

N Scale Vehicle Association

"For the modeler and collector of 1:160 scale vehicles and equipment"

Easy 'N' Inexpensive
ways to enhance the
Atlas Ford Taurus

Steps for enhancing Atlas Ford Taurus

Paint inside of wheel spokes and grille with black acrylic – excess paint can be removed with a toothpick

Replace headlights with Microscale Kristal Klear (optional) – suspend model nose down while Kristal Klear dries

Color the back of the front turn signals/parking lights with orange marker (optional)

“Silver” back of headlights and turn signals/parking lights

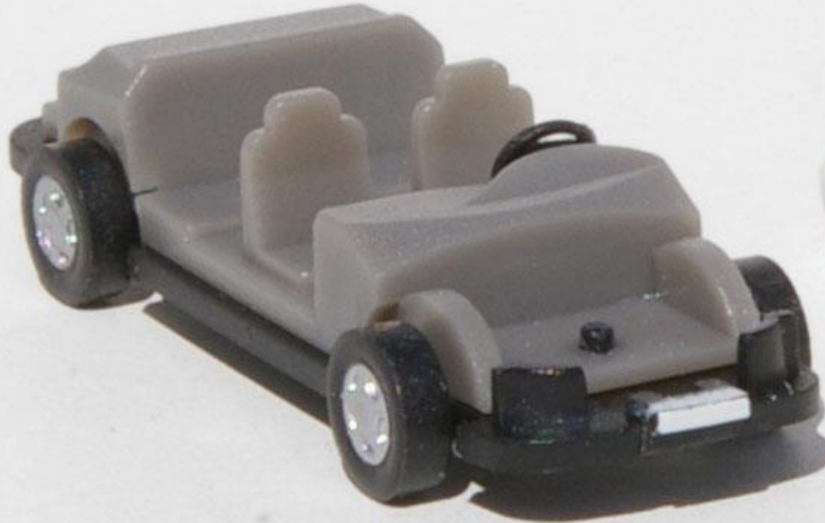
Blacken center section of the taillight insert with marker

“Silver” back of taillight “lobes” and blacken the inside of the center section of the taillight insert

Decal license plates (optional)

Selective weathering with powdered Tempera paints

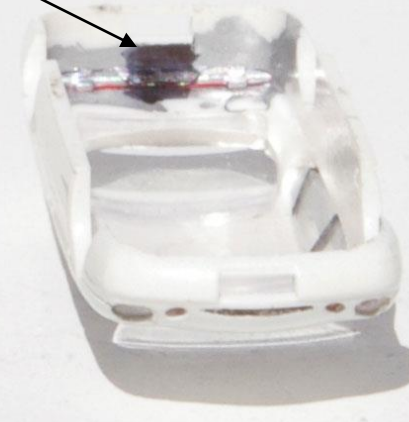
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Disassembled

Headlights replaced with Microscale Kristal Klear and backed with silver paint

Taillights backed with silver paint and center section blackened with Sharpie



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Black acrylic paint

Before

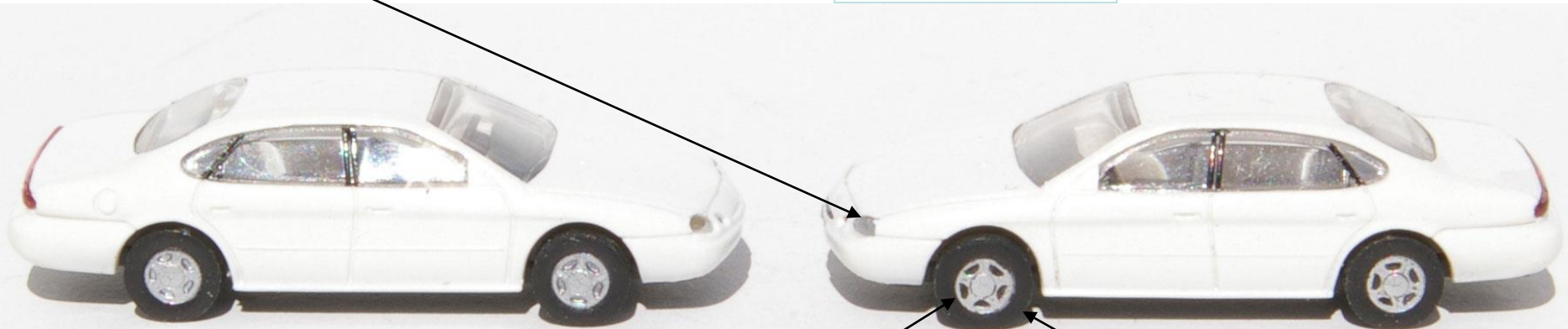
After

Before

After

Microscale Kristal Klear headlights

Homemade license plates



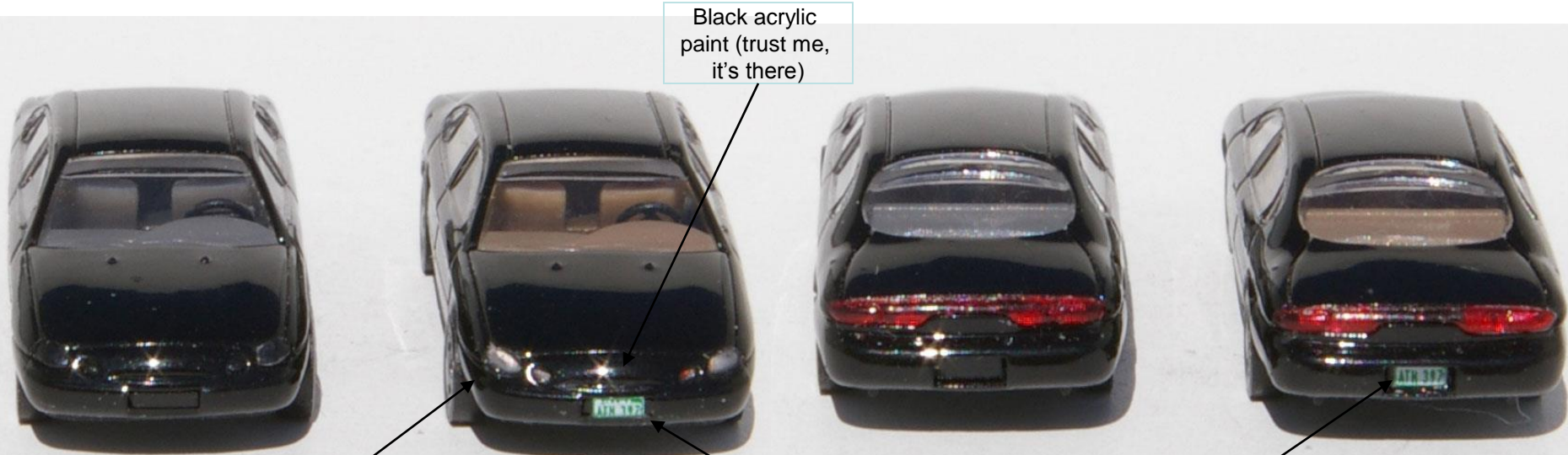
Before

After

Black acrylic paint

Powdered Tempera for "dirty" tires and wheels

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Black acrylic paint (trust me, it's there)

Before

Microscale Kristal Klear headlights

After

Before

Microscale license plates

After



Before



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After

Challenges

The easiest way to remove the body from the chassis is to start at the back and lift towards the front.

The taillight section can pop out when working with the model, be careful not to lose it.

The headlight inserts are also easily lost, that is how I discovered that Kristal Klear can be used to make headlights that will show on the cars with the dark paint schemes.