

1053: Victorian Railways- KMQ wagon.

Thank you for purchasing this kit and I hope you get many hours of enjoyment from it. Chris Pearce (Spirit Design)



KMQ 149 (ex T 268) at Benalla Feb 21 1978 Photo courtesy Geoff Winkler

Basic history notes: The KMQ wagons (1-315) came about as a clever fix when the Victorian Railways needed more container wagons but couldn't afford to build new ones. Old U, T, and KAB wagons had their bodies removed, leaving just the underframe, which was then topped with a steel chequer plate floor and container mounts. This simple conversion met the growing demand for transporting export rice from Deniliquin and canned fruit from Shepparton in the late '70s and early '80s. Luckily, this need came just as VR was scrapping many older four-wheel vans, making plenty of frames available to reuse.

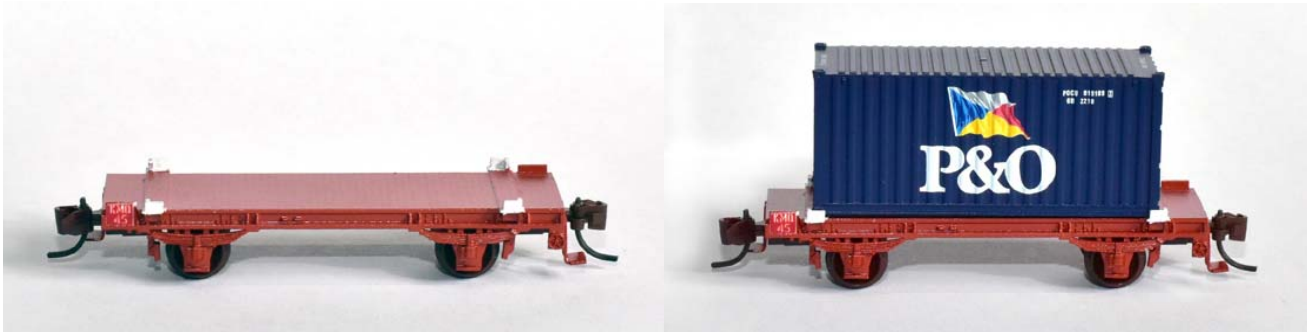
Assembly Instructions:

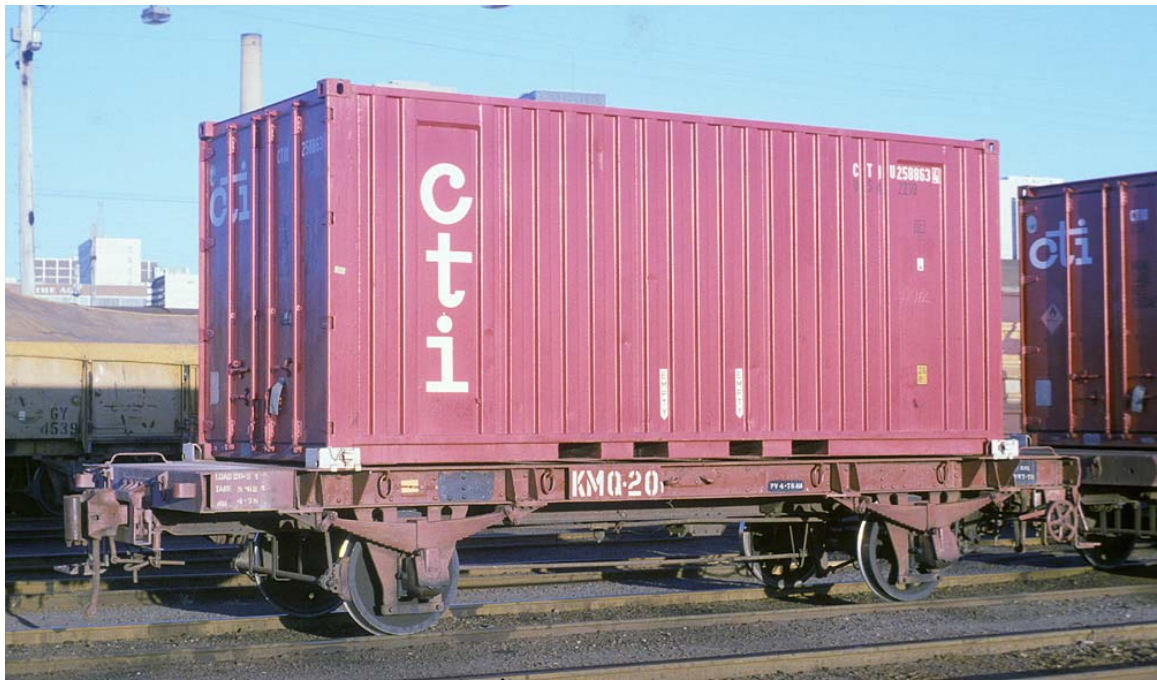
1. At the rear side top of the shunter step there is an etched line on each handle which should be folded down 90 degrees towards the etched line forming an "L" shape
2. Bend the step 90 degrees opposite to the step above
3. Using Super Glue attach the 2 shunter steps to the LHS of each end of the underframe using the 2 holes provided – see photo below
4. Insert the wheels into the NON 'V' grooved hole, followed by the 'V' grooved side. Removal is the reverse

Painting general:

The underframe should be painted Steam Era wagon red or an equivalent colour, and the container holders white.

Decals: There are several card number boards in the kit which should be attached with paper glue as per KMQ 7 below

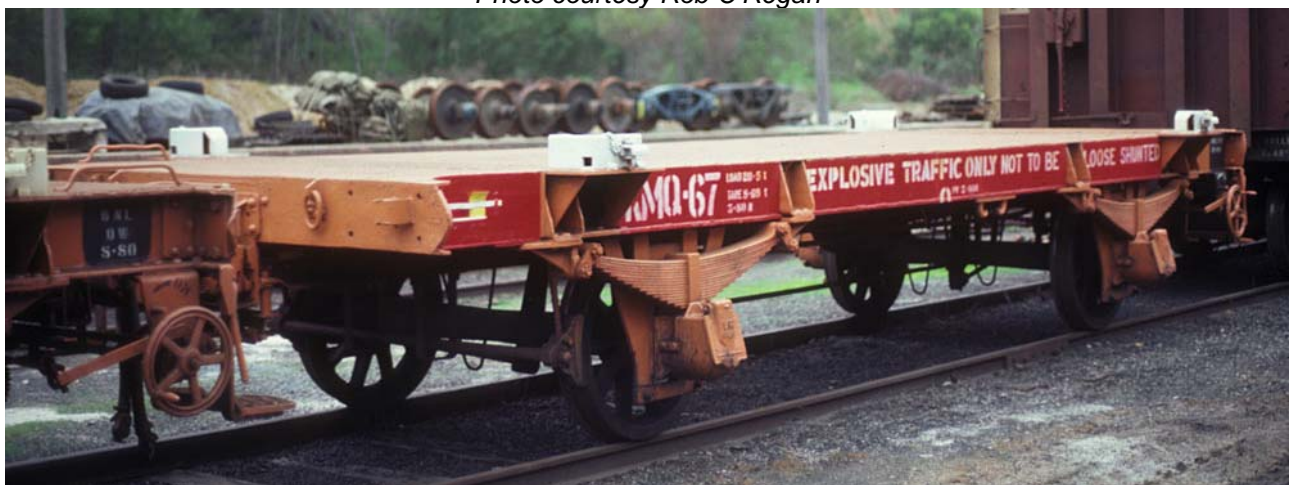




KMQ 20, ex U 802, (with its re-positioned number board) at Melbourne yard, Dec. 8 1978
Photo courtesy Geoff Winkler



KMQ 51 (loaded with flour container PF 2) at Melbourne yard. Aug 1984
Photo courtesy Rob O'Regan



For more information and photos see: Mark Bau's <http://www.victorianrailways.net/> or Peter Vincent's <http://www.pjv101.net/index.htm>