

WHR brake van

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At a model railway show many years ago I bought a 009 kit from a producer called GUIDELINES - 4mm Scale Narrow Gauge. I was curious. It turned out to be a cardboard kit for a WHR Brake Van.

The relief on the sides had to be built up using several layers of card and, once the model was built and the glue was dry, reinforced with shellac. I thought that was too risky and so the kit was used as a drawing and I worked in styrene. A Lima wagon was used as the undercarriage and a piece was cut from the middle to get the "right" wheelbase.

Subsequently the model sat unfinished on the shelf for years, marking the start of my work in 009. Due to domestic circumstances I was unable to do any modelling in recent months, and now that some breathing space has arrived, the unfinished item was staring me in the face.

I searched for photos and in a book by J. I.C. Boyd I found two, in one photo the original seemed a bit wider and in the other the ends were slightly different. At the DCE workshops they decided to complete it as a Rolling Museum Piece.



