

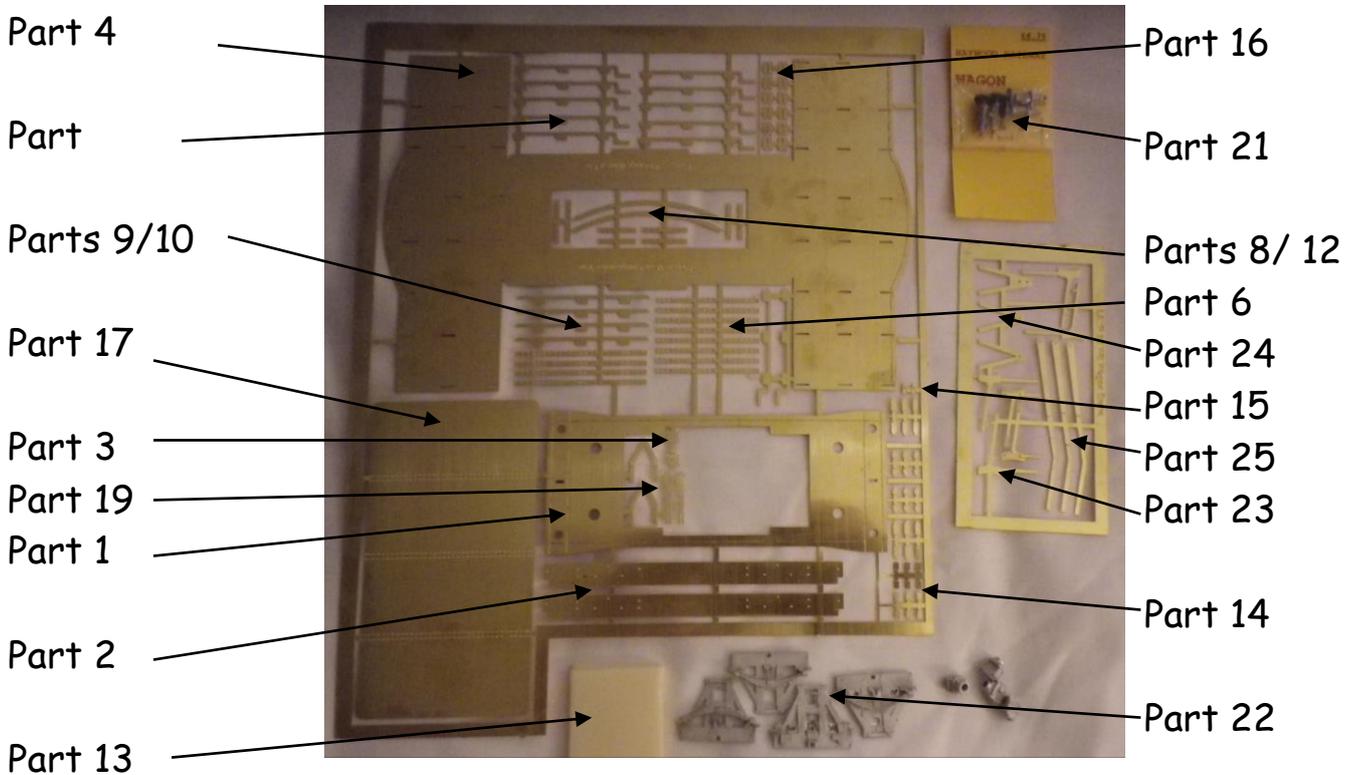
# *Furness Railway Wagon Co.*

## GWR/BR 7ton Iron Mink Van

Wheels, paint and transfers required to complete.

Please note that to aid the folding of the various parts score all the halfetched foldlines that are to be folded.

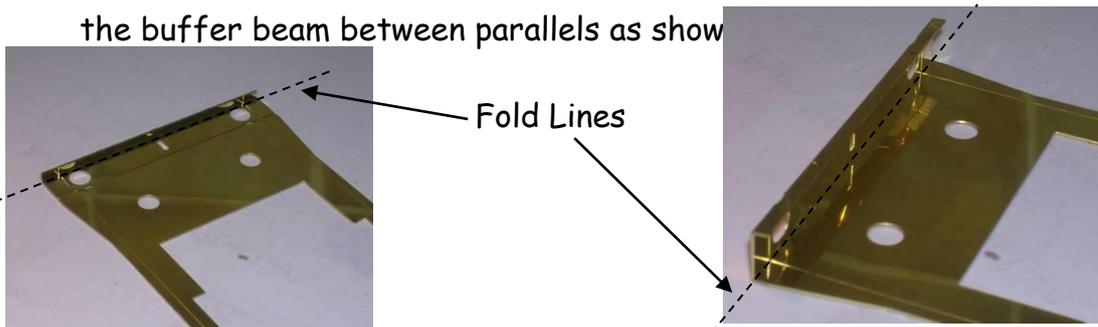
### The Parts.



Parts 18/20/26 not shown

### Chassis Construction.

1. Remove chassis (part 1) from the etch and fold up the bottom of the buffer beam between parallels as show



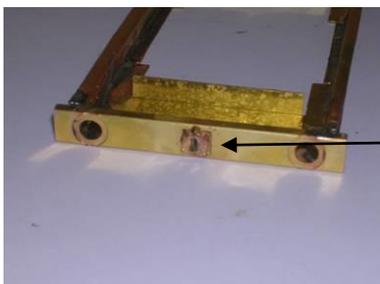
2. Next fold up the buffer beam completely as shown. Make sure that the resulting U shape is square so as to fit the sole bars. Repeat for the other end of the chassis.
3. Remove the sole-bars (part 2) and punch out the rivets. Next fold up the bottom of the sole-bars between two parallels. Make sure that the resulting shape is square.



4. Click one of the sole-bars in to the half etch slot that runs between the two buffer beams. Solder into position using 188C solder. Make sure that the sole-bars are actually soldered inside the buffer beam. Repeat for the other sole-bar.



5. Next remove the buffer beam reinforcing plates (part 3) and punch out the half etched rivets and tin the back of each piece with 188C solder. Now sweat the plates onto the half etched square in the front of the buffer beam.



Buffer beam reinforcing plates

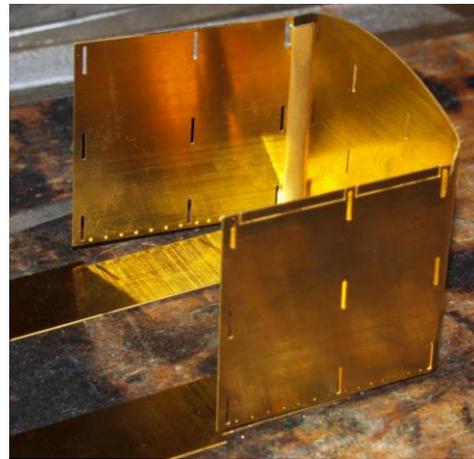
## Final Assembly of van.

### Van Body Construction.

1. First remove the Part 4 (the body) from the etch then punch out the half etch rivets.
2. Fold up the ends and then fold round the sides so they match the

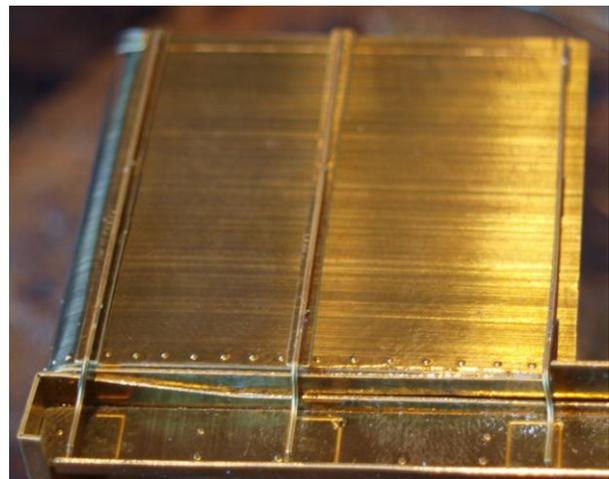


shape of the floor.. It is also a good idea to run a solder fillet down the inside of the



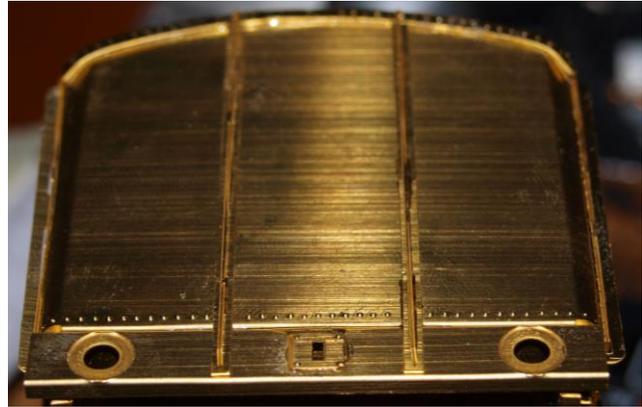
re the floor meets the sides and ends for extra strength as shown.

3. You should now attach the van top to the chassis making sure that the sides and ends of the top are square with the chassis.
4. Now attach the 'T' supports to the sides of the wagon. The tags in the upright sections (part5) fit through the slots in the cross plates (part6) and then through the



slots in the wagon side. The two uprights that fit next to the door opening do not that cross plates and just fit into the slots in the van side.

5. Next take the curved edging strips (parts8) from the etch. Punch out the rivets. Then attach the edging strips onto the body. Make sure that the strips are parallel to the curve of the body. Then fit the end 'T's(parts9/10) as in stage 3.



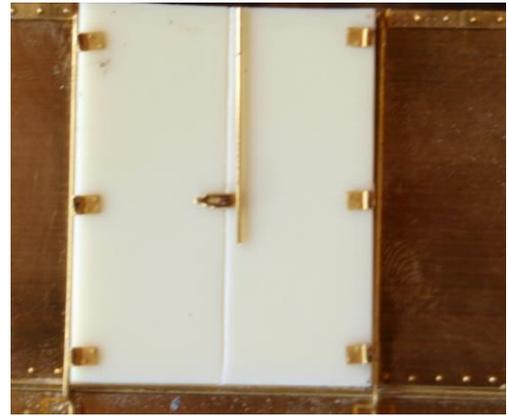
6. Next take the top edging strips (parts 12) from the etch. Punch out the rivets. Then attach the edging strips onto the body. Make sure that the strips are parallel to the top of the wagon and the half etched guide lines.



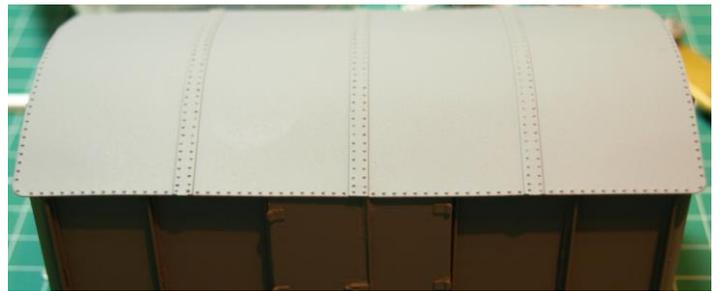
7. Now fit the door (part13) between in the gap in the sides. The casting is deliberately large as the gap can vary depending on how tight the corners of the van were formed. You will also need to trim the door so that it is flush with top of the van.



8. Attach the door hinges (parts 14) and door latch's (part 15) to the pads on the door as shown. These are the square ended ones in this case.



9. Next attach the support plates (part 16) for the 'T's to the sole bars.



10. Next take part 17 (roof) and punch out the half etch rivets in the raised banding. This rivet punching should roll the roof to its correct shape. However it may require to be rolled a little more to achieve the correct shape. Attach the roof onto the van body, being careful not to disturb the edge strips.

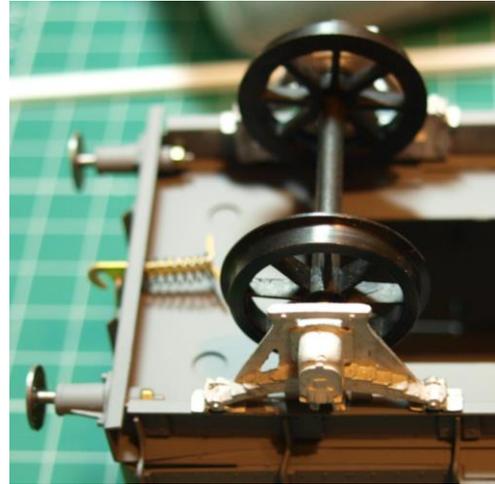
## Final Construction

1. Next, assemble the links (part 18) on to the coupling hook (part 19) and push through the slot. Now push the spring (part 20) over the back of the

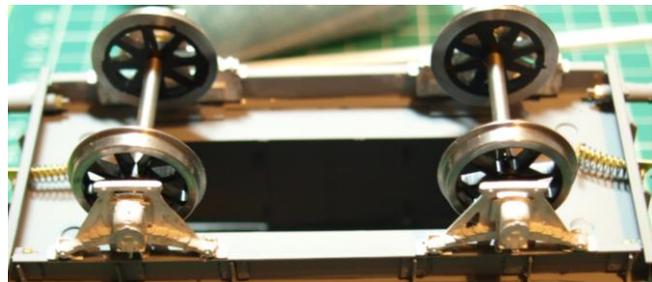


back of the coupling hook and bend the tags over to secure the spring in place. Then fix the four buffers (part 21) into the holes in the buffer beam using two part epoxy.

2. Drill out the w-iron castings to suit the bearings of your chosen wheels. Assemble a wheel set, 2 x W-iron's (part 22), 2 x bearing's and 1 x wheel/axle unit, do not glue the bearings into the W-irons. Again using two part epoxy resin, glue the assembled wheel set onto the sole-bars so that they are square and line up with the rivets on the sole bar.



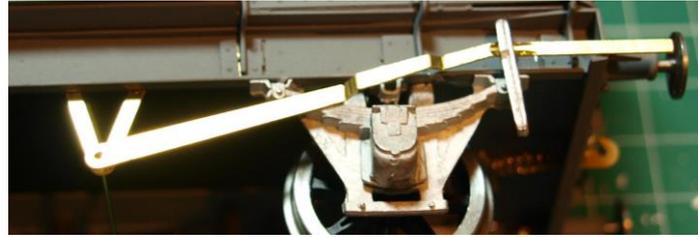
3. Repeat for the other wheel set. Use a straight edge across the back of the wheels to aid getting these parallel and square to the chassis.



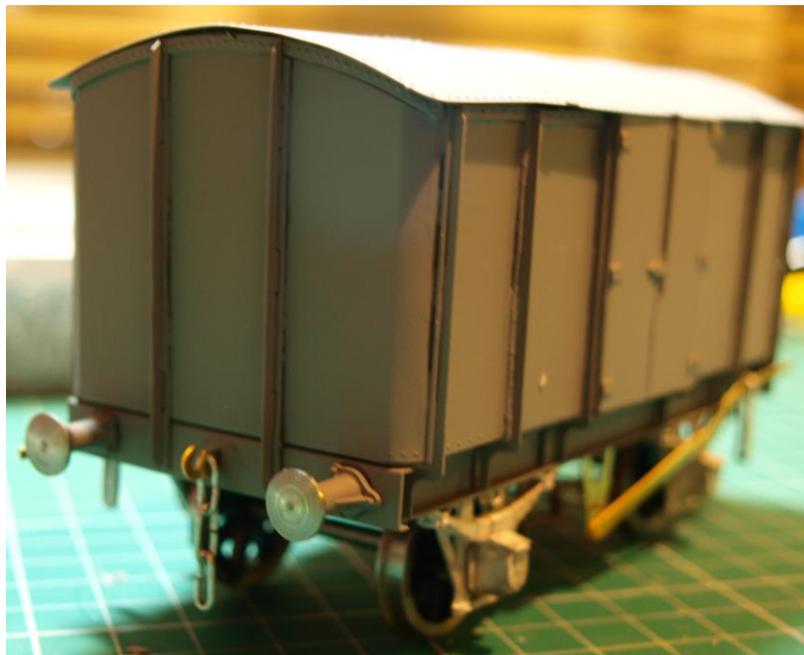
11. Glue the brake gear (part 23) together onto only the one side of the wagon, as shown. Then glue the V-hangers (part 24), into position on the sole-bar centrally .



12. Fix brake lever (part25) and ratchet casting (part 26) to the outside V-hanger as shown. Repeat for the other side.



13. Finally paint the model in the livery of your choice.



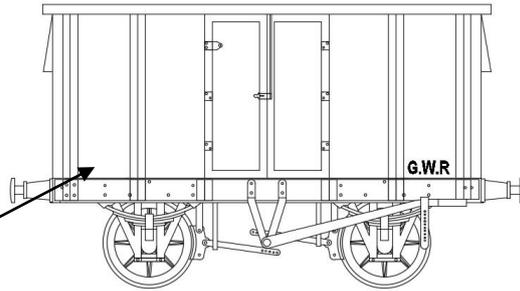
## History of the Wagon

The Great Western Railway built 4783 vans, between 1888 and 1901. The design known as the standard iron mink was a development of a slightly longer design that had been built a year earlier. Axle boxes, brakes and buffers followed standard GWR practice of the time of build however as they had a long life and axle boxes and brakes were altered over time. These vans were painted red oxide up to 1898 with small GWR on the right hand side. From 1900 the colour was changed to GWR grey. From 1904 the Large GW 21 inch letters were applied, this was changed again to 16inch letters in 1921, and again in 1936 when the letters were reduced in size to 3inch. One van was given a royal blue livery "Salvage save for Victory" in 1940. Most of these vans would have made it through the Second World War to British Railway owned in 1947. A number of these vans have been preserved at a number of railways around the country.

The Sample running numbers 37608-38000, 47108-47707, 57001-559450. For all 4091 numbers please see *GWR Goods Wagons* (Atkins, Beard and Tourett) OPC 2013

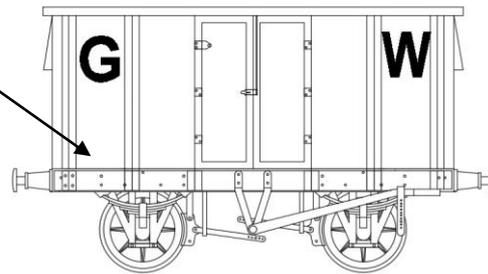
## Liveries

GWR Livery  
Circ 1888



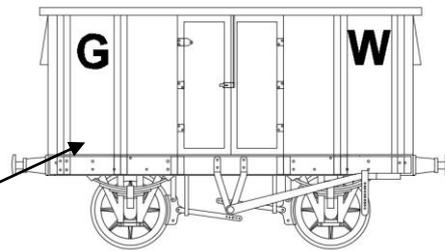
GWR Livery  
Circ 1904-21

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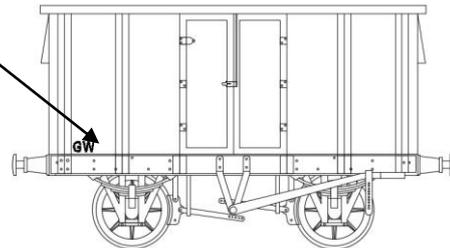


GWR Livery Circ  
1920-36 (Note  
slightly smaller letters)

Numbers



GWR Late Livery  
Circ 1936-47



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**Mink Van**

1. Construction Manual,
2. One Brass chassis etch,
3. One Brass brake etch,
4. Two brake ratchet castings,
5. Four W-iron/axle box castings,
6. Four buffer assemblies,
7. Two coupling hook springs,
8. Six coupling hook links.

We recommend Slaters 3'1" split spoke wheels.  
Various transfers are available from POWSIDES.