

Buddy Baker's "Gray Ghost"

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During his career, Baker won nineteen races including the 1980 500, the most prestigious race. His victory remains the fastest 500 ever run, with an average speed of 177.602 mph (285.809 km/h).

Baker is one of nine drivers to have won a Career Grand Slam, by winning the sport's four majors; Richard Petty, David Pearson, Bobby Allison, Darrell Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, and Kevin Harvick are the other eight to have accomplished the feat. He is the only one of the eight to not win the championship.

He generally raced part-time, competing in every race in only three seasons. He owned a car with Danny Schiff from 1985 to 1989, and was instrumental in the career of Jimmy Spencer. He competed in two International Race of Champions series. His final race was in 1992.

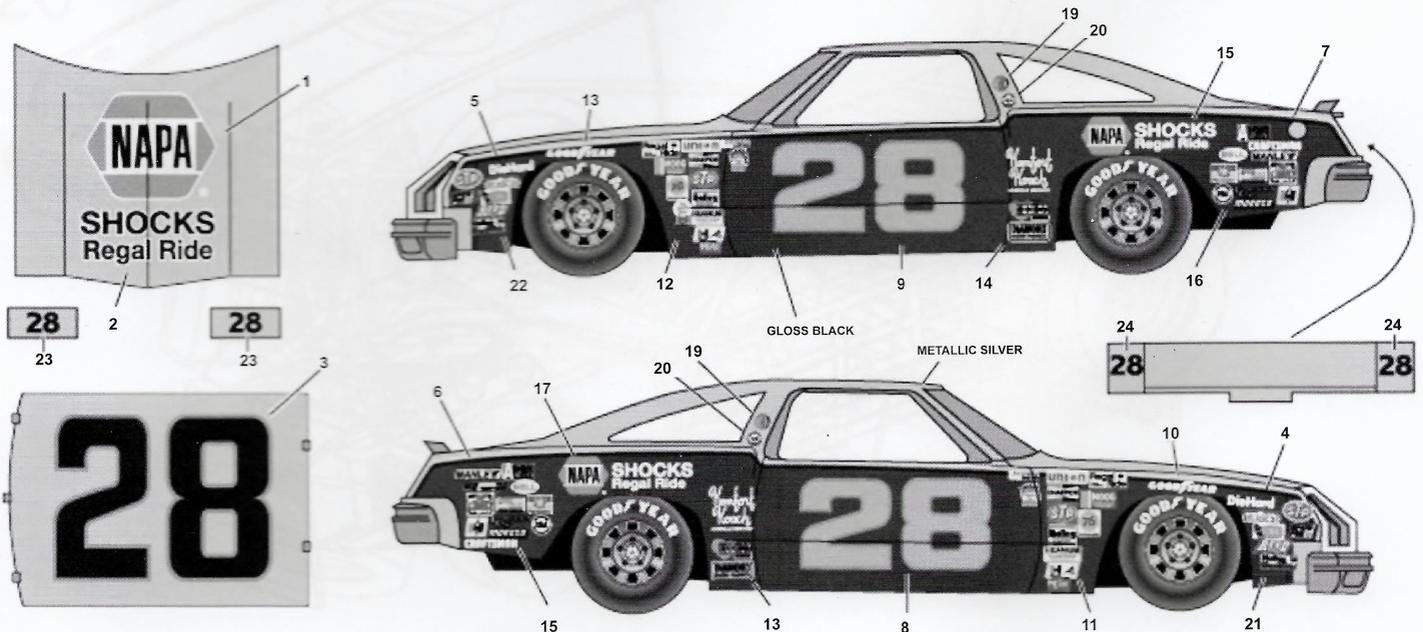
Baker helped run the Buck Baker Racing School with his brother for a number of years.

Baker was the first driver to exceed the 200 mph mark on March 24, 1970 on a closed course test run. His speed was clocked at 200.447 miles per hour (322.588 km/h); a record that was broken later that year by Bobby Isaac. It was recently found out that the Isaac car had two four barrel carbs on it, therefore that run was not done in a legal car.

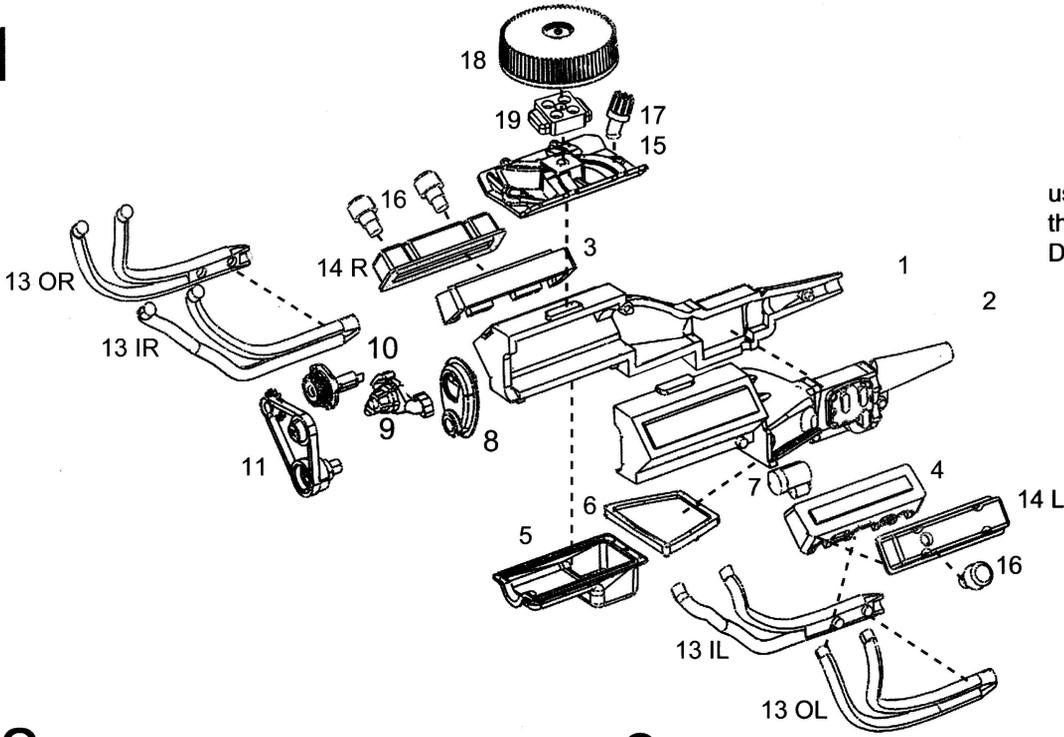
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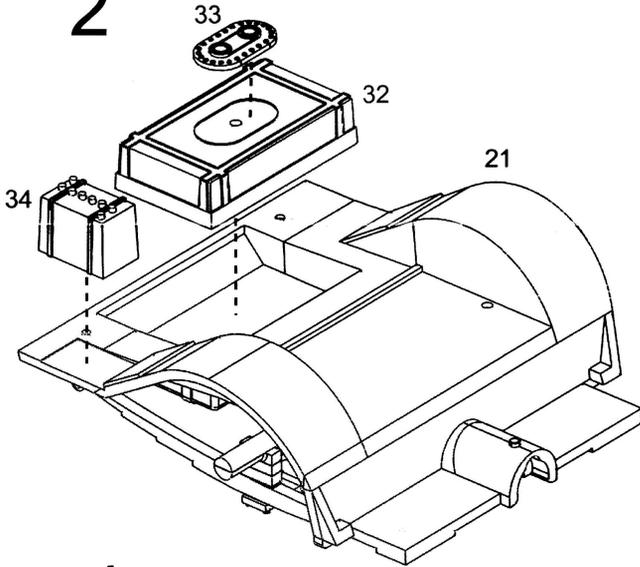
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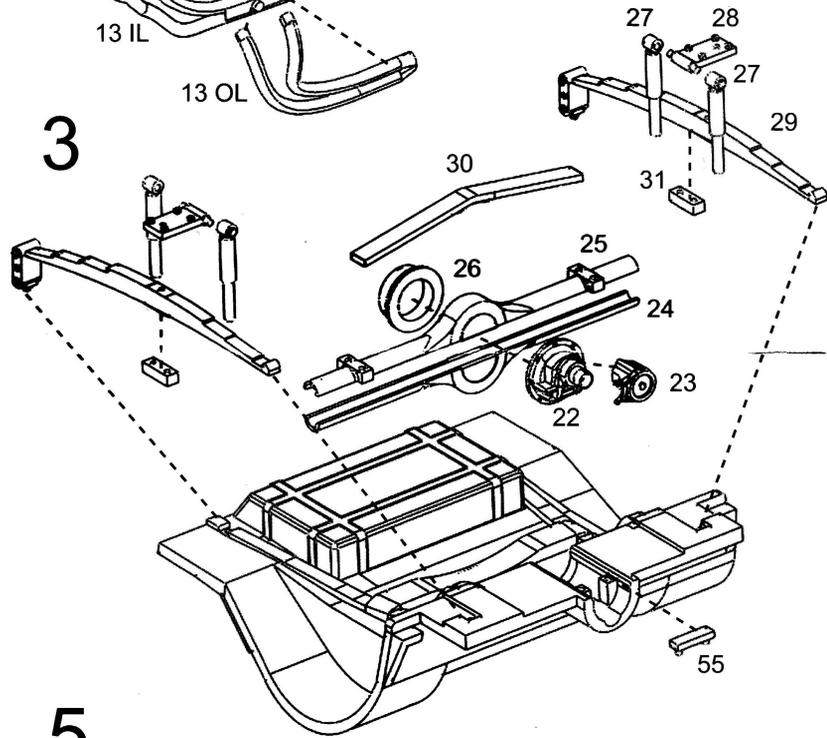
use part 57 as a spacer for the header pipes, but DO NOT GLUE

use only one part 31 on each side for proper ride height

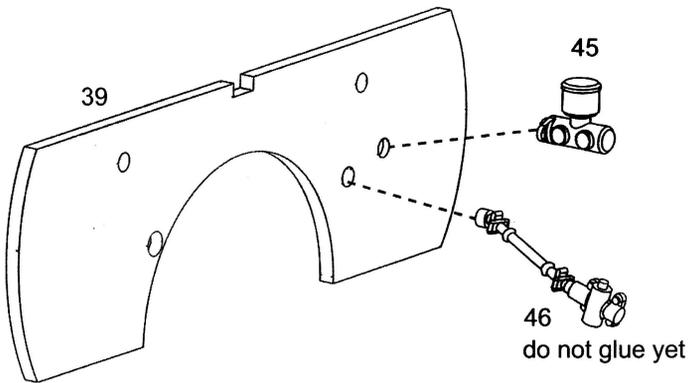
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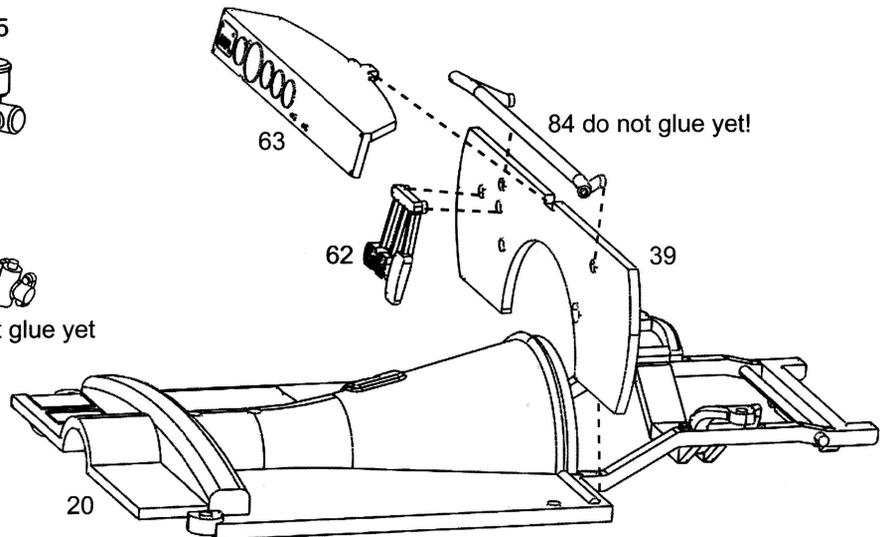
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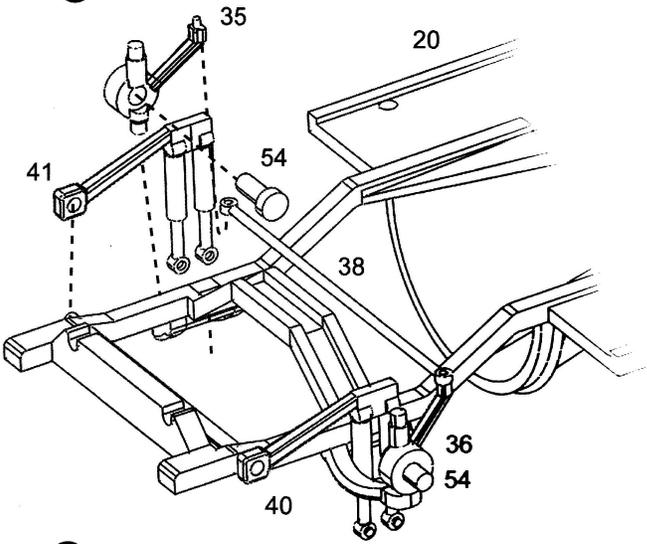
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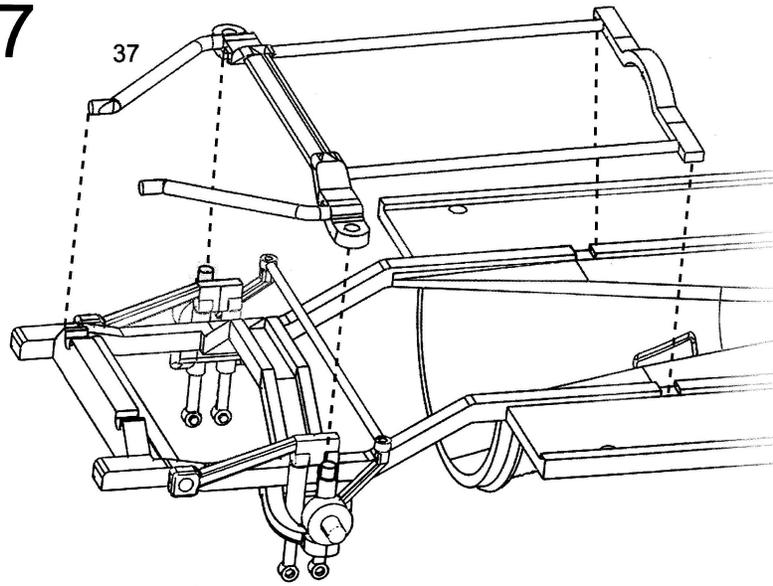
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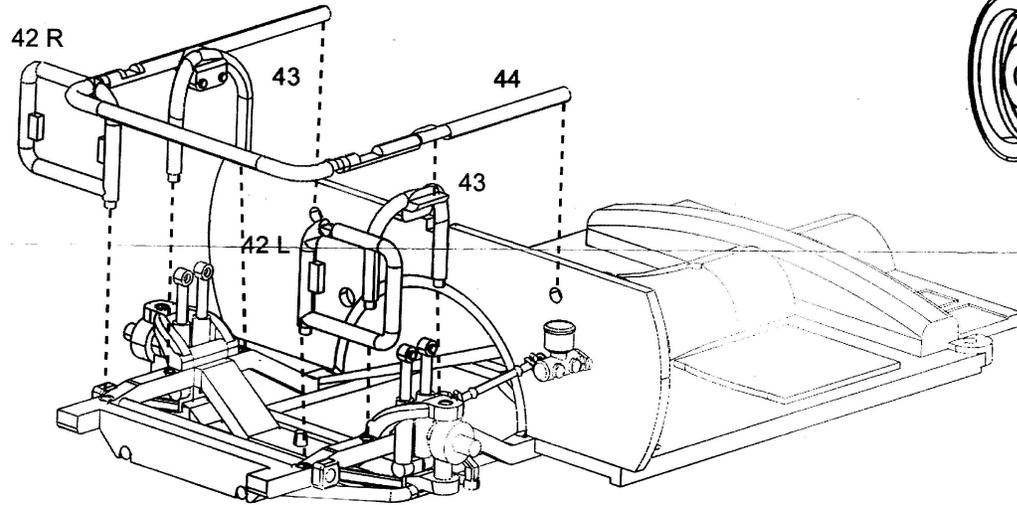
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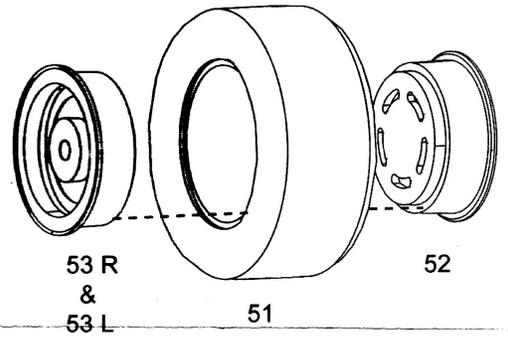
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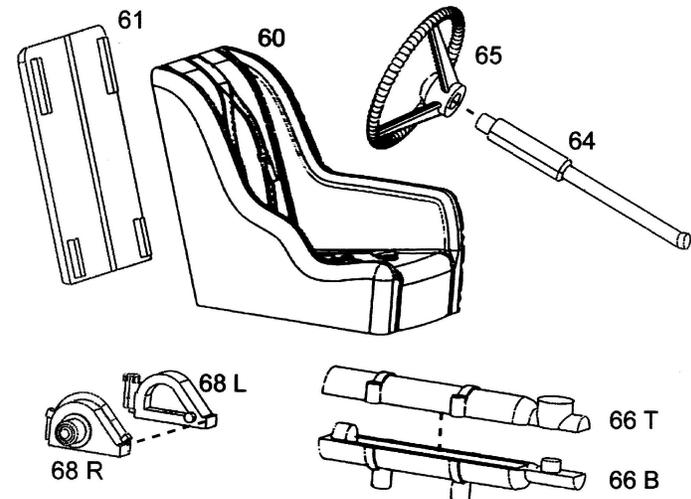
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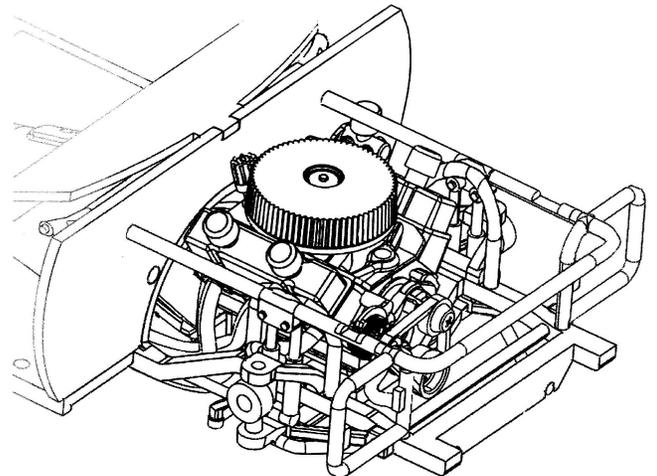


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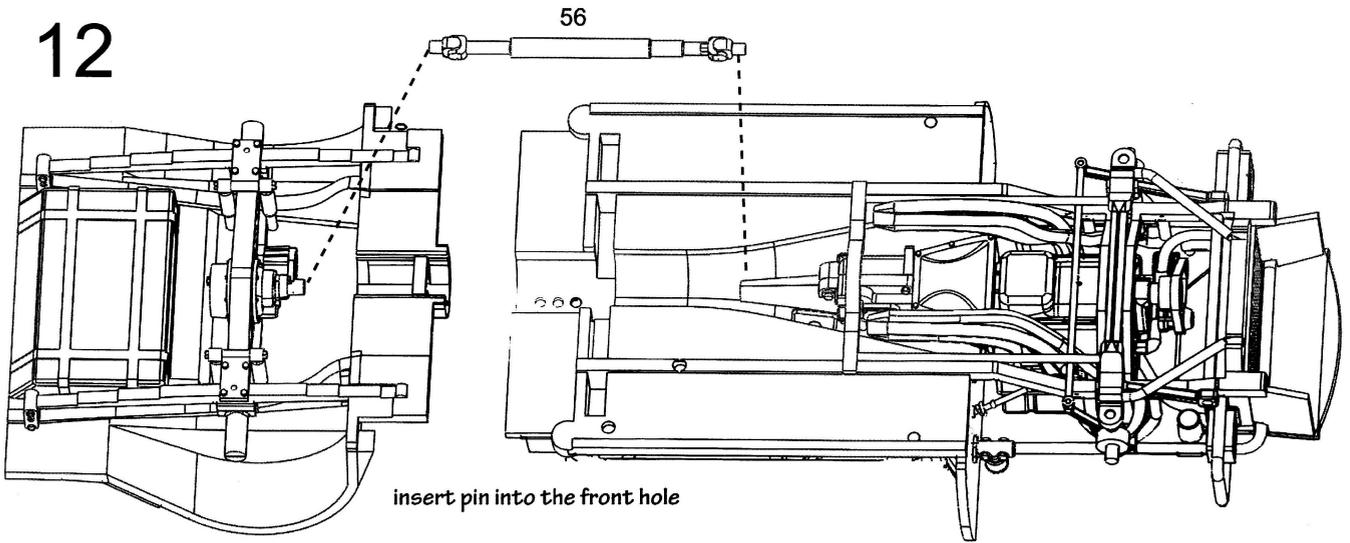


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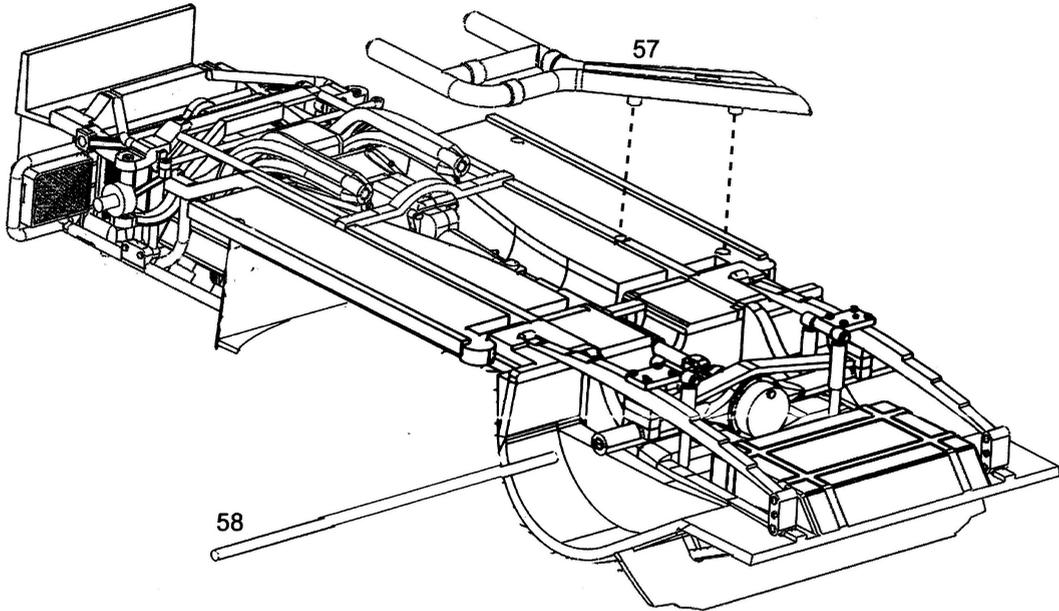


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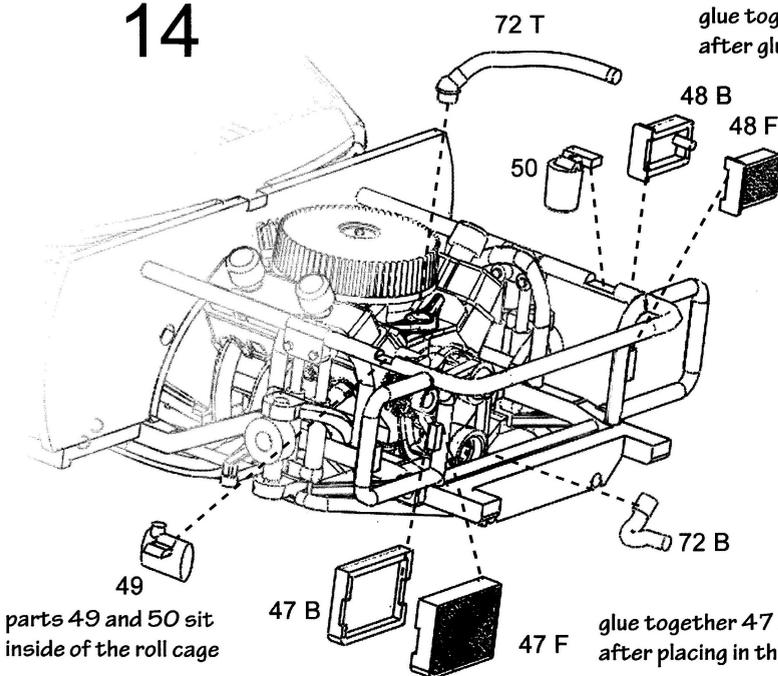


insert pin into the front hole

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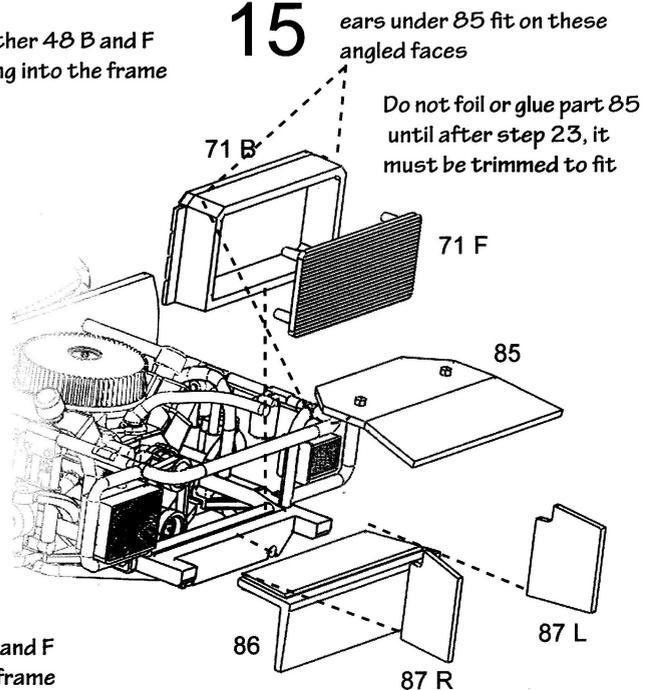
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parts 49 and 50 sit inside of the roll cage

glue together 47 B and F after placing in the frame

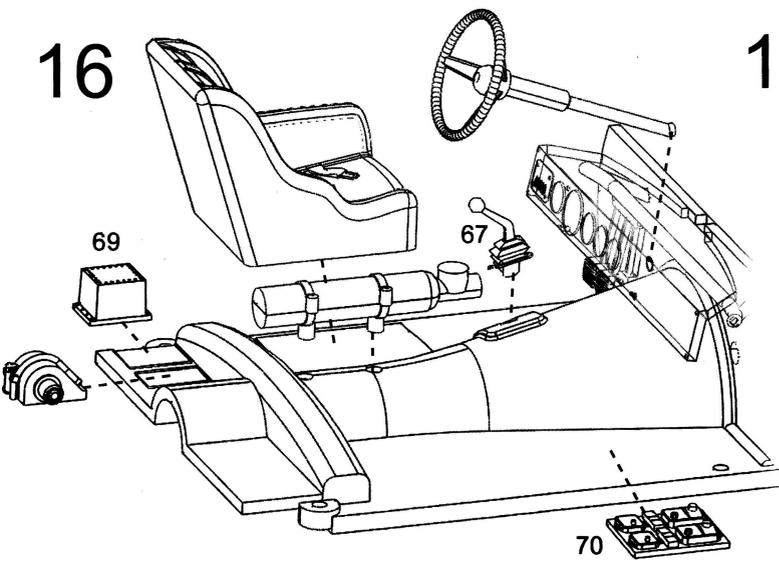
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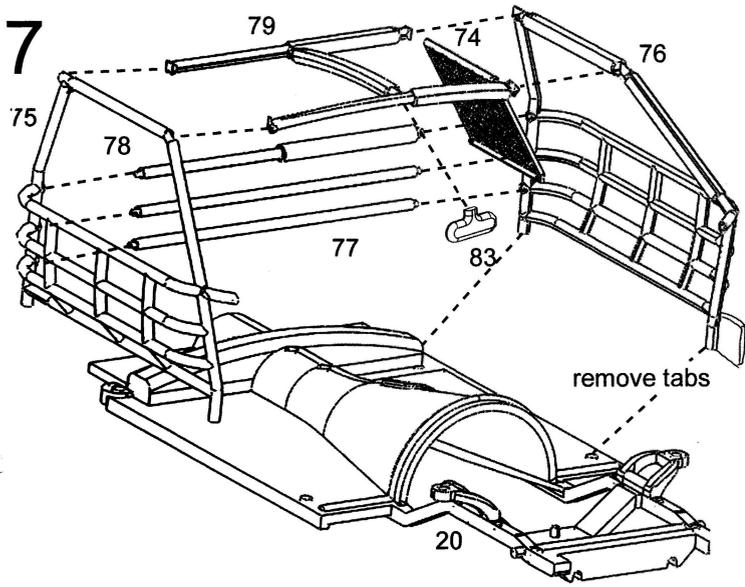
ears under 85 fit on these angled faces

Do not foil or glue part 85 until after step 23, it must be trimmed to fit

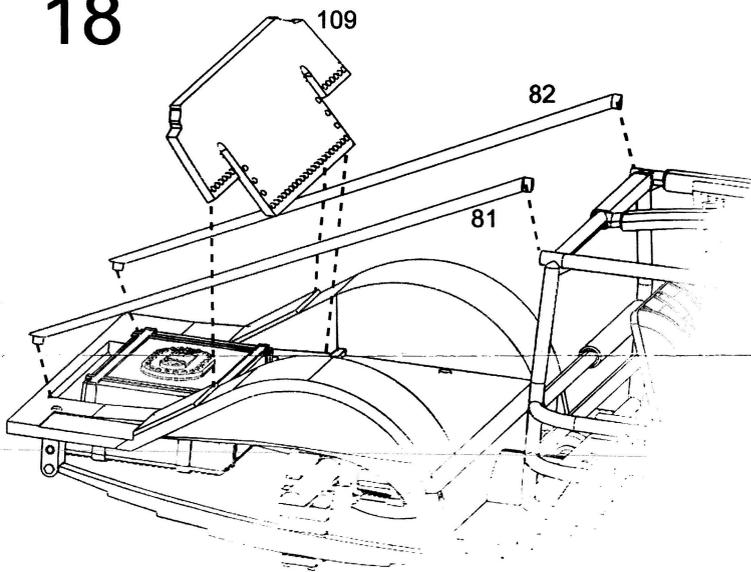
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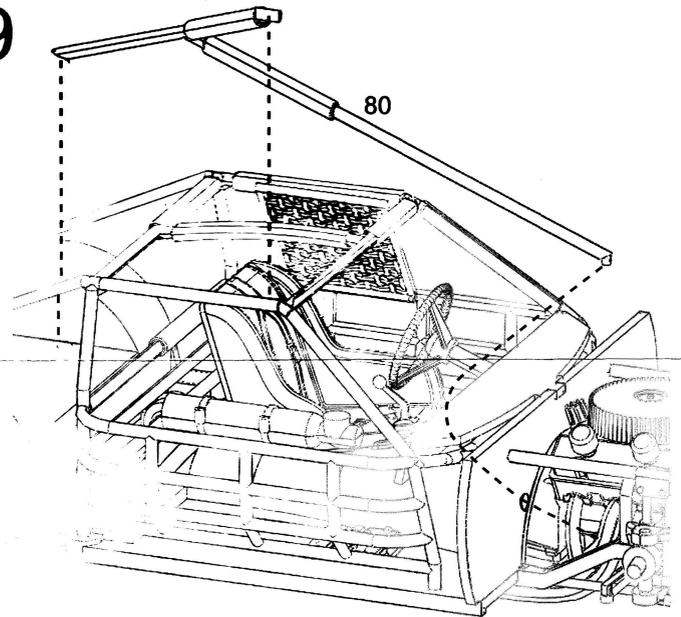
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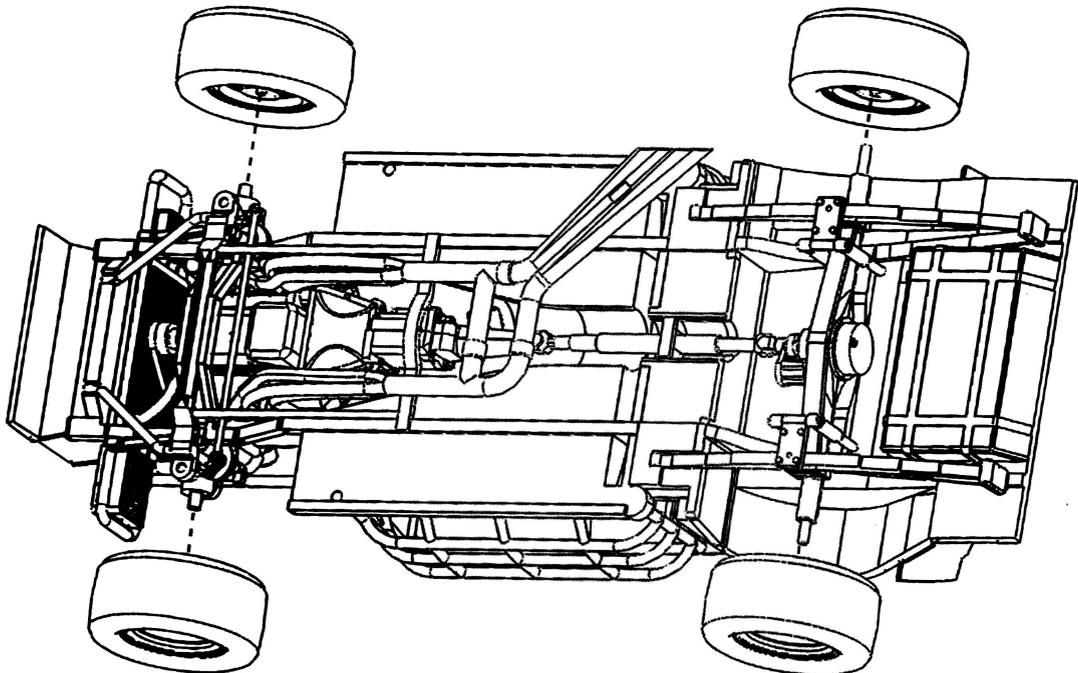
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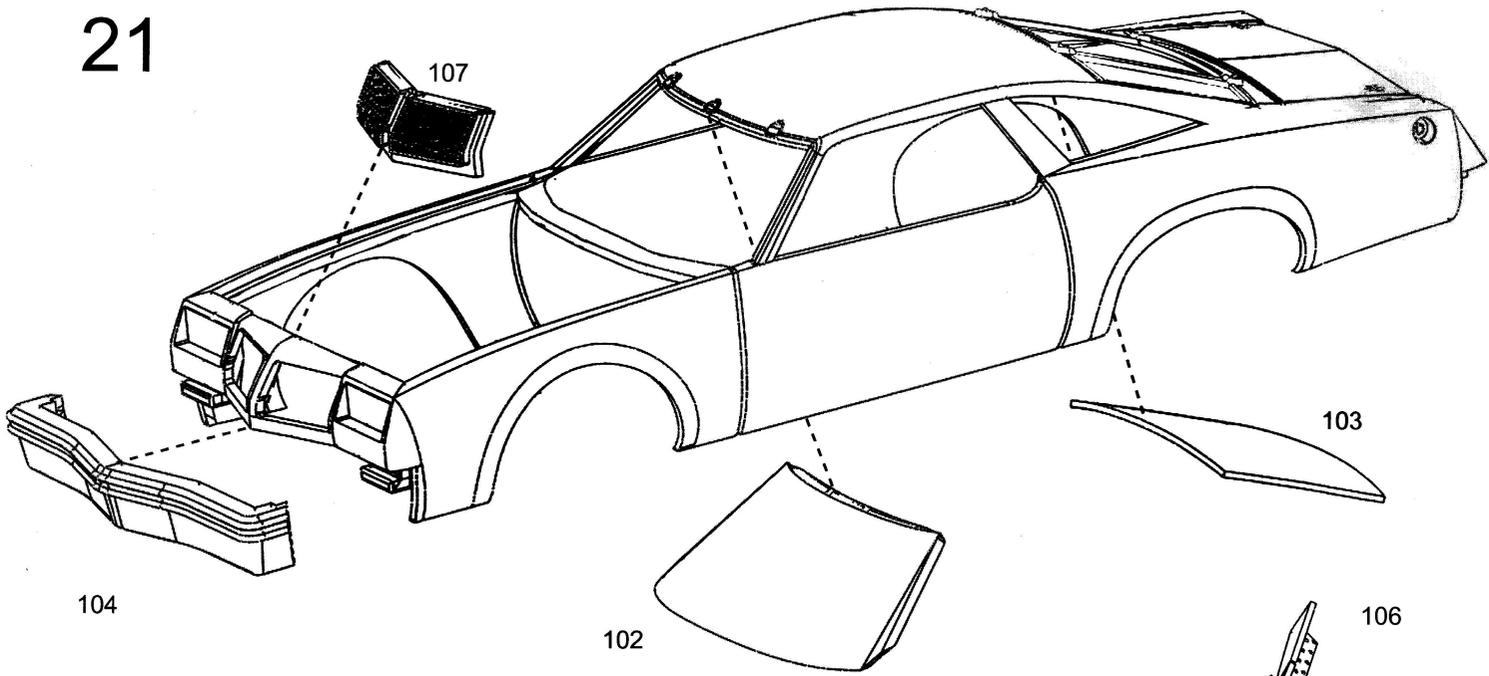
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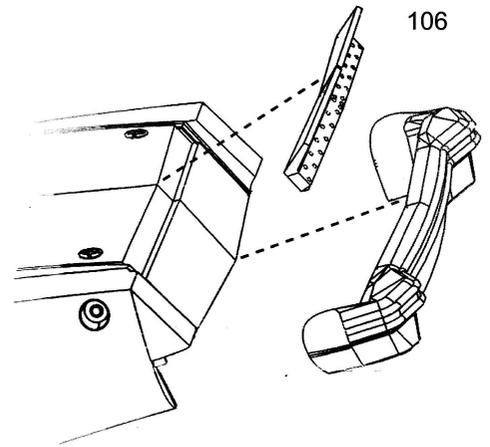
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