



Resin bridge parts from MM1 Models.

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Today's kits have become ever closer to their prototypes. But they will always be a compromise, between what the manufacturer and designer would like to offer, and the price that the market will bear. Models that can stand the test of time, built with the craft skills and old-style machine tools that have now all but disappeared. Or have they? Francis Samish of Modell Ost will take your kit, and give it just such an 'engineering makeover'. Where necessary, frames are completely remade in either plate steel or brass, and the typical floating motor/gearbox arrangement converted into a torque-arm installation. The result? Smoother starts and stops, more power to pull the train, and none of those annoying shorts or clunks when taking up the drive.



Beattie Well Tank make over from Model Ost.

Francis mounts all brake gear with miniature screws rather than soldered on, and makes cylinders and valve gear demountable as units. It is easier to take things apart when searching out the invariable fouls and binds that always crop up during the build process. Having toolroom-grade machine tools available helps a lot but he still does much work by hand with Swiss files and a piercing saw. At the end of the day, if the completed chassis will not roll smoothly along your test track with a gentle push of a finger, attempting to run it in will merely introduce premature wear, as the excess frictional loadings needed to cut through any tight spots distribute themselves elsewhere. It is all about attention to detail, and remembering that a kit's instructions are not necessarily the only way, but merely one way forward.

The picture is a Beattie well tank built by Francis. New front framing duplicates the fitch plates and steel buffer beam added by the Southern. The non-standard large diameter buffer heads fitted to this particular engine, were turned up especially from stainless steel. Model features a sprung front axle, together with the refinement of a spring-clamped torque arm motor mounting.

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New in 7mm scale from Old Time Workshop are waterslide transfers for LNER & BR(E) Y1 & Y3 Sentinel shunters and various pre-group liveries. This all makes a welcome change from the more predictable (though popular) BR liveries which have been available from Old Time Workshop for many years:

7075, LNE/BR(E) Sentinel shunter includes departmental lettering and eight running numbers. It was designed in conjunction with Walsworth Models, for use with their kit, but is also suitable for renumbering the Dapol RTR model too.

7801, Late Victorian/Edwardian Great Northern wagon lettering is a 7mm version that has previously been very popular in 4mm. This covers the cruciform G Northern R style of lettering will letter 4 vehicles. The later GN version is in preparation.

7805, MS&LR wagon lettering covers the major constituent of the Great Central, will letter eight vehicles. A later GC version is also in preparation.

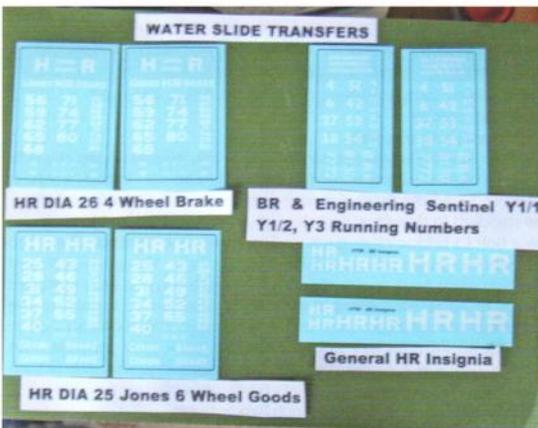
7810, Highland Railway company initials contains six pairs of 'H R' initials, spread over 3 standard sizes.

7811 Highland Railway 6w brake van was also designed in conjunction with Walsworth Models for use on their kit of a diagram 25 brake van. This includes 11 running numbers.

7812 Highland Railway 4w brake vans covers the later vans to those in 7811, to diagram 26. This includes nine running numbers and covers two livery variations. The lettering 'GOODS BRAKE' can either be large on the van side or small on the ducket, with small or large 'H R' in the corresponding other position.

Further Highland Railway transfers (or indeed other railways) can be produced if there is sufficient interest. All are priced at £6.40 per set. The later GC and GN designs are expected to be printed in January. The GC one is already drawn and ready for print; the GN one still being refined.

The transfers for the Sentinel locomotives and Highland Railway wagons can be obtained from Walsworth Models (Tel: 01952 510198, email: walsworth.models@btinternet.com, web: www.walsworthmodel.com) in support of their kits at the same retail price.



Decals from Old Time Workshop.

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Omen have forwarded a photo showing an Oxford Diecast Southdown coach with Omen Southdown crew and seated passengers. The cost of fully painted driver and conductor figures is £35 (plus £4 post if not at shows)

The new Omen water based Supa-Matt paint is now available in two sets. Figure set 25 colours at £55 (plus post) saving £20. Scenic set 20 colours at £44 (plus post) saving £16.