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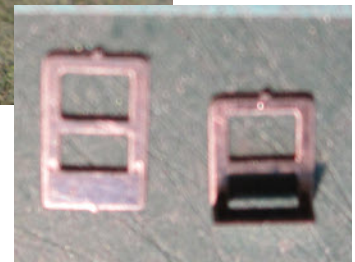
# N Scale Kits QTTX HSH53 53ft 12-axle Heavy Duty Flatcar [NS171]

TTX have a number of heavy duty cars in their inventory - in 2018 476 out of the entire 956 strong US fleet of these cars, others belonging to Kasgro (403), 69 railroad owned and 8 by other private operators.

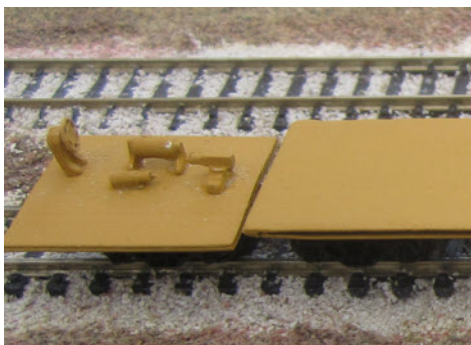
The HSH53 cars were built in 2001 by the TTX's Hamburg plant. Numbered QTTX 131600-131624, the cars were regularly seen in 2018, carrying heavy duty plant such as electrical equipment, and even locos with accidental damage being taken back to repair shops. Further information on the TTX's heavy duty flat cars can be found in PRHTS's book Panza, J., Dawson, R., and Sellberg, R., *The TTX Story Vol 2*, Lancaster PA, 2018, PRHTS



Fold the steps at the small fold line and glue the steps under the corners of the end platform/span bolster castings.

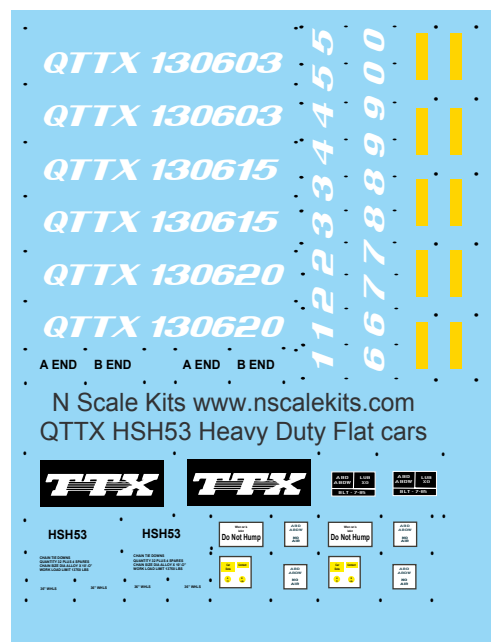


After cleaning up any flash assemble the car, making sure that the end platforms are true. Glue the brake parts on the end platforms. With the span bolster/end platform fitted with the trucks installed, place the bolster over the spigot and fit the pin provided to retain the bolster.



The trucks on the HSH53 cars are two 3 axle Buckeye trucks at both ends. Other cars of this type, eg the DoDX cars use 3 sets of 125 ton trucks. The Buckeyes can be replicated by Microtrains trucks 003 02 112. The 125t roller bearing trucks are the Microtrains 003 02 030

Recommended body mount couplers are Microtrains 001 02 009.



N Scale Kits QTTX decals are included as shown. The dots indicate where to cut the decals on the sheet