

## Barry Railway Single Bolster (Mite)

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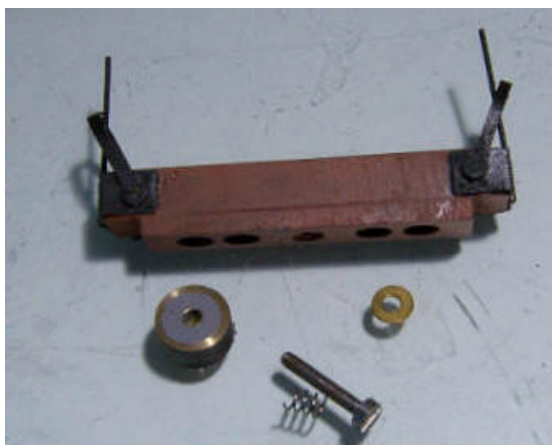


One thing it is necessary to do when planning a model railway, particularly where goods

traffic is predominant, is to have industries that justify the vehicles being run. So how can I justify this pair of mites? Easy really, a furniture factory that imports Baltic timber through Barry Docks. They will be loaded eventually (watch this space) with roughly dressed tree trunks or large baulks of timber. These two wagons are not individually compensated, the only such vehicles I have. One reason was that modifying the kit for compensation would have been unduly complex. However, they are also permanently coupled so each acts as a bogie once a load is lashed across the bolsters. Well, that's the theory, we shall see one day if the reality lives up to it.

The kit is quite straightforward to build and the instructions are clear. The only changes I made were in fitting the bolsters (see below).

The rubbing plates and centre support are separate etches as are the various stanchions and end corner plates.



I discarded the white metal circular bolster centres and turned up a couple in brass.

I also used 8BA nuts with light springs and a brass washer to hold the bolster in place of the rather heavy bolts supplied. This picture shows how it

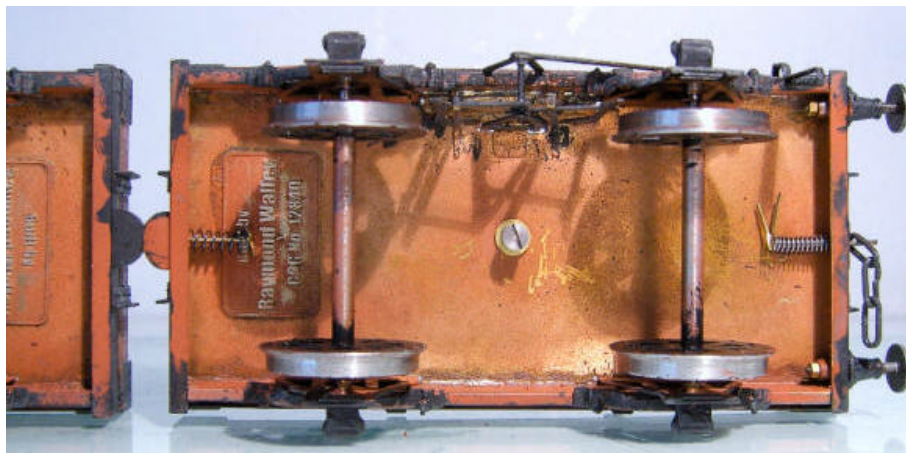
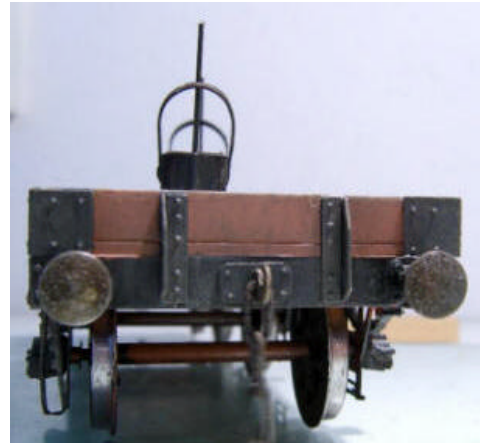
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was done, the 8BA nut is fitted in the centre hole in bolster.

This end view shews off the strapping and stanchions well. The corner plates really do hold the sides and ends together.

There is an option to build them as two individual wagons too.

This shot shews how they were joined together so as to make a close fit that still has some "give" in it.



Very simple and uncomplicated; a piece of brass strip, bent over at 90° on the left and then sprung with a small cotter pin at the other. KISS - keep it short and simple.

The finished pair painted by Ian Hopkins. A nice little kit that one can build in a weekend, well designed but requires some experience of etched kit construction so I would not recommend it for a beginner. There are several other kits lurking in a cupboard by this manufacturer waiting to be built and they look as well designed as this one.



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