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The Track Mop

N/OO GAUGE TRACK CLEANER

Instructions for Kit

Parts

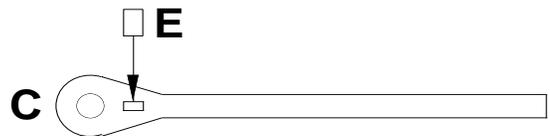
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| x2 | A | | x1 | D | | Note that one of Part F has a pin attached. |
| x2 | B | | x1 | E | | |
| x3 | C | | x2 | F | | Also included is the fold back clip and a sheet of cleaning cloth. |

Gluing and Sealing

The Track Mop is made from 3mm laser cut MDF so it is recommended to use a good quality PVA glue for construction – use a small brush or cocktail stick to apply the PVA. The ‘blackened’ edges of the parts are where they have been cut by the laser, and this ‘sooty’ residue will rub off over time with handling so it is a good idea to seal all the exposed edges with PVA before construction. This requires little more than using a finger to wipe some PVA over the edges and set aside to dry.

Handle

The handle is made by laminating the three Part C together. Lay one Part C piece flat on a work surface, and glue in the ‘key’ which is Part E.



Then glue the remaining two Part C on top of the first Part C using the ‘key’ as a guide. Make sure that the three Part C line up on all faces.

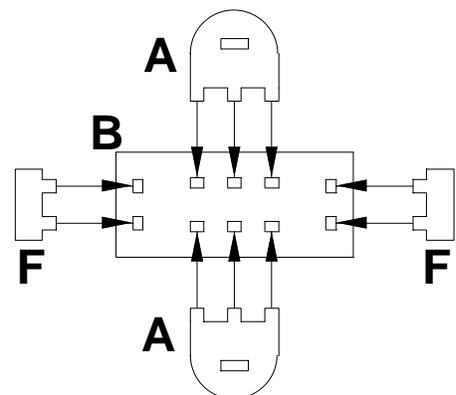
Base

Glue the two Part B together making sure that they are square. Then glue Parts A and F into the slots. Try to glue all these parts at the same time, as the slots in Parts A and F will help to align the two Part B.

Make sure that the Part F with the metal pin has the pin pointing into the middle.

Temporarily fit Part D through the slots in Parts A *but do not glue yet* – this will help to make sure that Parts A are square with the base.

If extra height clearance is required, one of the Part B bases can be



omitted, which will save 3mm. The tabs on Parts A and F will need to be shorted by about 1.5mm.

Set to one side and allow the glue to dry.

Fitting the Handle

Fit the end of the handle between Parts A and slide Part D through the slot in one side, through the hole in the handle, and into the slot on the other Part A. Carefully add some glue to the outside of Part A on each side where Part D is flush with Part A.

Making a Cleaning Pad

Cut the material for the Cleaning Pad to the width of the base of The Track Mop and approximately 40mm longer than the base. Use a pointed tool such as a scribe or knitting needle to make a hole at one end of the cleaning pad about 10mm from the end.

The best material for Cleaning Pads is lint free cotton – old shirts are an ideal source!

Adding a Cleaning Pad

Place the hole in the Cleaning Pad over the pin at the back of the Track Mop and wrap it under the base towards the front. Place the Track Mop on a flat surface and pull the Cleaning Pad tight underneath, then pull it over the tab at the front. Hold the end tightly on the top of the base and secure in place with the clip on the tab. Check that the cleaning pad is tight and secure.

Cleaning the Track

Place the base on the rails and rub backwards and forwards to clean the track. Do not press on too hard – you may damage the track or break The Track Mop!

For best results, use a track cleaning fluid (methylated spirit, Isopropyl alcohol, or a proprietary track cleaning fluid) and then change to a clean Cleaning Pad to remove any residue.

Take care over points as any raised metal pieces around the frog or the check rails can tear or shred the Cleaning Pad and then small fibres can get stuck in the points.

Thank you for buying The Track Mop – we hope that it will keep you track clean without damage for many years!

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