



HO Structure Kit VINTAGE MOTOR RESTAURANT 933-3489

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All parts are styrene plastic (unless noted), so use compatible glue and paint to assemble and finish your model. You may find it easier to assemble and paint larger parts as subassemblies; smaller parts can be painted on the sprues and touched-up after installation.

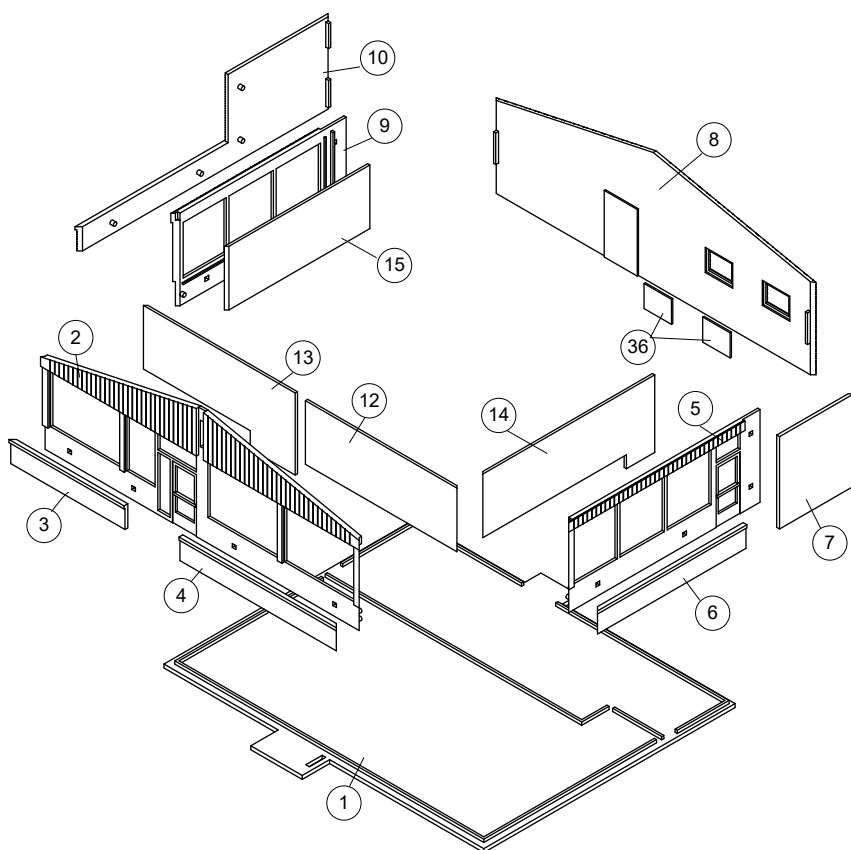
One of the most serious challenges facing intrepid drivers through much of the 20th century was simply finding a bite to eat along the way! Choices were severely limited, forcing travelers to camp and live on canned goods, try to find parking at a formal downtown hotel, or take their chances with marginal food and high prices at local restaurants. Drive-ins began to mushroom along new commercial strips of the 1950s, and operators with multiple locations borrowed a page from oil companies, adopting standard menus, employee uniforms, color schemes and structures to promote a modern image. While limited menus, talkback ordering speakers and food served in paper wrappers kept costs down and sped service, they also limited the drive-in's appeal. Many were closed half the year because it was simply too cold to eat in the car, and worse, the industry image suffered as many became hangouts for teenagers and families stayed away. Always hungry for something new, owners combined the best of both worlds into a new generation of family-friendly roadside eateries late in the decade. Many of the same features that defined drive-in design were retained, such as bright lights and big signs, but these buildings incorporated homey touches such as brick trim. Ample parking and inside seating were big drawing cards all year long, and personal service returned as a hostess seated you and a waitress took your order. While menus often included similar items, a full-service kitchen in the back allowed many to become more refined; diners could now enjoy a skillet-cooked patty melt in place of a rapidly grilled hamburger. Salads and other side dishes also proved popular, as they could be prepared quickly or even made the night before. One area in particular that set these establishments apart was their dessert selection. Where drive-ins were limited to milk shakes or fried pies, diners in newer roadside restaurants were greeted by gleaming displays of cakes and other goodies to rival any downtown bakery. Unlike drive-ins which were freestanding operations, many of these establishments were located a short walk from the offices and rooms of motels, often owned by the same family. This proved ideal for travelers who didn't know the area or were too tired to venture out - especially on rainy or snow nights - but because they were locally owned and operated, they became popular with residents as well. As traffic shifted to new interstates, many closed and were eventually torn down or became home to other businesses, but survivors can still be found along many city streets yet today. With its large windows and interior details, your new model will come to life with a few extra details such as figures and period cars and trucks to set the scene out on the lot. For additional scenery materials, structures and more, see your participating dealer, check out the current Model Railroad Reference Book or visit us online at walthers.com.

1) PLEASE NOTE: Exterior Walls have raised ridges below the window openingsto align glass. You may wish to use white glue to attach glass and prevent damage during assembly: with lower edge resting on ridge, glue Right (12) and Left (13) Front Glass to inside of Front Wall (2), Right Glass (14) to inside of Right Side Wall (5) and Left Glass (15) to inside of Left Wall (9).

2) Align pegs on backs of Brick Trim panels with openings in Walls and glue as follows: Left (3) and Right (4) Front to Front Wall (2), Small Right (6) and Large left (7) to Right Wall (5), Left (10) to Left Side Wall (9).

3) Glue Glass Block Windows (2x 36) to recessed areas on inside of Rear Wall (8).

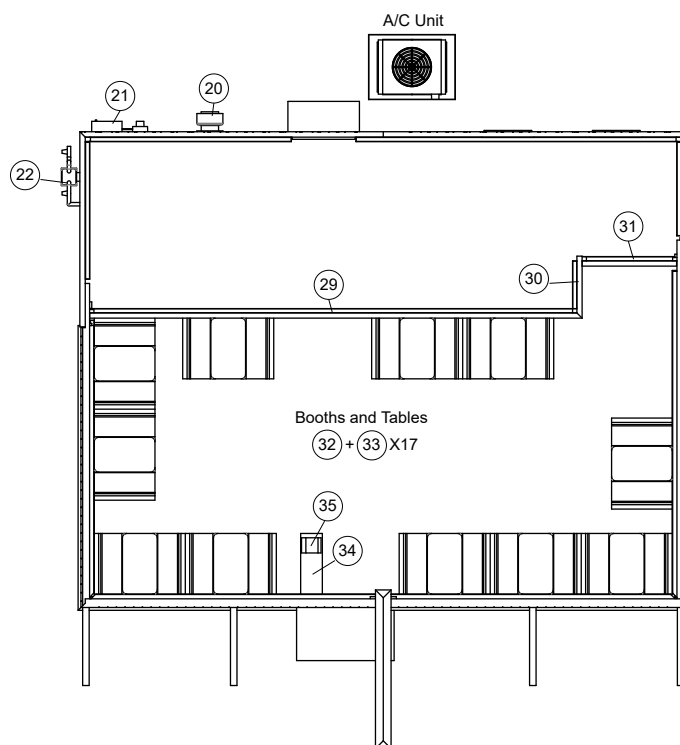
4) Use exterior raised ridges on Base (1) and pins or tabs with slots on inside corners to align Walls and glue to Base and at inside corners where parts meet.



5) Use interior raised ridge on Base and tabs and slots on inside of Left Exterior (9), Interior Back (29), Small Left (30) and Large Right (31) Rest-room Doorway Walls to

6) Glue Cash Register (35) to Front Counter (34). Parts to assemble 11 Booths are provided; glue lower support of Table (33) to opening in Booth (32). Glue interior details to Base as desired - a typical arrangement is shown on the next page.

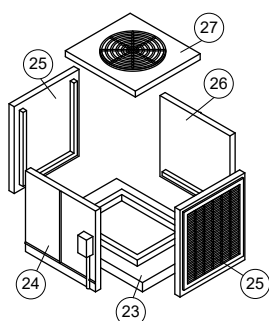
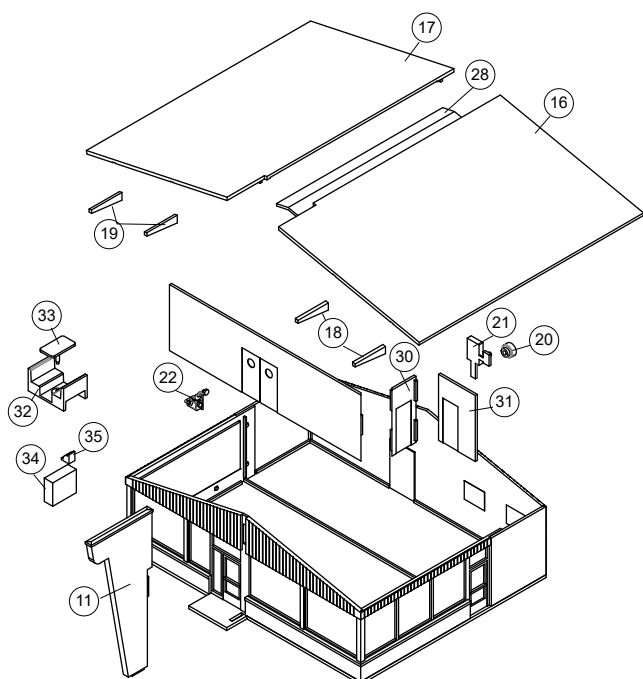
7) Because of their size, you may find it easier to apply decals before assembling the Sign (11). Insert tab on back of Sign into opening in Front Wall and lower edge to mounting point on Base, and glue where parts meet.



8) Glue opening on back of Exhaust Fan (20) to pin on Rear Wall. PLEASE NOTE: The small round pieces molded on the piping of Gas Meter (22) simulate regulator valves - do not remove when cutting from sprues - meter can be glued to any convenient location on lower edge of left (shown) or rear wall. Glue Electric Service Panel (21) to any convenient location on Back Wall.

9) Glue Right (16) and Left (17) Roof Halves as shown, with Connector (28) centered on each half and between raised ridges on underside of Roof. Glue Right (2x 18) and Left (2x 19) Roof Brackets to inset areas on underside of Roof. Finished Roof may be set in place on top of wall assemblies to add additional interior details or lights (sold separately) or glued in place as desired.

10) Air Conditioner: note horizontal raised ridge on inside edge of Front (24), Back (26) and Side Walls (2x 25) is the bottom; use ridges to align parts and glue to Base (23) and at inside corners where parts meet. Align inset area on underside of Top (27) with wall assembly and glue where parts meet. Place completed unit at any convenient location alongside Back Wall.



Decaling

1. After cutting out the decal, dip in water for 10 seconds, remove and let stand for 1 minute. Slide decal on to surface, position and carefully blot off any excess water.

2. Lightly brush Micro Sol® on top. This will soften the decal, allowing it to conform to irregular surfaces. DO NOT TOUCH DECAL while wet!

3. When decal is thoroughly dry, check for any trapped air bubbles. Prick them with the point of a small pin or hobby knife blade and apply more Micro Sol®.