

# Destroyed Military Truck

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Combine the need for some diorama items with some spare parts can result in some interesting details for RC tank meets. In this case, a spare 1/16 scale WPL/JJRC "Military Truck" with some modifications a piece of "Battlefield Litter" will fit in well. Sure, this is not a WWII vehicle, but modified, damaged, and painted it is not too far off except for the trained eye.

Number one modification here was to replace the modern tires with some 3D printed military tires of the period (including the spare). Also, the rims were replaced the same way. The tires, while on the truck, were heated and flattened on the bottom.

A random shaped base was added for the truck to sit on. This was made to look like burnt ground so as to match almost any terrain that the vehicle would sit on. This was cemented to the wheels.

Some the original vehicle's parts were removed, like the boxes under the side steps. A new bumper was made for the front. A gas tank was made for the side. The tank was made to look damaged.

For the damage, a rotary tool was used to make various sized holes, and a butane torch heated the plastic to distort various surfaces. Some of the bed stake sides were cut away and the "metal" vertical posts were heat twisted indicating burned areas.

In painting the vehicle, the correct colors were used first. Then decals (stars, etc.) added to the correct spots. Finally came the finish colors, dirt, rust, blackened for fire damage.

When used, it is placed in front of a damaged building adding to the scene.

