

Rusty Rail

Craftsman Kits and castings in HO and O Scale

The instructions are to assemble the Bates Crawler. This is a simple assembly. I primer the castings so they show up better in the pictures. The primer I always use is made by Rust-Oleum is the Camouflage series and the color is Khaki. You can find it at Wal-Mart.

Ok first check to see if you have to clean up any flash etc. Then you want to glue the top and bottom of the tractor together. Just make sure the front of both pieces lineup like in the picture below. Then using super glue to glue them together. I used a clamp like the picture below to make sure it glues together as tight as possible.



After that body assembly is dried it is time to add the track castings. Do any clean up you need to the track assemblies. I drilled the holes for you so all you should have to do assemble them and glue. The track assembly has two holes drilled in it, the hole in the back sprocket goes on the back drive shaft coming out of the back of the body. I suggest you test fit to see how it works. Put on both tracks on both sides. Then using the plastic rod that came with the kit, put the rod through one side of the track assembly in the hole in the center of the track assembly, then under the body and out through the other hole in the other track assembly. There you see how it will go together. Now glue it and work with the track assemblies to get the best fit. Then after the glue is dry trim off the excess rod sticking out on both track assemblies. Then add the spring adjusters on both track assemblies and add the exhaust stacks on the hood adjust the height and make sure they are standing up straight. Some wire was included to create an engine crank. You will see the spot to drill the hole for the crank under the radiator. That's it paint it up and ready to go.

