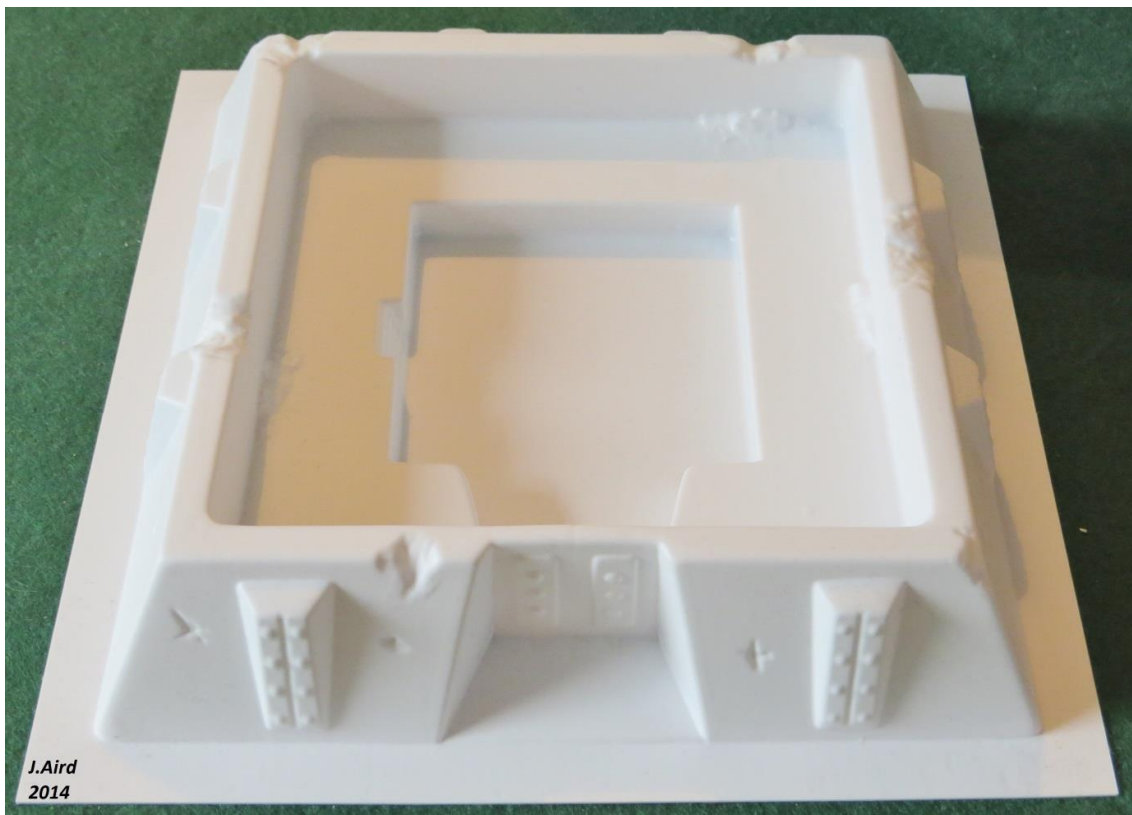


Amera SF Redoubt

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Amera Plastic Mouldings make a wide range of vac-formed plastic models and scenery. A lot of it is designed at the historical market -- especially World War II, with some wonderful sea and coast bases for D-Day games and dioramas. However they also make quite a variety of fantasy and science fiction items. I picked up the Science Fiction redoubt at Salute this year to supplement a number of other SF bunkers I've acquired over the years. Games where one side is tied down in a strictly defensive posture are easy to solo game as either the attacker or as a badly outnumbered defender, and this item immediately brings to mind the bug attacks of the film of "Starship Troopers."

The redoubt is designed for 28mm figures -- and it would fit well with the Space Marines and similar of WH40K. It's a basic design -- a wall with a firing step behind and a single entrance gateway. It's clearly seen some action, as chunks have been blown out of the walls, mostly at the top of the parapet. It's nine inches along each edge, and stands 2 inches tall, making it a pretty imposing structure. As mentioned above, it is made from thin plastic -- not unlike the Bellona scenery of many years ago. Like that, it would seem to be fairly robust -- if handled properly. It's obviously not going to hold up to having heavy items stacked on it but in normal use it should last pretty well -- even more so if it is based on hardboard or thick card to add some rigidity. It's worth bearing in mind that scenery like this is cheap as in fact very cheap, this item was a mere £4.



It looks good with 25-28mm figures -- in the picture below, Sontarans prepare to hold off an assault by a roving band of cyberean. I think it could also be used with smaller figures, but a higher firing platform would be needed for any wall defenders for 15mm games. With 6mm figures it could easily represent the outer wall of a substantial defended complex.



For the price, it can't really be faulted -- I'm looking forward to using it once it has been spray undercoated and painted up. I can't quite decide on whether to go with bare concrete or perhaps some kind of camouflage scheme. There are a lot of other items in the Amera SF range -- including a fortress which simply dwarfs this defensive structure and is very tempting indeed. Check their web site at your own risk!

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Dimensions: 23cm x 23cm x 5cm

Price : £4

Amera's Website : <http://www.amera.co.uk/>