



HO Structure Kit COUNTRY STORE 933-3491

Thanks for purchasing this Cornerstone kit. All parts are styrene so use compatible glue and paint to assemble and finish your model. Please take a few minutes to read these instructions and study the drawings before starting construction.

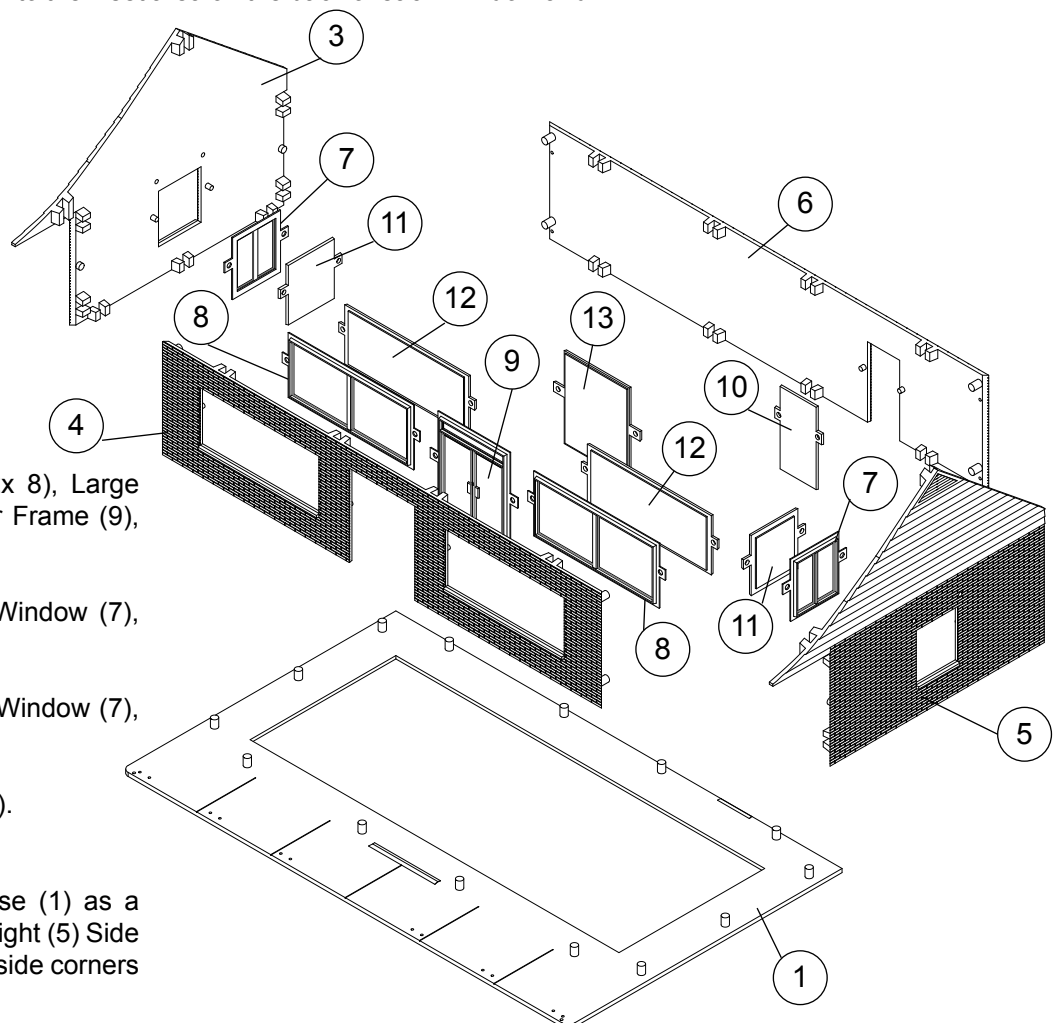
As automobiles transitioned from novelty to necessity, oil companies began cashing in on the need for fuel and service. As competition heated-up in the years before WWI, gas stations were among the first roadside businesses to combine unusual designs and bright color schemes to attract customers. Each new decade brought newer ideas, from the classic "box-style service stations" of the 1930s (many still standing today), to futuristic space-age buildings in the 1960s. With the oil embargo of the 1970s, the rerouting of major highways to new beltlines and freeways, and the growing complexity of automobiles, "service stations" were rapidly replaced by "convenience centers." Looking more like a typical storefront, gasoline sales were almost an afterthought save for pump islands, covered canopies and bright lights out front. Inside, spacious interiors were carefully designed to bring customers in quickly, but slow them just enough to notice other merchandise as they made their way to the cash register. A handful of auto essentials such as windshield washer fluid were still carried, but most of the space was given over to prepackaged snacks and food products, souvenirs and impulse buy items. In rural towns where the business district had become a distant memory, such stores took on a role like that of the earlier general store, supplying a wider selection of groceries as well as gasoline. Today, structures of this type are an industry standard, many paired with fast-food chains, located at off ramps and intersections from coast-to-coast. See your local hobby shop, the current Walthers HO Model Railroad Reference Book or visit us online at walthers.com for additional ideas and accessories.

NOTE: If you wish to paint your model, do so before starting construction.

DOORS & WINDOWS

1) PLEASE NOTE: The raised ridge molded on all Windows (2x 7 & 8) and the Front Door Frame (9) is the front; be sure this faces outward when installing these parts in the Walls. Each Window Glass (2x 11 & 12) and the Front Door Glass (13), have a small lip on their front edge, this fits into the inset area on the back of each Window and the Door.

To avoid damage to the glass parts, you may wish to install them with a water-based adhesive, sold separately. Using the small locaters and pins to align parts as shown, glue each Window, Door and Glass section into the Walls:



Front Wall #4: Large Windows (2x 8), Large Window Glass (2x 12), Front Door Frame (9), Front Door Glass (13).

Left Side Wall #3: Small Double Window (7), Double Window Glass (11).

Right Side Wall #5: Small Double Window (7), Double Window Glass (11).

Rear Wall (6): Rear Entry Door (10).

MAIN STRUCTURE

1) Using the raised ridges on Base (1) as a guide, glue Front (4), Left (3) and Right (5) Side and Rear Wall (6) to Base and at inside corners where parts meet.

2) Glue Lights (2x 14) to raised ridges on underside of Canopy Soffit (15).

3) Note the small locator pins molded on the top and bottom of the Canopy Supports (6x 20) and Front Downspouts (2x 18). Carefully remove each from the sprue, and test fit in small openings in Base and Canopy Soffit (15).

3) Note the locator pins on the rear edge of the Soffit; insert – don't glue – these into the locator tabs on the top inside edge of the Front Wall (4).

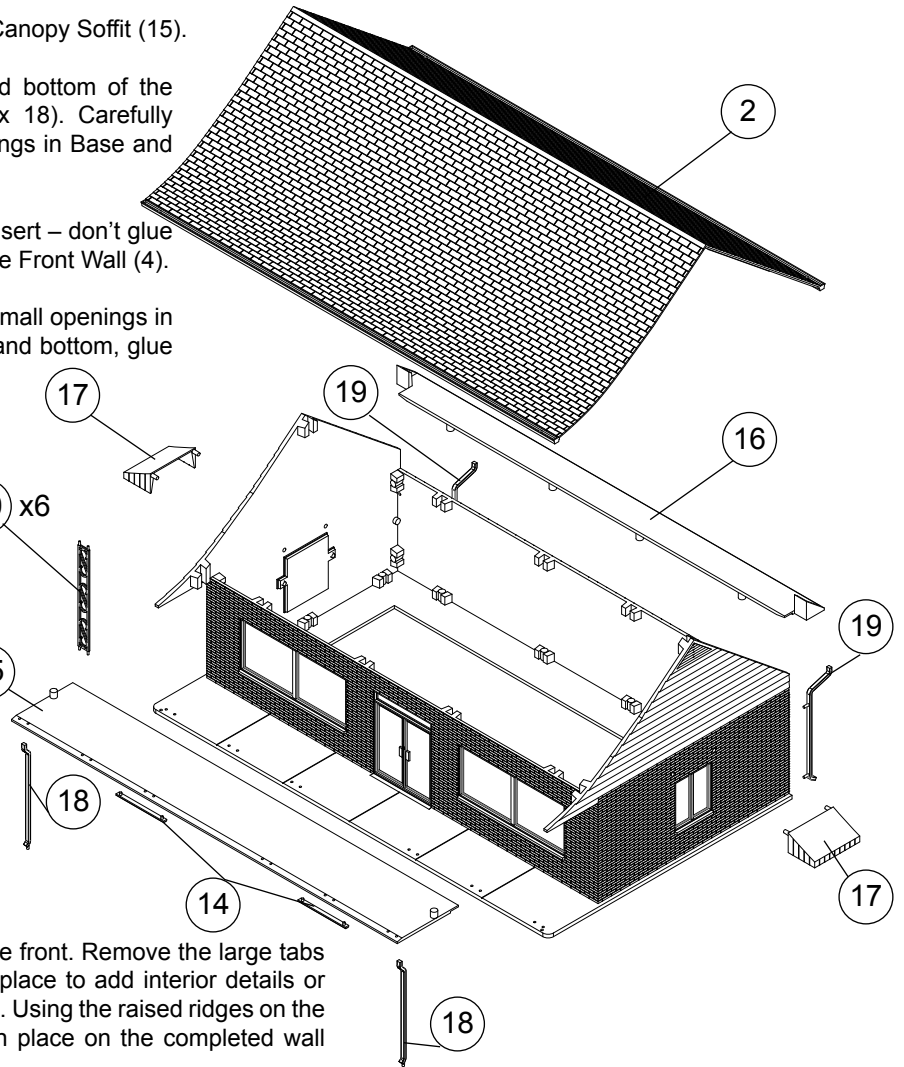
4) Insert Canopy Supports and Front Downspouts into small openings in Base and Soffit. When satisfied with the fit at both top and bottom, glue Supports and Downspouts to Base and Soffit. Glue Soffit to Front Wall.

5) Note small locator pins molded on Rear Downspouts (2x 19). Carefully remove parts from sprue and test fit pins in openings in Rear Wall. When satisfied with the fit, glue Downspouts to Rear Wall.

6) Glue locator pins on edge of Rear Soffit (16) into locator tabs on top inside edge of Rear Wall (6).

7) Insert alignment pins on Awnings (2x 17) through openings in Side Walls above each window, and glue in place.

8) Note that the longer curved edge of the Roof (2) is the front. Remove the large tabs on the underside of the Roof. The Roof may be set in place to add interior details or lighting (both sold separately) if desired, or glued in place. Using the raised ridges on the underside and the small locator pins, press the Roof in place on the completed wall assembly.



GAS ISLAND

1) Glue Lights (5x 14) to raised ridges on underside of Canopy Roof (25).

2) PLEASE NOTE: Locator pins are molded on the top edge of both Canopy Supports (2x 22); remove these parts carefully from the sprue.

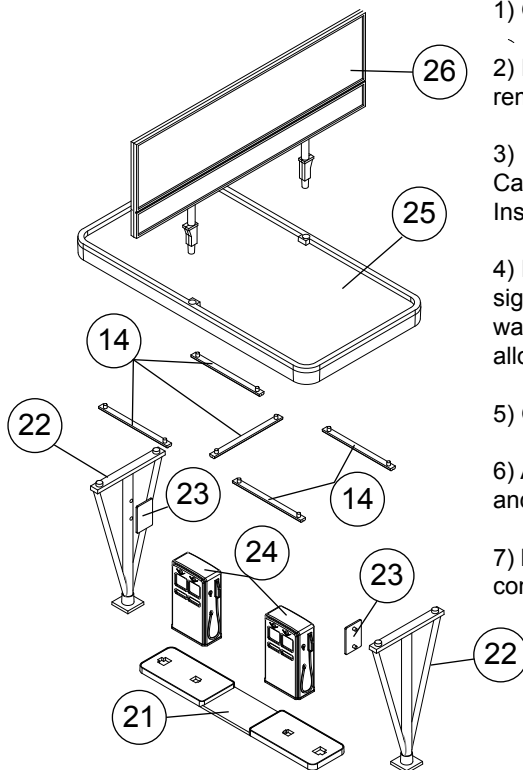
3) Glue No Smoking Signboards (2x 23) to small mounting points in the center arm of both Canopy Supports. If desired, glue small printed signs to Signboards – please see Printed Sign Instructions.

4) PLEASE NOTE: Before installing the Canopy Supports, note the correct alignment with both signboards facing inward: locator pins on the bottom of each Support are keyed to fit just one way in the opening in the Island Base (21). With Supports aligned as shown, glue in place and allow to dry.

5) Glue Gas Pumps (2x 24) to center openings in Base.

6) Align mounting pins on top of Canopy Supports with openings in underside of Canopy Roof and glue in place.

7) If desired, glue printed signs to Canopy Sign (26) – please see Printed Sign Instructions. Glue completed sign to mounting points on Canopy Roof as shown.



DECALING

1. After cutting out the decal, dip in water for 10 seconds, remove and let stand for 1 minute. Slide decal onto surface, position and then blot off any excess water.

2. Lightly brush Micro Sol® on top. This will soften the decal allowing it to conform to irregular surfaces. DO NOT TOUCH DECAL while wet!

3. When the decal is thoroughly dry, check for any trapped air bubbles. Prick them with the point of a small pin or hobby knife blade and apply more Micro Sol®.