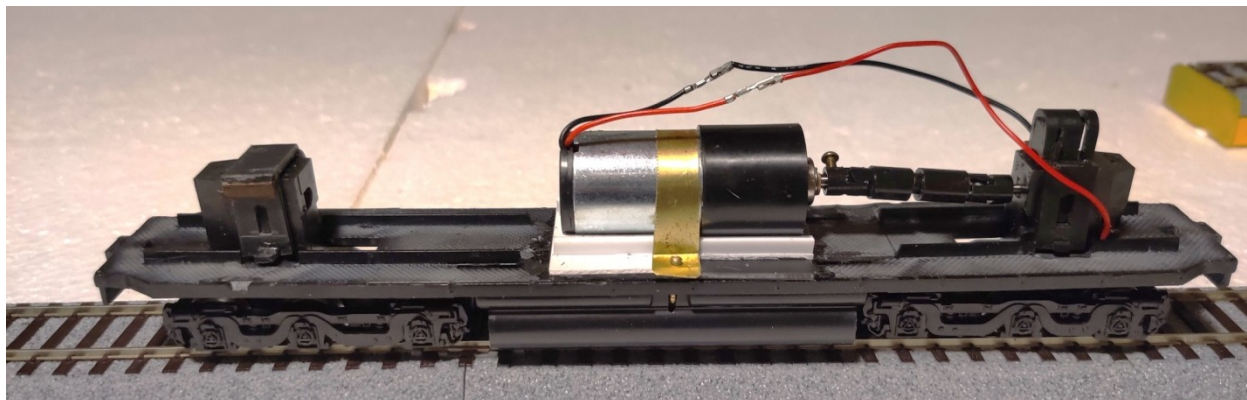


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May 7, 2025



I have been wanting to put a gearhead motor into an HO loco for quite some time. I attended a trainshow in Ogden, Utah earlier this year and found this AHM loco chassis being sold for \$1 and the motor for \$18. Here is the result. See it run by viewing my YouTube channel, accessible from the Home page.

This would be interesting if the motor was double shafted with a gearbox on each end. The gear reduction ratio is unknown.



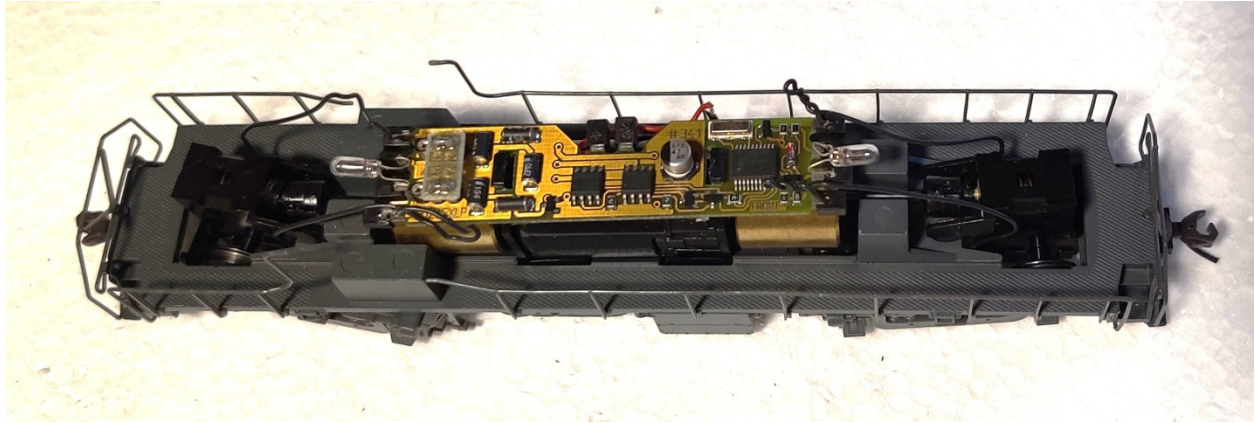
An Athearn SW-7 I bought on eBay. It was in bad condition. It appeared to have been lying in some kind of brown liquid that corroded the die cast chassis. One motor brush was stuck and was not touching the armature. The electrical pieces were rusted and corroded.

After a couple hours of cleanup, it runs great!

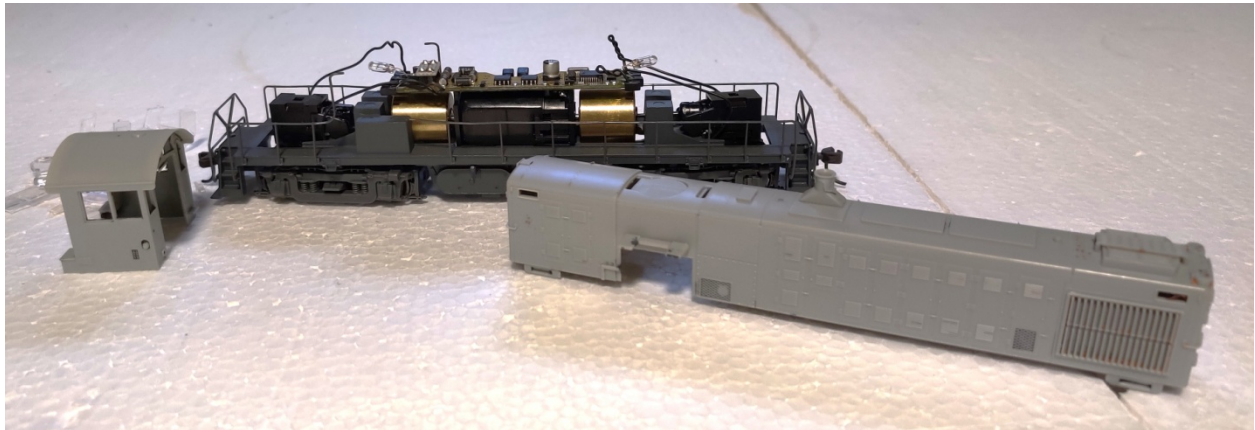
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My first decoder install. This is in an Atlas HO RS-1.

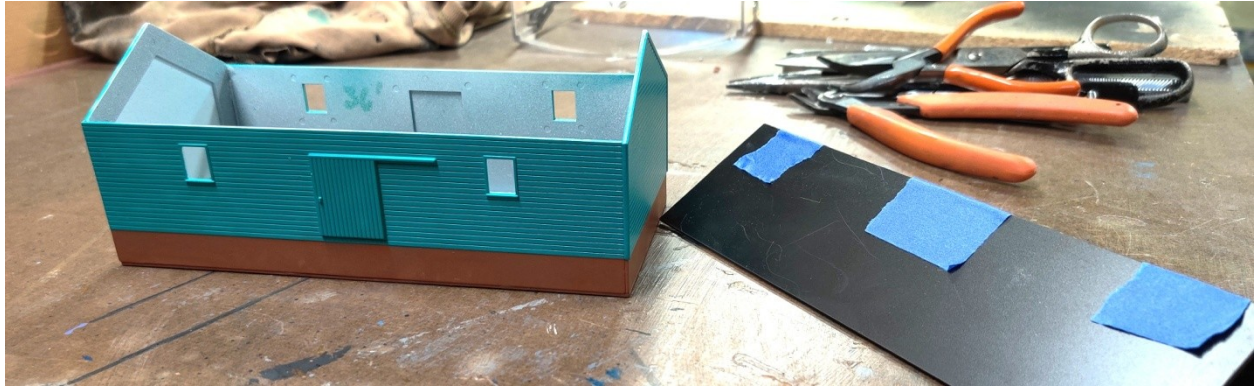


The same RS-1. It was painted in Long Island Railroad colors of dark green with an orange wave. I have stripped it and will paint the body and cab with a similar green and letter it for the Highlands Railway.

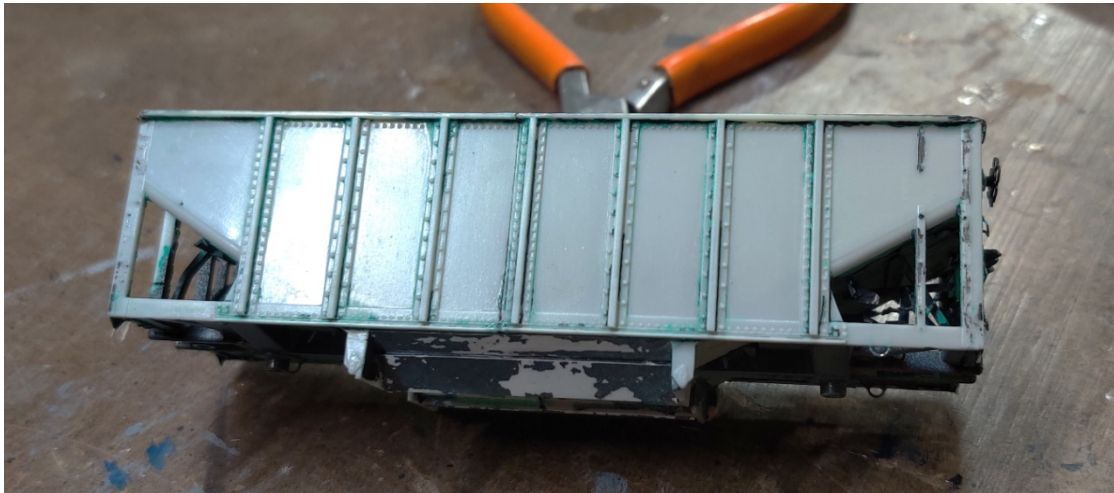
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Warehouse for Puma Flats. This building was part of the Walthers Feed Mill kit. I built a new end as this end butts against the other building and has no siding. The roof was also shortened. A new roof is being made out of .060 black styrene. Painted in southwest colors.

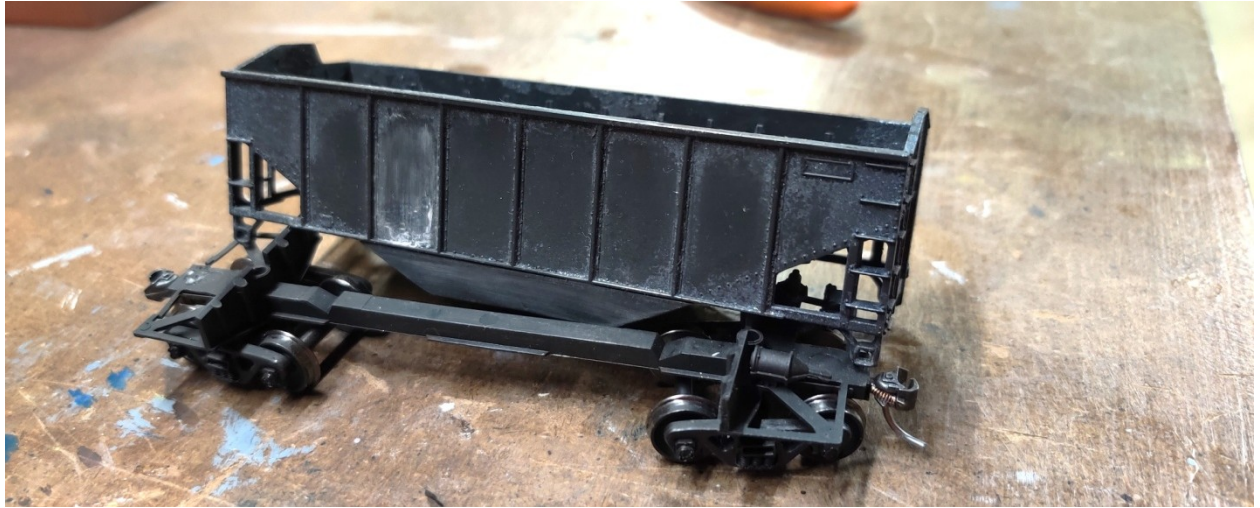


An Atlas HO ballast car I repainted and now have stripped the paint in order to re-paint. This is the result after a week in 99% IPA. The ladders came unglued as well as the joint where I shortened the body.

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May 28, 2025



Another hopper strip and repaint. The Testor's black spray paint really holds on!



I purchased several plastic models in order to get some experience using my two new airbrushes.
This car was on sale at Hobby Lobby for \$7.