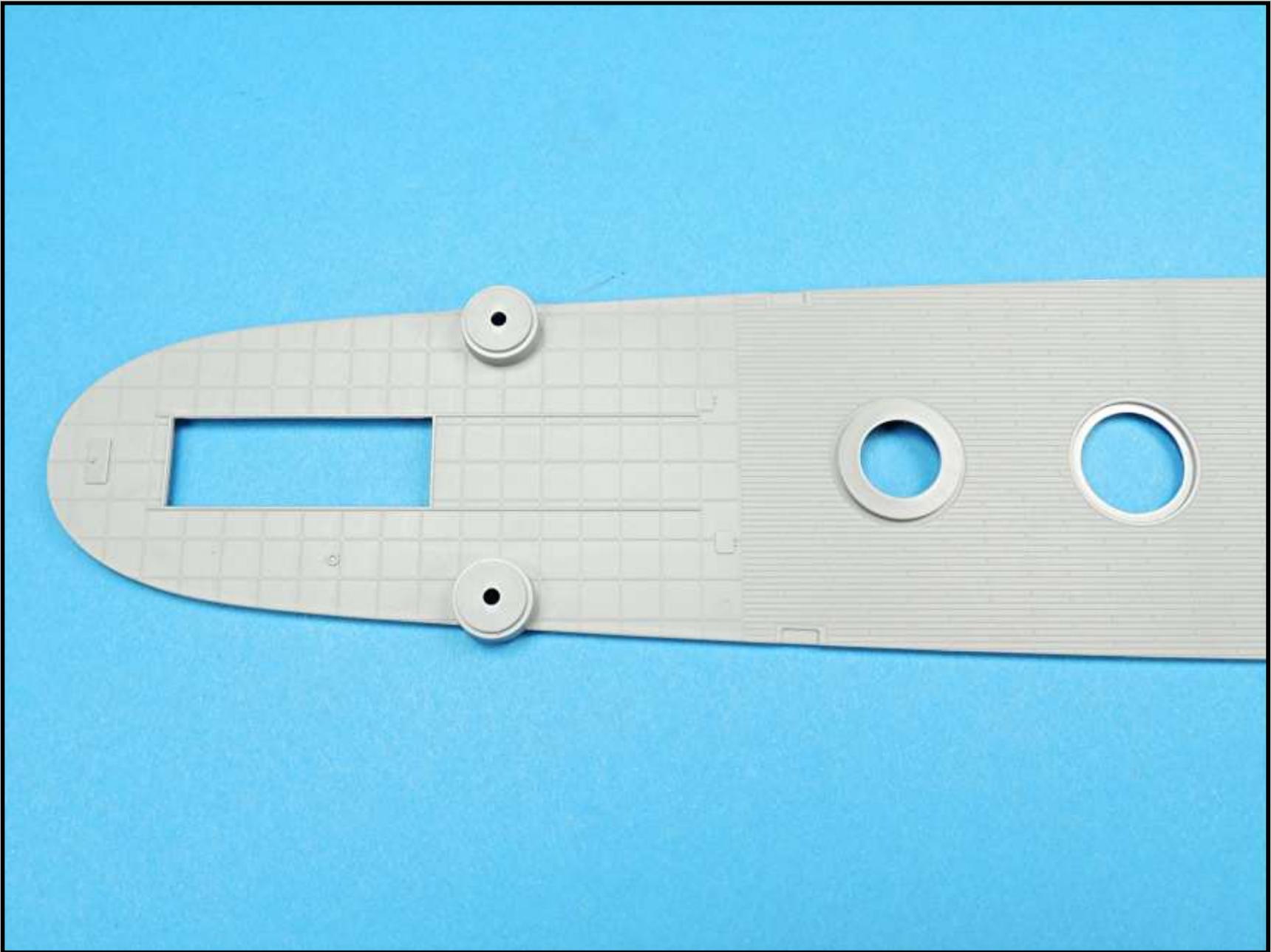
The main deck is in two sections and the wood scribing on both sections line up.



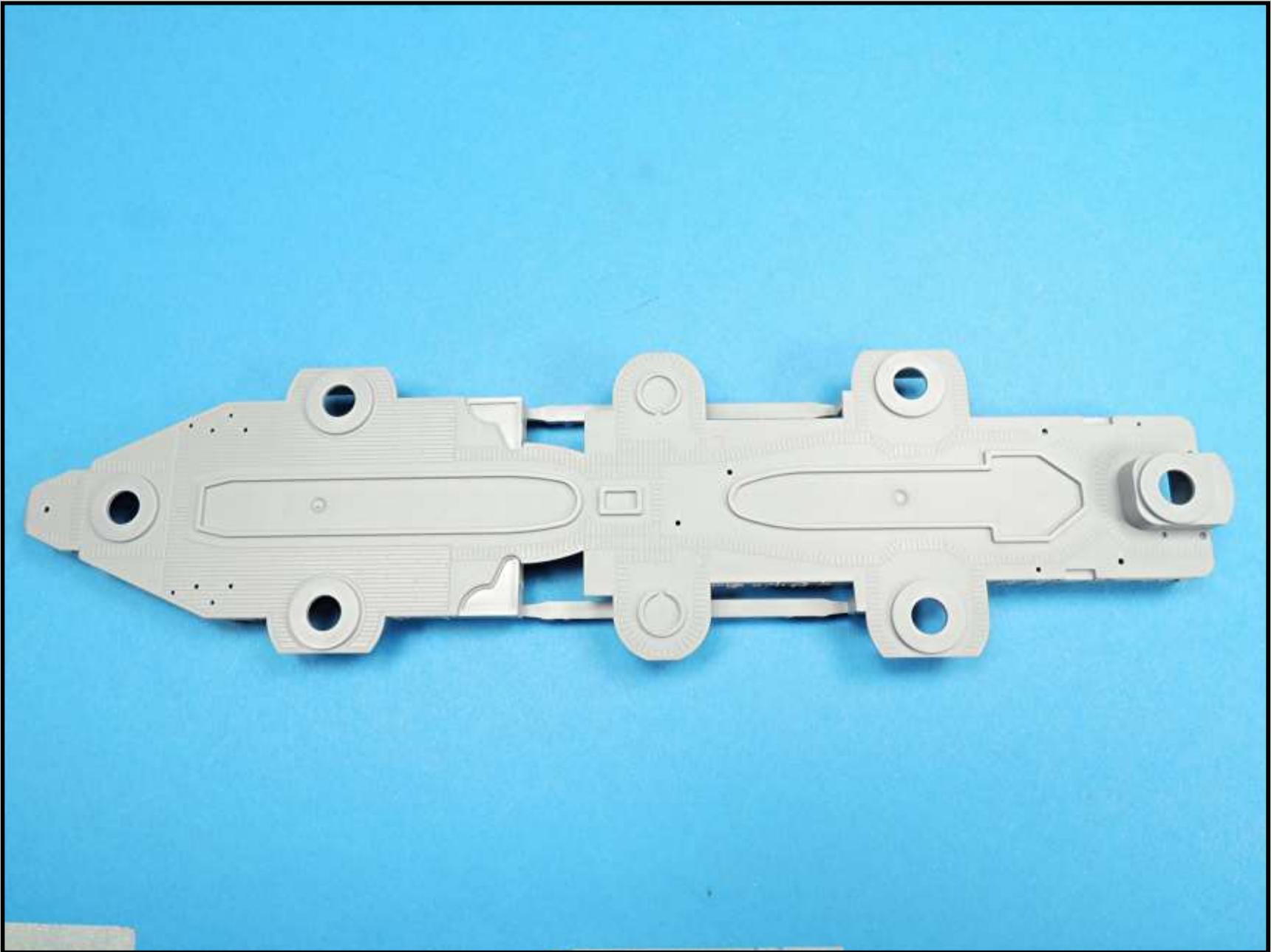
The bow detail is nicely done and the anti-skid detail is petite.



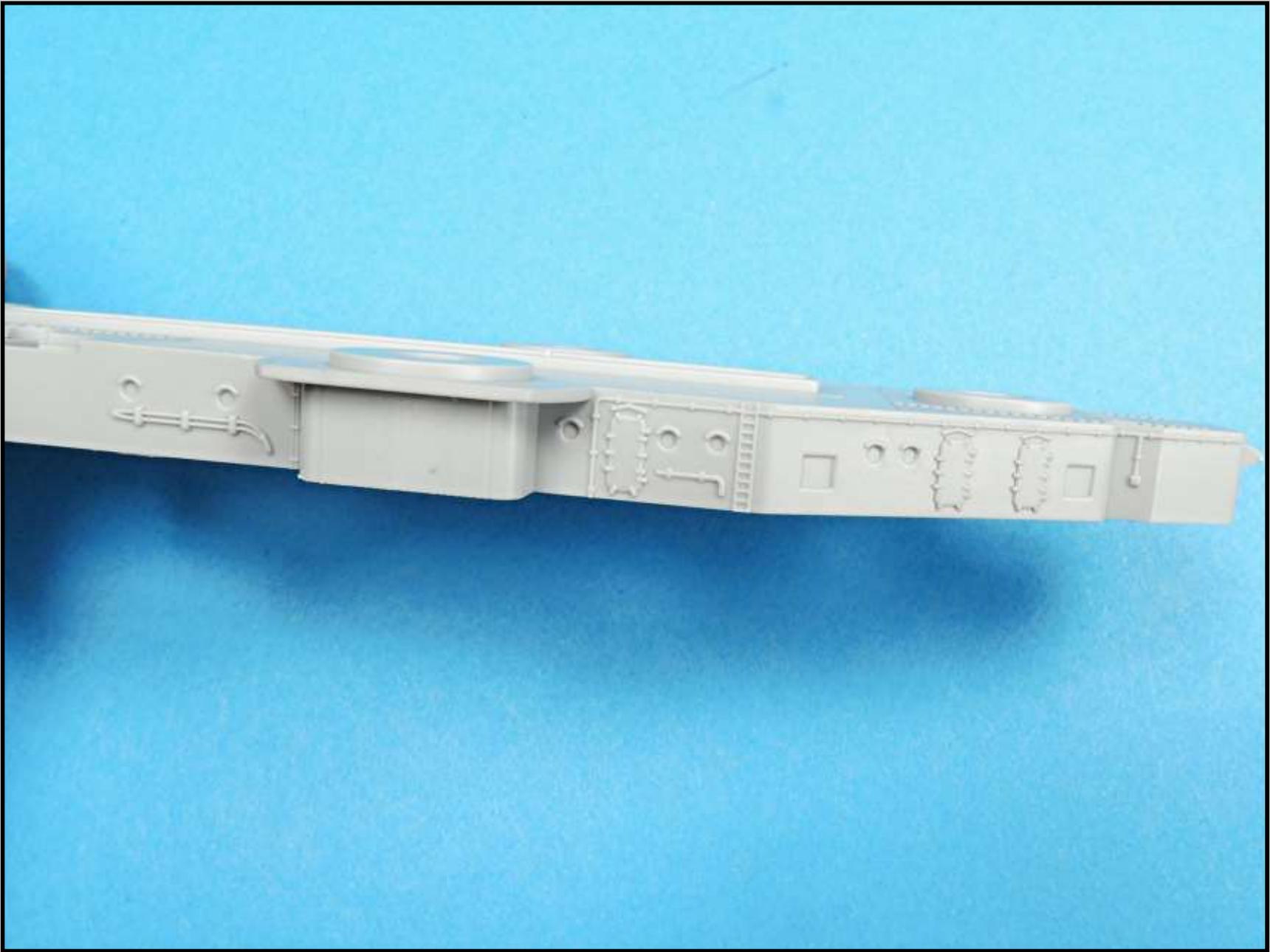
The splinter shields for the main deck are separate and the instructions show you where to drill the locating holes. Separate splinter shields will also reduce the amount of masking for painting the main deck.



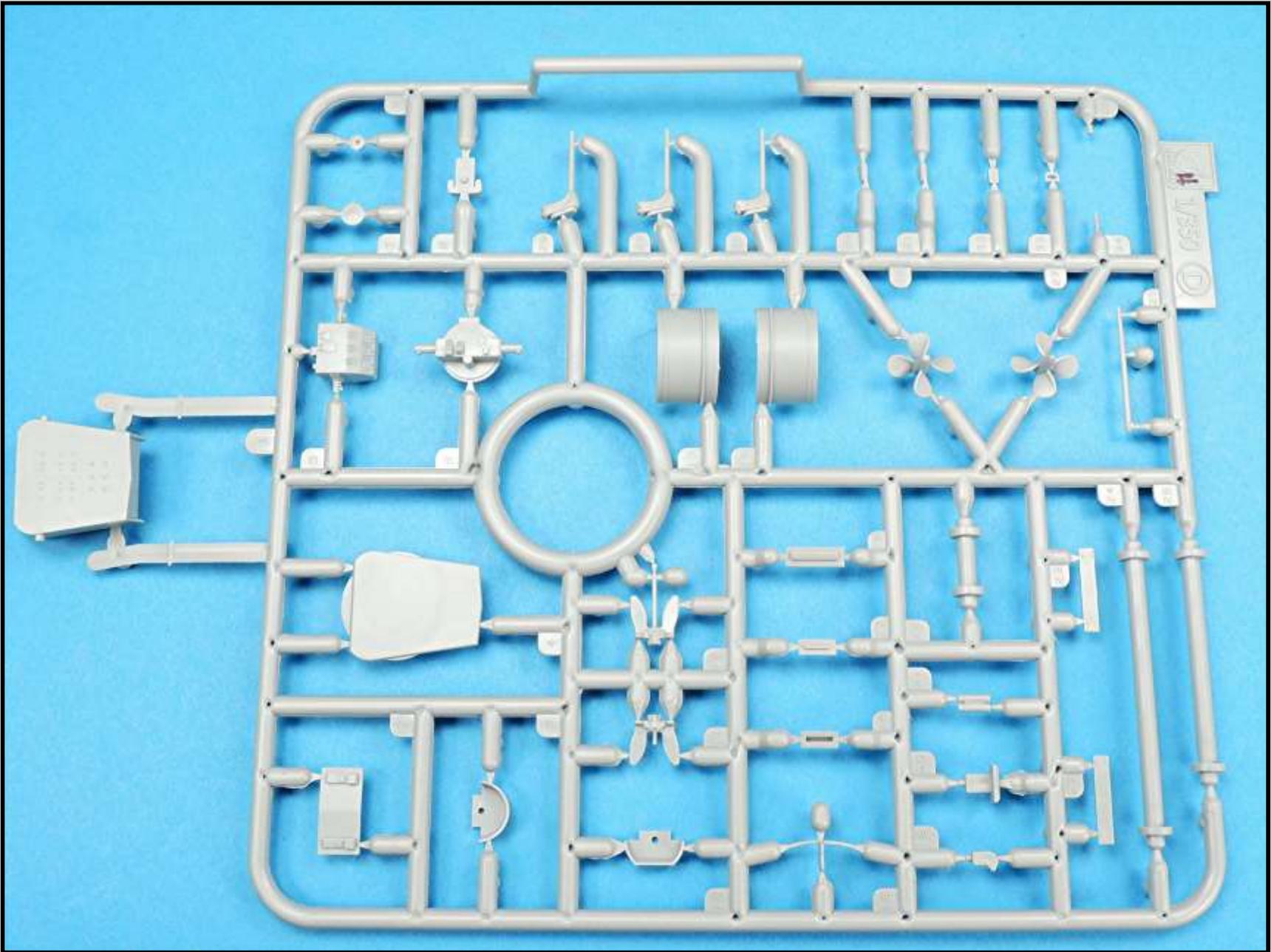
The steel decking detail at the stern is well done and petite.



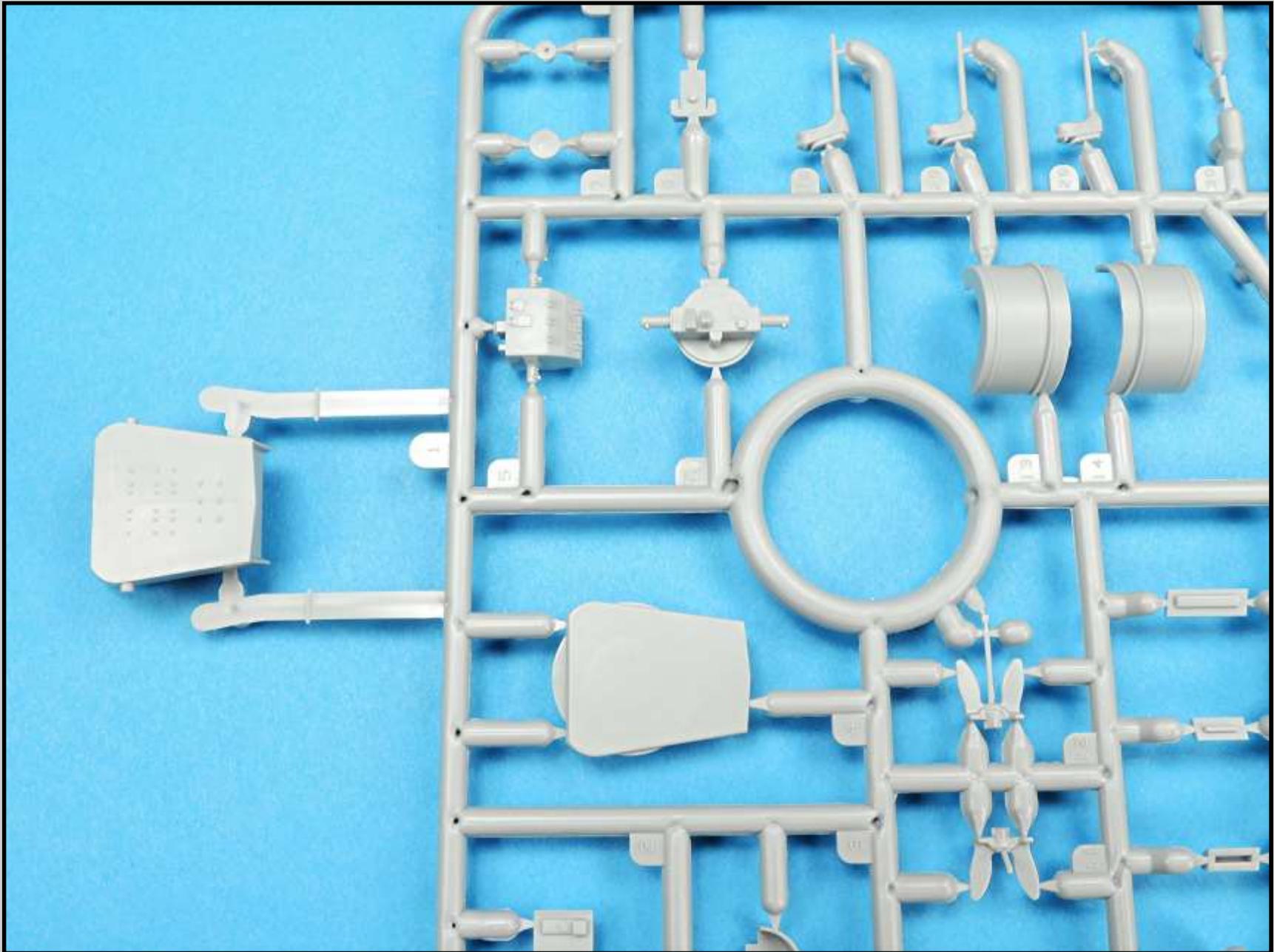
The 01 superstructure level is one piece and the wood deck scribing matches the main deck.



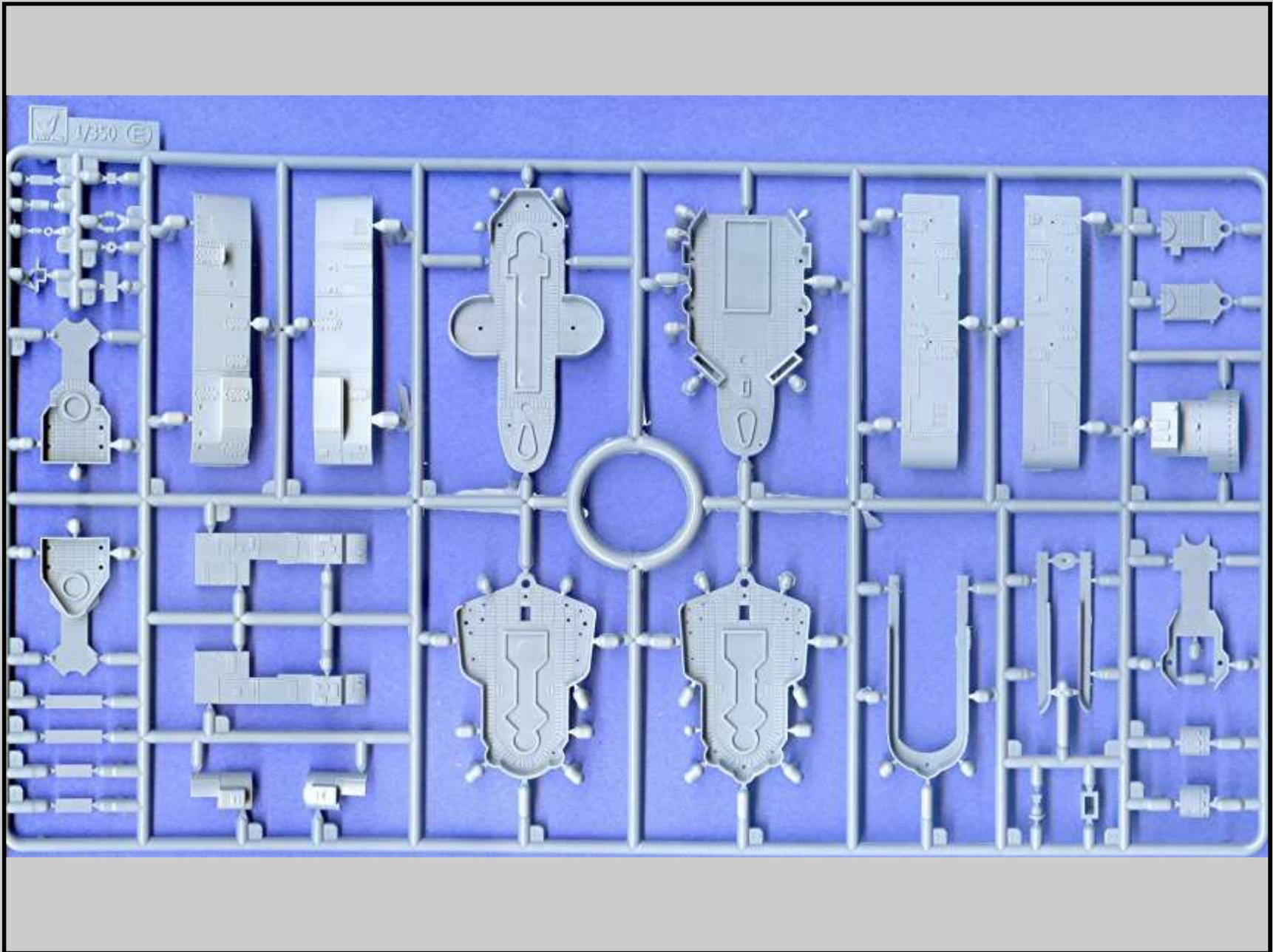
There is surface detail on all the superstructure sides and it is very well done.



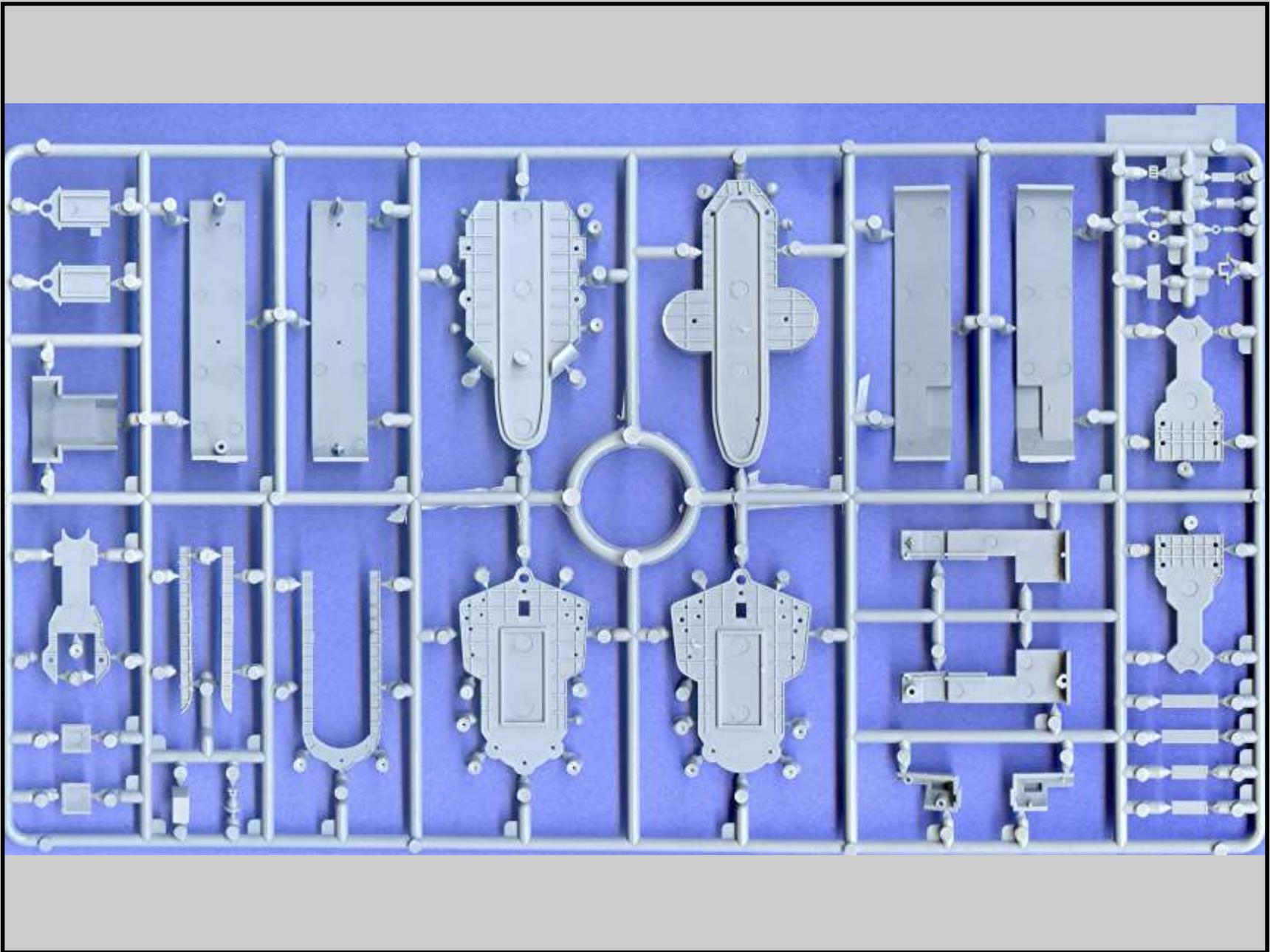
There are 4 sprue D's.



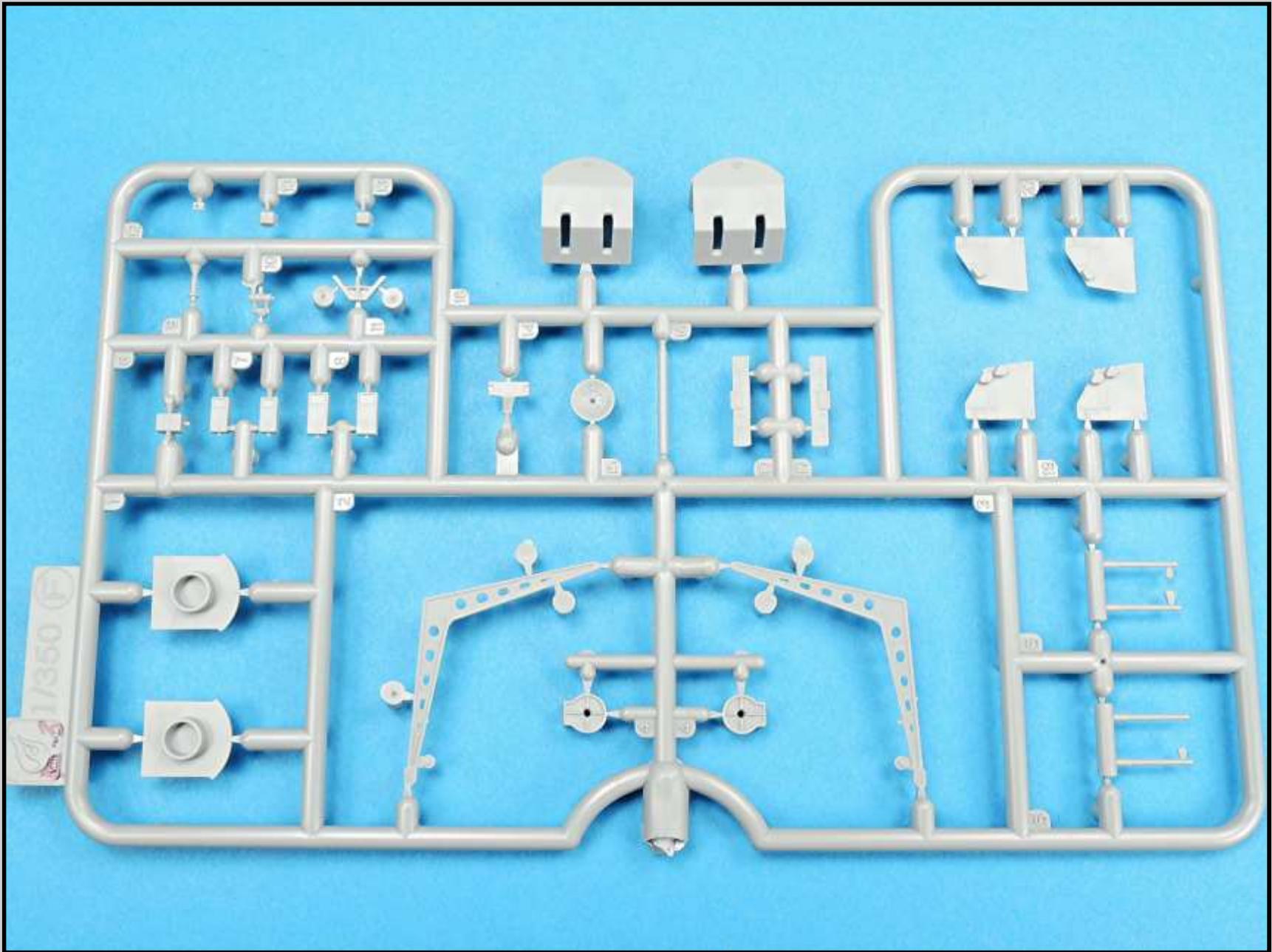
The detail on the turrets, the range finders and the Mk-37 radar bases is well executed.



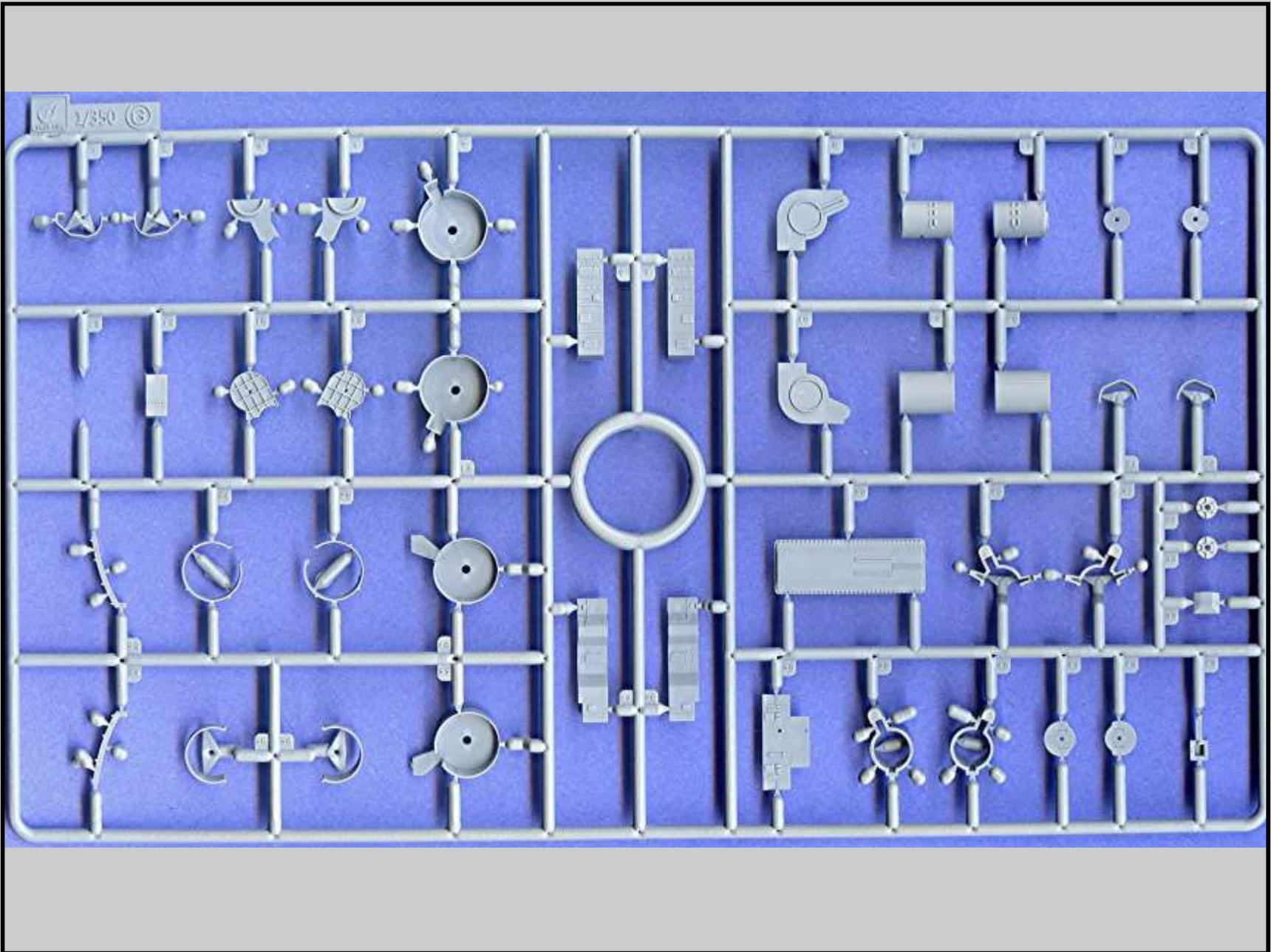
Sprue E has a lot of the superstructure parts.



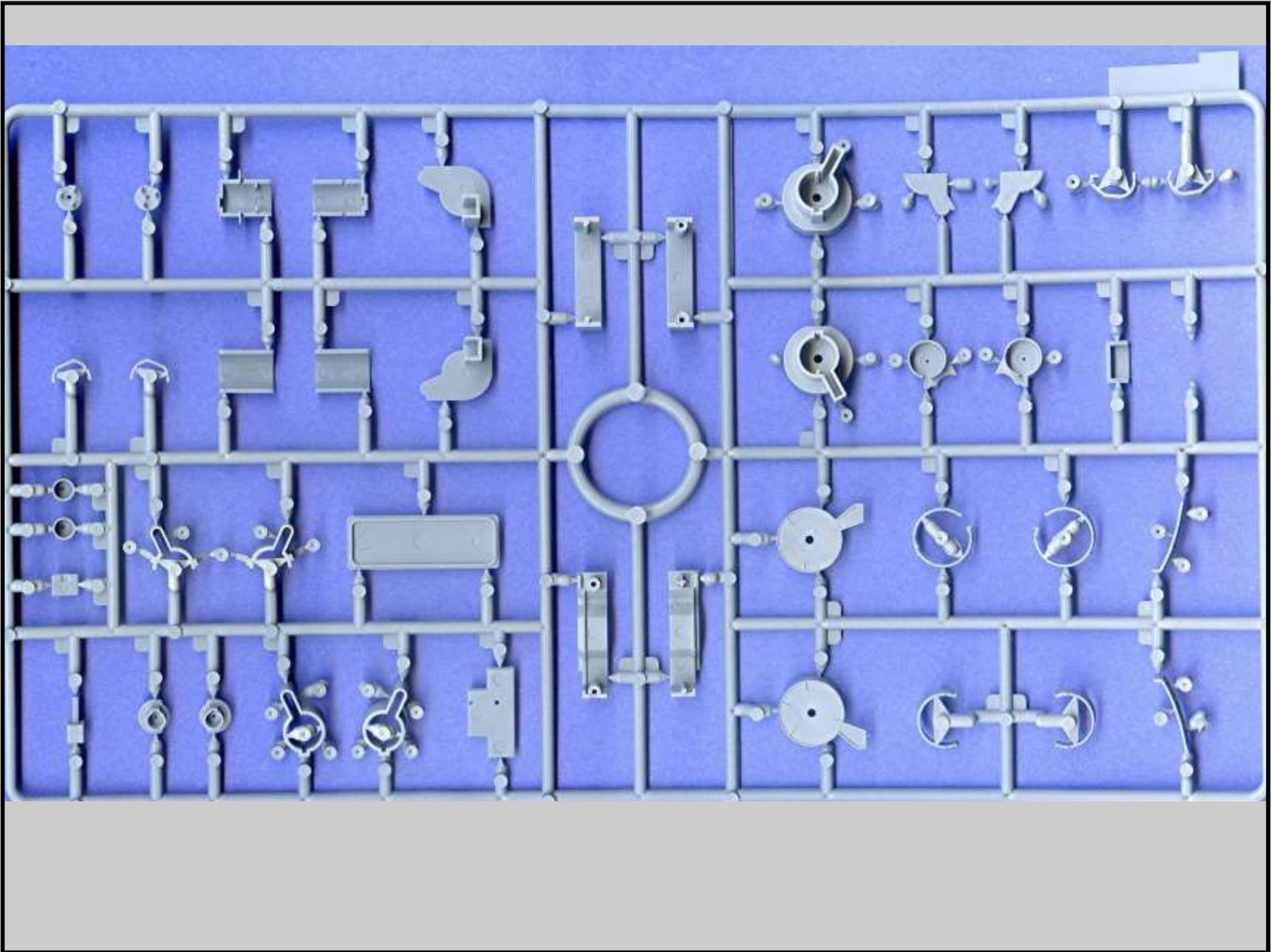
The backside of sprue E has a lot of surface detail on the undersides of the deck superstructure parts.



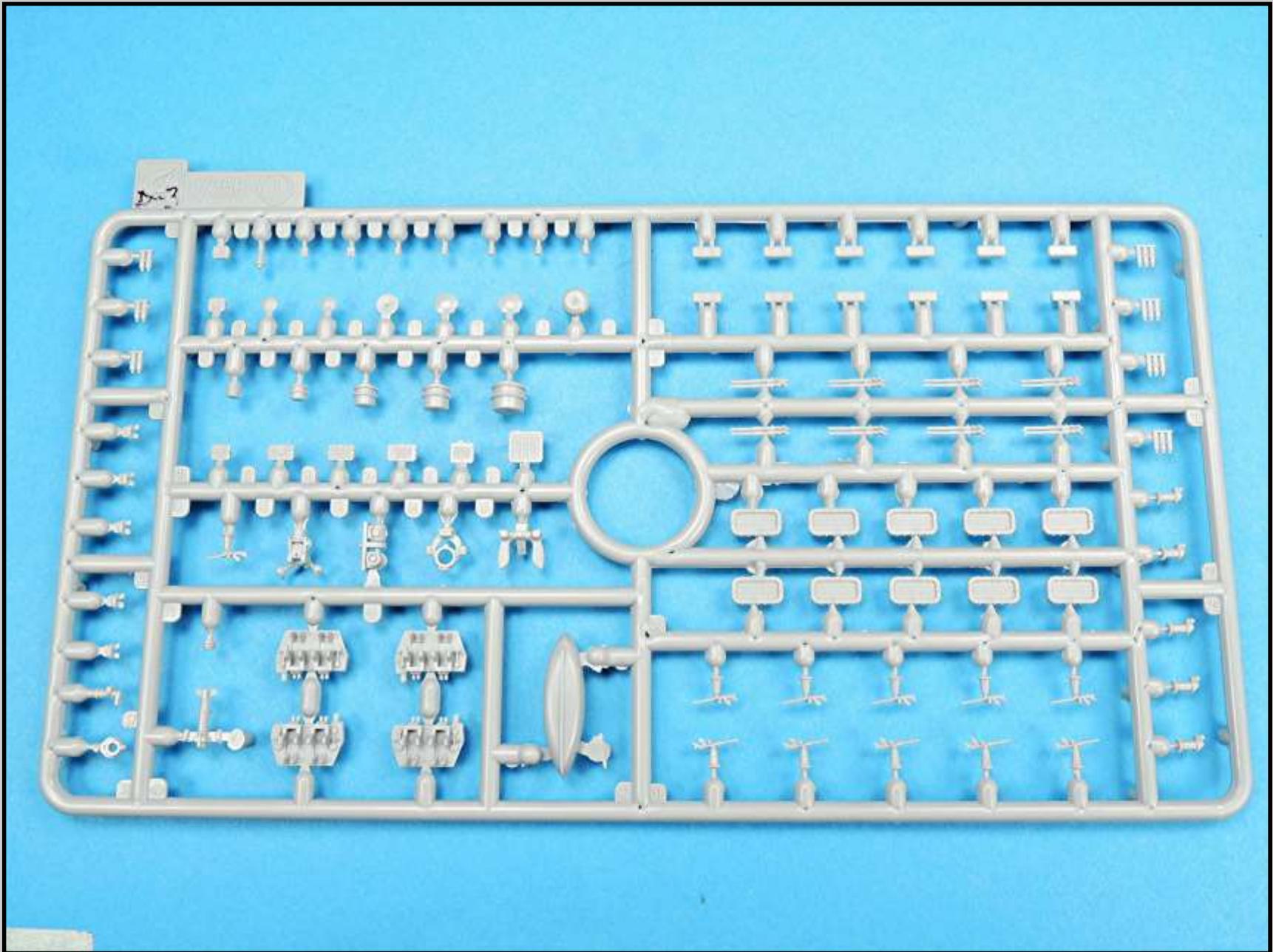
There are 3 sprue F's.



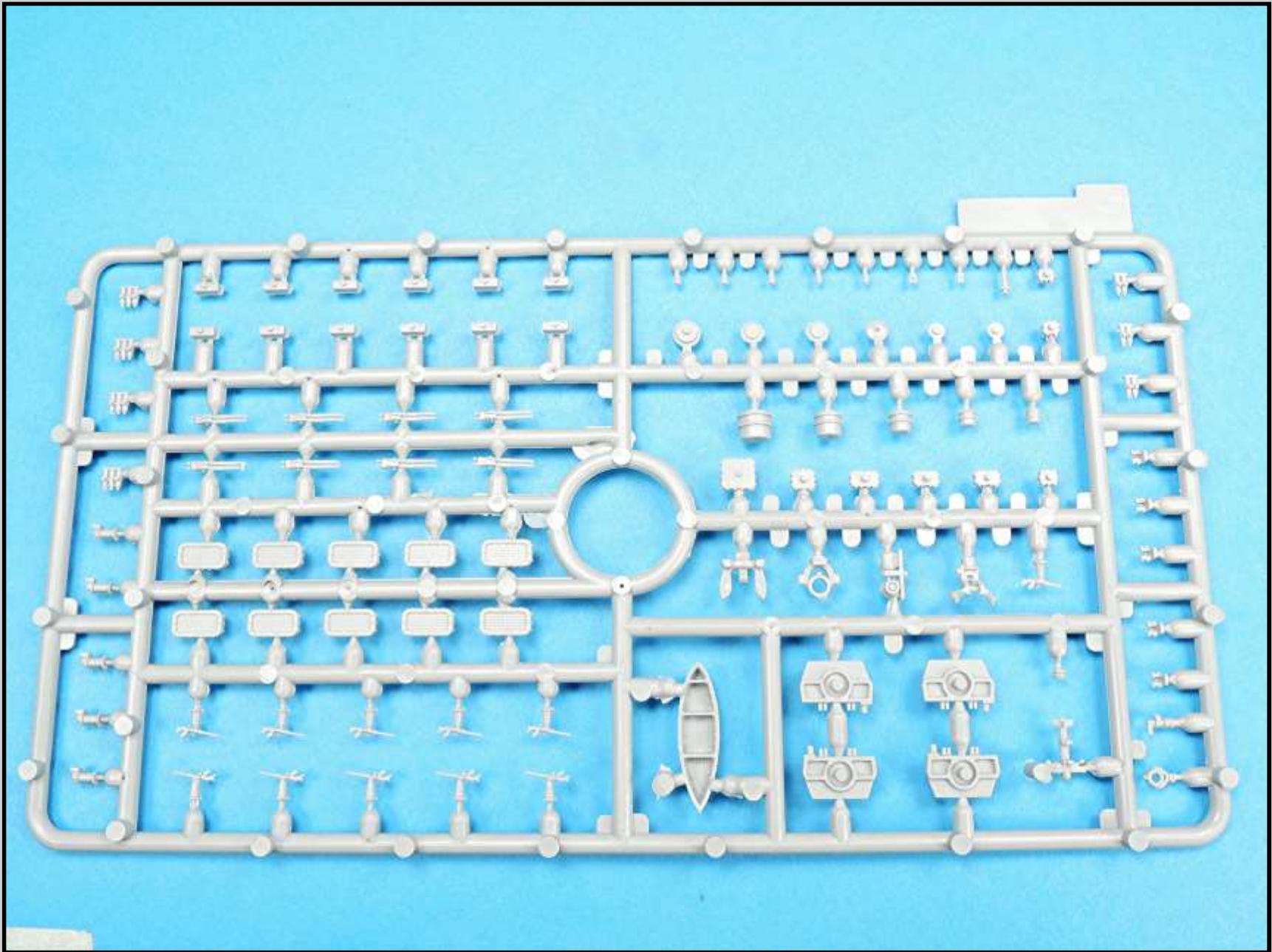
Sprue G.



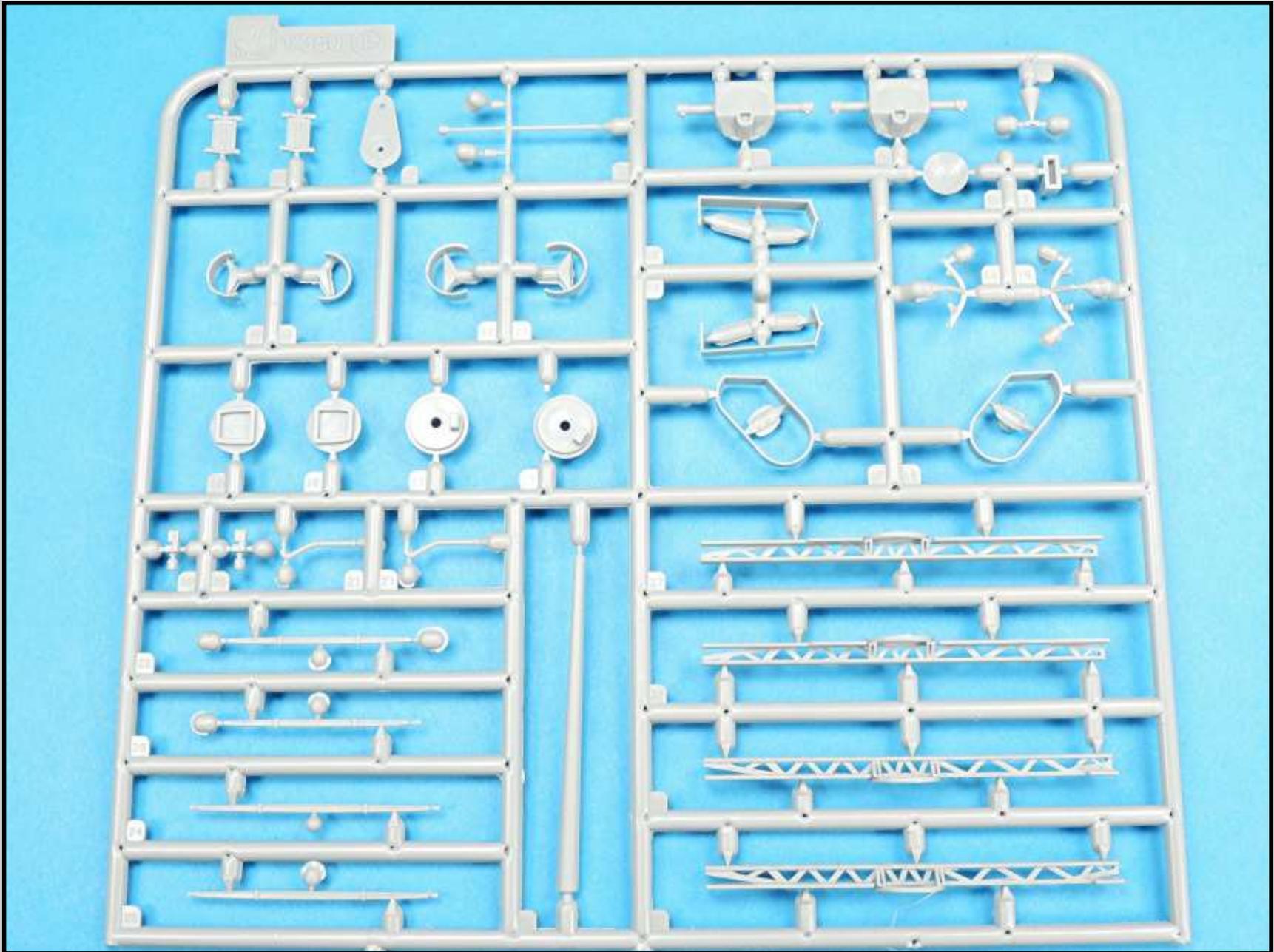
The underside of sprue G.



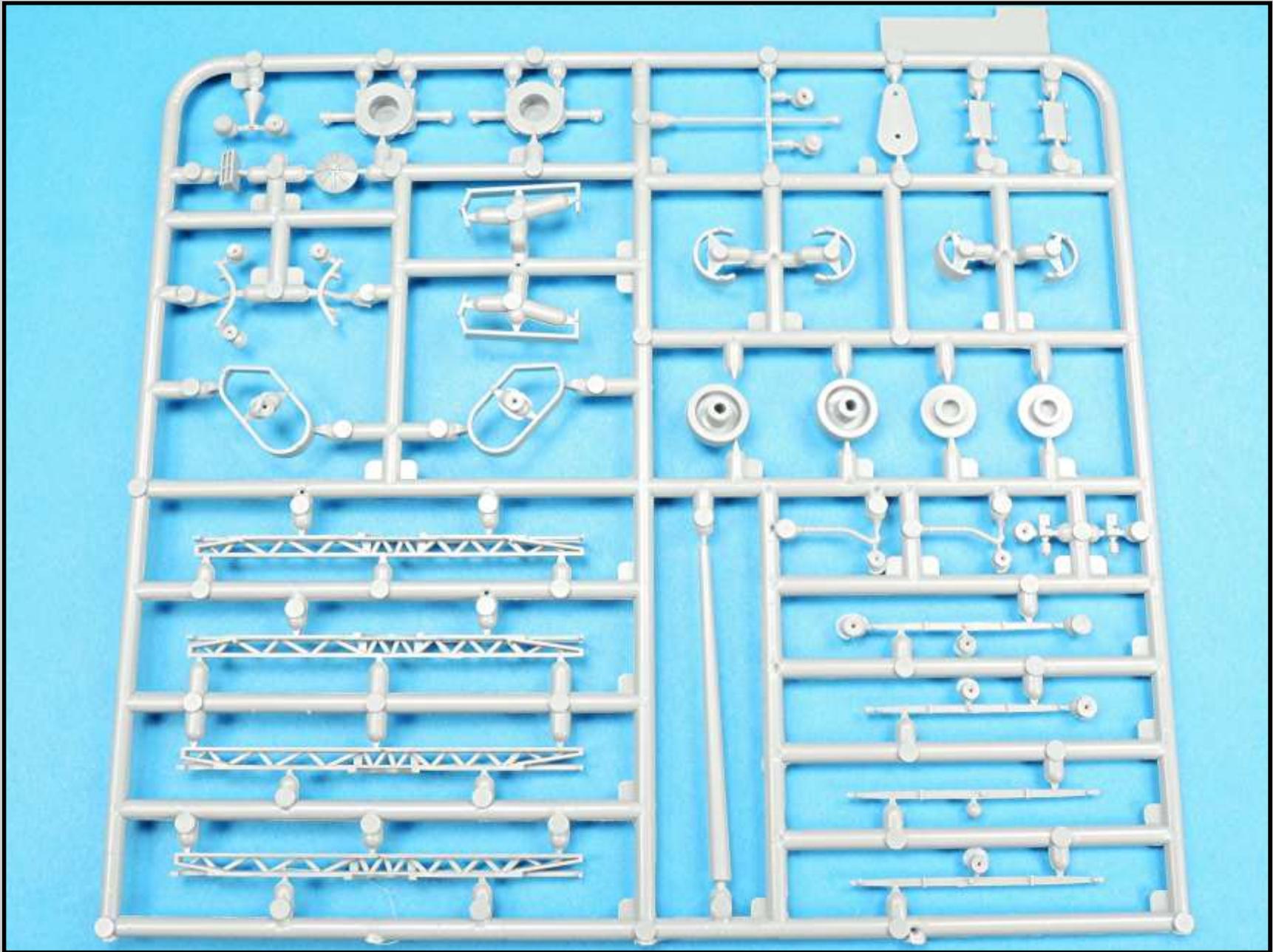
There are 3 sprue J's.



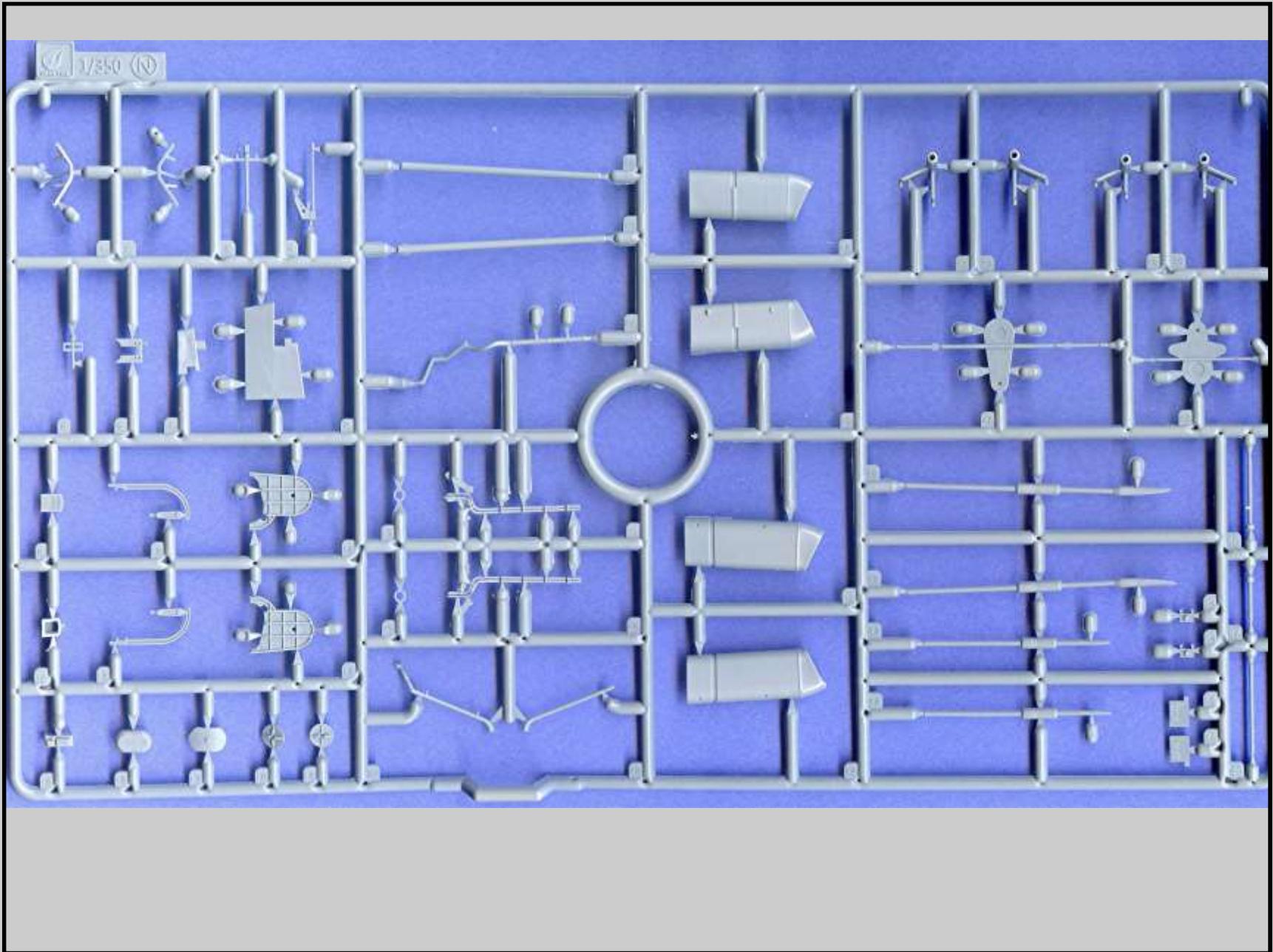
The underside of sprue J.



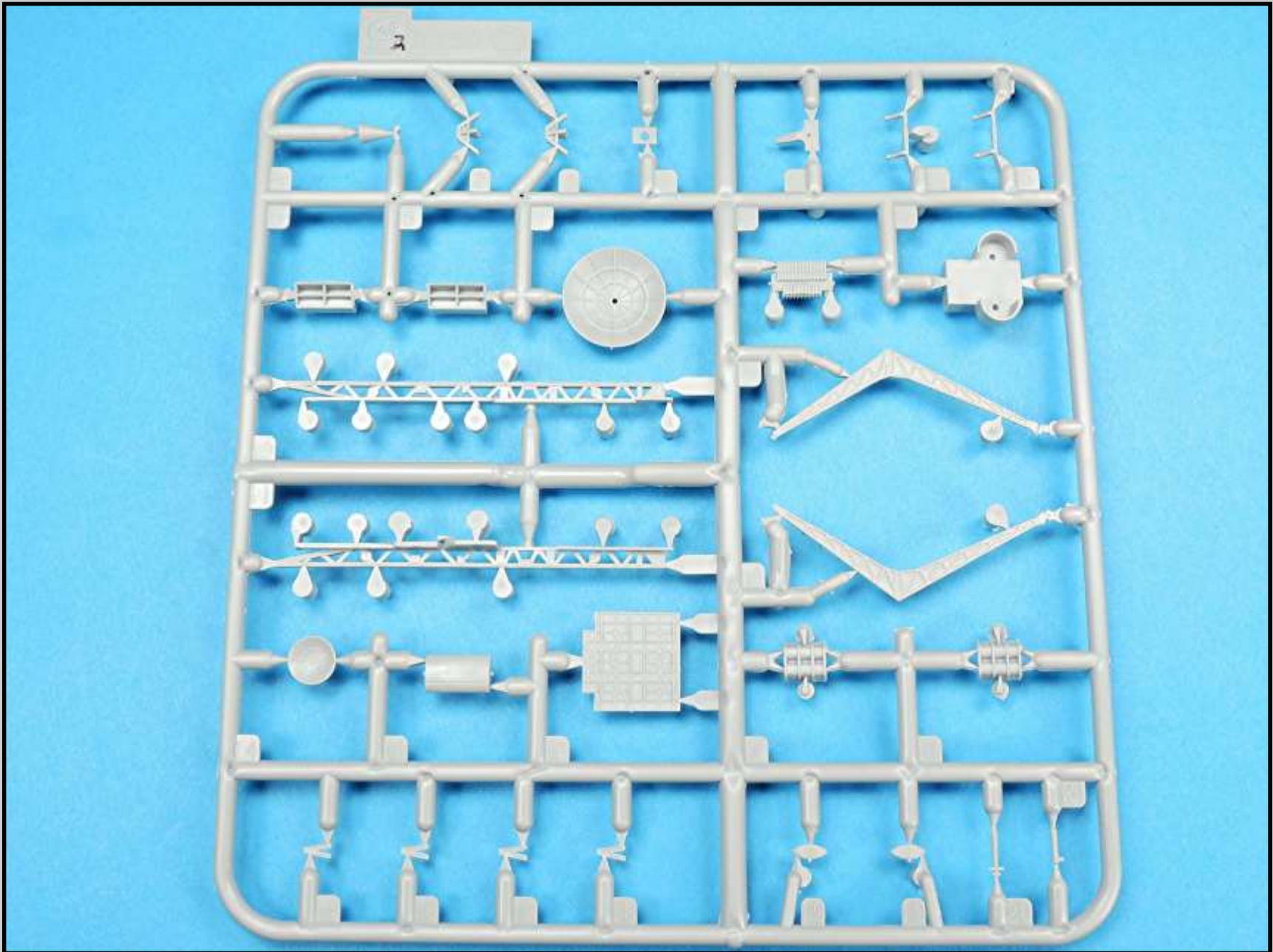
Sprue L.



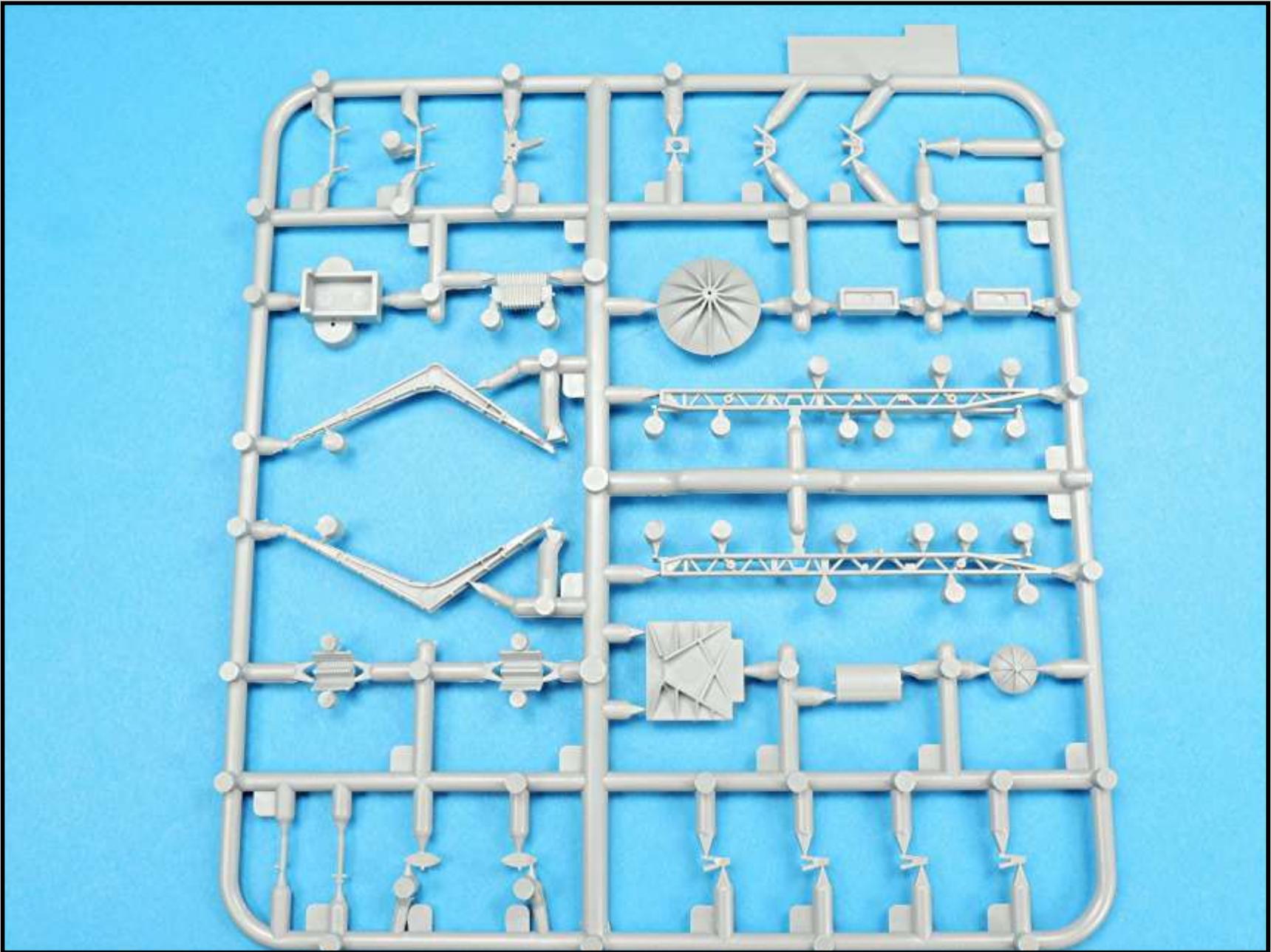
The underside of sprue L.



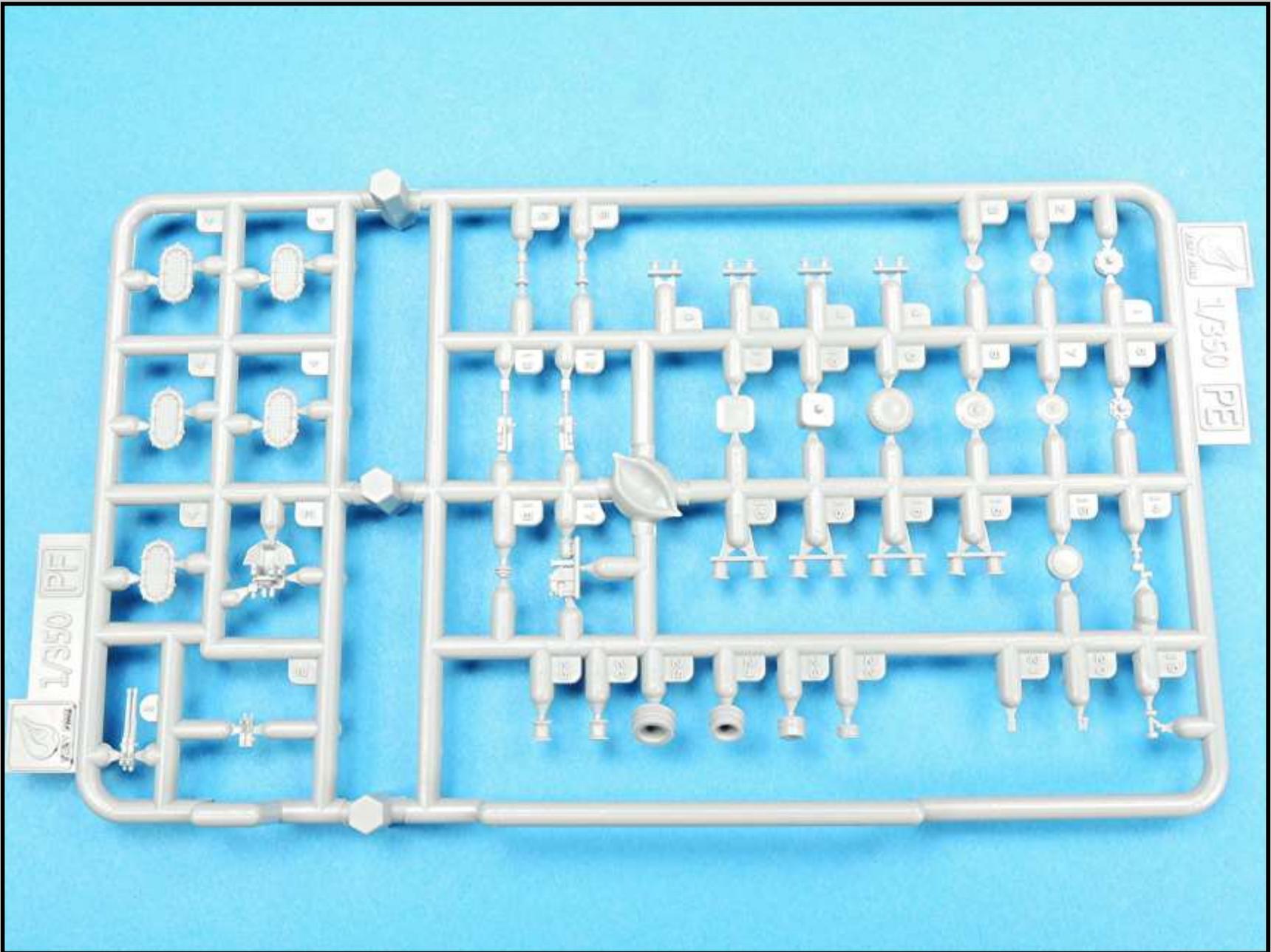
Sprue N.



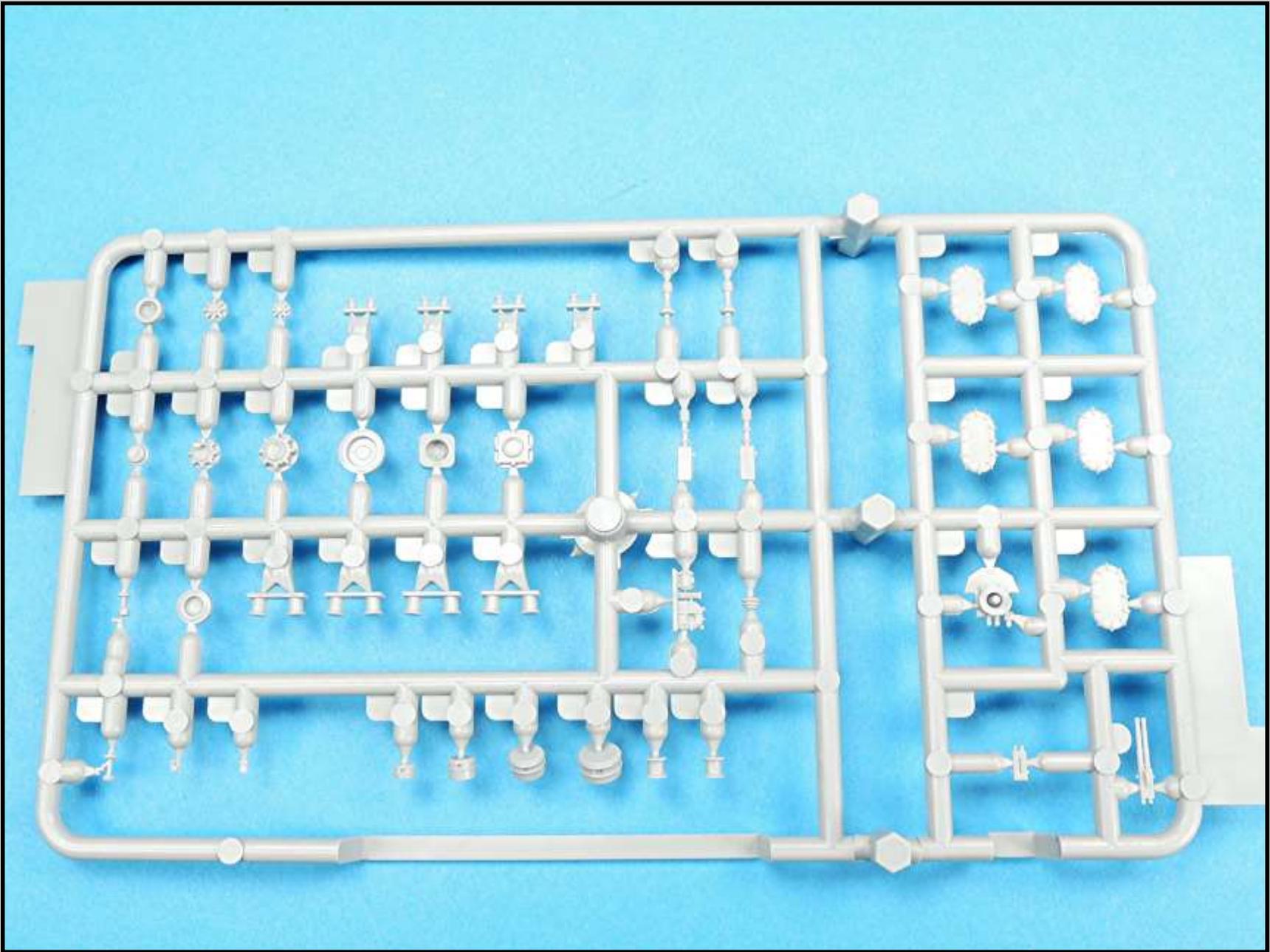
There are 2 sprue Z's.



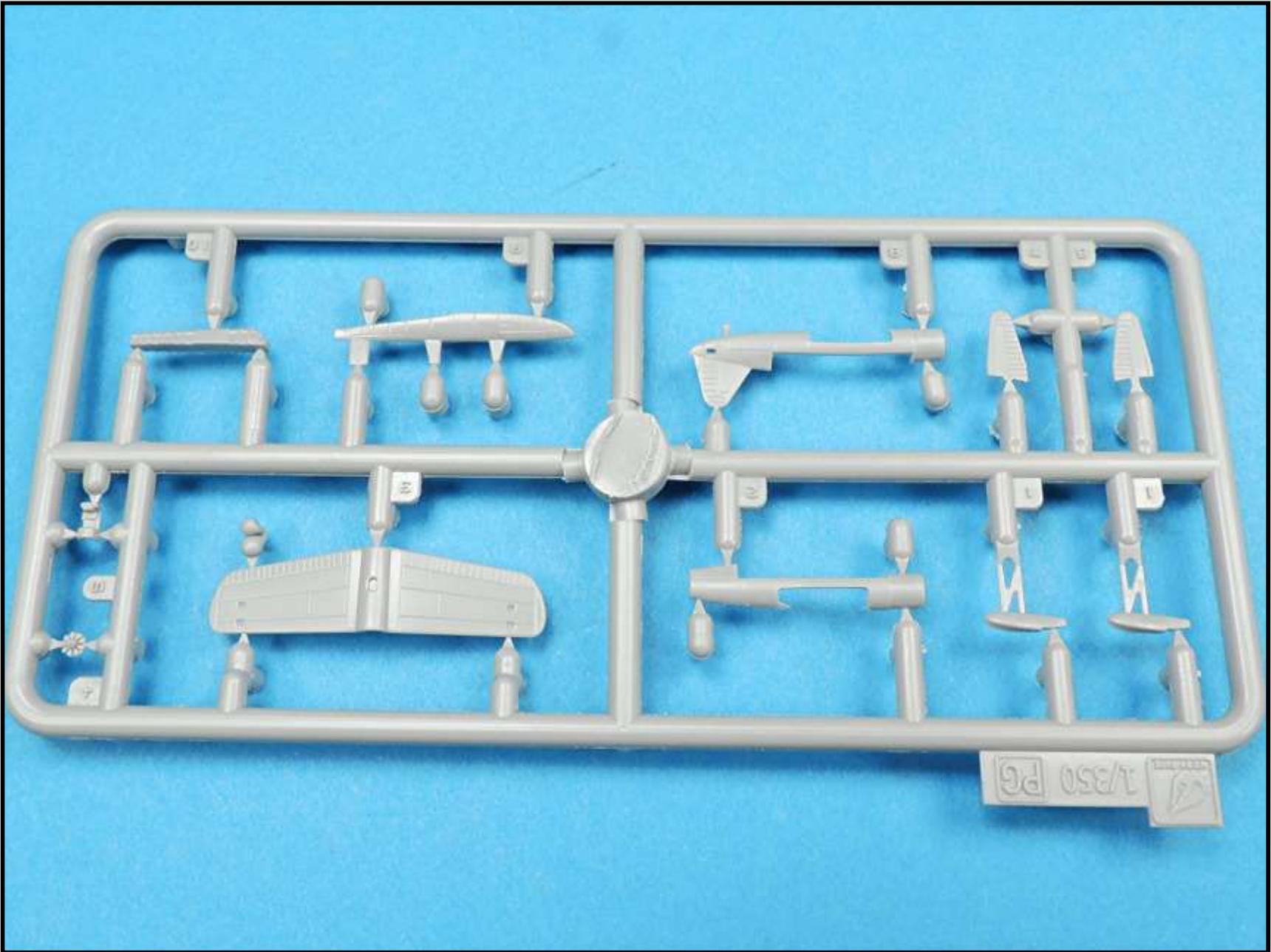
The underside of sprue Z.



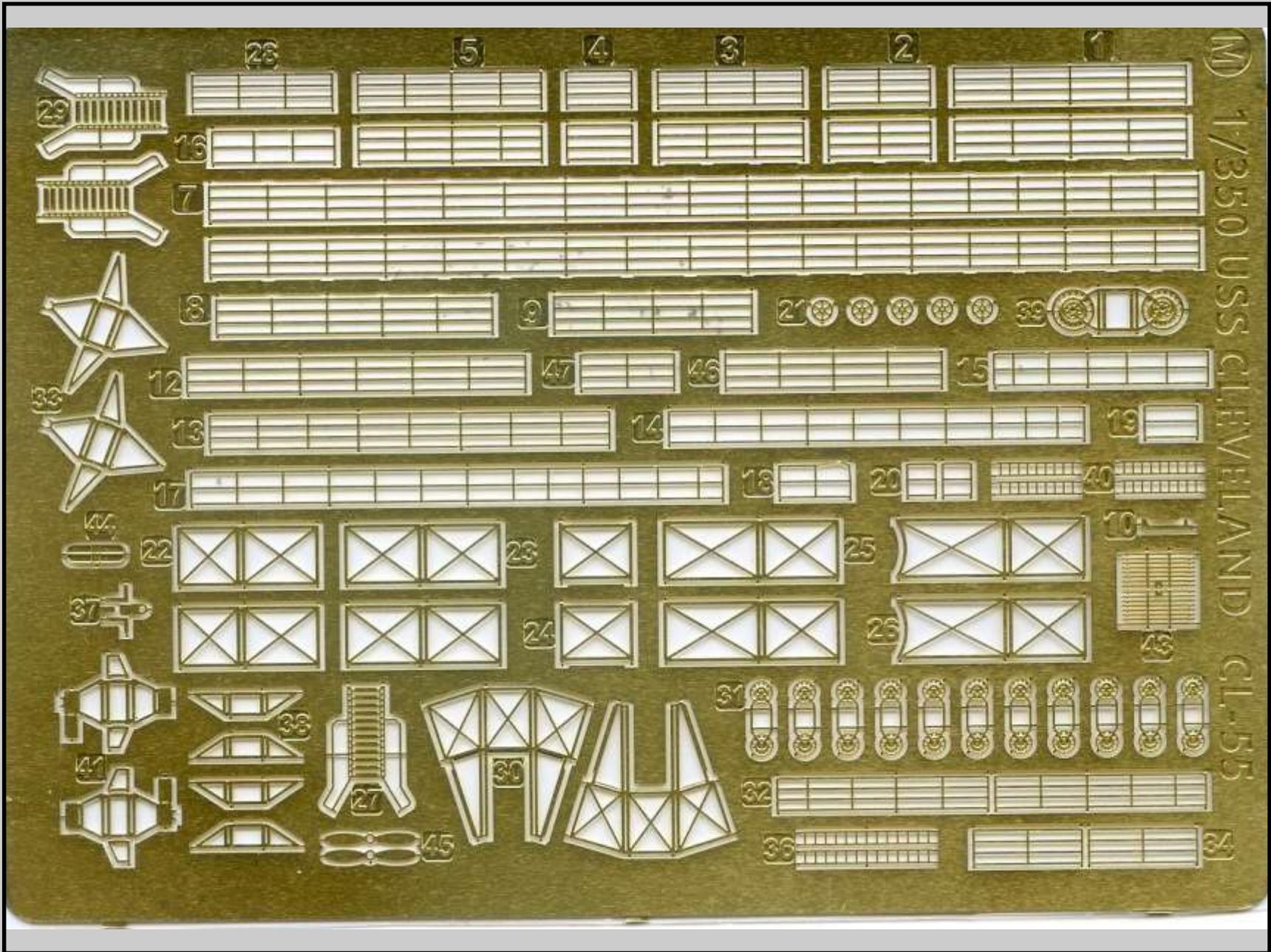
There are 4 sprue PE's.



The underside of sprue PE.



There are 2 sprue PG's.

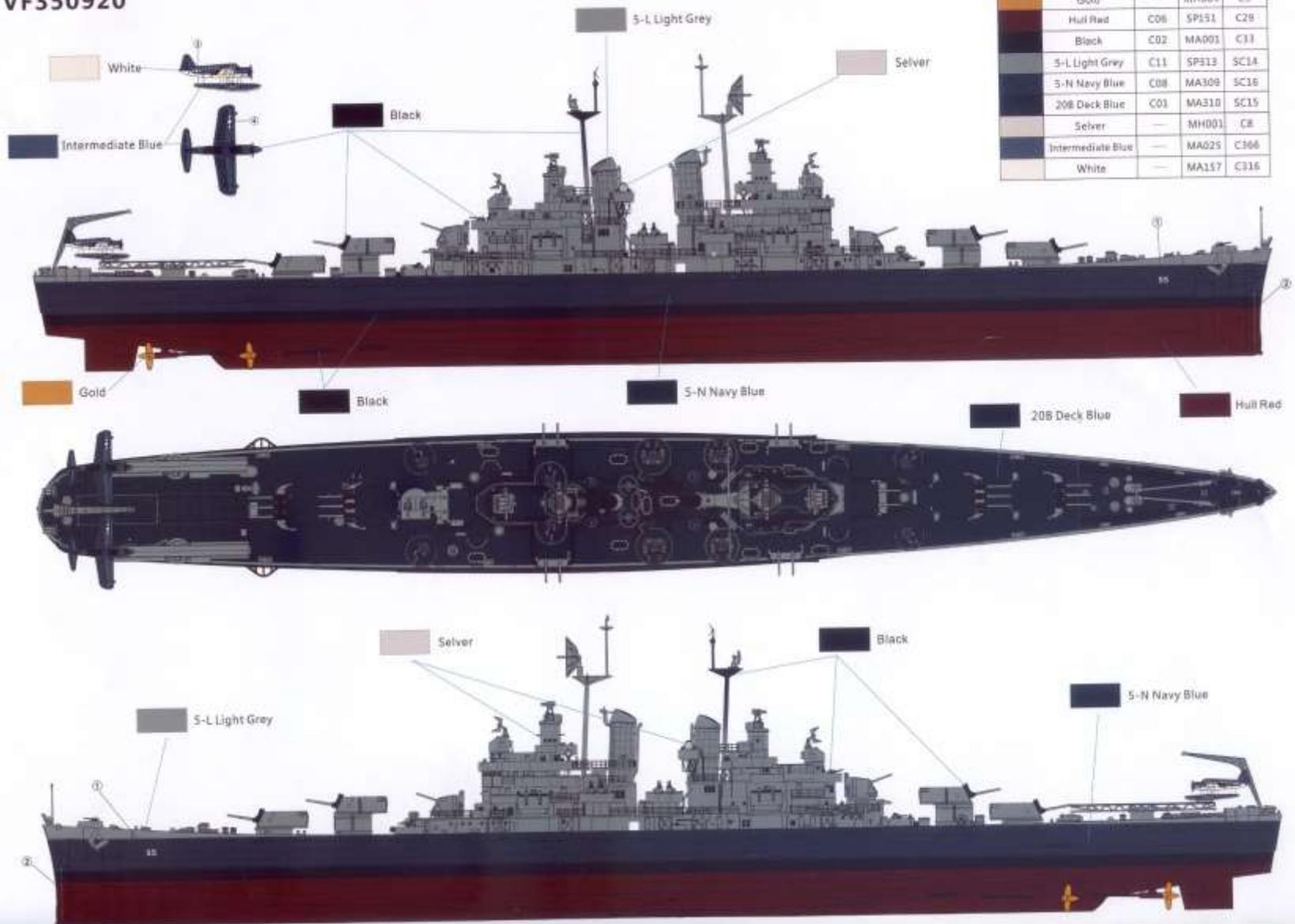


The photoetch sheet has the superstructure railings, but no main deck railings.

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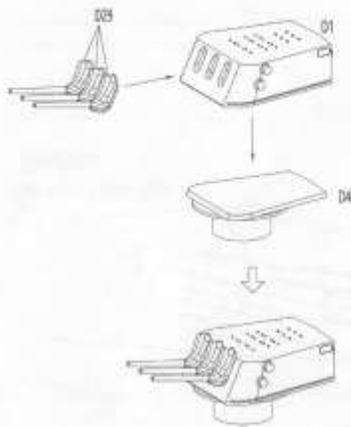
## Painting or Marking guide

Color	Description	VeryFine	Valislan	MR.Hobby
	Gold	—	MH004	C9
	Hull Red	C06	SP151	C29
	Black	C02	MA001	C11
	5-L Light Grey	C11	SP313	SC1A
	5-N Navy Blue	C08	MA309	SC16
	208 Deck Blue	C03	MA310	SC15
	Silver	—	MH001	C8
	Intermediate Blue	—	MA025	C166
	White	—	MA157	C316

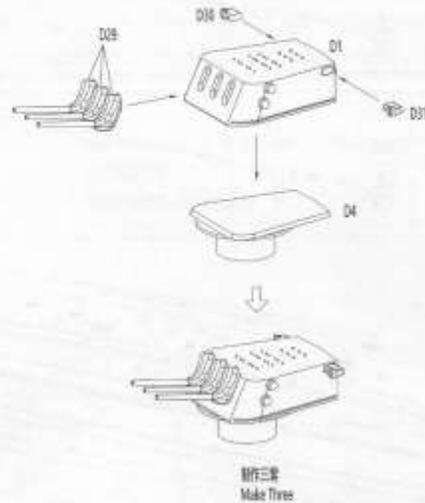


The color sheet is nicely done and accurate.

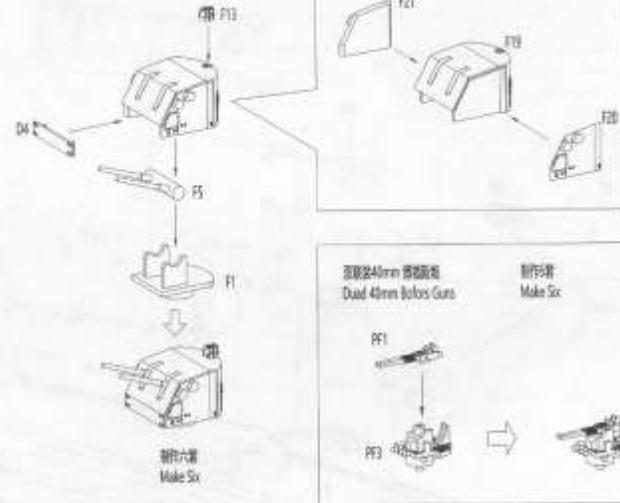
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152mm/47 caliber Mark 16guns A



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152mm/47 caliber Mark 16guns B

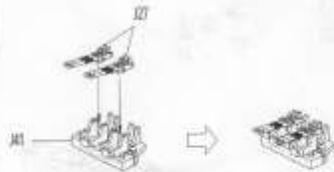


38倍徑127毫米副炮  
127mm/38caliber naval guns



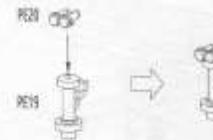
四联装40mm 博福斯炮  
Quad 40mm Bofors Guns

制作四套  
Make Four



望远镜 A  
Telescope A

制作六套  
Make Six



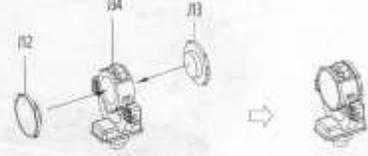
小望远镜  
Small Winless

制作十套  
Make Down



36英寸探照灯  
36inch Searchlight

制作二套  
Make Two



MK 51 双筒望远镜  
MK 51 Director

制作二十套  
Make Twenty-three



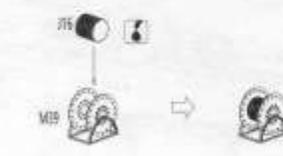
望远镜 B  
Telescope B

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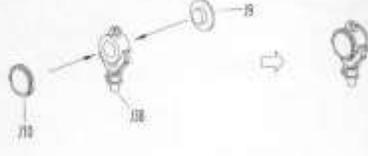
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Big Winless

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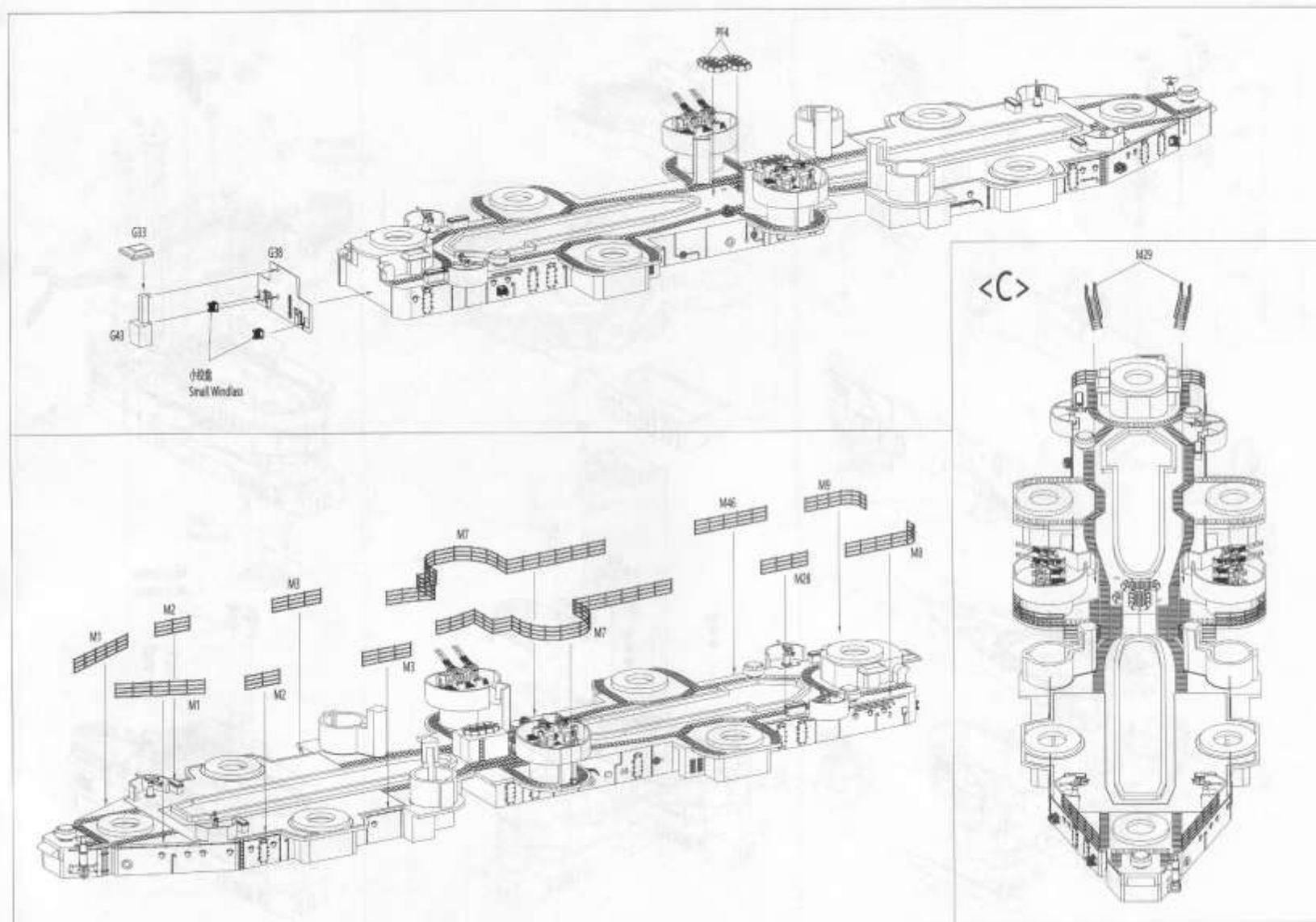


24英寸探照灯  
24inch Searchlight

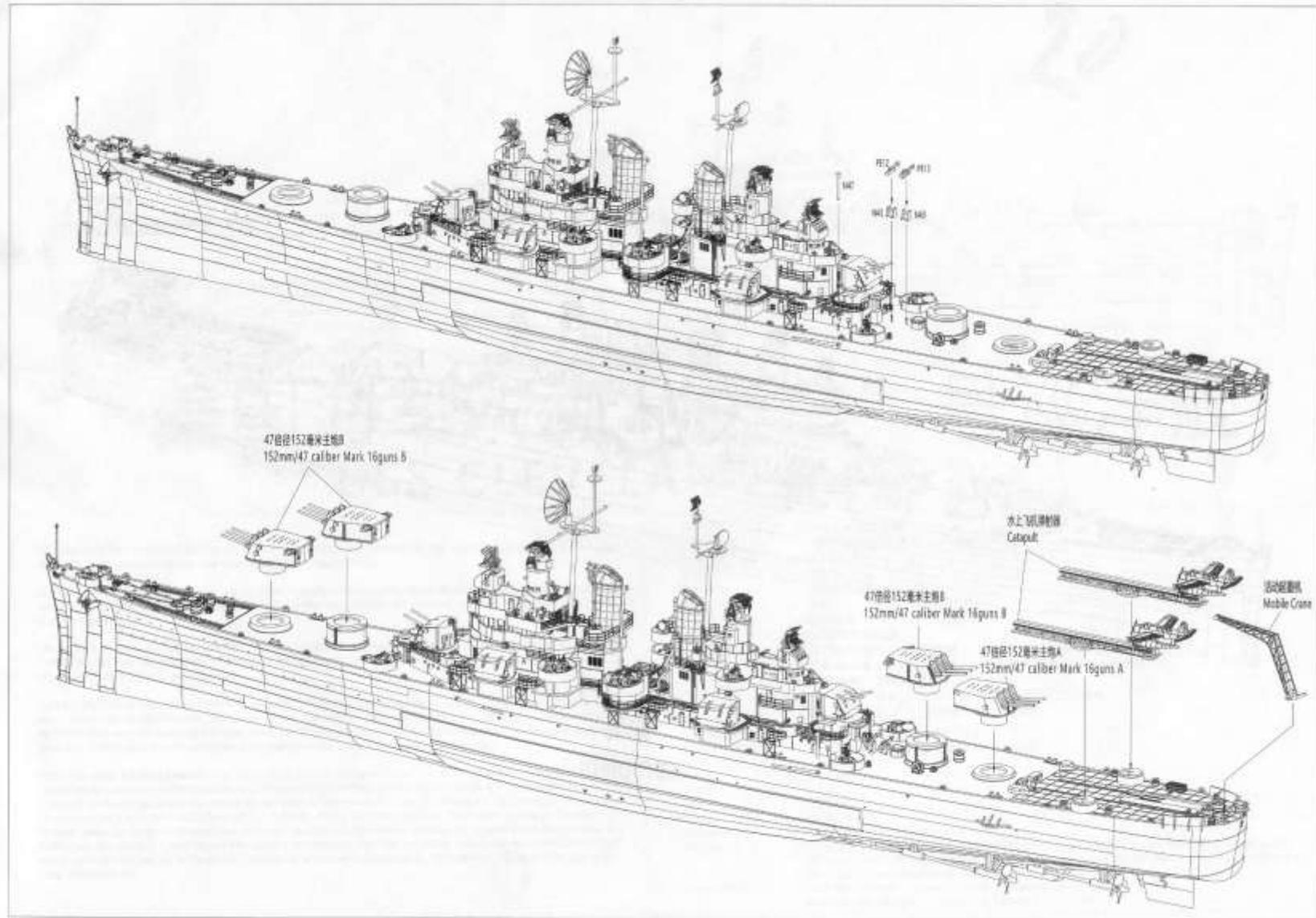
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The 3-D subassembly instructions are well done.



The superstructure 3-D drawings are all well done.



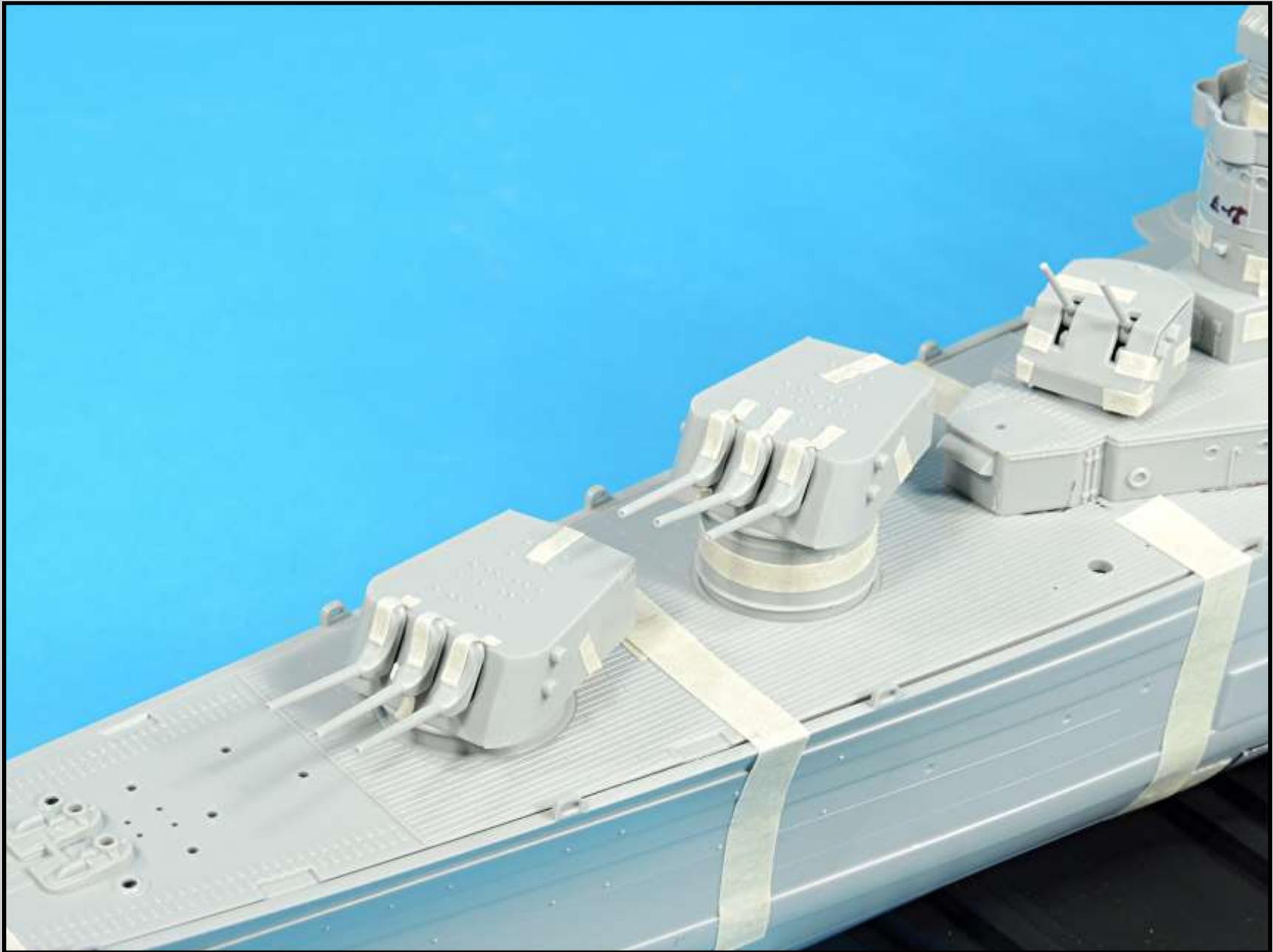
The 3-D completed ship drawings are also very well done.



The hull plating is petite and the overall appearance of the model looks good.







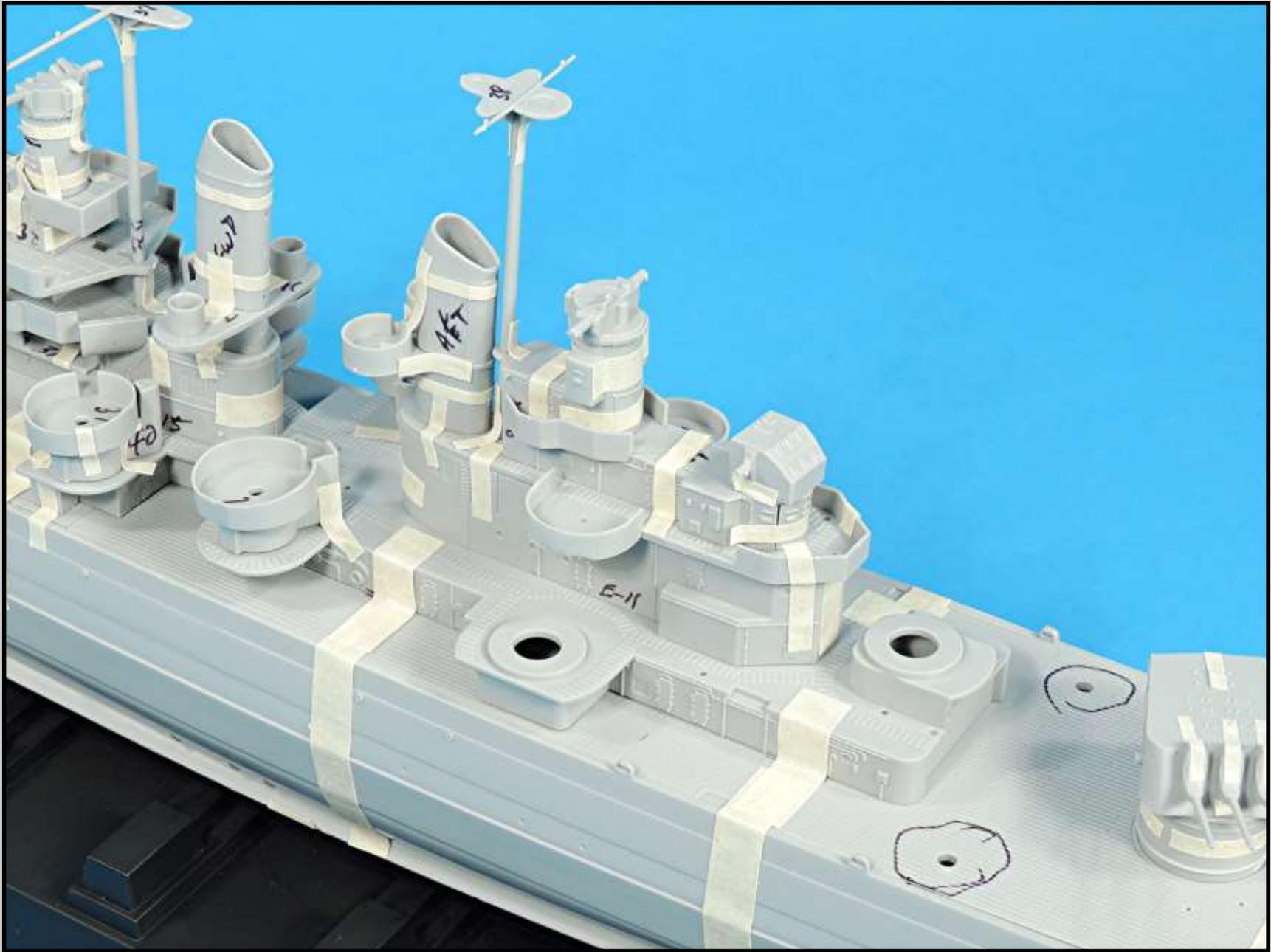
The main deck fits well against the sides of the hull. The tape just pulled out a bit.  
The 6 inch barrel and the 5"/38 barrel tips are indented.



All the forward superstructure parts have a tight fit and the sub-assemblies have a tight fit to one another.



There is photoetch framing for the deck overhangs. The seam between the main deck sections is small and easy to fix. It will also be hard to see once main deck railings are installed.



All the aft superstructure parts have a tight fit and the sub-assemblies have a tight fit to one another.



The stern catapults are nicely done, but a bit too wide. Photoetch replacements would provide for a more accurate appearance. Toms Modelworks has a cruiser catapult and crane set that can easily replace the kits parts.