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Installation Instructions

Modern EMD Locomotive Cut Lever

1. Remove cut levers from etching frame with a sharp hobby knife blade.
2. Bend the middle 'U' section perpendicular to both outside handles of the cut lever (see prototype photo to the right). To make this bend, we suggest grasping one side of the 'U' with toothless pliers and grasping one side of the cut lever with another pair of pliers. With little force, rotate one hand 90 degrees to make the 'U' perpendicular to the outside of the cut lever.
3. Complete step two for both sides of the cut lever.
4. Next, notice that the ends of the cut levers have small nubs that bend outwards at the very bottom of the handles. For a more realistic look, bend these small nubs 90 degrees so they are facing the opposite direction of the 'U' (which would be toward the locomotive, not away from it).
6. Remove the mounting pins supplied with the cut levers and use the holes in the etched fret as a drilling template. Simply tape the drilling template to the front of the locomotive at the proper height (consult prototype photos) and drill through the holes using a #80 drill.
7. Loop four of the mounting pins onto the cut lever, add a dab of glue on the holes drilled in step six and mount the cut lever to the model.
8. Paint as appropriate.