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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Wave Armored Trooper Votoms Snapping Turtle ST Ver. 1/35 Scale Model Kit. This manual provides essential information for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your model kit. Please read these instructions carefully before beginning assembly to ensure a smooth and enjoyable building experience.

2. Product Overview

The Snapping Turtle ST Version is a 1/35 scale plastic model kit from the Armored Trooper Votoms series. This kit features a snap-fit design, eliminating the need for adhesives during assembly. It incorporates polycaps at each joint, allowing for a fully movable and poseable finished model. The ST version emphasizes ease of assembly while accurately reproducing the distinctive appearance of the Blue AT.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the assembled Snapping Turtle ST model kit.

3. Safety Information

- This product is a plastic model kit intended for users aged 15 and above.
- Small parts are included. Keep out of reach of small children to prevent choking hazards.
- Assembly may involve sharp tools. Exercise caution to avoid injury.
- Always work in a well-ventilated area if using paints or glues (though not included, these may be used by the builder).

4. Package Contents

The following items are included in your Wave Armored Trooper Votoms Snapping Turtle ST Ver. 1/35 Scale Model Kit:

- Plastic assembly kit parts (color-coded)
- Marking stickers
- Instruction manual (this document)

Items NOT included (required for assembly and finishing):

- Plastic model nippers/cutters
- Hobby knife
- Files or sanding sticks
- Plastic model cement (adhesives are not required for snap-fit assembly but may be used for added durability)
- Paints and brushes (for painting the model)

5. Setup and Assembly

Follow the detailed diagrams and instructions provided in the included assembly guide. The kit is designed for snap-fit assembly, meaning parts can be connected without glue. However, for a more secure fit, plastic model cement can be used on non-articulated parts.

1. **Preparation:** Carefully remove all parts from the runners using nippers. Trim any excess plastic (nubs) with a hobby knife or file for a clean finish.
2. **Body Assembly:** Begin by assembling the torso, head, and backpack components. Pay attention to the orientation of each piece.
3. **Arm Assembly:** Assemble the shoulder, bicep, forearm, and hand parts. Insert polycaps into the designated joint areas to ensure articulation.
4. **Leg Assembly:** Assemble the thigh, knee, lower leg, and foot parts. Ensure polycaps are correctly placed for full range of motion.
5. **Weapon Assembly:** Assemble the included weapon. The weapon can be held by the model's hand or attached to specific hardpoints.
6. **Final Assembly:** Connect all assembled sections (arms, legs, head, weapon) to the main body.
7. **Decals/Stickers:** Apply the included marking stickers according to the guide for added detail.



Figure 5.1: Snapping Turtle ST with weapon attached to arm.



Figure 5.2: Detail of the model's primary weapon.



Figure 5.3: Detail of the leg mechanism, featuring the 'Swampy Crag' gimmick.

6. Operating (Posing and Display)

The Snapping Turtle ST model features fully articulated joints thanks to its polycap construction. This allows for a wide range of dynamic poses. Carefully manipulate the joints to achieve desired stances. Avoid excessive force to prevent damage to the plastic parts or polycaps.

- **Joint Movement:** Gently bend and rotate joints to pose the model.
- **Weapon Posing:** The weapon can be held in the model's hand or attached to designated hardpoints on the arm.

- **Stability:** Ensure the model is balanced when posing to prevent it from falling.

7. Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your model kit, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Dust the model regularly with a soft brush or compressed air to prevent dust buildup. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Storage:** Store the model in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures, which can cause plastic degradation or discoloration.
- **Handling:** Handle the model by its sturdy parts, avoiding delicate antennas or small protrusions.

8. Troubleshooting

While this model kit is designed for ease of assembly, you may encounter minor issues. Here are some common troubleshooting tips:

- **Parts Not Fitting:** Ensure parts are correctly oriented. If a part is too tight, gently sand down the peg or hole slightly. Do not force parts together.
- **Loose Joints:** If a joint feels too loose, a thin layer of clear nail polish or hobby cement applied to the polycap or peg and allowed to dry can increase friction.
- **Broken Parts:** Small breaks can often be repaired with plastic model cement. For larger breaks, consider using epoxy glue or contacting the manufacturer for replacement parts if available.

9. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Armored Trooper Votoms Snapping Turtle [ST Edition]
Brand	Wave
Scale	1/35 scale
Material	Plastic
Assembly Type	Snap-fit (no adhesives required)
Articulation	Fully movable with polycap joints
Included Components	Plastic assembly kit parts, Marking stickers
Approx. Height	4.7 inches (12 cm)
Color	Blue (color-coded parts)

10. Warranty and Support

Specific warranty information for this product is not provided in the general product details. For any inquiries regarding missing parts, defects, or technical support, please contact the manufacturer, Wave, directly through their official customer service channels. Please retain your proof of purchase.

