



Grounded Van Body

Glasgow & South Western Railway Diagram 28

A realistic feature for your BR period goods yard, engine shed, farmyard or factory. No more “too new” grounded van bodies!

Assembly

Please read these instructions before starting to build your model. Examine all the parts and familiarise yourself with their assembly. Remove any moulding flash and ensure all parts fit correctly. We suggest wet fine emery paper (1200 grit) to clean up any flash marks. Assembly is best carried out using low melt solder or an epoxy resin such as Araldite. Glues like UHU, Multibond or Thixofix can also be used.

Remove any projections below the bottom of the solebars such as vee hangers and axleguards. Some bodies had their solebars removed before grounding, whilst others kept them. For the former, simply keep the solebars attached, and bury them in the scenery when “planting”.

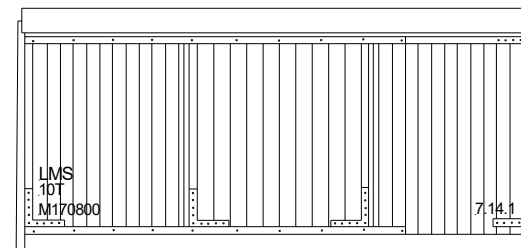
Properly join an end to a side, and tack the other end to the other side. Bring the two halves together and tack them to each other. Ensure all is level and square, and properly make the three remaining joints.

Lightly score along the embossed roof plank lines – this will cause it to form a gentle curve. Offer up the roof to the body and trim the edges if required. Fix the roof in place. Once set, cover with a sticky label or solvent weld paper on top, trimming the edges to fit. Distress the covering so the planks show through, depending on how derelict you want your van to be.

Finishing

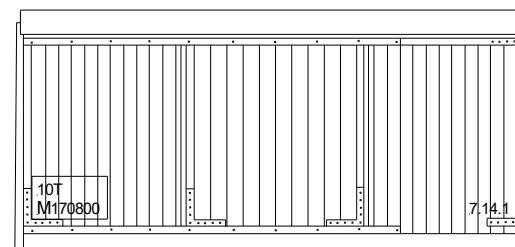
Clean and degrease the model, using white spirit prior to painting. Prime with an etching primer, such as Precision Paints PS1. The model should be painted and lettered using the livery of your choice, typically late LMS bauxite or early BR grey, as shown below. Alternatively, paint the van as its new owner might have done. After painting clean the model using a tissue soaked in white spirit. This is especially important if you are using dry lettering rather than waterslide or ‘Methfix’ transfers. Weather the finished model as appropriate.

Late LMS livery



Bodywork: bauxite, Precision Paints P39
Brake gear: black
Insignia: white, HMRS sheet 6 or Old Time Workshop sheet 4701

Early BR livery



Bodywork: unpainted or light grey, Precision Paints 126
Insignia: white on a black patch, HMRS sheet 25 or Modelmaster sheet 4619

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