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Porsche Boxster 1:24 Scale Revell SnapTite Model Kit #85-1984 Review

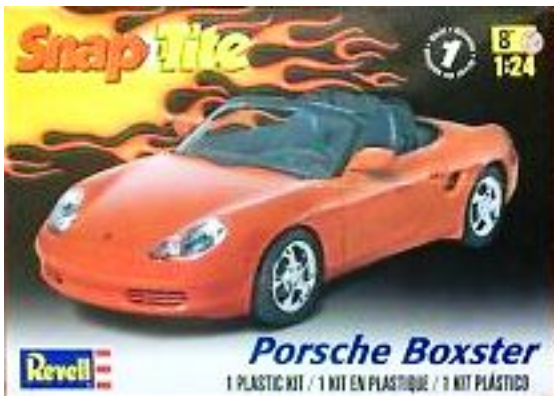


Introduced as a concept car in 1992, the Porsche Boxster exploded onto the world stage as a mid-engine two-seater in 1996. The 986, as the Boxster was designated, was powered by a 2.5 liter flat 6 cylinder engine. High performance, a trademark feature of all Porsche models, drove demand for the Boxster high, making it the number one selling Porsche from 1996 to 2005.

For the modeler: This review covers the Revell kit #1984 Porsche Boxster in 1/24 Scale SnapTite. This is a direct Re-Release (Re-Pop) and has seen multiple box arts over the years. It is a Skill Level 1 for the Entry Level builder and requires no paint or glue to assemble. The kit has 37 parts molded in Red, Black, Chrome, Clear and Clear Red and includes Vinyl tires, Metal axles and Screws. The chassis is solid and has all the suspension and motor details molded in. The interior is multiple parts with a tub style interior. It is all Black and can be built and looks nice without painting. The body is Red and although nice does need to be painted to have a quality finish. The glass is crisp and you do have to paint the frosting around the windshield to have a correct build. The tires and rims look good and slide on the metal axles nicely. Overall it is a fairly simplistic build and without paint can be assembled in about a half hour for a novice or less with help. Overall dimensions are: Length: 7-1/8", Width: 3-1/4", Height: 2".

BUILDING CAVIATS: Having organization and a proper work area is important if you want to build a model properly. But even without dedicated space a place to leave your build while you work is necessary. Being able to lay out your parts organized helps the build as you are not digging for parts in the box possibly losing or damaging them. Also you really should have a place to let painted parts cure.

Throughout the review you will find OPTIONAL IDEAS that I suggest. These are completely your choice. Not doing these steps will in no way affect the build, they are just ways to offer some personal and custom touches to your builds. OPTIONS will be noted. One of the best parts of model building is using your imagination to create the car YOU want! Unless you are building a "Factory Stock" or a "Replica" car your choices of color and build options is completely up to you. The instruction give recommendations but you are free to substitute whatever options you want. There is no "Wrong way" to build your kit! Have fun and enjoy your hobby. Review the instruction sheet thoroughly to get familiar with the assembly sequence. Decide your color scheme in advance and your custom options so you can build accordingly.



PIC 1 This is the box art for this kit as released in the 2015 version. Paints consist of Testors Enamel or Acrylic bottle paints and “Rattle can” spray paints. The body is finished using 1:1 automotive use paint products shot with an airbrush. One of the major benefits of using automotive paint is a very fast drying time. You can get just as good results using Spray can products but they require a longer drying time. Automotive paint is FULLY cured in less than an hour and clear about 6 hours. Use a good quality airbrush to paint automotive products because Lacquer Thinner will destroy the cheaper ones quickly. Assembly paint colors may vary from instructions as I use simplified colors that

most model builders should have on hand. Before beginning your build soak and wash your parts with a mild detergent like DAWN to remove any mold release agents and help with paint adhesion.

Note to remember: Always follow the Manufacturer’s Safety and Use Guidelines when using any of the products mentioned in the review for your own protection.

PIC 2 These are the STICKERS supplied with the kit. As it is a SnapTite the graphics are Peel and Stick and not Water Slide Decals. Just apply these in place as you would any normal sticker.



PIC 3 **OPTIONAL IDEA:** License Plates: I decided to do custom license plates and personalize this kit a little. You can go to <http://www.acme.com/licensemaker/> and create any custom plate you want for any State. Also, you can search photos online for designer license plates. You can save the photo and resize it to fit a model. Just print it on photo paper and you have a plate of your own. To print your plate for 1/25 or



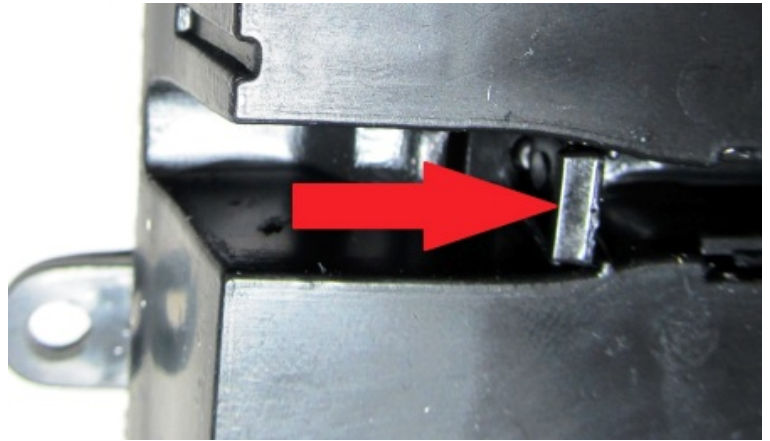
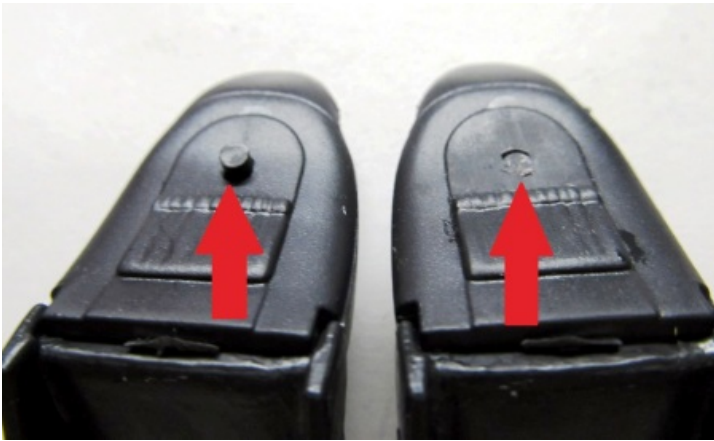
1/24 scale kit, open your photo program and crop the plate so you just have the plate only. Re-size the image size to make the Width .5 inches and make sure **CONSTRAIN PROPORTIONS** is on. Use 300 DPI for a crisp print. Save that and Print it on White Photo paper printing on High Quality Print Setting. You now have a proper sized plate to glue on your car.



PIC 4 **PIC 5** **OPTIONAL IDEA:** I decided I wanted to have carpet in this car. I will FLOCK the floor pan with Craft Flocking. It is simple to do and makes a nice add on detail. Paint the floor the color of the carpet. Using Elmer's White Glue paint a thin layer of glue on the area you want flocked ONLY. I use a fine strainer and dump the flocking into it and then shake the strainer over the glue area. Do this in a box so you can reuse the unused flocking. Cover the area densely with flocking and lightly pat it on. Shake off the loose stuff and it will be carpeted. Look online or in craft stores for CRAFT FLOCKING, it is very inexpensive and makes a really nice addition for that extra reality.



PIC 6 Here are the parts to assemble the interior. As the kit comes in Black and the interior has a nice texture I decided not to paint it. If you wish to change the interior color just paint it as you normally would.



PIC 7 PIC 8 The seat backs snap in place. The pin is a little long so I just cut it flush with a razor blade. The seat sits against the back wall and will not show anyway. Snap the shifter in from under the tub.



PIC 9 Paint the door handles Silver and the control panel on the console Silver. Snap the door panels in place and snap the seats into place.



PIC 10 PIC 11 **OPTIONAL IDEA:** As people buy custom floor mats for their real cars why not have ones for their models? This idea is FREE to do and easy. Search the internet for car floor mats; use the pictures of the flat mat display and save it. In your photo program resize the front mat to a height of $\frac{3}{4}$ inches tall. Print them at 300 DPI on plain paper. Glue the paper to Black card stock and cut out the mat. A dab of White Glue on the floor will hold them in place. I did a search and found tons of usable images from all kind of sites.



PIC 12 PIC 13 The rear windscreen can be installed. The seatbacks are painted Black and the center window left clear. Snap that in place behind the seats.



PIC 14 PIC 15 Detail the dash and install it. **OPTIONAL IDEA:** There is almost no instrument panel details and I will use aftermarket ones to fill the details in. Paint the radio panel Silver and detail paint the dials Black.

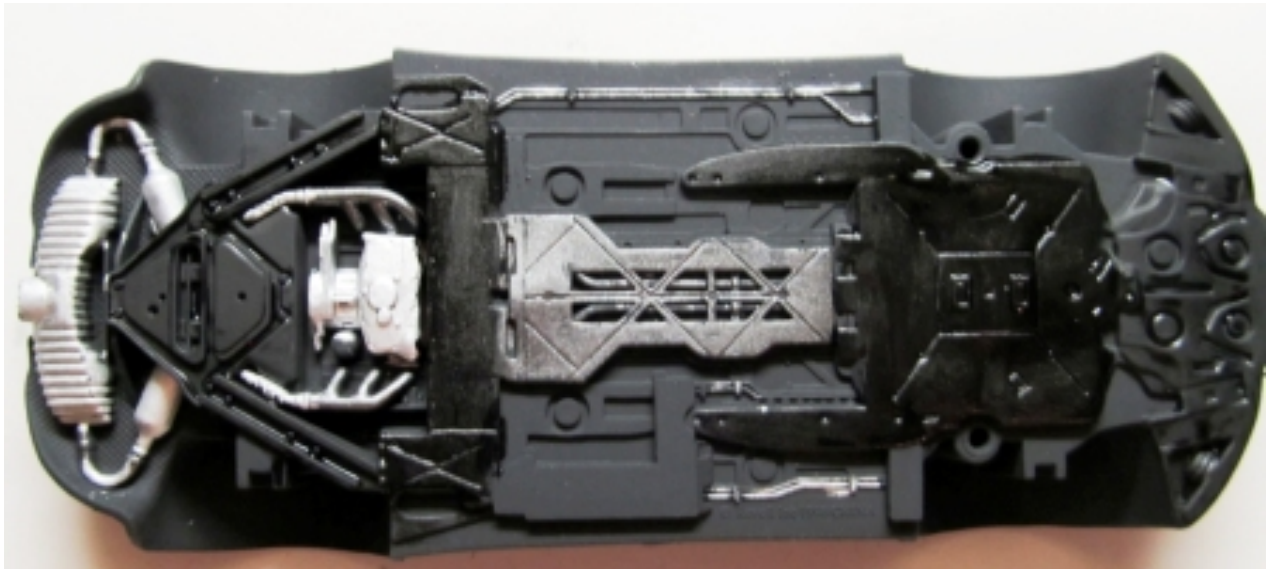


PIC 16 Install the steering wheel and snap the dash into the interior.

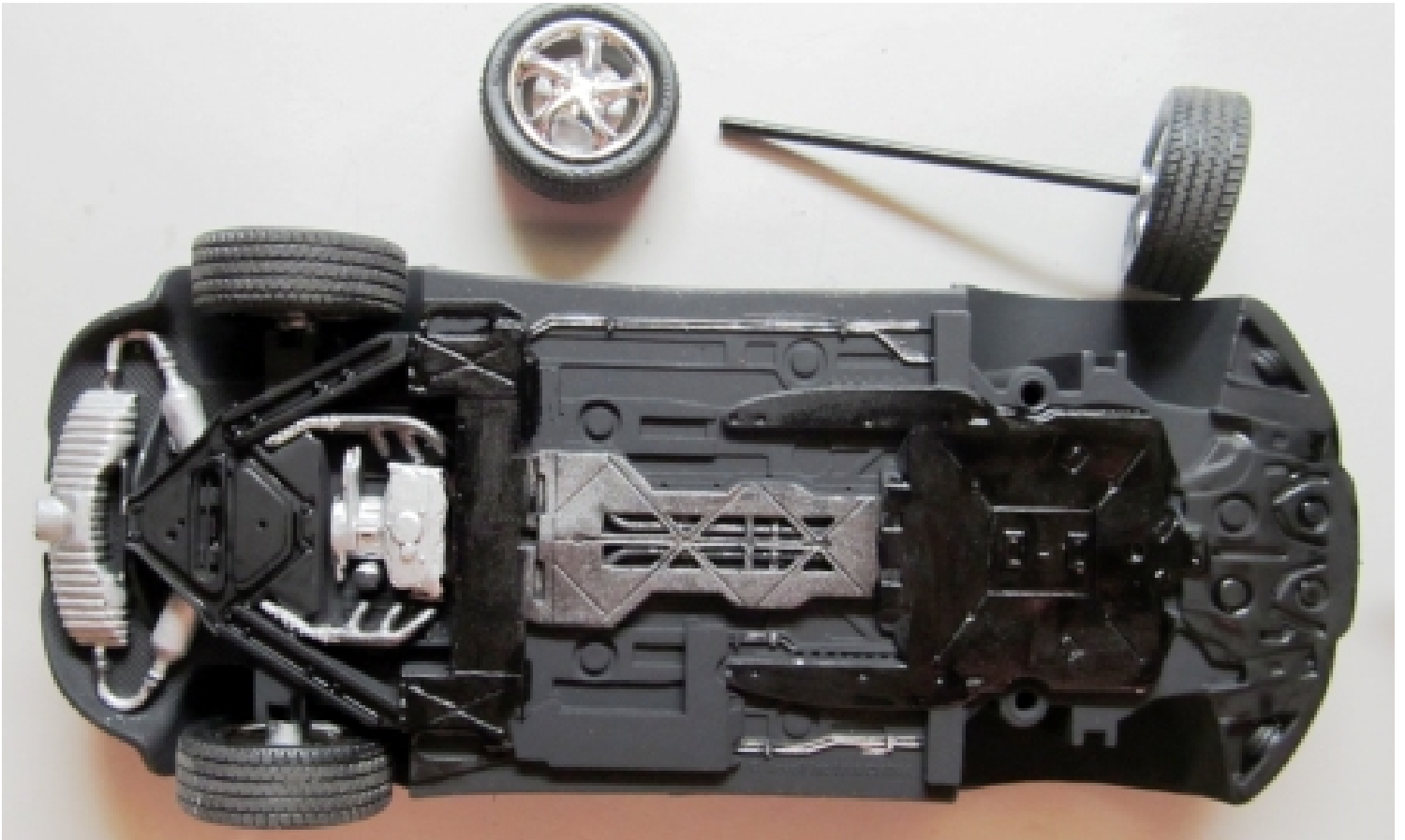


PIC 17 PIC 18 The tires are assembled next. These are Non-Directional and all the same size. There is no need to worry about location. To give the tires a road used look press the tread on a sheet of 220 grit sandpaper and roll the tread moving the tire. This will rough up the tread. Paint the brakes Silver and install onto the axle posts. Insert the rims into the tires.

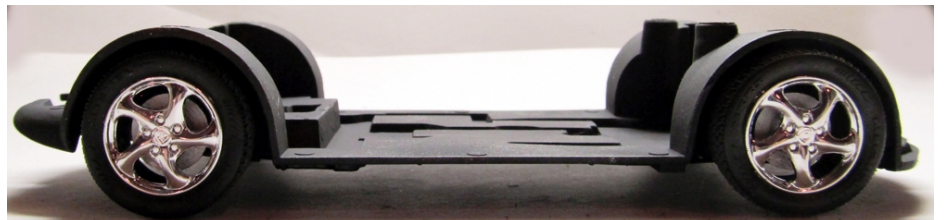




PIC 19 PIC 20 The chassis is painted Flat Black. Use different shades of Aluminum, Silver and Steel and different Gloss tones of Black to highlight different parts.



PIC 21 PIC 22 Insert a metal axle into the back of a rim and slide the axle in place on the chassis. Insert another tire on the opposite end. Do both axles.





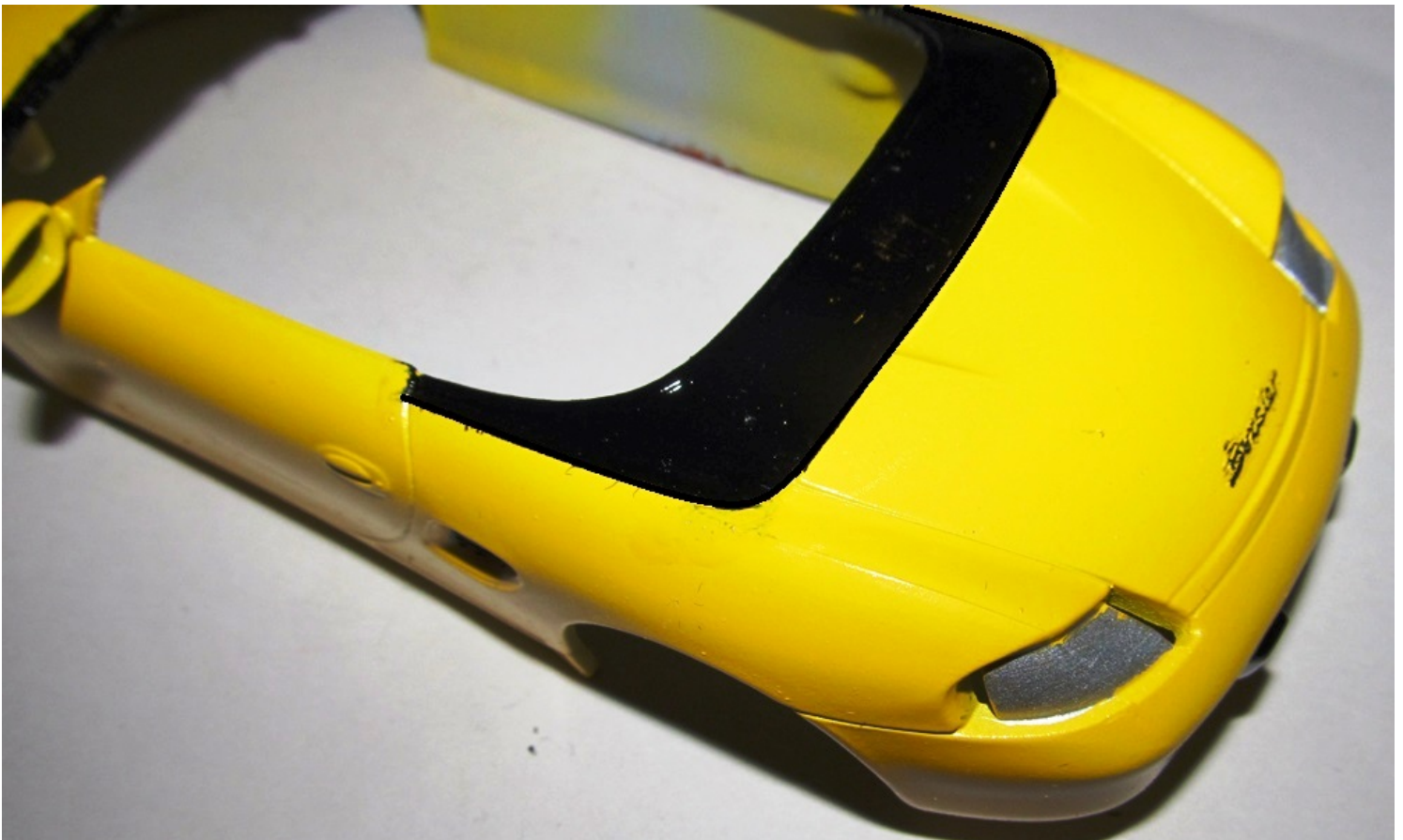
PIC 23 PIC 24 The body is ready to be painted, if you so desire. I want to have a Yellow car so I will need to prepare the body for a light color paint. The Red plastic has a tendency to BLEED the Red color through the paint. You must cover the entire body with a high quality primer. I use an automotive product that is a single part Lacquer Based Primer Sealer. Single Part means you do not have to mix this with a Reactor like a Hardener, it will dry and cure as shot straight from the can. I installed the mirrors with glue prior to painting. Wet sand the whole car with 800 grit sand paper and rinse clean.



PIC 25 Prime the whole car inside and out. Wet sand the car again with 800 grit paper, rinse and dry.

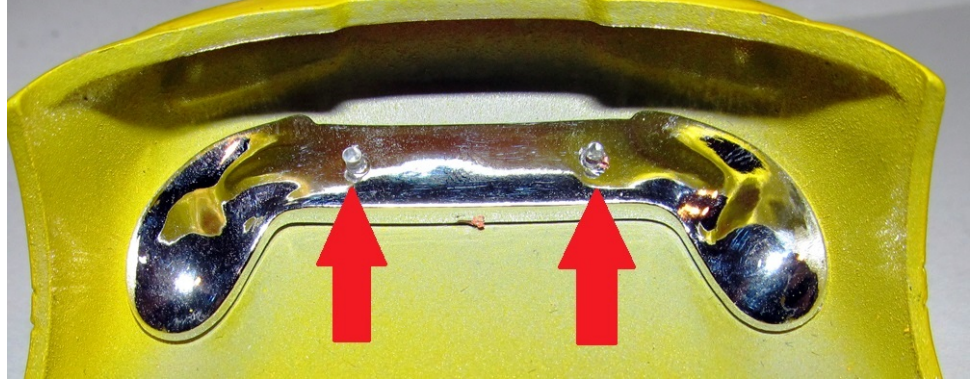


PIC 26 I used Tamiya Lemon Yellow (X-8) for the base body color on this build. Mix the bottle 60/40 with Thinner, or the consistency of Skim Milk, and spray thin even coats with the airbrush. Build the color slowly as not to cause runs.

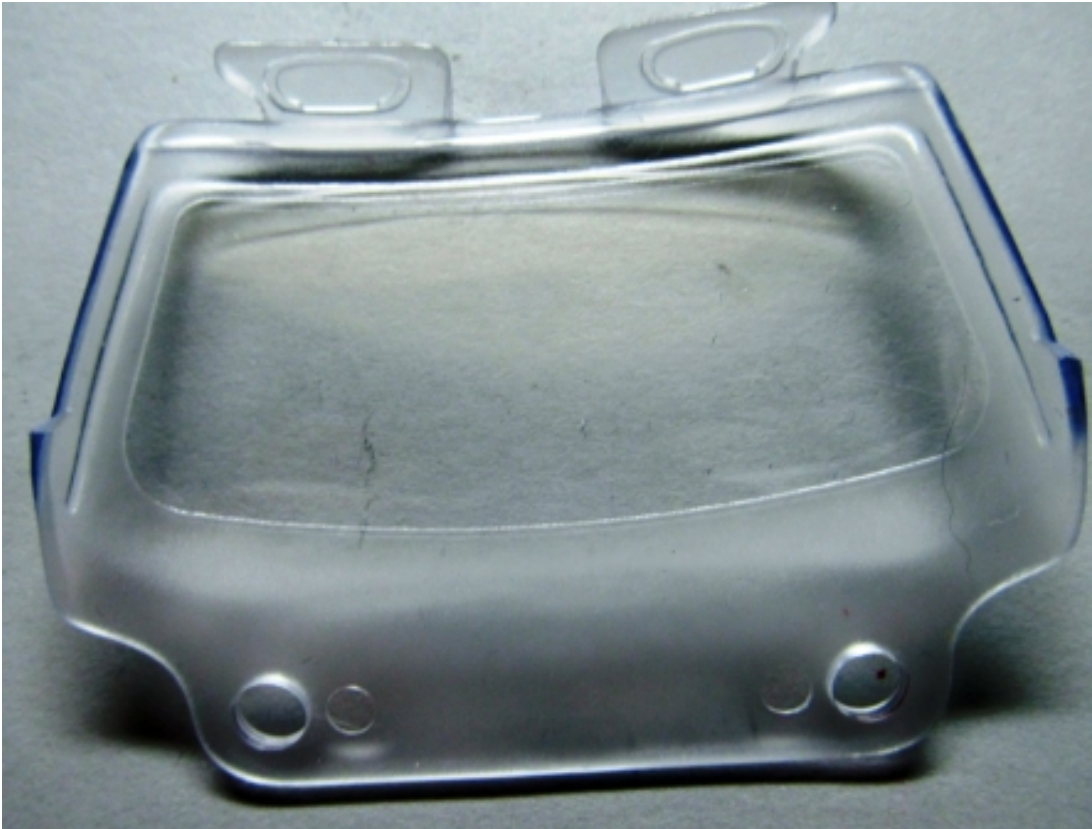


PIC 27 Detail paint the body prior to Clear. Paint the front intake grilles and side intake grilles Black. The cowl and wipers are Black. The rear panel that the roof would lower into is Black. The Boxster logo on the

trunk and the rear bumperettes are Black. The tail light indents are Silver. Add the hood emblem sticker to the hood. Once completed and the paint cures CLEAR COAT the whole body.

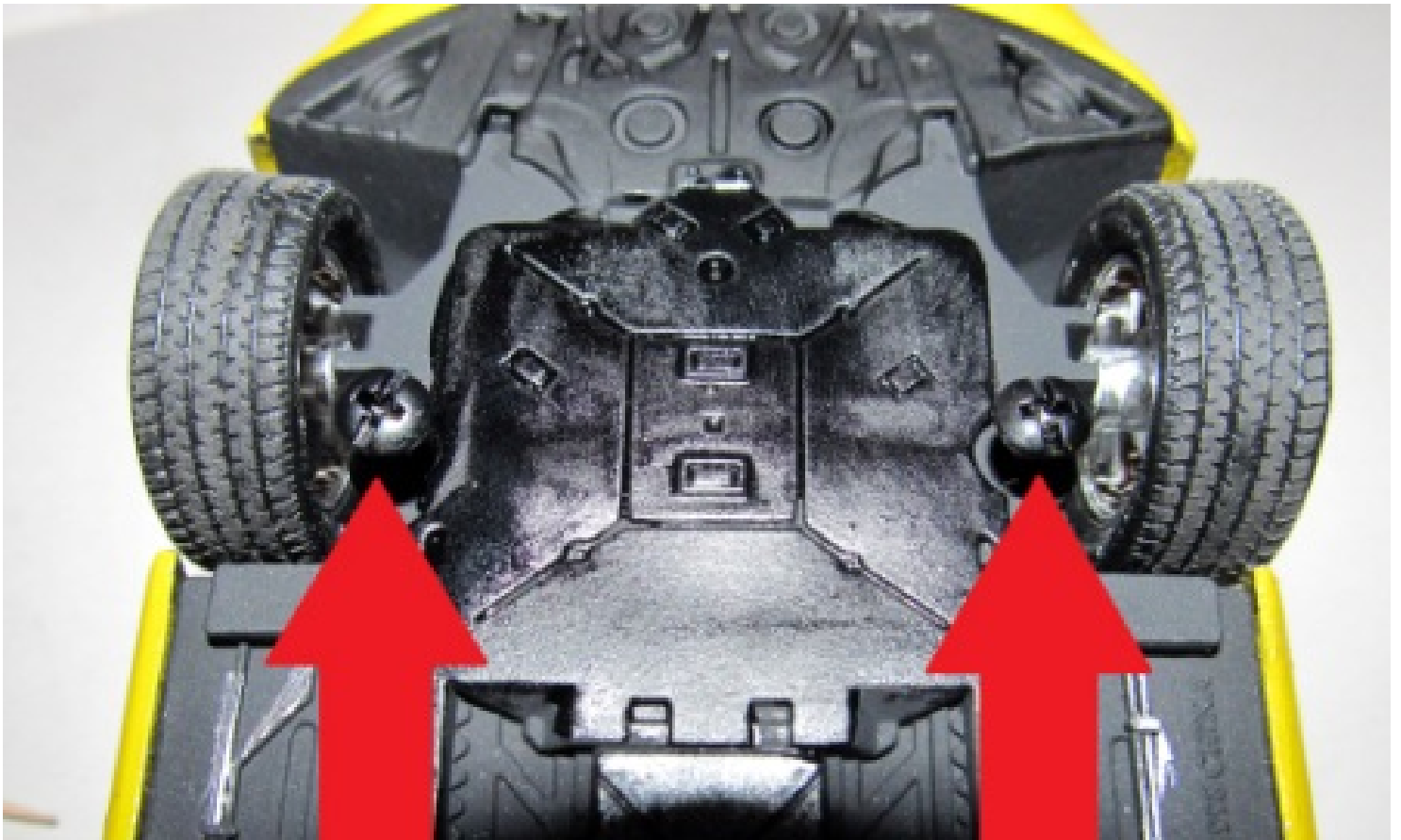
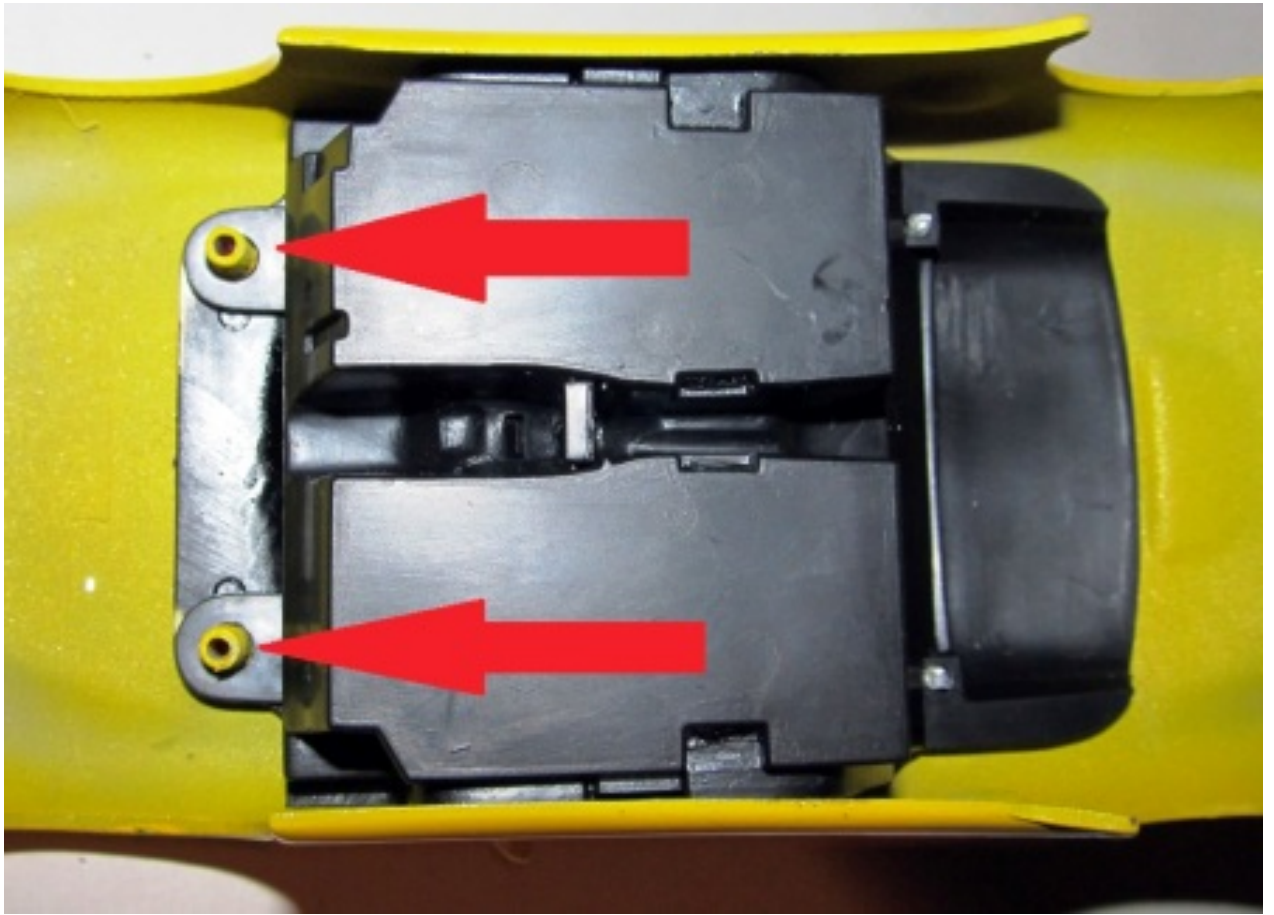


PIC 28 PIC 29 Paint the blinker notch Turn Signal Yellow on the headlight bezels. Insert the lenses into the body lining the tabs with the pins to the bezel. Snap the bezel into place holding the lenses in the body.



PIC 30 PIC 31 Paint the frosted area on the windshield Black on the inside. Prior to assembly I want to give the glass a thinner crisper look. I will dip the parts into Pledge Floor Care. When applied to both side of a piece of clear polystyrene, it will make glass appear thinner and clearer. It will help to hide minor scratches also. Simply pour some Pledge into a small container and dip your clear glass into it. It's a kind of magic; it will self-level and make the part clearer! After you dip the part, be sure to place a cover over it to prevent dust from collecting on it. Place the parts on a sheet of paper towel to cure, the paper towel will draw out the excess Pledge and "Wick" it off the parts so it does not accumulate at the edges leaving an unwanted build up.

PIC 32 Slide the glass in place over the pins in the body. Slide the interior tub over the pins and snap it into the body holding the glass in place.



PIC 33 Install the chassis into place and use the two screws and tighten the chassis on to the body.

PIC 34 The car is almost assembled, the front is completed.



PIC 35 Cut the tag to fit and use Elmer's Glue to attach it to the car.



PIC 36 Snap the tail light lenses into place.

PIC 37 OPTIONAL: Being a SnapTite kit there are no mirror faces included in the kit. I cut my own to fit using a thick chrome tape used for Home AC Duct repairs. Stick a small piece on the mirror and press it in place, then cut the excess free with a razor blade.



OVERALL IMPRESSIONS: This is a fun kit. Snap kits can be a great weekend diversion from your major builds or for those who get “Builder’s Block”. The build itself is simplistic. There is no motor to build and detail, the interior is a basic assembly, the chassis is one piece as well as the body. With some patience, detail painting the chassis it will look good as a shelf sitter. The interior is molded quite nicely on this car and when built really does not have that “Snap-Together” look, even unpainted. Once assembled, it is fairly solid and can be used as a play toy also. Adding some simple details to the interior like flocking and dash decals greatly helps the finished look. Painting the body and doing the extra details will move this from a toy to a display model. While probably not a “Contest Quality” kit unless you are entering the Novice Class this does build into a nice finished kit. For what it is intended to be and how it assembled I will give this one a 9 on a scale of 1 to 10.

