

CC8800 Conversion to Mammoet-Part VI Assembly

Hello again group. First let me say a big thanks to all of you for your comments and support during this project. I know a simple repaint does not approach some of the levels of expertise in this forum-lets face it some of you out there around the world build some super stuff and rework it. This is a simple repaint, but it was my first ever conversion and if I do say so my self it came out pretty darn good!

Assembly is done on the dinning room table, and that's okay because I made it! In fact I made all the furniture you see in these pictures. I have put all my hobby tools in my new hobby tool kit and away we go. Using the "instructions" I started off and whizzed right through the chassis and crawler assembly. I then went to install the superstructure and found that the screw that holds it all together would not fit in the treaded hole. The bolt was to big. Off to the hardware store and I returned with a 5mm screw. It threaded in but would not tighten. Back to the store and I bought a 6mm tap and tapped the hole and the Conrad supplied screw worked fine.

The first part of the assembly went well. The lower parts went together with a little sanding and filing of the paint at joints. The derrick and main boom connection piece attached, I had to know fabricate my pendant lines. Using the parts I bought at the hobby shop in the aviation department I got to work. I laid out all the pendant lines used and given by the instructions, I cut and matched the lengths of cable and soldered the ends on. After cooling, I played tug of war with the ends with the wife to ensure the strength of the connection. Good thing to, because we had one slip right off.

The first reeve to the derrick went easily. Then the Mammoet fleet showed up with all the counter weights for loading, which was done by the LTC1055. (okay so I played with my models-don't tell me you haven't!) and we were ready for the main mast with lufting jib. Forty reeves later and four sets of pendant lines it was ready for mast up!!!!

It looks great and massive. I even got my extension kit in time to include it in the assembly. I still have the hook block to do-but that is for another day!

And again thanks to all for the support.

Bob