

## ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Keesie - 13 Jan 2019 20:05

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As I might have mentioned, the 'Ecurie guy' bought a lot of trucks for a lot of money. He sent me the wheels only of one truck. I had never seen the construction of those wheels before: a wheel of resin, a flat metal ring around it. And then a rubber tyre, flat on the inside as well, no rim or such to keep it in place.

In Houten the guy took me to another guy, who had bought one of his models,

I then made a talk with him, and he said he is an Alfa fanatic. Therefore he bought this Alfa truck, but unfortunately it was broken here and there. He wants me to restore it. I ALWAYS agree, when the price is fair, simply because no one else does it!

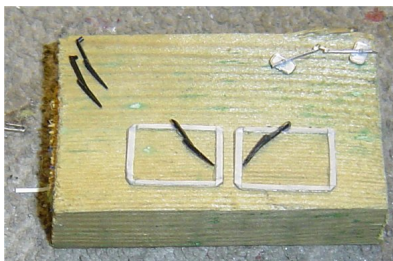
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## Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Keesie - 29 Jan 2019 18:09

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I cut off the 'axle' of each wiper because that part was not needed. The wipers had to stick out of the top of the windows slightly.



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## Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Keesie - 29 Jan 2019 18:11

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I then glued in the windows and secured them with elastic bands. When done I drilled very small holes BY HAND on the sides where the mirrors will go.



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## Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Keesie - 29 Jan 2019 20:02

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One front window was a little bit higher up than the other, moved into place.



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Handgrips made of a paper clip,



Minor adjustments made and placed (thanks DD), orange light painted on (right side and both



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### Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Nobleco - 29 Jan 2019 22:51

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Now this is starting to look like a truck that is worth the price you say people pay for this. I for one would not but then I am not into resin models at all, nor big trucks other than what Dinky and some of what Corgi put out.

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### Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by 143Madness - 29 Jan 2019 22:55

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I have a few resin cars, but no truck as far as I know of!

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### Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Keesie - 30 Jan 2019 10:08

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Thanks guys. I came to the conclusion (at an early stage) I do not like to work on resin models either, but just watching the model it could be diecast as well. As we say though: the customer is king, and he is paying the bill. I would never pay that price for it either.

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### Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by RoutemasterNL - 30 Jan 2019 19:37

Kees, the window surrounds do bother me a bit. The strips I showed you in a previous post are very thin, I think 1mm wide maximum. I think you can buy them at Action.

In my opinion they work better, don't you think

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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Keesie - 30 Jan 2019 20:00

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Thanks for giving your honest opinion Theo. As you figured, I am not 100 % satisfied either. I cut those strips with scissors, and then I took the thinnest parts. Ok, you will not believe what small amount of money the owner and I agreed on. For that I cannot afford to have paint mixed or buy extra parts. I found it a real challenge to do, but as you figured, more and more things came up which needed doing. I showed the pictures to the owner and he is satisfied. Also bear in mind these windows took a lot of time to make. So.....I will leave them like this.

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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Dinkydi - 30 Jan 2019 22:25

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The camera isn't very kind with small detail so I figure these may look better "in Hand"

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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Nobleco - 30 Jan 2019 22:48

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I would tend to agree with Malcolm. Digital cameras do show things the eye does not see. On display you will probably not notice the little details as you look the model over. Most would miss the changes unless they do what you do or they have another model beside to compare too.

Job well done if the owner is happy.

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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Keesie - 01 Feb 2019 17:12

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Ok, one day to go. The owner just rang and he will pick it up this Sunday.

This means I have to rush things.....I don't like that but for him I will make an exception, due to certain circumstances.

After the wrong colour, I sandpapered the ramp again, and again put it in primer.

Today three very light coats of paint were put on. As I cannot spray and let parts dry in the cold, I had to bring the part inside and let it dry in a higher temperature.

The paint still looks a bit to light, but considering the part does not 'touch' the darker original parts, this will do.



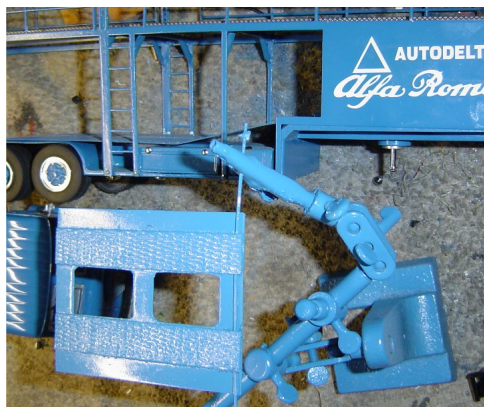
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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Keesie - 01 Feb 2019 17:15

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Whenever you decide to use a spray can in cold weather, with certain paints like the blue I used there will be no shine, and it dries up matte. Only when the temperatures are 'normal', it becomes shiny.



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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Nobleco - 01 Feb 2019 18:33

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Paints do not dry properly and they don't release the solvents etc that are used to spray the paint so they stay dull. They also tend to peel after a while due to the solvents remaining in the paint.

I will say you have a rather good match for not having the paint color you want. Very close and I agree, not that noticeable on the rear as a ramp. Too bad you have to rush but sometimes we have no other way. Customer comes first.

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**Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971**

Posted by Keesie - 01 Feb 2019 19:29

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Thanks Jim, in all other cases things like these should not be rushed, but something came across in the owners personal life. I need one more day.

## Re: ABC Brianza Alfa 1971

Posted by Keesie - 01 Feb 2019 19:34

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The owner said there were originally two wires coming out of the holes you can see in he front. They are supposed to be those air-wires leading to the rear brakes. The wires broke off and I drilled the holes out a bit.



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