

Plano Model Products - #13880 '73 - '75 Ford F100 XLT Detail Parts w/Low Profile Mirrors - Atlas Model

The parts in this kit are designed to dress up the '73 Ford F100 pickup, produced by Atlas. Some of the parts are straight forward and easy to add, others take a little more and may have options to them. Please read through these instructions to get an idea of what can or will need to be done to add them.

We have found that very little glue was used to hold these trucks together. The only places we see glue are the window glass and the rear of the truck bed to the bumper. The front bumper will pry off and the grille. Then the cab can carefully be removed.

Bed Rails - before adding the bed rails, you will need to add a strip of styrene to thicken the top inside edges of the truck box. Use the supplied styrene, cut to the length of the bed, and glue to upper inside. Now, center the drill template holes over this new wider top surface and drill a #78 hole in each location. Remove a rail from fret and glue into drilled holes.

Sliding rear window frame - these fit just inside to rear window opening. Carefully remove from fret and file any nubs left on outer edge of frame. Set in place and sparingly add glue to edges and let capillary action bond it in place.

Windshield Wipers - carefully slice molded on wipers from front cowl of the cab. Drill a #77 hole where the wipers mount. Remove new wipers from fret. Holding with wiper blade to the right (pin away from you), bend mounting pin down 90 degrees. Paint wiper blade black (a sharpie?). Insert mounting pin in hole, position as desired and glue in place.

Rear View Mirror - To mount this mirror, you will need a hole drilled into the clear plastic inside the cab. Drill a #78 hole where you want the mirror but be careful not to drill through the roof. Trim post to desired length and SPARINGLY glue in place. Too much glue may show on windshield.

Wheel Covers - these can be added flat as packaged or formed to a 'cone' shape. The half etched surfaces should be painted black. The plastic hub caps on the model will need to be reduced in thickness (outer surface trimmed back). This can be done using a 3/16" drill bit and by hand, drill them back. To form cone shape, use a pointed round object (like the back of 5/16" drill bit?), center on cover and lightly

tap to form cone shape. Slow and lightly! When ready, center on tire and glue in place.

Splash Guards - Patience! These little things take a little bit to prep and install. They will need to be curved slightly to match the curve of the wheel opening. A couple pair of tweezers or needle nose pliers should work. Once formed, hold to inside of wheel open on note where you will want to drill a #78 hole to mount splash guard. The mounting pin bends back, with outside of curve. Insert mounting pin in hole and glue in place. Half etch area on longer guards are rubber flaps, paint black (or white).

Door Mirrors - Position drill template holes over door where you want to mount mirror and drill #78 holes in each template hole. Remove mirror from fret and insert mirror in holes with half etch 'slot' on mirror surface facing to back of cab and glue in place. After glue is dry and mirror is secure, fold mirror in so half etch slots mates with half etch arm holding it. Once folded in, the mirror should be centered on mirror arm. A very small drop of CA on mating surface should hold them together. Pivot mirror to desired angle.

Metal Rain Drip Guards - These two rain guards can be glued to the upper inside lip of the door window opening. The half etch surface mates to the opening. Sparingly glue in place

Touch up paint as needed.

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