

**AUTOBOT**

**DOWNSHIFT**



STRENGTH	INTELLIGENCE	SPEED	ENDURANCE	RANK	COURAGE	FIREPOWER	SKILL
6	6	9	8	6	9	7	8

Motto: "If I can't beat you in battle, I'll beat you on the road!"

Function: Warrior

Class: Spychanger

Profile: Downshift is a fast and courageous young Autobot, relying on his great speed rather than strength to get him out of tight spots when battling the Decepticons. Though a well-recommended soldier, he tends to act first and think later, making his speed a necessity more than an asset as he gets into situations that he just can't handle. Very brave, but a bit too reckless for his own good.

Weapons: Photon Rifle.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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Setting Up: Print out the parts page and be sure to let the ink completely dry. Get out some white glue and a decent pair of scissors.

Hinge Joint: Start by cutting out the three hinge pieces. Fold each into a box and glue them into shape. Then, glue one long side of the center piece (marked '2') onto the center of one side the large hinge prism (marked '1'). Glue the shorter hinge prism (marked '3') in the same way on the opposite side. Let hinge assembly dry.

Hood Assembly: Cut out the pieces marked 'hood' and 'chest'. Fold and glue each piece into boxes with the exception of the open flaps. Let dry.

Insert the longer part of the hinge joint into the hood via the flap. Insert the smaller part of the hinge joint into the chest the same way. Glue down the flaps to secure the joint in place, being sure that no glue gets in the hinge itself. Let dry.

Cut out the two 'front tires' pieces, folding them and gluing them into shape so that the 'inside' of each tire is roughly half-height, and the outside

is a 'full' tire side. Glue the tires onto the outside lower corner of the hood where indicated. Allow to dry.

Cut old and fold grill covers in half, gluing into 'heavy slips'. Glue covers to front of the hood, where indicated.

When complete, the hood should swing freely around the chest via the hinge joint.

Arm Assembly: Cut out one piece marked 'shoulder', one piece marked 'arm' and one piece marked 'arm lock'. Cut and fold each into boxes and let dry. Glue the shoulder onto one end of the arm lock. On the opposite side of the shoulder, glue the arm into place. When done, the arm assembly should resemble a 'j' shape.

Repeat the steps above for the opposite arm assembly. Let them both dry completely.

Cut out the back piece and glue together, leaving the flap open. Let dry. Hook in each arm to within the side flaps and secure back piece down with glue. When complete, the arm as-

sembly should slide freely into and out of the back piece.

**Body Assembly:** Cut out the 'torso' piece, then fold it and glue it into a box shape. Line up the back and torso pieces evenly, gluing them together. Glue the 'chest' piece to the front of the torso assembly, making sure that the arm hooks are on top, and in the center on each side. Allow entire assembly to dry.

Cut out head piece, folding and gluing it into a box as normal. Glue to top of torso and let dry. When done, the hood should be able to feely swing over the head, covering it up.

*Optional:* Cut out the two ear pieces and make two triangular prisms. Glue one each onto each side of the head, giving just enough room for the hood to slide over the head in transformation.

Cut out the waist and cod piece parts, making boxes yet again. Glue waist to bottom of the torso, and then the cod piece to the front of the waist. Let body assembly dry.

**Leg Assembly:** Cut out leg pieces. Fold each into a box, glue into shape, and then let dry. Glue one end of each leg onto the marked gray areas at the bottom of the waist piece.

Cut out leg brace piece. Fold into a box with the sides open and glue into shape. Glue brace onto the undersides of the legs and let dry.

Cut out lower legs piece, fold into a box and glue sides and bottom. Insert legs and leg brace into the top of the lower legs piece. Secure the lower legs into place by gluing down the flaps and then letting dry. The upper legs should slide snugly but freely within the lower legs.

Cut out cod piece. Fold into a box and let dry. Glue into the front of the waist piece so that the

graphic detail faces forward.

**Vehicle Assembly:** Cut out the two door panel pieces. Fold in half and glue down into panels. Glue panels to the outsides of the arms so that the graphic detail is facing outside, and that it is properly lined up with the vehicle mode.

Cut out rear canopy. Fold and glue rear canopy into a triangular box and glue to the back of the lower legs piece, so that it lines up with the main canopy when figure is in robot mode. Let dry.

Cut out spoiler and fold into another triangular box. Glue spoiler to the very bottom of the back of the robot lower legs. Allow to dry. Use the spoiler and feet placement to balance the robot mode's standing.

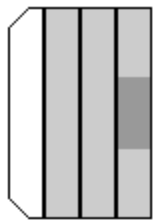
Cut out all four tire pieces and fold into shape. Each tire will have a full 'outside' face, and a half 'inside' facing. Glue tires onto the fenders and hood piece where needed. Use the 'l-shape' made by the back of the outside face to secure tires onto the figure. Let assembly dry.

**Transformation:** To Transform into robot mode, extend lower legs from body. Extend arms from sides. Swing hood down to form robot chest. To return to vehicle mode, reverse the order of these instructions.

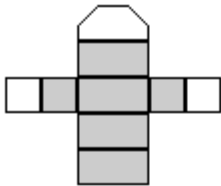
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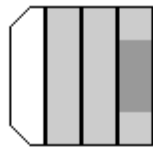
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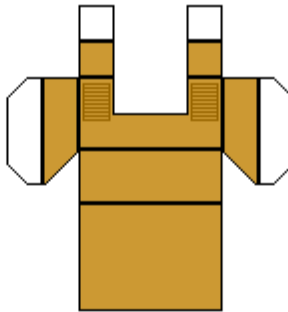
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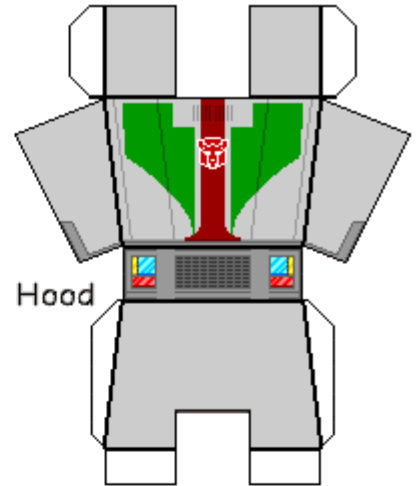
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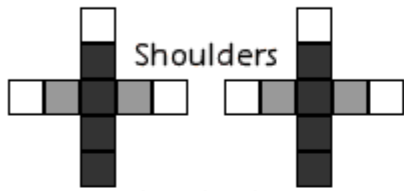
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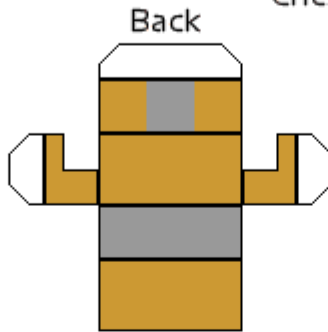
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Front Tires



Shoulders



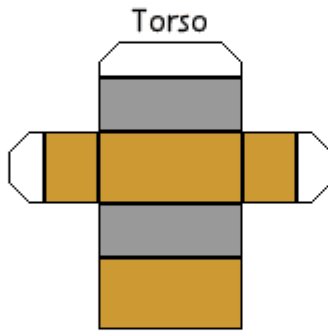
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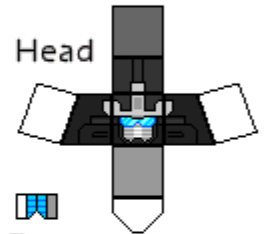
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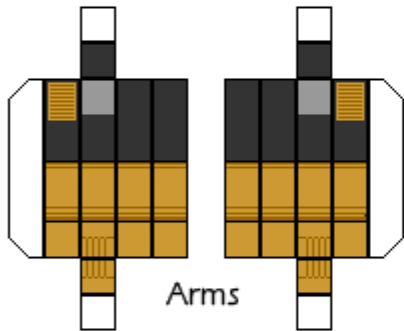
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Torso



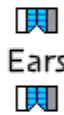
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Arms



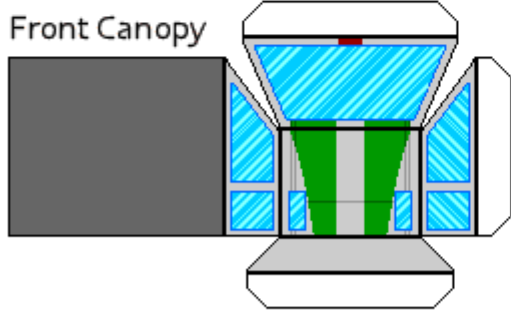
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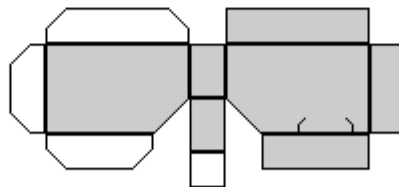
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Rear Tires



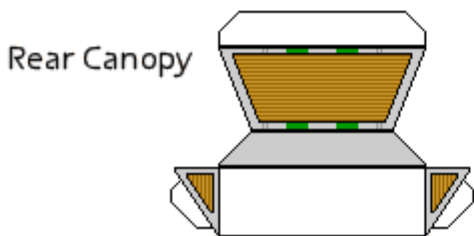
Front Canopy



Rear Fenders



Spoiler



Rear Canopy

