



HO Structure Kit SUBURBAN STATION PLATFORMS 933-4099

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. Please take a few minutes to read these and study the drawings before starting construction: to help locate parts, some (but not all) are identified with a sprue number and a specific part number, such as 4563C-2. All parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible paint and glue to finish and assemble your model. PLEASE NOTE: This kit allows for easy customizing, and can be assembled in various ways to fit your station scene while longer Platforms can be constructed by combining additional kits (each sold separately). The finished model is perfect for use with the Modern Suburban Station (#933-4095) and many other HO station kits, each sold separately. You may wish to have your station on hand before starting construction to help plan and/or adjust your track arrangement and other nearby layout features. Some parts included in this kit will not be needed; keep them for future projects or discard as desired.

Railroads were the first form of transportation to develop specialized stations and support facilities to meet the needs of passengers. A typical depot of the 19th century had extended eaves along all four sides to offer a little shade and protection from rain or snow, while a wood or brick walkway offered safer footing and also made it easy to move baggage wagons to and from trains. As depots had few windows and could get unpleasantly warm, railroads quickly found passengers preferred to wait outside on nice days. Adding a separate platform with a roof and a few benches not only encouraged riders to wait out of doors, but cut costs as much simpler and smaller stations could then be built. While early platform designs made extensive use of wood, the costs of maintenance eventually led to more durable brick and cast iron, and later steel and concrete construction in the post-war era. Like their long-distance counterparts however, commuter trains were not immune to declining ridership and reduced revenues as the general population and industries left traditional city centers for the suburbs. By the 1970s, local rail passenger service cutbacks and outright cancellations were causing major concerns for state and local governments, resulting in the creation of special transit agencies to provide funding and in some cases, actually operate commuter trains. Creating integrated transit systems of road and rail service was often the first step, and along with new names and logos, many existing station facilities also required upgrades. Many were in such poor shape however, that it was easier to replace than rebuild, often with designs inspired by historic originals. While they looked like traditional stations and platforms, they incorporated various types of access ramps, non-slip walkways, improved lighting and more, and they're still serving today. Perfect for any suburban station stop, your new model is typical of the simpler designs favored for today's commuter rail service, and a complete scene can be modeled using the Modern Suburban Station (#933-4095) and Parking Lot (#933-3540), both sold separately. Parts are included to build four individual platforms, but the design makes it easy to build longer platforms by combining parts or using additional kits, each sold separately. As the platforms are open on all sides, they're a natural for adding details, which visitors can see and admire. For figures, railroad equipment, stations and more to complete your scene, see your participating hobby dealer, check out the latest Walther's Model Railroad Reference Book or visit us online at walthers.com

PLATFORM ASSEMBLY

1) PLEASE NOTE: Parts are included for four identical platform sections, which may be arranged in various combinations for single- or double-track stations as desired. Align inset areas on top of Supports (4563C-2; three per platform) with notches on lengthwise supports on underside of Roof (4563C-3) and glue where parts meet. Align top of Downspout (4563C-5: one per platform) with round locator on center underside of Roof and glue together.

2) Insert tabs on bottom of Supports through rectangular openings in Base (4563A-1) and glue from underside where parts meet. Insert lower end of Downspout (4563C-5) through round opening in center of Base, and glue from underside where parts meet.

3) This is a good point to test-fit the platforms on your layout, checking for alignment with new or existing track, other structures and scenery. When satisfied, complete assembly by gluing End Panels (4x 4563C-4) to exposed ends of roofs. For multi-track locations, two styles of protective Fence (13 or 4563C-6) are included; choose one and install on your right-of-way as desired. The platform area can be detailed with ballast, figures and other details, all sold separately.

