

HO Scale

17 ft Vintage Travel Trailer



Choking Hazard - Small Parts

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Not for young children

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Kit #HO-7001

Kit Assembly Instructions

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17 ft Vintage Travel Trailer (Circa 1947)

This is an HO scale model of a 1947 travel trailer that was one of a number of popular breeds that came out after WWII and were seen well into the 1960's.

This HO scale kit is modeled after the trailer that I grew up camping in all over North America with my parents and siblings.

Supplied Kit Components:

- 1 sheet of laser cut and engraved stabilized Resin Impregnated Board (RIB) for crisp, high resolution detail
- 1 sheet of clear acetate window glazing
- 1 sheet of laser cut roof, window doubler and license plate paper
- Basic instructions (detailed instructions to be downloaded from www.interactionhobbies.com)

Suggested Tools and Supplies:

- X-Acto type knife with fresh blades (#11 style is best)
- Tweezers
- Fine sandpaper (400+ Grit)
- Masking tape or clear adhesive tape
- Probond, Elmers white glue or Scotch Quick-Dry Adhesive (I like the Scotch adhesive as it dries with little residue and has a great fine applicator tip)
- CA glue for immediate bond of small hard to place parts
- Acrylic or enamel paint

We hope you enjoy making this kit as much as we did providing it to you. If you have any questions, please contact us at sales@inter-action.ca.

The following instructions and photos will provide the basics for assembling this detailed kit. We have tried to make the steps as straight forward as possible, but please note that you might want to change the order of assembly to suite your own technique and modifications that you might make along the way. As usual it is best to familiarize yourself with all the parts and instructions before you start on this craftsman level kit.

NOTE: If you would like to view these instructions in full colour, please feel free to download a full colour copy at www.interactionhobbies.com and click on the link for "Instructions" near the top of the page.



Size comparison of HO scale trailer (top) and N scale trailer (bottom)

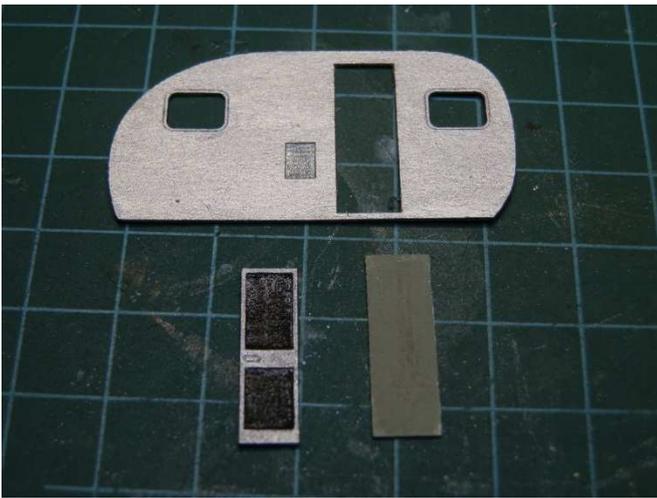


- 1 Your trailer kit come with 1 sheet of laser cut 0.018" thick RIB, clear window material, and a sheet of the roof and window doubler and license plate.



- 2 Painting the parts while still attached to the sheet is an easy way of getting quick and easy coverage for your model. I like to use the "ZIG Woodcraft" paint markers available from many of the craft stores like Michaels, though any acrylic, enamel or oil based paint works well.

Make sure you consider which side is out or in so you can colour the inside walls where required, especially if you plan to have the door in the open position.



Paint and install the heater vent to the aft of the entry door.



Glue the window acetate to the inside of the trailer walls (4 locations)



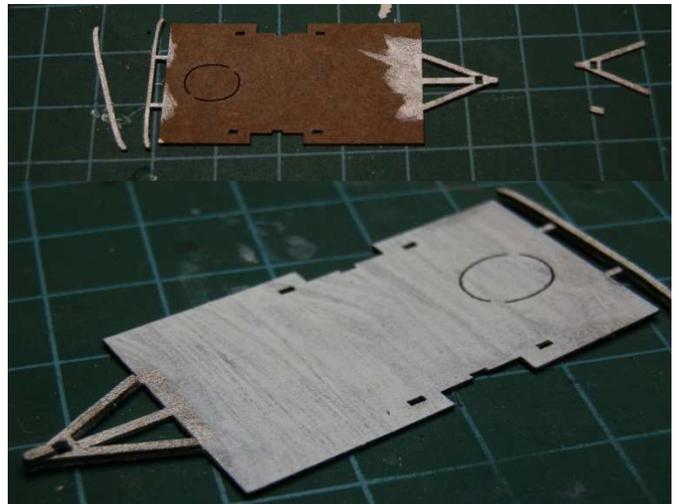
Glue one wall to the edge of the trailer frame. Then glue in the internal brace to the floor and wall.

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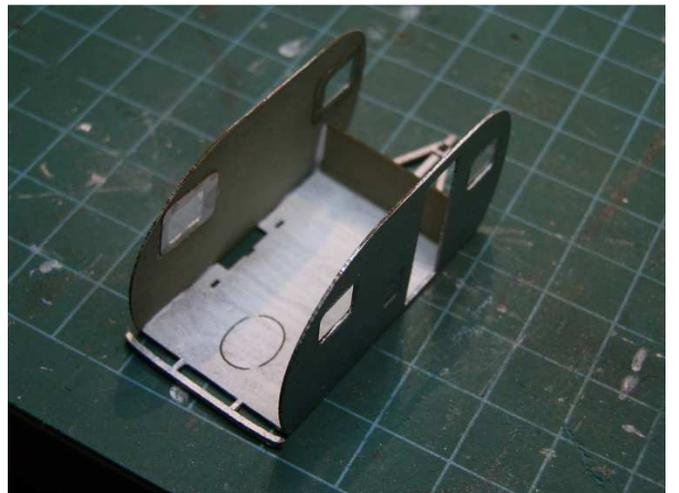
Decide if you are going to assemble your trailer with the door open or closed. If open, then remove the door from the wall and glue the inner screen door to the outer door.

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Glue the bumper and hitch doublers to the top of the trailer frame. Glue the hitch ball cap to the top of the hitch doubler.

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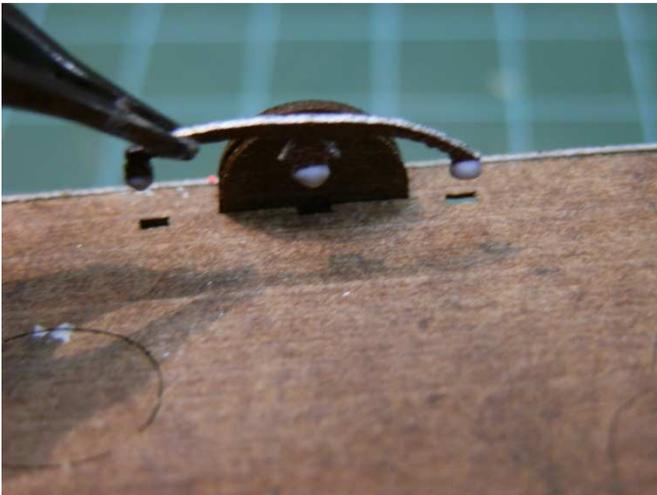
Glue the remaining wall in place.



Glue and paint the 4 wheel slabs that make up each wheel.



Glue in the rims and hubcaps.



Install the springs from the bottom of the assembly.

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Paint the rims and hubcaps silver.

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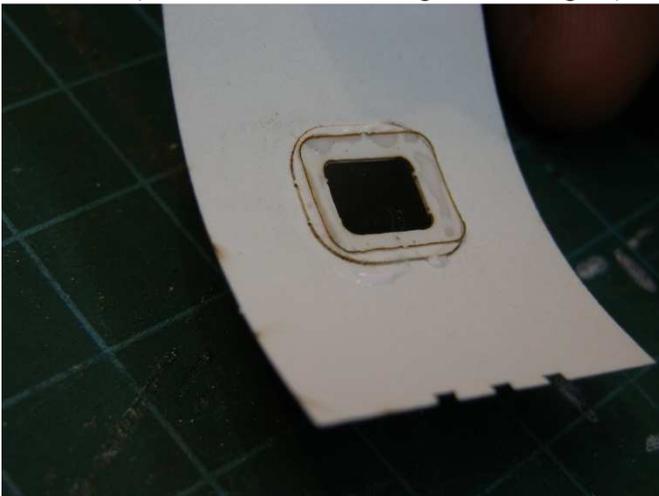
From the inside of the trailer seat the wheel assemblies into the slots and secure to the trailer wall with a dab of glue.



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Glue the paper window doubler to the inside face of the trailer skin (the side without the engraved tail lights).

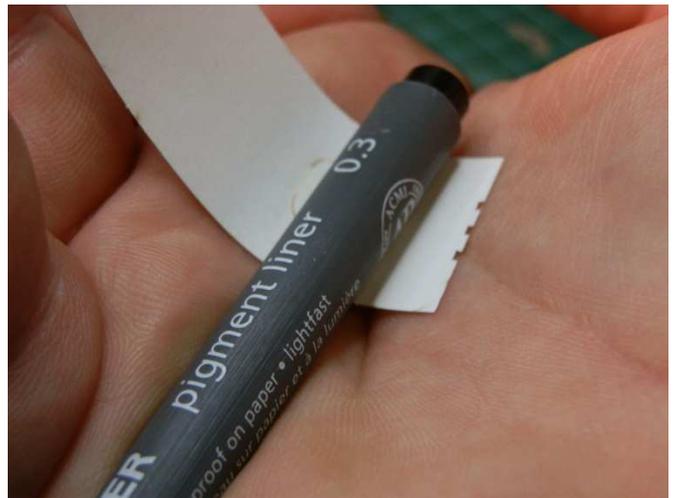


Roll the front window acetate with a pen as above and glue in place on the inside of the skin doubler.



Place a seam of glue along the edge of both trailer walls to just above the back windows. Roll the skin in place working your way to the back of the trailer. Hold in place until dry.

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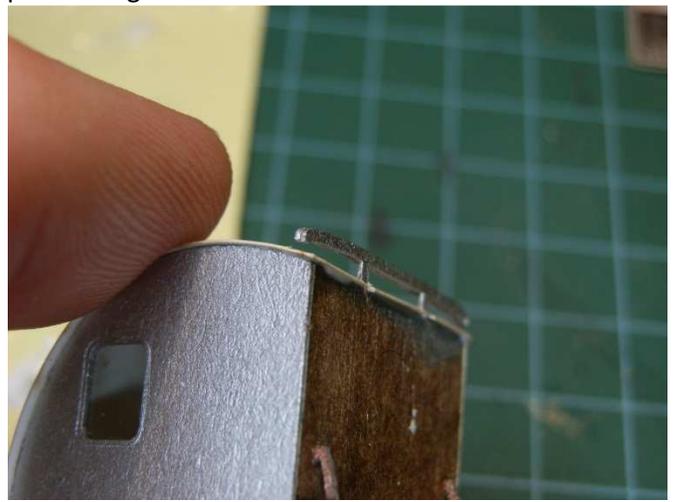
Roll the trailer skin using a round pen to create a radius around the window double and the entire skin.

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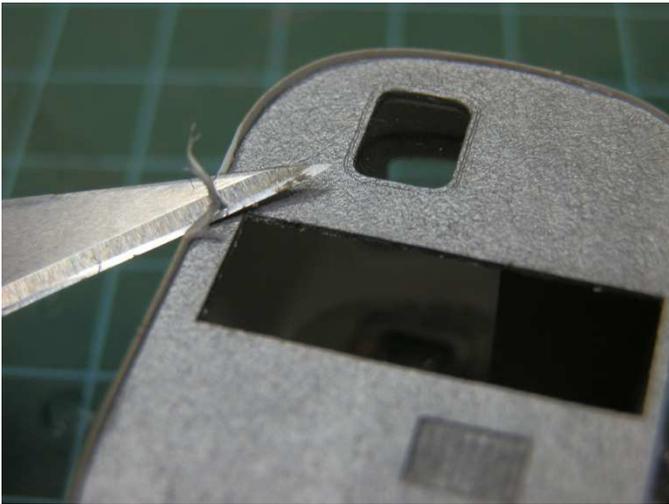


Apply a glue seam to the edge of the trailer skin where it meets the trailer floor/hitch. Let the glue dry before proceeding.

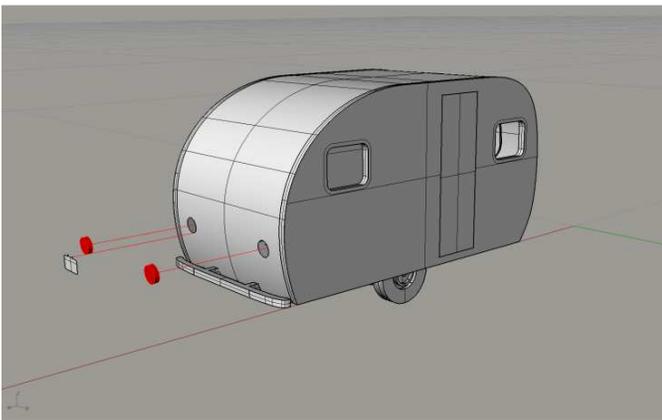
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Continue the glue seam down the remainder of the walls and across the back edge of the floor. Slip the trailer skin into the slots for the bumper and hold together until the glue dries.



Trim any overlap that might have occurred during the gluing process (use a new blade for this to get the best edge).



Paint and install the tail lights in the marked areas on the roof panel.



Glue the 3 post/crank parts together and glue in the hitch as shown.

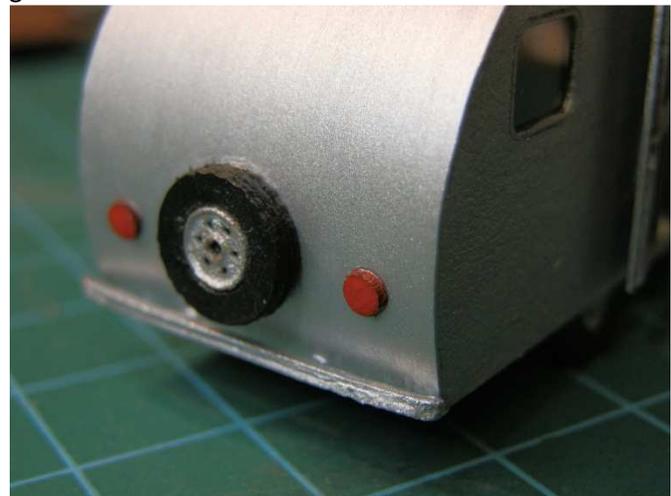
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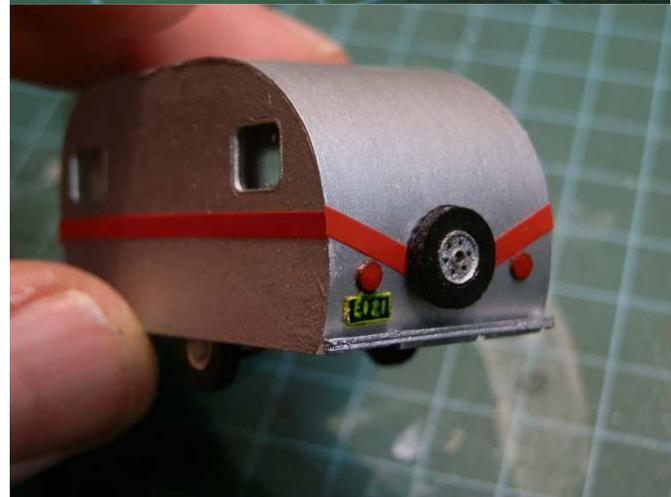
Paint your trailer skin a matching aluminum silver, which was typical at the time.

Install the two roof vent parts on top of each other and glue in the center of the roof.

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Add a paint stripe. The optional license plate is now installed under the driver's side tail light.