

## FRAG Modeling Material Recommendations as of Jan-2020

**Paint:** Tamiya Armor colors, Model Masters armor colors, and Krylon spray paints are used mostly. Paints come in spray cans and bottles....your choice in acrylic or enamel..... a lot of enamel paints are being phased out of production. Krylon cans are bigger by far and cheaper.

**Glue:** ACC glue from Balsa USA (800-225-7287): called "Gold CA"....Thick gap filling #A705 and Quik-Shot accelerator spray #709 We also use 5 min epoxies and Testor's plastic cement.

### Weathering:

Weathering can be done using dry (powder) pigments, a hobby airbrushing gun, fine brushes with bottled paints, and thinned paints sprayed on as washes. There are many, many articles on techniques on the internet. However many FRAG models have primarily been weathered using dry powdered pigments that are brushed on over which is applied a light spray application of Testor's Dullcoat for sealing. Multiple layers can be applied. If you want a heavy mud and dirt look, try Vallejo's AV acrylic bottles that come in a variety of densities and colors.

**Tools:** If you get serious about the hobby, you will need a variety of screw drivers, pliers, Xacto knives, small files, mini saws, paint brushes, thinners, sandpaper, and a lot more.

### Batteries:

RC tanks run on 7.2 volt currents. Most RTR tanks will come with a battery charger, but if not then this is also something you will need. If you use Lipo batteries, they will require a different type charger than NiMh or NiCd batteries. Lipo have a longer charge life, but these batteries also require extra care not to deplete the charge below the cut off level or they can overheat and cause a fire. It is always safer to use a low voltage indicator with Lipo batteries (cheap ones can be found on Amazon).

### Research:

You can never complete too much research about the tank model you are building and painting. You can buy most any kind of modeling or prototype tank book on eBay. These will help you immensely to produce a more realistic looking model.