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1:8



Front Left Seat



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YOUR MODEL

You will be building a 1:8 scale replica of a customised 1973 Ford Falcon XB GT. Features include a lift-up bonnet that reveals a detailed engine, opening doors, wind-down windows and an 'active' steering wheel. A remote-control fob illuminates the main lights, brake lights and indicators.

Scale: 1:8
Length: 62cm
Width: 25cm
Height: 19cm
Weight: 7+kg



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Stage 75: Front Left Seat

The base of the front left passenger seat is assembled, and an adjustment lever is fitted.

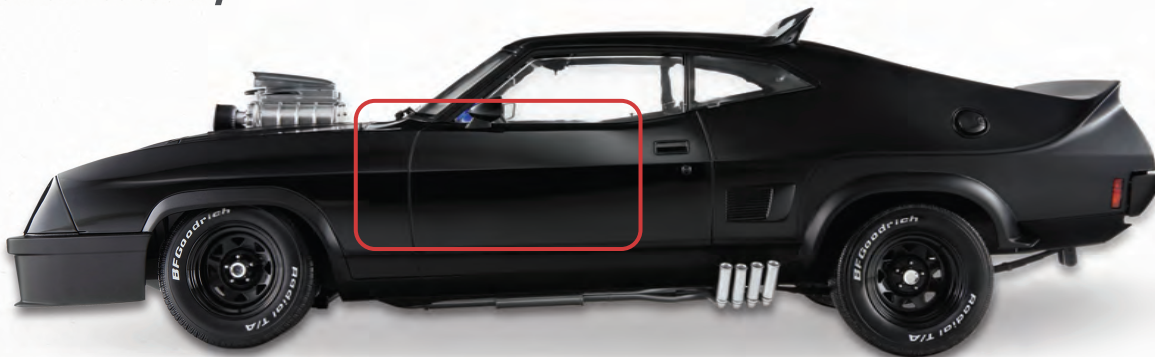


List of parts:

- 75A** Left seat base frame
- 75B** Left seat base cover
- 75C** Left seat base foam
- 75D** Seat adjustment lever end piece
- 75E** Seat adjustment lever
- PS05** Two* 2.3 x 4mm PB screws

*Including spare
PB = Pan head for plastic

Area of assembly



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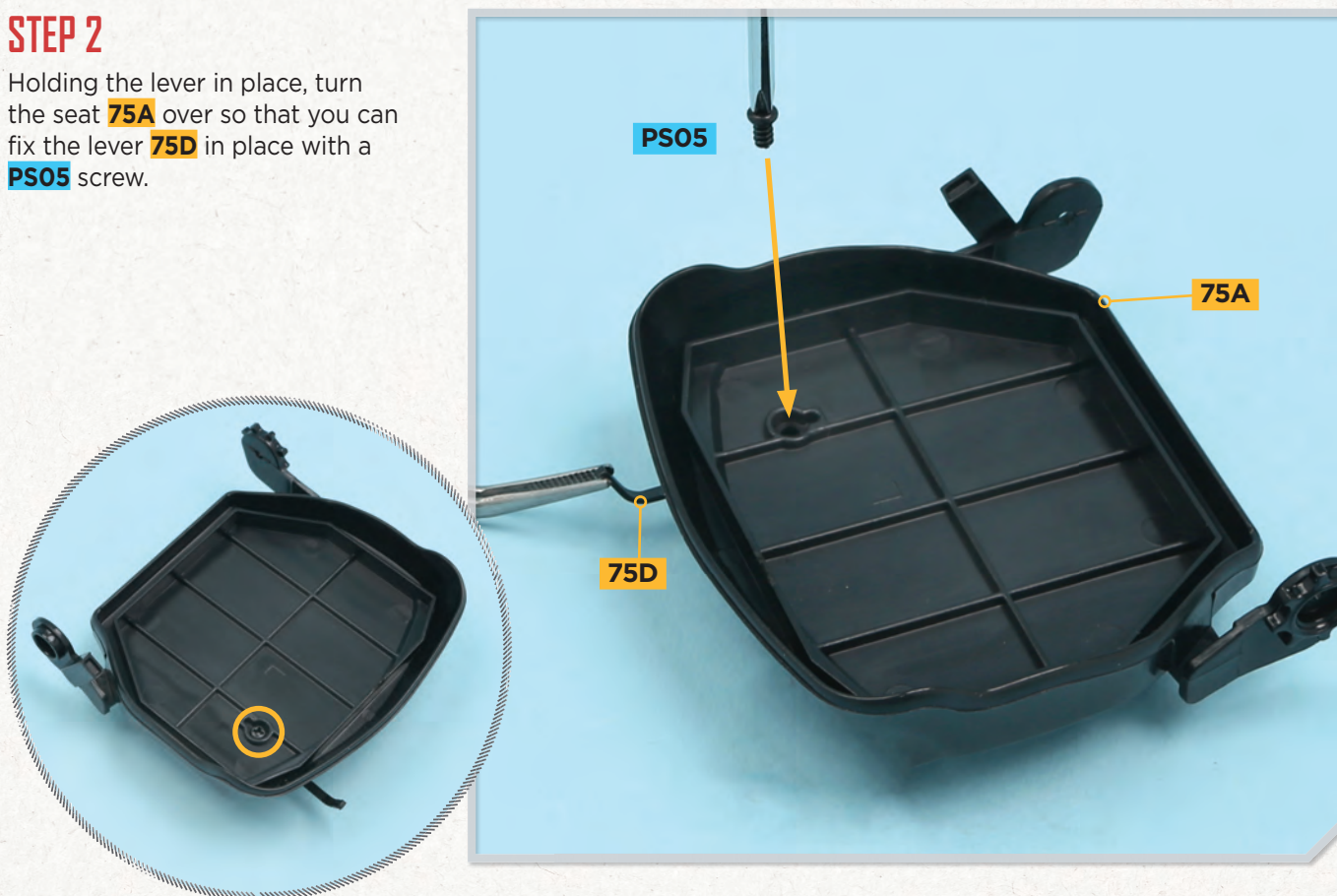
STEP 1

Fit the seat adjustment lever **75D** into the socket in the underside of the seat base **75A**. A flange on the circular fitting on part **75D** fits into a slot in the recess of part **75A**. The curved end of the lever runs up the front side of the seat frame.



STEP 2

Holding the lever in place, turn the seat **75A** over so that you can fix the lever **75D** in place with a **PS05** screw.





STEP 3

Take the seat foam **75C** and fit it into the seat base frame **75A**. Note that the shaped face of the foam faces upwards.



STEP 4

Fit the seat cover **75B** over the seat base frame **75A** so that the seat foam **75C** is enclosed. Check that the cover fits properly all round: there is a lip around the edge of the cover that fits into the rim on the underside of the frame.



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STEP 5

Fit the end of the seat adjustment lever **75E** over the end of the lever **75D**. This is a push fit connection.

COMPLETED ASSEMBLY

The base of the front passenger seat has been assembled.



Bunbury's Bumpers'n'Beats

The Bumpers'n'Beats show is promoted as Western Australia's biggest automotive street festival. It is held in the City of Bunbury, a port city some 175km west of Perth.

This annual event is billed as "ol' skool cool, vintage and custom cars and bikes, dancing, live bands and a whole lot more..." Although still a young show, the initial 2023 Bumpers'n'Beats drew crowds of over 4,000 people. A year later that audience number had more than trebled with 13,416 visitors.

Bumpers'n'Beats centres around Bunbury Geographe Motor Museum, established in 2020 "to showcase the South West's hidden treasures with a diverse collection of veteran, vintage, classic vehicles, racing cars, motorbikes and auto memorabilia."

Why base a museum and festival at Bunbury? Because the South West region has the highest percentage of registered vintage vehicles in Western Australia with the exception of Perth. According to an ABC News report, Aussie regulations dictate that to qualify for the status vintage or veteran a vehicle must be original and unmodified. While the title of classic car is bestowed on vehicles, including modified cars such as street rods, manufactured prior to 1990.

PLENTY OF ENTERTAINMENT

What can you expect at the show? There's Bog Laps – Australian slang for circling a modified car around an area to show off or attract attention, essentially cruising. Or the Go2Whoa! where a vehicle powers off a start line and must then pull up fast with the front wheels on another line several hundred feet further on. This is a test of acceleration, braking and driver skill, with the winner being the car



to complete the move accurately in the fastest time. Over 400 cars participated in the 2024 special Blair Street Show'n'Shine competition, one of many open free events. Also popular is the Drive-In Movie, a classic slice of Americana. Few people get to experience a true drive-in today, so Bumpers'n'Beats holds one every year, screening appropriate films such as *Grease* (1978) or *Cars 3* (2017).

Artists and creators are part of the show, demonstrating artwork and metalworking techniques. Meanwhile, vintage fashions are displayed in the Pinup Parade where participants are judged on attire, pinup fashion and make up. In addition to motorcycles are the Rat Bikes – modified push bikes/bicycles. Rocker Cover Racing is held on the lawn at Bicentennial Square. A "fun and creative

A Ford pick-up shows off its paint finish at Bumpers'n'Beats in 2024.

competition where participants race gravity-powered vehicles made from rocker covers [engine valve covers] down a sloped track." This is essentially a soapbox derby on a smaller scale. Eschewing rules and regulations, this racing is just for fun; Bumpers'n'Beats can even supply ready-built rocker covers to competitors on the day.

Unfortunately, the 2025 event planned for the 1st and 2nd of March had to be cancelled due to the mayor scheduling an Australian Football League game for the Saturday, which directly clashed with the car meet. The Geographe Motor Museum is located at 21 Wellington St, Bunbury WA 6230. ■

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The assembly of the front left passenger seat continues as the cover is fitted over the frame for the back of the seat.

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NEW PARTS

Left seat back cover, left seat back frame.



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