

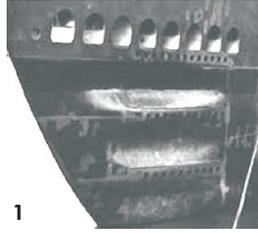
TORPEDO SHUTTERS

Bow Shutters for GATOs (1:72)

The Revell 1:72 Gato kit, generally accurate, has odd shutters: They are molded as part of the hull and cannot open, they stick out rather than sit-in, and they have in-scale seams about 2-inches (5cm) wide! There were also three major styles of shutter.

AMP shutters correct the kit errors, and are modelled on photos and plans. This AMP set is appropriate for GatOs with the scoopy Valley style shutter.

The AMP shutters can be displayed closed (this set), or open (with the added AMP Torpedo Tube and Outer Door set USN-TORTUBE-072). Stern Shutters will be available as an AMP PhotoEtch set (USN-TORSHT-S-072).



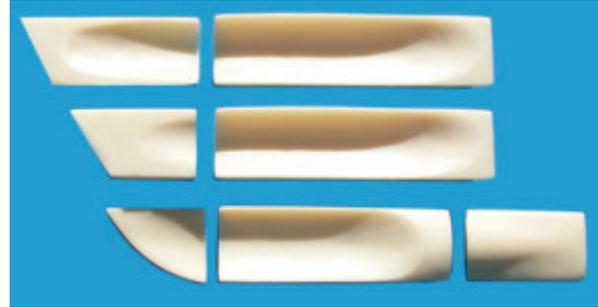
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1 - Valley shutters -Navsource (<http://navsource.org/archives/08/265/0826528.jpg>) by Larry Bohn, courtesy of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum

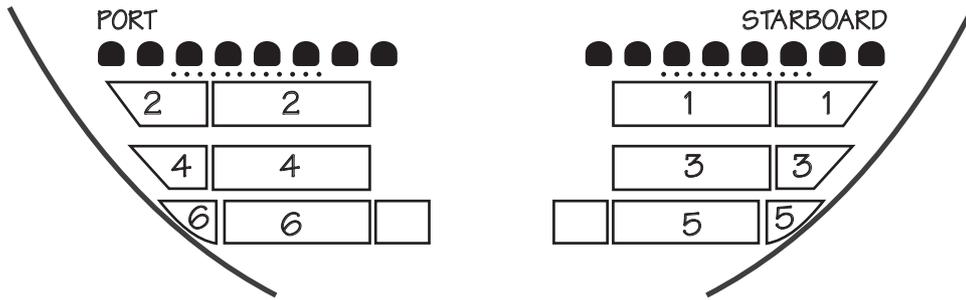


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2 - Valley shutters - Navsource (<http://www.navsource.org/archives/08/0826714.jpg>) by Stan Svec



For detailed motion, see: http://amp.roknet/1_72_gato_sets.shtml

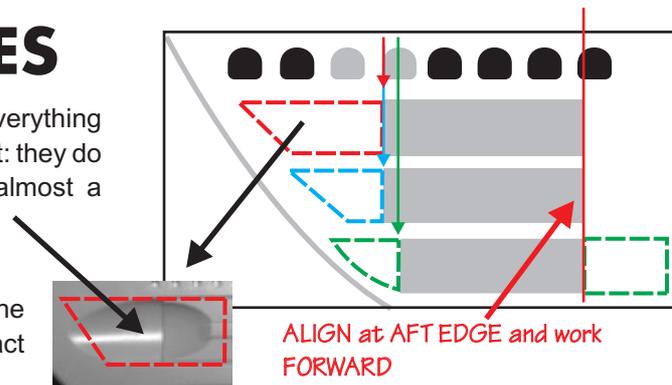


NOTE: Shutters 1-2-3-4 are identical, as are 5-6. You may have a mixed combo, such as 1-1-2-3, or 1-1-1-1, etc. This makes no difference.

MARK CAVITIES

Before removing any plastic, mark everything carefully. Note that Valley shutters are short: they do not start with the aft Limber Hole, but almost a complete hole forward.

Align shutters to the AFT part of the slot/cavity, and work forward to find the exact position of the Triangle Bow pieces.



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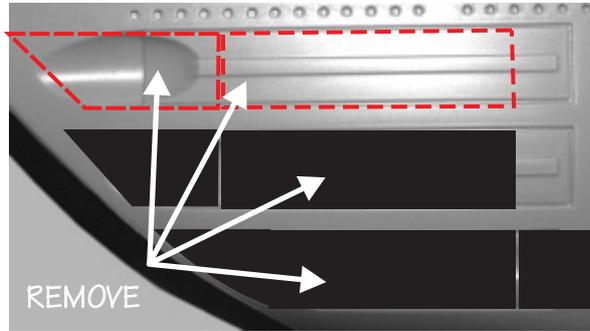
GATO Torpedo Shutters

USN-TORSHTVAL-B-072
VALLEY

2. CUT

Cut LESS all around, and then clean/expand with a file until the AMP resin parts fit each hole snugly.

Cut with a Dremel rotary tool if possible (using the pointy cutter DRE125 or similar), or drill a few small holes to start a slot for cutting manually with an X-Acto blade (#11 recommended).



3. GLUE

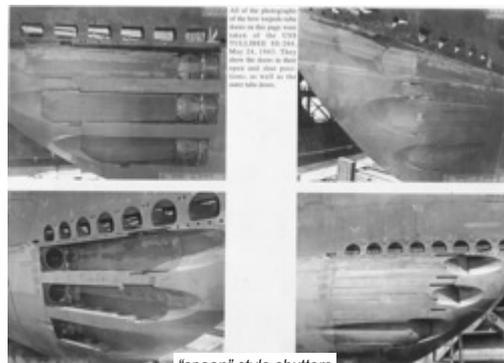
Glue shutters in place using thin plastic strips/wedges behind. To display a shutter open, use optional AMP set USN-TORTUBE-072 **first**.

Note that each shutter tip sits BEHIND the bow triangle piece a bit. The triangle has been cast thin, but do to casting limitations, should be filed a tad thinner at the overlap point.

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