

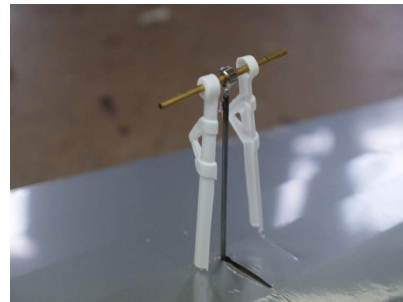
Start the strut assembly by wet sanding the back of the parts sheet on a flat surface. When the edges of the struts become thin (checked by holding the sheet up to a bright light) finish separating them from the sheet with a hobby knife.

Note: the struts are marked at the top with one, two or three dimples so you can match them to their mates.



At this point, you should have the final bends to your wire gear finished and test fitted to the model. Extra "test fits" will be required for off set struts to ensure a good fit.

Drill the holes in the struts for the wheel axle to protrude from and assemble the strut over the wire gear. Apply a dab of silicone to the bend of the gear wire, enough to fill the base of the strut. This will hold the strut centered and allow for adjustments during the bonding step.



Apply model cement to the mating edges of the struts and assemble the pair over the gear wire. Clothes pins will work for clamp pressure however the glue sets quickly so finger pressure is enough. To center the top of the strut another dab of silicone can be applied and allowed to dry completely. Another option is to cut foam plugs and insert them into the strut.



Allow the assembly to dry overnight. Sand the strut seams and paint if desired. (most spray paints will work well, just avoid heavy wet coats to prevent softening the plastic. Apply the aluminum tape to the tape to the chrome strut to finish the job.

