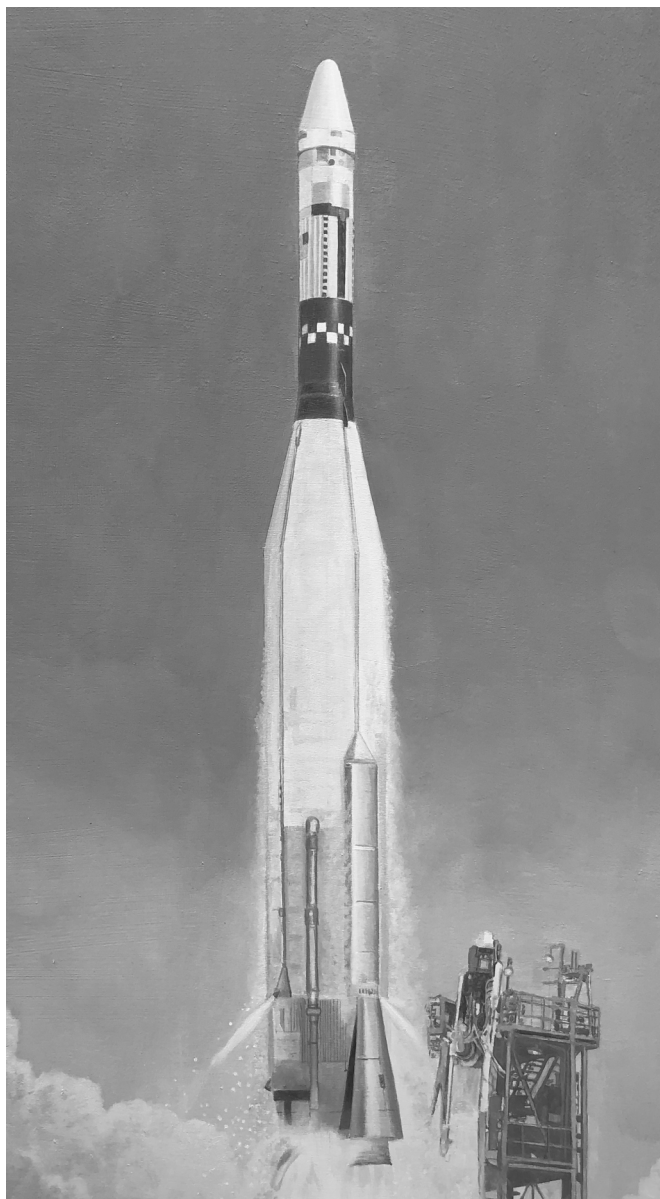


# Atlas-Agena



The Atlas-Agena was one of the most prolific US launchers in the 1960's. Based on the Convair SM-65D Atlas rocket, later redesignated SLV-3, it received an additional upper stage called Agena. Typically launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL, or Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA, it launched Mariner probes to Venus and Mars, Ranger and Lunar Orbiter probes to the moon, and later in its career it launched many military payloads including the KH-7 reconnaissance satellite. But the Atlas-Agena is mostly remembered as the target vehicle for manned missions to low Earth orbit in the mid-1960s as a testing grounds for rendezvous, docking and spacewalking, in preparations for the manned flights to the moon which followed a few years later.

## Specifications: Atlas (SLV-3D) with AGENA

- Length: 103 feet (31.4 metres) with Agena Target Vehicle (ATV)  
97 feet (29.6 metres) with ADTA
- Diameter: 10 feet (3.05 metres)
- Weight: approx. 340,000 lbs (154,000 kg)
- Atlas Engines: Two LR-89 boosters with 150,000 lbs thrust each  
One LR-105 sustainer with 57,000 lbs thrust  
Two LR-101 verniers with 1,000 lbs thrust each

**A** Flat Aluminium

**C** Exhaust Metal

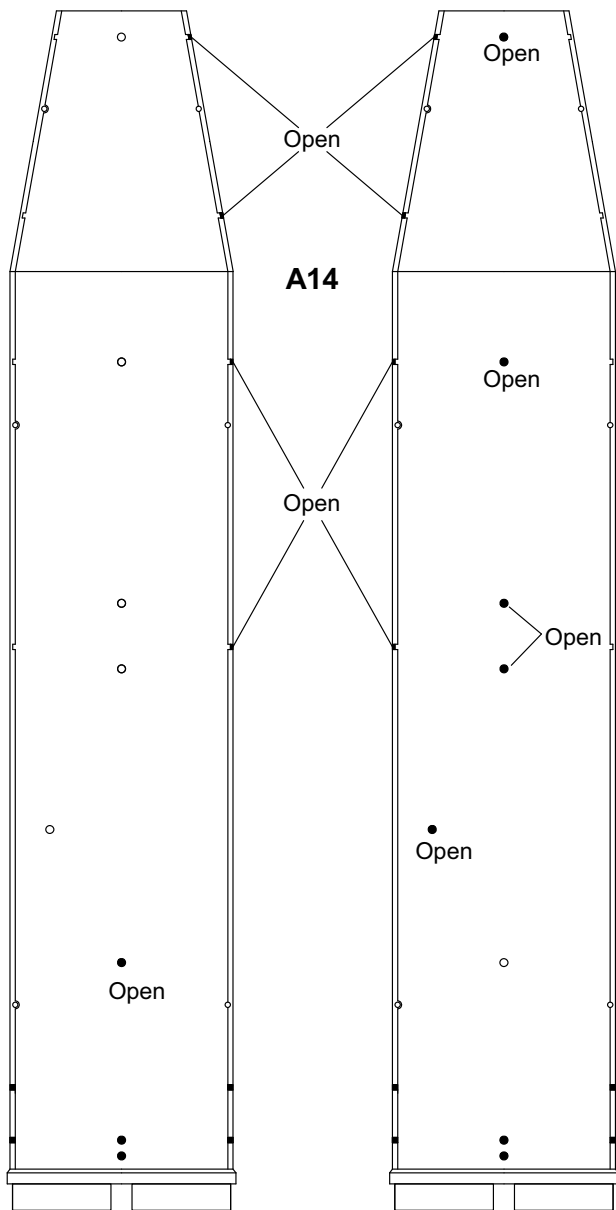
**E** White

**B** Stainless Steel / Silver

**D** Black

# 1 ATLAS AIRFRAME PREPARATION

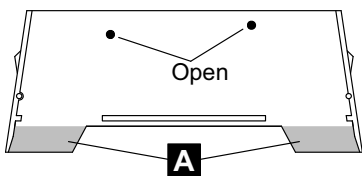
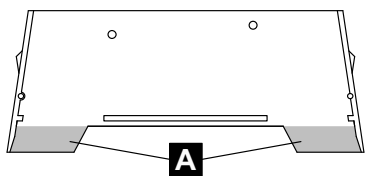
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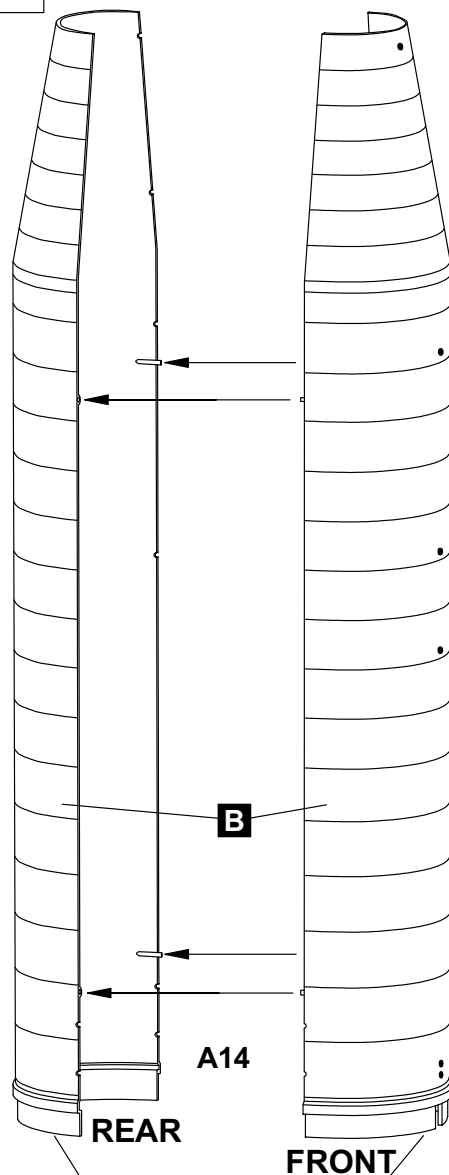
**REAR**

**A13**

**FRONT**



# 2 AIRFRAME ASSEMBLY



**REAR**

**FRONT**

**B5**

**A**

**REAR**

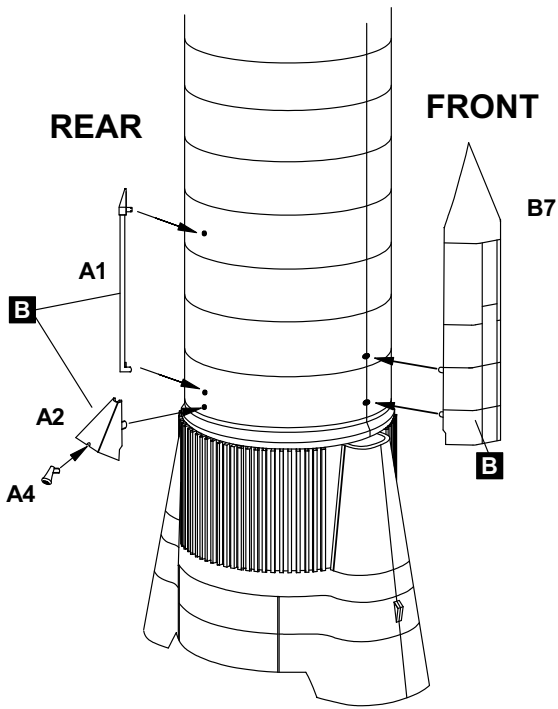
**FRONT**

**A**

**A13**

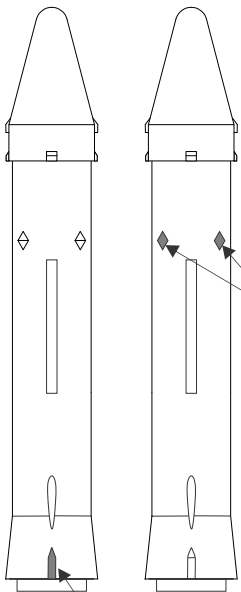
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## ATLAS FRONT & REAR AIRFRAME ASSEMBLY



Apply "UNITED STATES" decals before attaching parts A15 and A16.

### AGENA PARTS PREPARATION

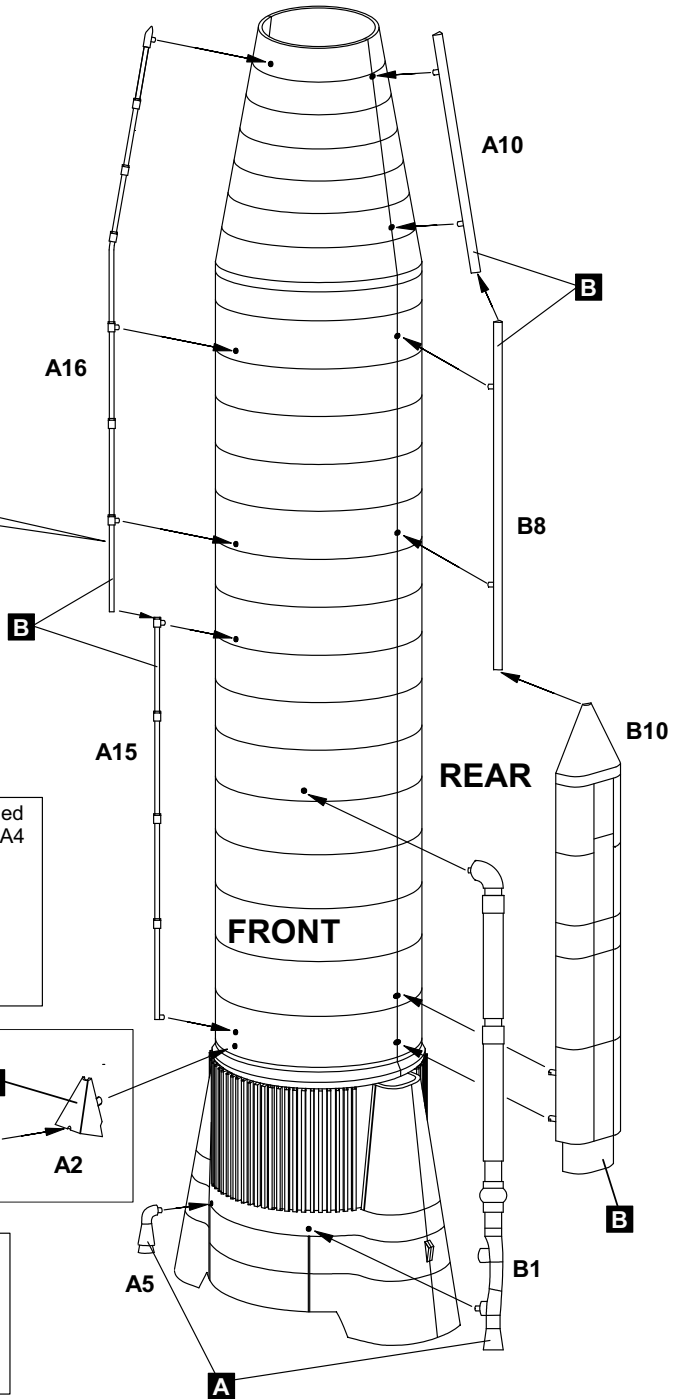
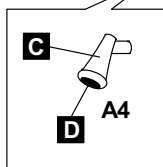
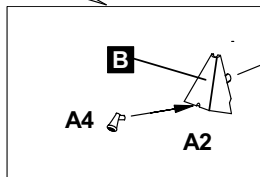
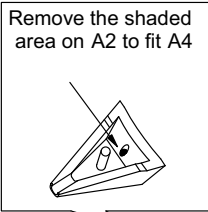


#### HORIZON SENSORS:

For ATV, remove these two from this part only.

For ADTA, remove all four from both parts.

REMOVE FROM THIS SIDE ONLY (ATV & ADTA)

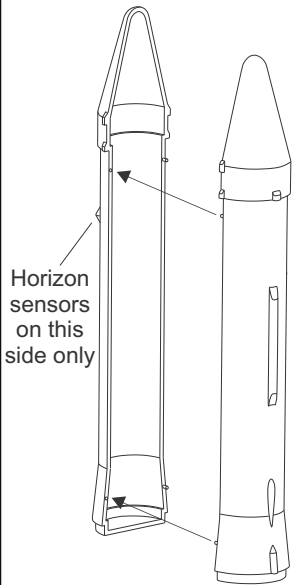


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## AGENA ASSEMBLY

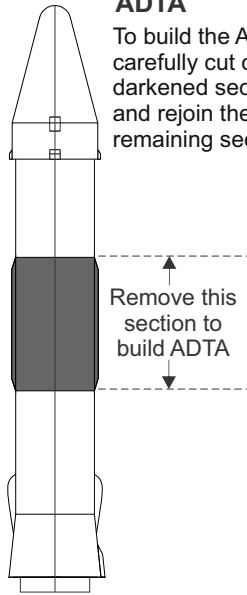
CHOOSE A PAYLOAD:  
**AGENA TARGET VEHICLE (ATV) OR ADTA**

**ATV**

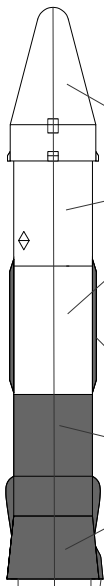


**ADTA**

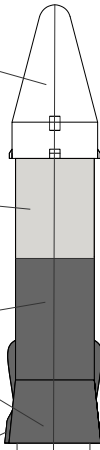
To build the ADTA, carefully cut out the darkened section and rejoin the two remaining sections.



**ATV**



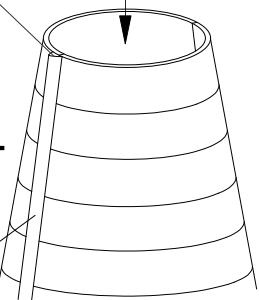
**ADTA**



Align

**FRONT**

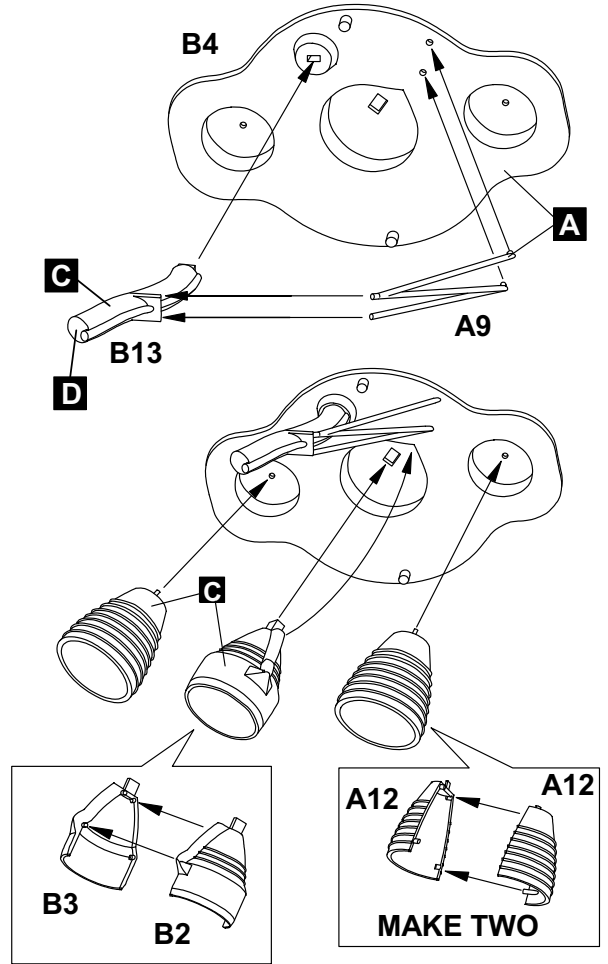
**A10**



**REAR**

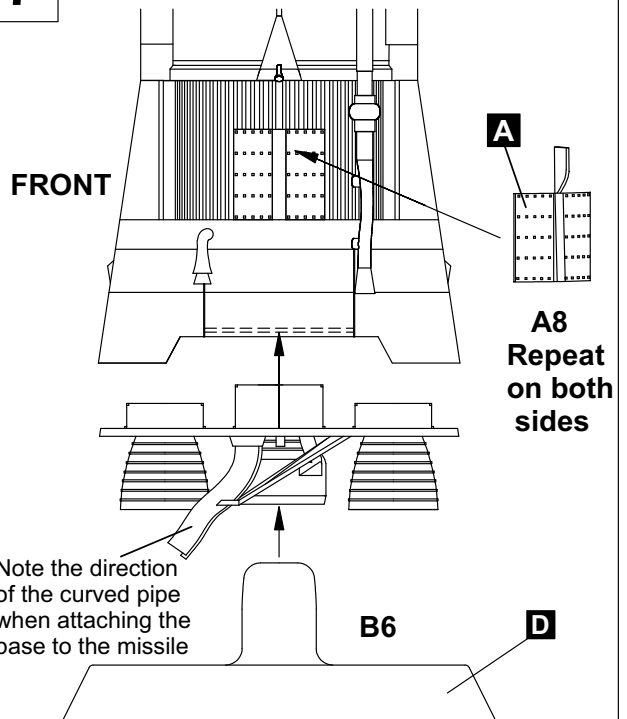
# 5

## ROCKET ENGINE ASSEMBLY



# 7

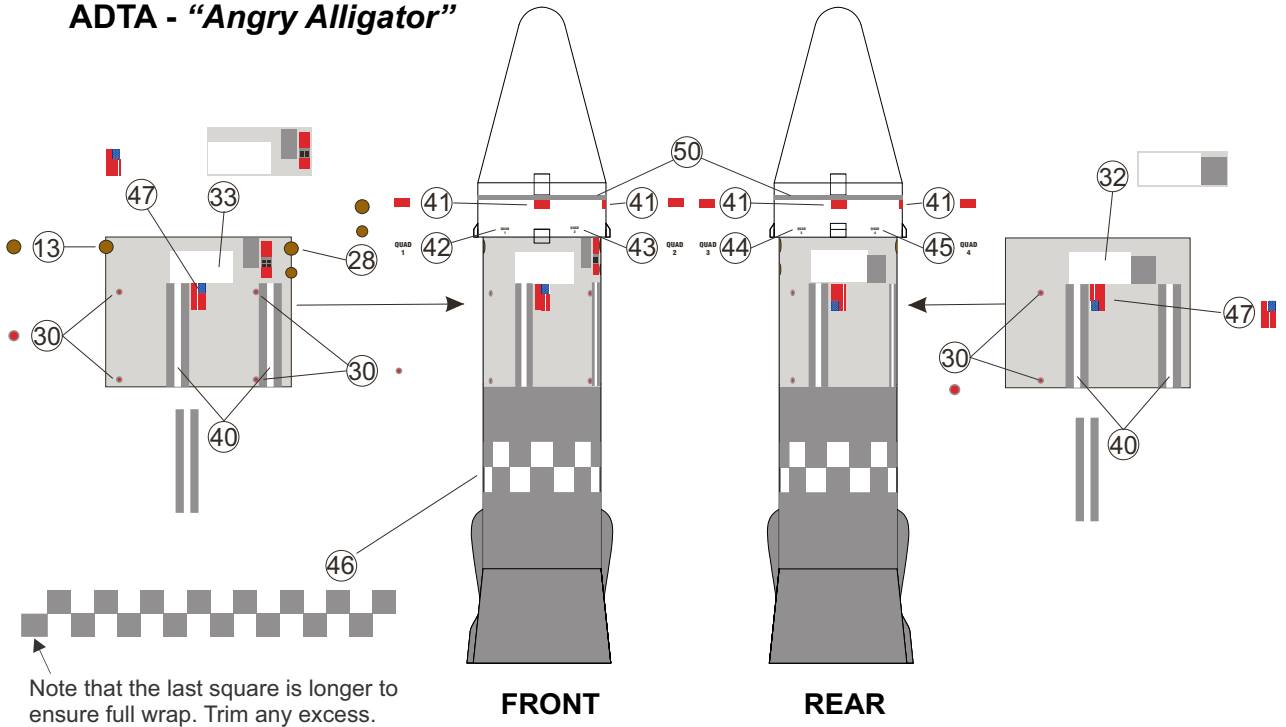
## FINAL ASSEMBLY



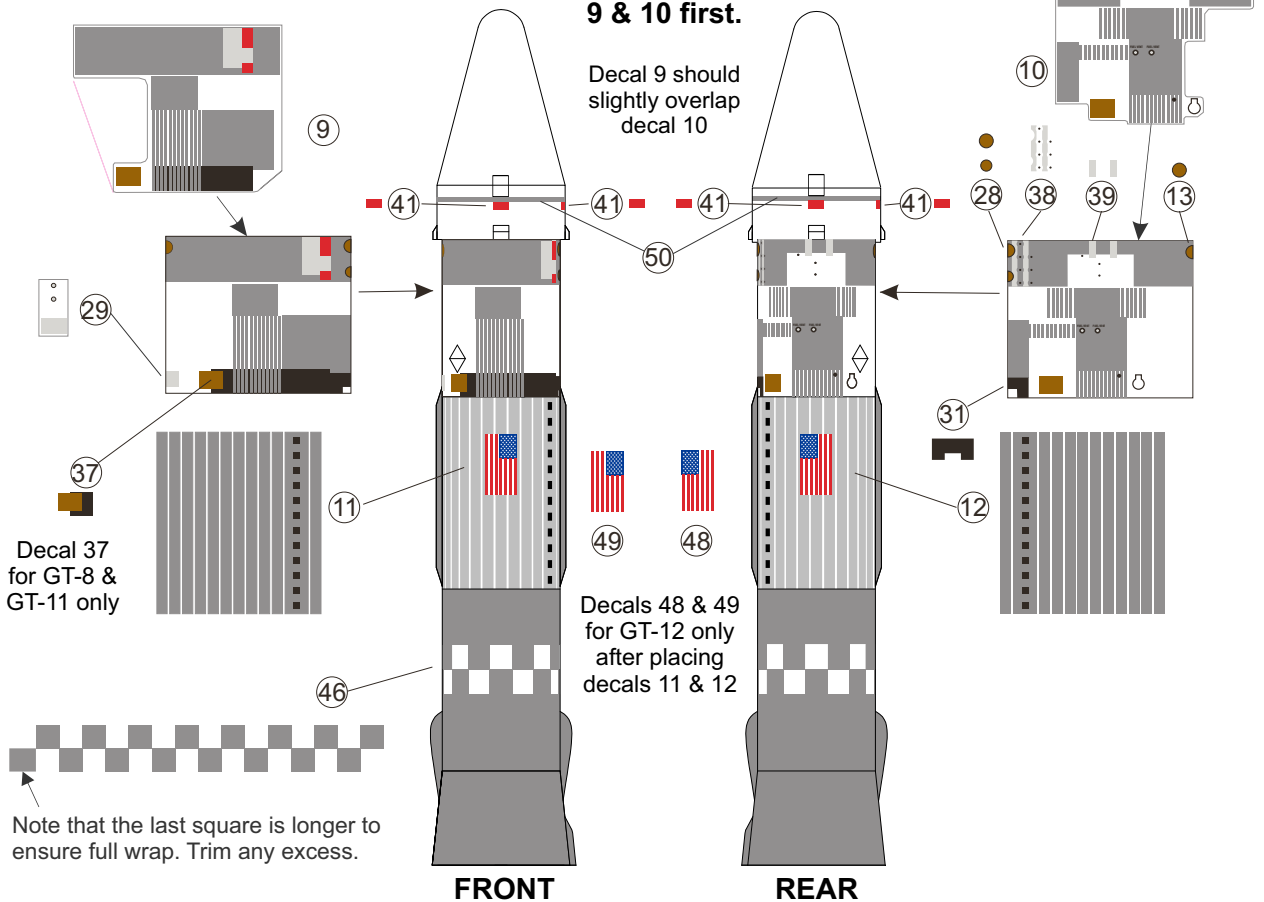
# 6 DECAL PLACEMENT FOR AGENA UPPER STAGE

Paint the AGENA upper stage (see step 4) before applying decals.

## ADTA - "Angry Alligator"



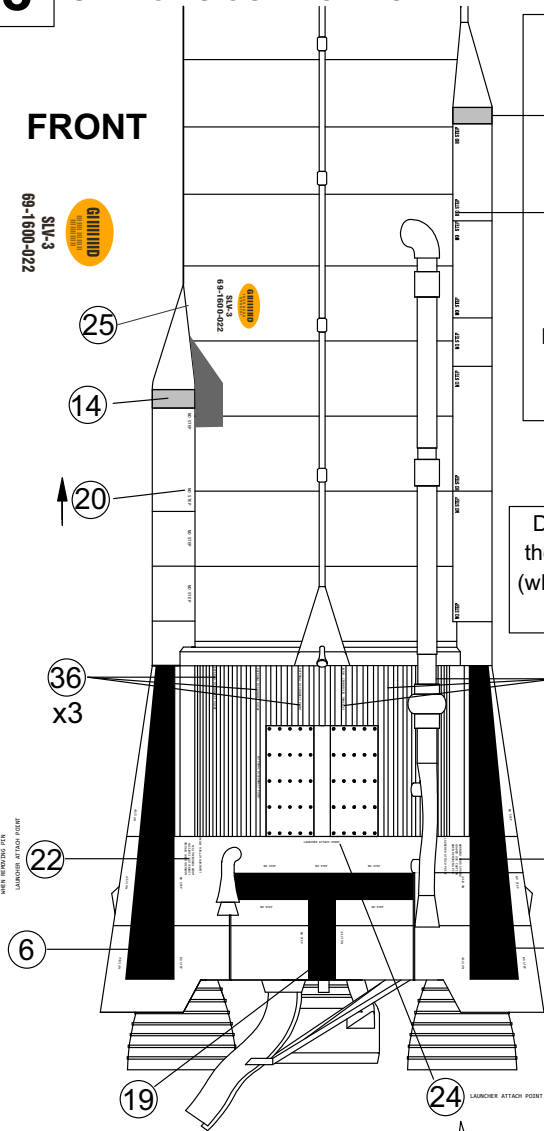
## AGENA TARGET VEHICLE (ATV) Place decals 9 & 10 first.



# 8 STENCILS COMMON TO ALL VARIANTS

## FRONT

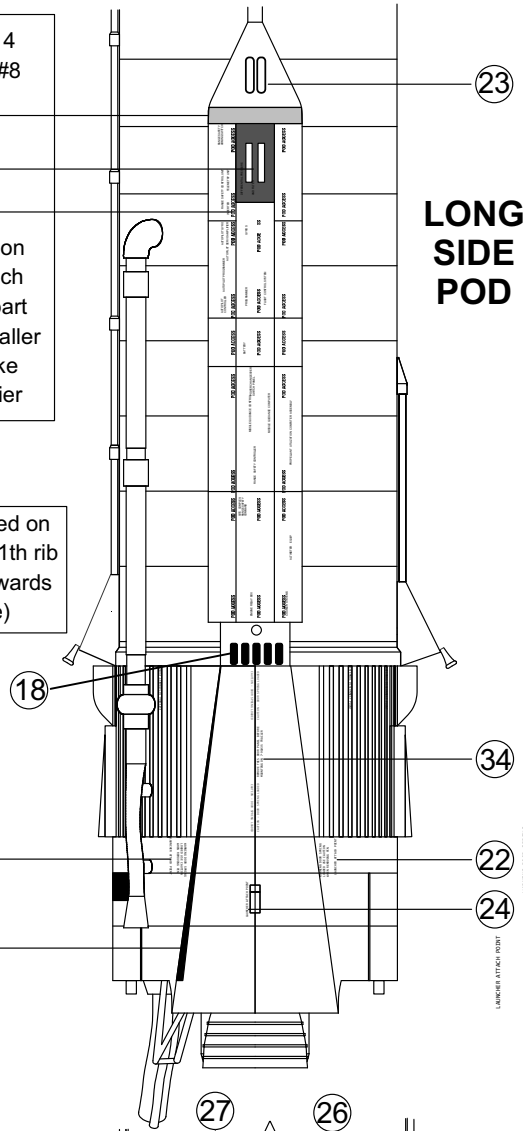
SIL-3  
69-1600-022



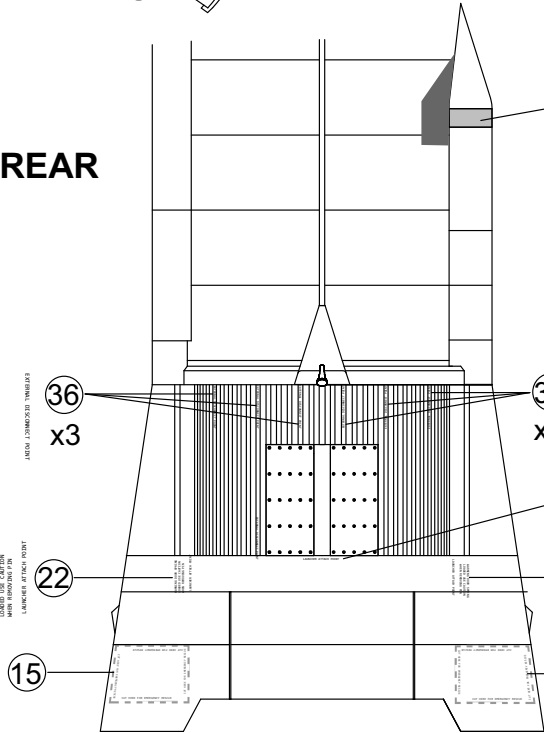
Place decals #14 and #17 before #8

Decal #36 is placed on the 2nd, 6th and 11th rib (when counted outwards from the centre)

## LONG SIDE POD

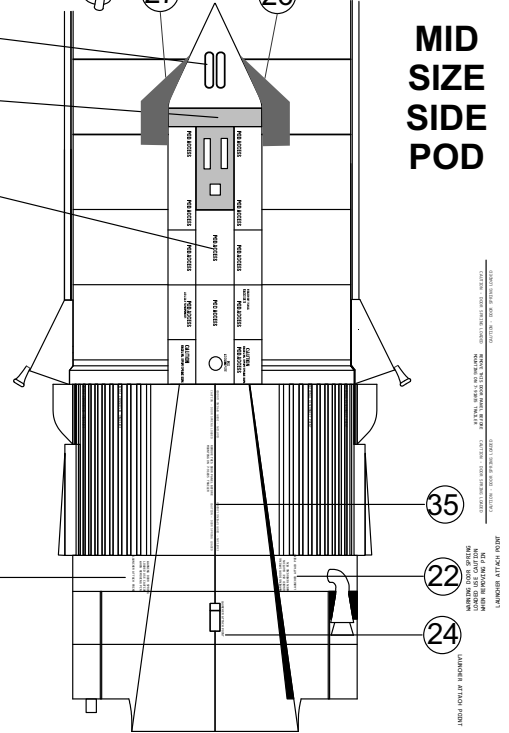


## REAR



Note the direction of decal #20 which wraps around part B7

## MID SIZE SIDE POD



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# 9

## APPLY DECALS

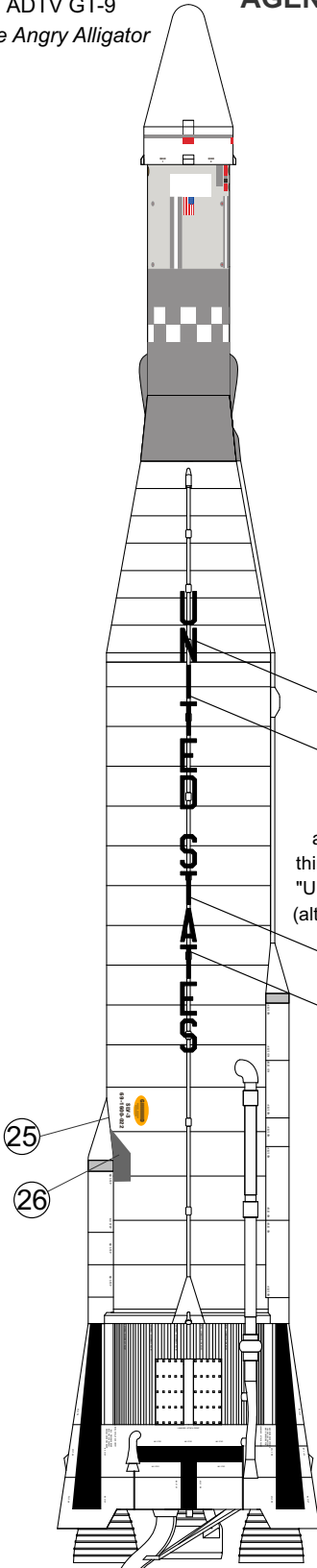
\*Repeat on other side

### 1

ADTV GT-9

*The Angry Alligator*

See step 6 for decal placement of the **AGENA** stages.



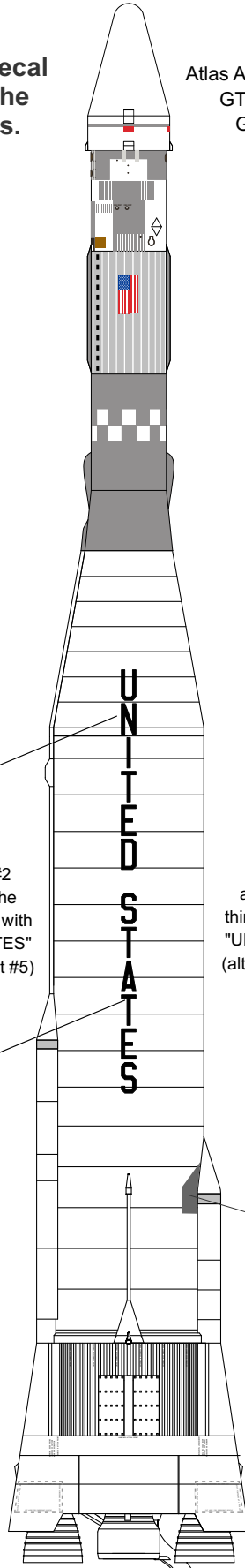
FRONT

### 2

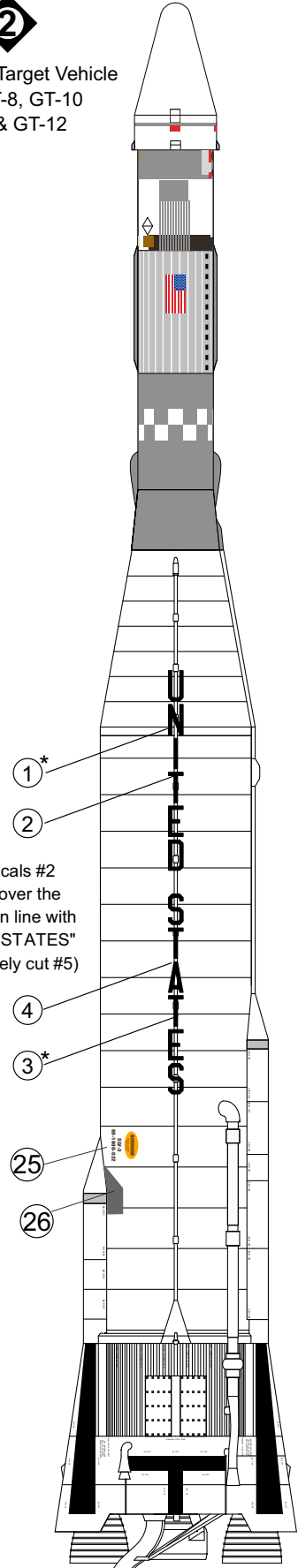
Atlas Agena Target Vehicle

GT-6, GT-8, GT-10

GT-11 & GT-12



REAR



FRONT

Use decals #2 and #4 over the thin pipe in line with "UNITED STATES" (alternatively cut #5)

Use decals #2 and #4 over the thin pipe in line with "UNITED STATES" (alternatively cut #5)

# ⚠ WARNING

**CHOKING HAZARD: KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE.  
DO NOT USE PAINTS OR GLUES NEAR FLAMES OR FIRE, OR WITHOUT ADEQUATE VENTILATION.**

This model is intended for ages 14 and older.

**PAINT AND GLUE NOT INCLUDED**

Beware of small and/or sharp parts.

Use paints and glues in a well ventilated area.

Throw away plastic bags when no longer required.

Take care when handling knives and other sharp objects.

## Assembly

- 1 Study these instructions carefully before assembly noting the payload and marking options you will build.
- 2 Remove the parts from the sprue one at a time with a sprue cutter & carefully sand off any excess plastic.
- 3 Test fit the parts to ensure they fit correctly, then glue into place using polystyrene glue.
- 4 Some parts should be painted prior to gluing to the main assembly.
- 5 Before painting, carefully sand the model if required, then wash it in a soapy solution.
- 6 Allow to dry thoroughly before applying paint.
- 7 Paint the model in a well ventilated area, and allow to dry thoroughly.
- 8 Apply the decals (see instructions below).
- 9 Seal the decals with a clear coat of paint (allow at least one day for the decals to dry thoroughly).

## Applying Decals

- 1 Cut the decal from the carrier sheet.
- 2 Dip the decal into water for about 10 seconds.
- 3 Place the decal on a cloth to absorb excess moisture.
- 4 Wet the model where you want to place the decal.
- 5 Slide the decal from the backing paper directly onto the model.
- 6 Do not lift the decal off the sheet as this may cause it to fold.
- 7 Once positioned correctly, press the decal gently with a soft cloth.

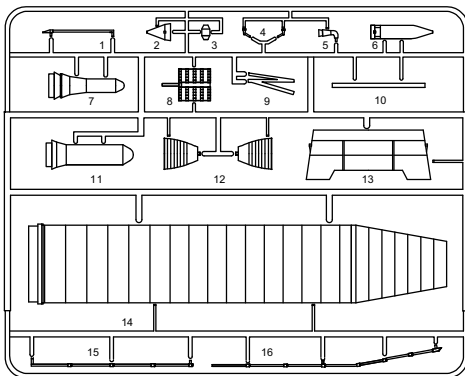
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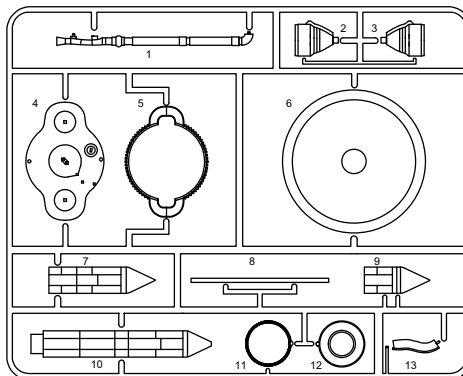
### Sprue A (x2)

Parts A3, A6, A7 & A11 not used



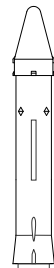
### Sprue B

Part B9, B11 & B12 not used



### AGENA Upper Stage

(x2)



- 1 Fuel pressure line
- 2 Vernier fairing (small)
- 3 Cable way fairing cover (not used)
- 4 Vernier engine (x2)
- 5 Fuel fill & drain valve
- 6 Vernier fairing (large) (not used)
- 7 Mk 3 re-entry vehicle (not used)
- 8 Vernier heat radiation shield
- 9 Turbine exhaust duct brace
- 10 Cable way fairing (top)
- 11 Mk 4 re-entry vehicle (not used)
- 12 Booster engine half (x2)
- 13 Thrust structure fairing (lower)
- 14 Tank structure
- 15 Liquid oxygen pressure line (lower)
- 16 Liquid oxygen pressure line (upper)

- 1 Liquid oxygen line
- 2 Sustainer engine (left half)
- 3 Sustainer engine (right half)
- 4 Fire shield nacelle
- 5 Thrust structure fairing (upper)
- 6 Display stand
- 7 Equipment pod (medium)
- 8 Cable way fairing (lower)
- 9 Equipment pod (not used)
- 10 Equipment pod (long)
- 11 Mk 2 re-entry vehicle (not used)
- 12 Nose cone adaptor (not used)
- 13 Booster engine turbine exhaust duct

- 1 Agena rocket half