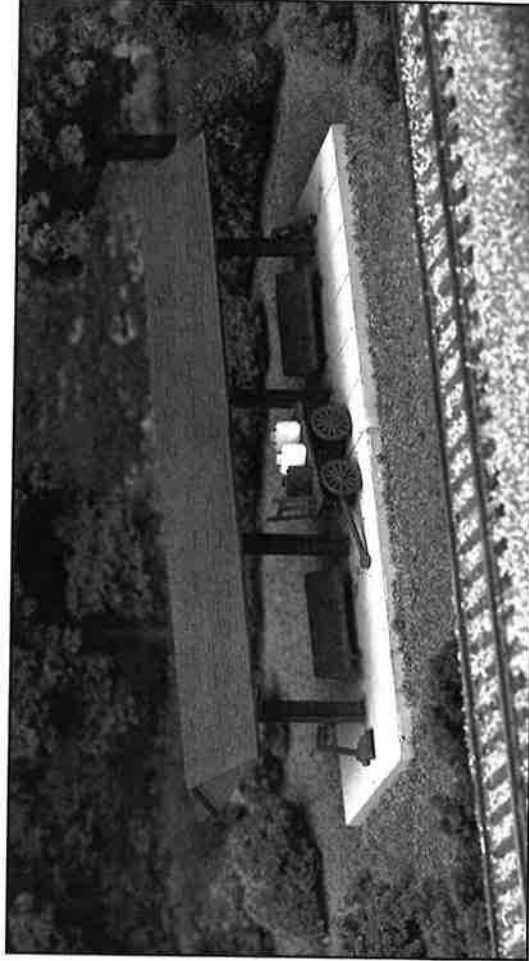


HO PLATFORM SHELTER

Important! Please Read This First!



A. Before starting assembly of your model, READ THE DIRECTIONS THROUGH and familiarize yourself with the parts and their location by comparing them with the drawings. All parts are numbered to correspond to the circled numbers on the drawing.

B. Your ATLAS kit has been molded in authentic colors and will assemble into a very attractive model without the need for painting. However, should you wish to paint some of the details, a professional job will result if you do so BEFORE BEGINNING ASSEMBLY. Some of the tiny parts can best be painted before detaching them from the runner bars. This way you'll have something to hold on to and avoid getting paint all over your fingers while keeping the painted surface unmarred. We recommend the fast drying flat finishes made especially for styrene plastics.

C. Apply decals after any painting you may wish to do and before assembling. It is easiest to do all of your decal work at one time.

D. CHECK THE FIT OF MATING PARTS and trim away any flash with a sharp knife. Usually this will be necessary only where the part has been detached from the runner bars. Be careful not to trim away any detail that belongs. You will avoid the risk of damaging the small parts if, rather than pulling them off the runner bars, you use your knife to remove them.

E. AVOID MARRING THE OUTER SURFACES OF YOUR MODEL by applying cement sparingly and only to inside surfaces. Most of the time you'll be able to do this after snapping together several of the mating parts. Use a toothpick in tight spots.

F. Many money saving production short cuts were discarded in the manufacture of this kit in order to provide the modeler with an AUTHENTIC SCALE MODEL. Consequently, some of the SMALLER PARTS ARE QUITE DELICATE AND MAY BREAK IF HANDLED CARELESSLY. We could have avoided this possibility by molding the small parts oversize, of course, at the expense of a considerable loss of realism. However, should you damage one of the parts you need not worry for it can easily be repaired by applying a bit of cement and setting it aside to dry. The money you paid for this kit should be an investment in fun, so take your time and get your money's worth.

Background Facts About Your "Platform Shelter"

The Atlas Model #707 Platform Shelter makes an excellent companion piece for the very popular Atlas Model #706 Passenger Station. The contour and dimensions of its roof and platform match exactly with the extended roof and platform of the Passenger Station.

By connecting several #707 Platform Shelters to either or both ends of the Atlas Station you can, in prototypically correct fashion, give it the look of a mainline structure where passengers can board or detrain from any of several cars without being required to walk the roadbed a ways before reaching a sheltered platform.

If your station is located on a double track mainline you'll probably want to install a line of several connected Platform Shelters across the tracks from the station for the benefit of passengers traveling in the opposite direction.

With such an arrangement, you should provide a way for the express man to get his baggage wagons across the tracks. A common practice on prototype railroads is to connect opposite platforms with a planked crosswalk between the rails. The realistically planked surface of a pair of Atlas Code 83 #519 or Code 100 #844 Rerailers, laid side by side, is just right for this job.

Individual Atlas Platform Shelters make ideal stations for the traction road enthusiast and they are just right at flagstops or at suburban stations along a commuter branch. To go to the other extreme, if your layout will be sufficiently large to allow plans for a multiple track passenger terminal, the Atlas #707 provides a quick and inexpensive way to erect attractive and authentic train-length sheltered platforms. The usual arrangement is to have one platform for each pair of tracks.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

ASSEMBLING THE PLATFORM SHELTER

1. As the first step in the assembly of the Platform Shelter, you should decide whether you'll use one (or both) of the shelters as an extension to your Atlas Model #706 Passenger Station, or as a separate shelter across the tracks from the station. IN ANY CASE, WHEREVER YOU PLAN TO CONNECT SEVERAL SHELTERS TOGETHER, the neatest job will result if, after STEP 2, you cement the ROOF 53 together-as shown in FIG. 1- keeping them aligned on a flat surface until thoroughly set. In like fashion, the PLATFORMS 40 should be cemented end to end keeping the front (unchipped) edges aligned.

As an extension to the station, you need use only one DOWNSPOUT 24 per shelter and a LIGHT FIXTURE 53 will be needed on only the exposed GABLE 17 of the endmost shelters. If a shelter is used as a separate structure, two downspouts should be installed-as shown in FIG. 2- and a LIGHT FIXTURE should be installed at each end.

2. Cement GABLE 17 to each end of ROOF 38.

3. Cement two COLUMNS 39 into the notches on the underside of the roof. IMPORTANT! Be sure the notches at the bottom of the columns face one another as shown in FIG. 2.

4. Cement the lower end of the columns into the holes in PLATFORM 40.

5. Cement DOWNSPOUTS 24 to COLUMNS 39. Make certain that the lower end of each downspout enters the small offset section of the hole in the platform and that the upper end is inserted into a roof gutter hole. Square up the assembly and check the roof height against the height of your Atlas Station roof. See FIG. 3. Be sure that the front (unchipped) edge of the SHELTER PLATFORM is aligned with the front edge of the STATION PLATFORM, then, if necessary, adjust the SHELTER ROOF to bring it into alignment with the STATION ROOF.

6. Cement a BENCH 26 in place between COLUMNS 39. The bench should face the front edge of the platform. For use under a separate shelter you may wish to use two benches in the optional back-to-back arrangement shown in the drawing.

7. Install LIGHT FIXTURES 53 where necessary.

8. HANDICART 30 can be leaned up against one of the columns or you may choose to place it elsewhere around the station.

ASSEMBLING THE BAGGAGE WAGON

9. Cement FRONT LEG 43 to BODY 41 as shown in FIG. 4.

10. Cement REAR LEG 42 to the BODY.

11. Cement FIFTH WHEEL 44, axle side down, to FRONT LEG 43.

12. Cement WHEELS 45 in place with their rim flange facing outwardly.

13. Install FENCE 46, cementing from below.

14. Cement DRAWBAR 48 into the small hoop at the front of the FIFTH WHEEL.

ASSEMBLING THE PACKAGE SCALE

15. Cement SCALE ARM 29 to the SCALE PLATFORM 28 as shown in FIG. 5.

FUEL TANK 27 is just a little bonus for which you can find many uses around your layout.

FIG. 1 - See Step 1

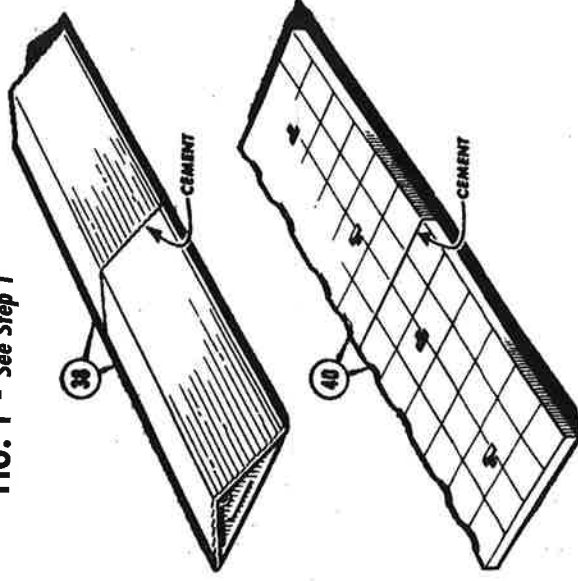


FIG. 2

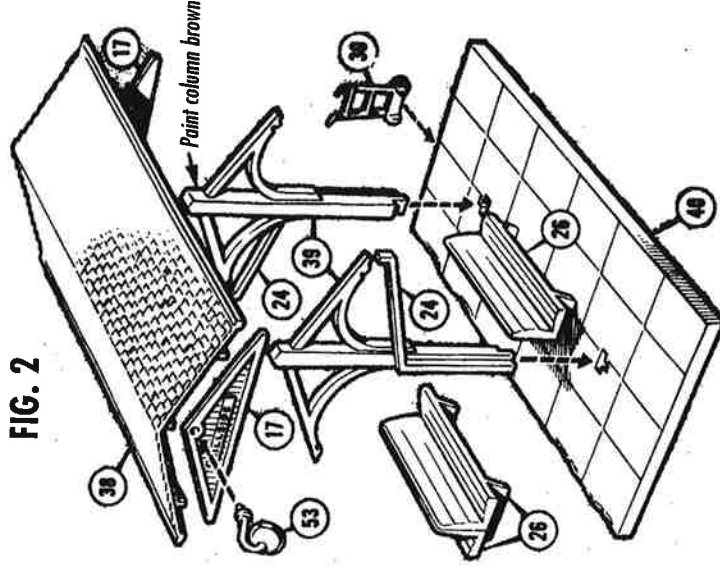


FIG. 3 - Check Roof Height -See Step 5

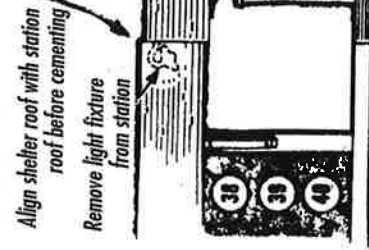


FIG. 4

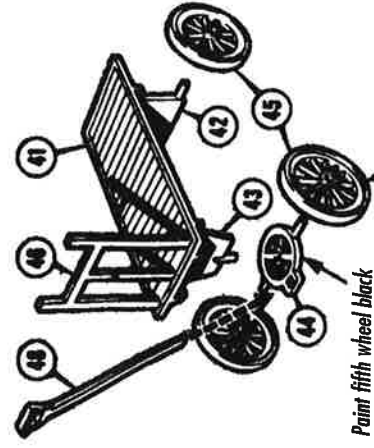


FIG. 5



Paint fifth wheel black

Paint spokes and rims red, and tires silver



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