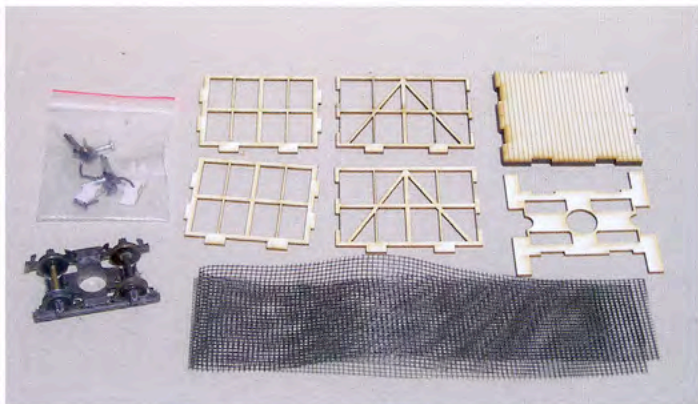


**4 WHEEL SUGAR CANE BIN****On30 laser-cut kit**Available from **Greg's Model Emporium,**[www.gregsmodelemporium.com.au](http://www.gregsmodelemporium.com.au);email: [gme1066@gmail.com](mailto:gme1066@gmail.com) ph 0411712838**Price \$20 plus postage**

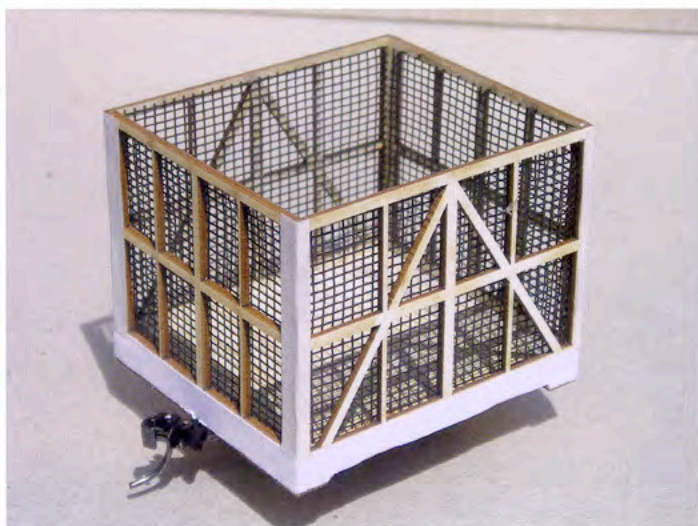
A vast variety of sugar cane bins are used to move the cut cane to processing areas. The design of this new kit follows the basic shape of those used by the now-defunct Morton Mill in Queensland.

The bin's framing is 9' long, and 8' wide. There have been some compromises in fidelity to the prototype, which is understandable for reasons of cost, ease of construction, and robustness. The kit consists of six laser cut MDF sheets, bogies, metal wheels, mesh material, Kadee couplers, small screws, and paper. Accompanying the kit is an A4 instruction sheet.



I took three hours to build the first bin to the painting stage, but just 70 minutes for the second. I guess batch assembly would reduce that further.

Construction for this review generally follows the instruction sequence, but extra preparation would be desirable. The prototype bins are unbraked, so the bogie needs to have all the brake detail



removed to better simulate the prototype's four-wheel chassis.

The use of tab and slot design means it is nearly impossible to assemble the model out of square. Unfortunately, this method of assembly also means that the joints are exposed, and must be covered by thin paper strips which the manufacturer has provided.

The mesh is attached to the inside of the bin using contact adhesive. This could be messy; however I have found the use of Microscale Metal Foil adhesive to be excellent for this purpose.



Once assembled, the bin can be painted and the supplied Kadee couplers fitted. The coupler height is correct for HO. The model runs extremely well, although in my opinion it is a bit light in weight. There is some scope to insert a metal weight within the bogie, or to add a load of chopped cane.

Once painted, the bins certainly look the part, and this kit provides a convenient method to assemble a roster of these little wagons. It is recommended for modellers of all experience levels. *RN*

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