Mr. Roundhouse Superintendent:
The Atlas EMD GP-9 Diesel has been carefully assembled and tested before leaving the factory. It will provide virtually maintenance-free service; however, normal wear from extended usage may necessitate occasional replacement of lamps and motor brushes. Major disassembly should rarely be necessary and is not recommended for the novice. Only a person experienced in the repair of miniature locomotives should attempt dismantling the model as shown in the exploded perspective drawings and described in the text.

IMPORTANT!
Before attempting any disassembly, all the instructions should be carefully read and the exploded perspectives studied thoroughly in order to become familiar with the several latch locations which are identified in the drawings in a bold italic typeface, in LATCH.

Also, it is not necessary to completely dismantle the Chassis in order to remove or replace the trucks. See "Truck Replacement" below.

BODY Removal
1) Disengage handrails from holes in cab walls and battery boxes.
2) Remove Cab by inserting modeler's knife between lower edge of cab and the running board to gently lever the cab upward. Work both sides. Small latches, located on the inner edges of the cab endwalls, engage slots in the body.
3) Cab window glazing can be removed by pressing small endwall window panes inward and then pressing sideline panes inward to release glazing.
4) Remove body as follows: Notice that removing cab discloses a small, square hole in the body sidewalk on each side. These holes engage a small tab, or boss, on the sides of the mainframe castings. Another latch, located at the bottom edge of each endwall, secures the body to the running board. To remove body, grasp end of long hood and wiggle it while pulling upward. With body off, running board/handrail unit can be lifted away.

CHASSIS Disassembly
1) Remove both Headlight Circuit Boards by sliding them away from the mainframe castings.
2) Lay the mainframe on its rightside and remove the screw at each end. Carefully lift away the Left Mainframe to expose chassis elements. Be careful not to lose the #420004 Insulating Bushings separating the mainframe castings at each end.

TRUCK Replacement
We recommend against attempting repairs to the trucks. Disassembly is relatively easy but reassembly is very difficult and requires a great deal of skill. Usually, it is far more economical to replace a truck rather than attempt repairing it. To remove or replace a truck, merely loosen the mainframe screws a turn or two. This will provide sufficient additional clearance between the two mainframe castings to allow the trucks to drop out with the righten screws after replacing trucks. Should it be absolutely necessary to disassemble a truck, work over a shallow-sided box to prevent loss of parts and proceed as follows: Use tweezers to disengage the tiny latches at the end of the truck frame. Entire truck can now be disassembled.