

Sid Dawson E-mail Comments on Construction of Milwaukee Road 75' Express-RPO and 60' Postal Car in N-scale

“I LIKE USING KATO BODIES AS DONORS. BUT I FOUND A PROBLEM WITH THE BAGGAGE CARS. WHEN I WOULD CUT OFF THE WINDOW FRAMES (FOR THE MILW. PORTAL DOORS) THE GLASS WOULD COME OFF WITH THE UNDERBODY. BUT WITH THE GRAB IRONS IN, THEY STAY IN THE BODY.

1. ON THE RPO'S, THE RECESSED DOORS ARE CREATED BY USING A SAFETY RAZOR BLADE TO CUT ALONG THE DOOR OUTLINE SEVERAL TIMES TO SCRIBE DEEP INTO SIDE. PUSH THRU AT ONE SPOT AND THEN PUSH DOWN ALONG LINE LIKE CUTTING BUTTER. THE HEADER MUST BE SCRIBED THRU BECAUSE IT IS SO THIN, YOU CAN THEN RAISE THE DOOR BY PIVOTING ON THE THRESHOLD. USE MASKING TAPING TO HOLD THE SIDES IN PLACE, SUPER GLUE THRU WINDOW & DOOR HOLES. REMOVE THE TAPE AND RAISE THE ENDS TO SUPER GLUE. CUT OUT THE DOOR OPENING IN THE BODY, AND USING A XACTO BLADE, SCRAPE THE SIDE OF THE DOOR FRAMES FOR A SNUG FIT TO THE DOORS, PUSH THE DOORS DOWN TILL FLUSH WITH THE INSIDE OF THE BODY. SUPER GLUE FROM THE INSIDE.

USE #10 (.010) GUITAR STRINGS FOR THE GRAB IRONS, THEY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF LOOKING CHROME, PLUS THEN BEND EASILY. ALSO USE FOR THE ROOF RIBS, TAPE AT ¼ POINTS +, USING A STRAIGHT PIN WITH A VERY SMALL DROP OF SUPER GLUE, GLUE BETWEEN TAPE, REMOVE TAPE & SUPER GLUE WHERE THE TAPE WAS LOCATED.

USE TRU-COLOR PAINT #110 & 111. ANY QUESTIONS FORWARD THRU BCS. SID”

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