The Otter Light Reconnaissance Car was developed by General Motors Canada to meet the demand for this type of armoured car. The design followed the layout of the British Humber Mark III LRC. The Otter was based on the Chevrolet C15 Canadian Military Pattern truck chassis and used many standard GM components. The armament consisted of a hull-mounted Boys anti-tank rifle and a Bren light machine gun in a small open topped turret. Although it used a more powerful engine than the Humber, it was larger and heavier, overall performance was less than the Humber but still acceptable. Between 1942 and 1945, 1761 units were produced in Oshawa, Ontario, though fewer than 1,000 were delivered overseas. The Otter served with Canadian units in the Italian Campaign and Northwest European operations. It was also employed by the British Army and the RAF Regiment. Some RAF regiment vehicles used aircraft armament such as 20mm cannon and 0.303 Browning machine guns. After the war the Otter was used by the Jordanian Army and Dutch Army during the Indonesian Revolution.
C15 frame

pins on crossbeams into holes in frame sides

PE parts written in red are supplied with separate upgrade set, not with the kit, kit offers high level of details, but many of them can be left, depending on personal taste
set angle between springs according to their holders

do not glue on holders yet!

wire 0,5mm
glue axles in position

mind direction of tire pattern

right
left

PE101
Cut Z5, Z6 and Z7 to length needed.

wire 0.6mm
Otter Assembly

Interior offers a lot of detailing to go for or leave it, depending on personal taste. PE parts written in red are not included in the kit, but offered separately with additional stowage and details at www.Lzmodels.com. Most parts have pins and holes for easy assembly.

PE levers for windows are supplied in two different options, one for open window, one for closed. I recommend to assemble all these windows and details before body sides are glued together with floor and front.
Fair amount of super thin Tamiya glue used to soft plastic and make up welding lines with sharp tweezers.

PE hinges

Z20+Z21
59+60

round top
0.8mm wire
0.5mm wire

3x PE12
PE13
PE12

PE8
rear right

PE mirrors
PE27
0.5mm wire

PE mudguards and additional detailing set, stowage, tool set and Bren gun available at www.Lzmodels.com
Marking and painting examples at:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/jylascurain/4773548181/
http://www.armouredacorn.com/cvm.html

Full photo instructions with hi-res images available to download
www.mirror-models.com/otter_assembly.pdf

Various stowage and handy stuff available at www.valuegeardetails.com

Excellent reference book coming soon from Capricorn Publications:
http://www.capub.wbs.cz/

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