



HO Structure Kit **US POST OFFICE**

933-4200

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit! Please take a few minutes to read these instructions and study the drawings before starting construction. All parts are styrene plastic, so use compatible paint and glue to finish and assemble your model. The non-working Security Lights (2x 42) can be replaced with a working lamp from the Modern Short Arm Wall Mount Light (#949-4314), Wall-Mounted Light (#949-4307) or Modern Wall-Light (#949-4318) sets, each sold separately. You may wish to have these on hand before starting to simplify planning and installation.

A fixture of American towns and cities of every size, the local post office is still one of the anchors of modern downtowns, processing mail for local delivery, as well as collecting and forwarding outgoing mail to regional sorting centers. While the basic functions are still similar, the actual design of post offices has changed with time and technology. Prior to WWI, US designs were intended to be local symbols of democracy. Custom-built to last of durable materials and typically close to the central business district and the railroad station, each was unique with no attempt at standard design. Spending controls were soon implemented that limited construction of similar buildings to the largest cities, while those in smaller locations used a standard design and floor plan wherever possible. This trend continued well into the 1950s, when many new and smaller post offices were built in the institutional style, which emphasized square, horizontal designs and features, with brick construction. Simple and durable, many of these buildings are still serving their communities today. Perfect for small town or suburban branch office, your new model is right at home in or near the central business district, and includes a variety of typical details to set the scene. For additional ideas to detail your model see your local hobby shop, check out the latest Walthers HO Reference Book, or visit us online at walthers.com.

1) Doors & Windows

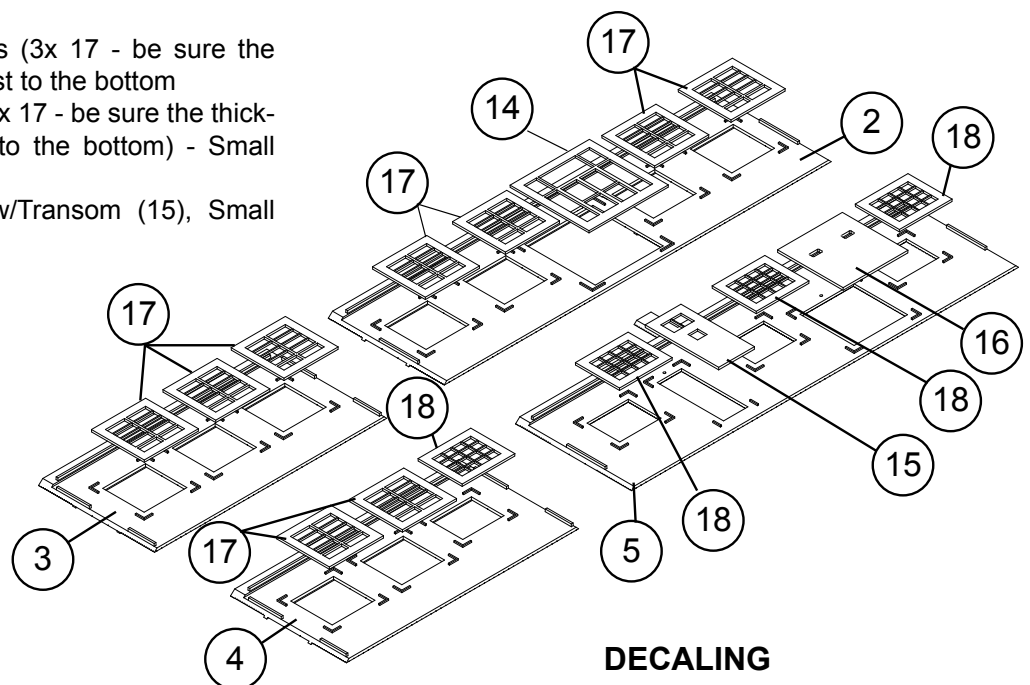
Align windows and doors inside raised ridges on backs of all Walls, and glue where parts meet. Acetate is provided for glass; cut slightly larger than Windows and Doors and glue in place with white glue.

Front Wall (2): Large Windows (4x 17) - be sure the thickest horizontal cross bar is closest to the bottom - Main Entry Door (14)

Right Side Wall (3): Large Windows (3x 17 - be sure the thickest horizontal cross bar is closest to the bottom

Left Side Wall (4): Large Windows (2x 17 - be sure the thickest horizontal cross bar is closest to the bottom) - Small Window (18)

Rear Wall (5): Steel Entry Door w/Transom (15), Small Windows (3x 18), Dock Door (16)



DECALING

1. After cutting out the decal, dip in water for 10 seconds, remove and let stand for 1 minute. Slide decal onto surface, position and then 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 the 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®.

2) Using raised ridges on Base (1) and tabs and slots on inside corners of Walls (2, 3, 4, 5) align parts and glue at inside edges where parts meet.

3) Make sure Canopy (19) faces upward as shown; insert tabs on back through openings in Front Wall (2) and glue at inside edge where parts meet. Align Front Stairs (12) with area on Base and glue as shown.

4) PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to add interior details or lighting (both sold separately), do so before gluing Roof (11) in place along raised ridges on tops of wall assembly.

5) Align Left (7) and Right (8) Side Chimney Walls as shown with Chimney Front Wall (molded on Wall 5) and glue where parts meet along inside edges. Align angled edges and raised ridges inside of Chimney Rear Wall (9) with Side Walls and glue at inside edges. Complete assembly by gluing Chimney Cap (10) to top of Chimney.

6) PLEASE NOTE: The bottom of the Electric Meter (21) should be about 1/2" (1.2cm) above the bottom edge of the wall, not including the base; Gas Meter (20) and Electric Meter may be glued at any convenient location on side or front walls. A typical installation is shown.

7) Glue Back Stairs (13) to Rear Wall, below Rear Entry Door. Glue Security Lights (2x 42) to openings above doors in Rear Wall; you may wish to add a working light such as the Modern Short Arm Wall Mount Light (#949-4314), Wall-Mounted Light (#949-4307) or Modern Wall-Light (#949-4318), each sold separately. If used, test fit the lamp first, and modify the wall mounting points if needed.

Air Conditioner

8) PLEASE NOTE: This model can be assembled as a roof- (no base) or ground-mounted unit (with Base 22). With the raised ridge along the bottom of each wall resting on the Bottom Plate (29), glue Walls (30, 31, 2x 32) to Plate and at inside edges where parts meet. Complete assembly by gluing Fan (31) to top of Cooler. For a roof-mount, glue the completed Cooler at any convenient location on the Roof. For a ground-mounted unit, glue tab on Base (22) to opening in Bottom Plate and place alongside the building as desired.

Final Details

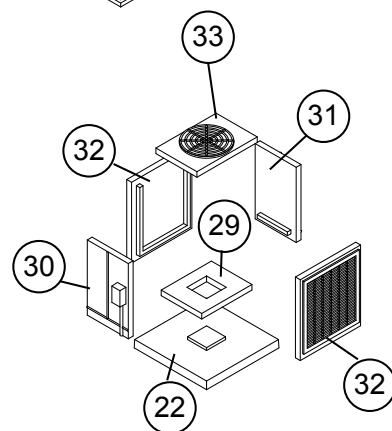
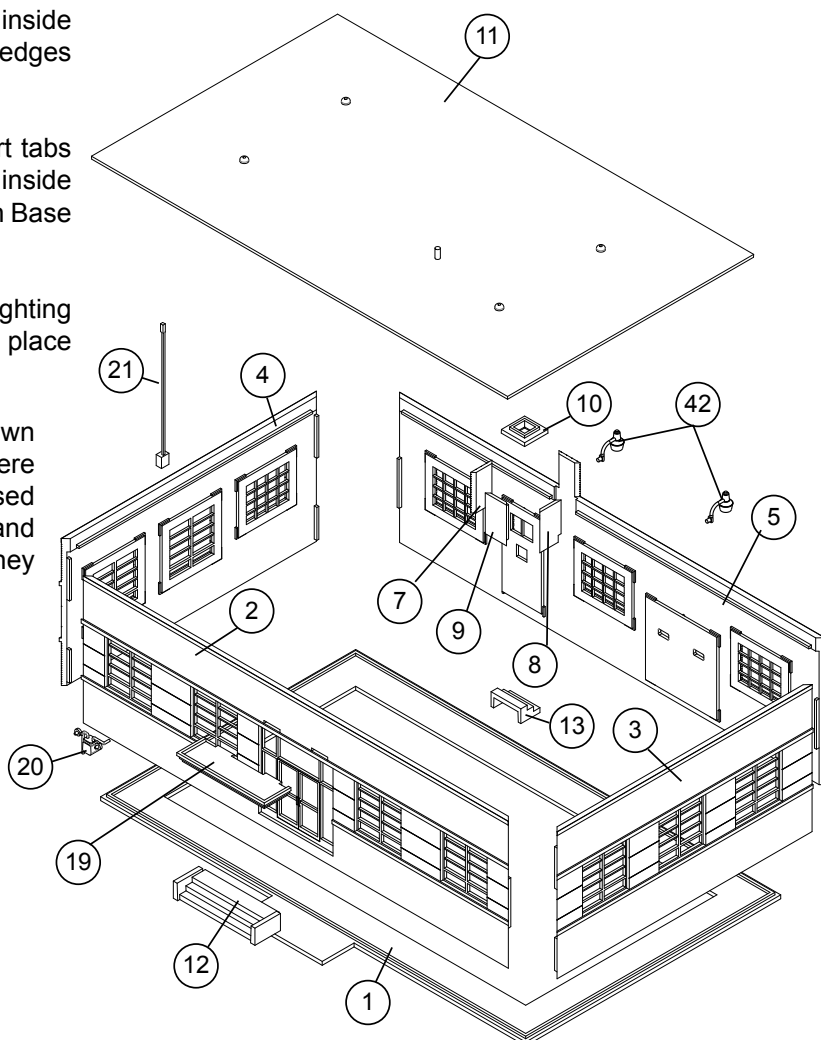
Various details are included that can be used around your model. As some parts are small, you may find it easier to paint them on the sprues before assembly, and touch up the paint afterwards. Once complete, they can be placed as desired to complete the scene; some typical locations are shown in the box photo.

Trash Cans: glue Front (13) to Rear (14).

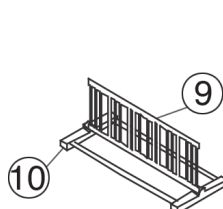
Curbside Mailboxes: glue Front (15) to Rear (16). Apply decals - see below.

Bike Racks (make 2): glue Upright Bars (9) to Base 10 as shown.

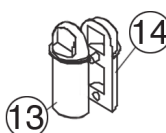
Telephone Booth: glue Acetate to inside of Walls and Door as shown; you may wish to use white glue to avoid damage. Glue Walls (3x 3) to Base (4) and at inside corners where parts meet. Glue Phone (7) to an inside corner; you may wish to use white glue to avoid damaging the Acetate. Complete assembly by gluing Door (9) to Base and inside corners where parts meet as shown.



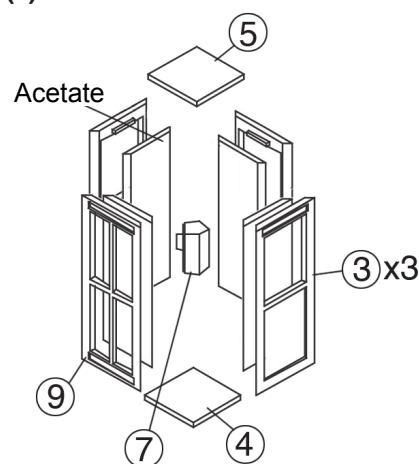
Curbside Mailboxes (2)



Bicycle Racks (2)



Trash Cans (6)



Telephone Booth (1)