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Instructions For Etched Slate Wagon Couplings

One piece coupling

Take the 009 slate wagon coupling and cut it free from the fret, clean up the ends with a small needle file.

Now with a pair of smooth faced pliers, bend the ends up making sure the buffer heads are the same side as the half etched lines till they are at a 90 degree angle.

Now bend the sides with the half etched line on the inside till these are at a 90 degree angle.

With the hook on the buffer head, its best to bend this at a slight angle to help with coupling up.

Coupling Loops

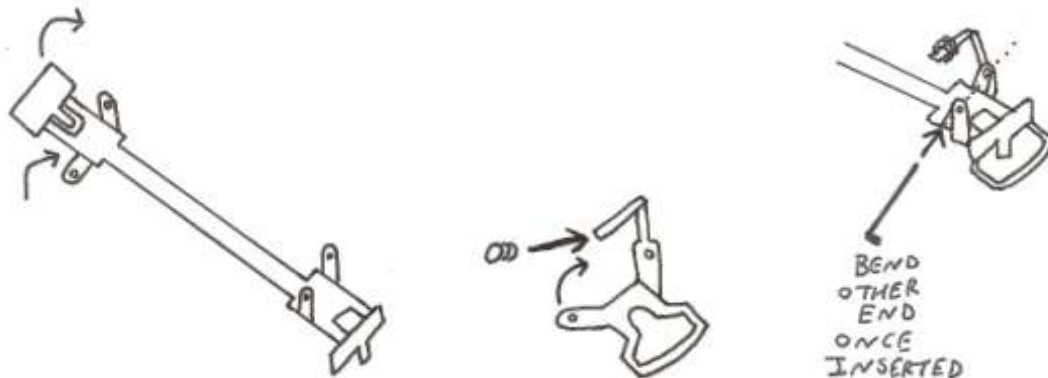
Available separately are 2 different coupling loops to fit this coupling giving different lengths depending on what couplings and the sharpness of the curves you use.

Also you will need to decide if you want a loop at only one end of the coupling or both ends.

Remove the loops from the fret making sure you leave the tails on if using automatic uncoupling. Now bend the ends up to 90 degrees by holding the back of the loop with small smooth faced pliers and pushing the ends with either your finger or a metal ruler.

Once these are formed, you can attach these to the couplings by bending one end of the iron wire supplied and inserting it through the holes, bend the other end carefully and trim the rest off, you should have a free working coupling. Now bend the tail making sure it doesn't foul the track.

Once you are happy with it, carefully make a few coils from the iron wire and slide onto the coupling tail where you want it, ideally in the centre. Glue the coil of wire on and trim the rest of the tail off.



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