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2. The Bed. (*Using the 1/32" x 1/32" lumber, cut the mounting blocks.) Add the four wood mounting blocks to the frame as shown in the basic frame drawing. These should be about 1/8" inset from the decking on both sides.

3. The Box Body. Build this body on a flat surface. Starting with the deck. Bond the (*front) end panel in place. Make sure it is centered and square. Bond one side wall in place overlapping the end wall. Keep the edges in line. Repeat with the other side. It is best to paint the inside of this unit before the roof is attached. The floor should be bare wood. Now with the almost complete body, pick it up and bond the rear tailgate in place after it has been painted on the interior. Note that the hinges at the bottom hang down under the floor. Bond body to the chassis, keeping it centered and square. Attach the roof section after painting the underside. Some slight trimming might be necessary for a good fit. Bond the curtains in place as per the drawings. The smallest go over the cab sides (*The longest goes across the back). These can be painted either a light gray or a tan. The unit is ready for the paint shop.

4.The Painting. I used acrylic paints and a brush to paint my trucks. It is a very easy process. Mix up a small batch of color with a little water to make it flow easier. This will let the paint flow over the surface and not "pull", thus leaving lumps. Do not try to cover the surface in one coat. It will take about four applications of this slightly thinned paint to cover completely and give a smooth surface. Use a ¼" flat Sable brush for painting most areas and a smaller one for tight spots. The larger brush holds more paint and will give a smoother finish than a small one. Trust me on this! Of course, the models may also be spray painted with either airbrush or rattle can. Truck floor mats are black. The most popular color for industrial truck wheels is red but choose the colors of your wheels as you like. Seats can be gray or tan. No gas or brake peddles are present! Roofs can be tan, gray, black, or silver for more contemporary units.

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1919 WALKER OPEN DELIVERY ELECTRIC TRUCK

Thomas Designed! Yorke

model assembled and painted by James and Anna Cleveland

"The walker Electric Truck was built between 1907 to 1942 when war supplies grew more important. The earlier trucks appeared somewhat similar in design, and some of these units were kept in service until the early 1960's! They were popular for fleet delivery services. In those earlier years they didn't bother the horse-drawn wagons, due to their quiet nature. Needless to say, they were rather successful. The designs remained the same over the years, but the tires changed from wooden spoke to artillery and finally to pneumatic."
-Thomas Yorke

Cautions

Kit contains small and/or sharp parts
NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14
Always wear your safety glasses when you are working with CA glues and when cutting, shaping, or snipping parts and when painting.
Also use adequate ventilation when working with glue or paint.

Kit Contents

Resin Parts

1 Chassis	1 Front Wall
1 Battery Box	1 Tailgate
4 Springs	2 Sides
1 Seat	1 Long Curtain
1 Floorboards	2 Short Curtain
1 Cab Front	4 Med. Curtain
1 Windshield	
2 Motor Ends	
1 Stake Bed	
1 Roof	

Misc Parts

1 Thick Wire
1 Thin Wire
1 Steering Wheel
1 Centering Jig
2 Washers
1 Styrene Tube
4 3/32" x 3/32" Wood
1 1/8" x 1/32" Wood

Kit Notes

This kit was originally designed by Thomas Yorke exclusively for production by Frenchman River Model Works. We have tried to keep it as true to his original design and construction as possible. The following are his original instructions. Any changes or clarifications have been marked with an asterisk.

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(*remove any flash from the resin castings with an X-Acto knife and/or fine sandpaper. Be sure to wash all resin parts in warm soapy water, rinse and let dry) Both CA (cyanoacrylate) and 5-Minute Epoxy were used for bonding. Remember, when using CA, it will bond immediately, so if movement is required for final placement, it is suggested to use the epoxy.

1.Basic Assembly. (*Old, original wheelset option ONLY: Create the rear dually wheels by gluing one thin and one thick wheel together back to back.) With the frame upside down apply the four springs for the axles next to the bosses on the frame sides. The tops of the spring perches mount even with the top of the frame. (*Measure and cut the included axle shaft material being sure to allow enough to mount the wheels on. Use a heavy duty cutter such as a lineman pliers as the axle material is steel for strength.) Build the electric motor assembly from 5 parts plus the axle (*The parts are the 2 washers, the styrene tube and the 2 motor ends. NOTE: The electric motor is located on the rear axle.). It is easiest to drill out the axle holes before assembly, then slip the axle in place after trueing up the holes if needed. Mount the two axles. (*Do not glue in place if you want the wheels to be able to turn.) Center and mount the battery box. (*We have supplied an optional windshield frame. It is easiest to attach the frame to the cab front while it's laying on a flat surface. While this is still flat, cut and attach the supplied piece of wood to use as a filler piece between the windshield and the roof piece.) Attach the dashboard (*cab front) to the floor piece. Keep it square. Drill and add the steering wheel shaft. Attach the seat to the floor. This unit can now be bonded to the main frame. Be sure to keep in square and notice it sits back from the front bumper by about an 1/8". (*A centering jig has been included to help center the axle hole. Use this jig to mark the location and drill to accommodate the axle shaft.) Attach wheels after drilling axle holes and painting. Add steering wheel. Proceed to Painting. (*After painting, apply the windshield glazing to the inside of the windshield frame.)

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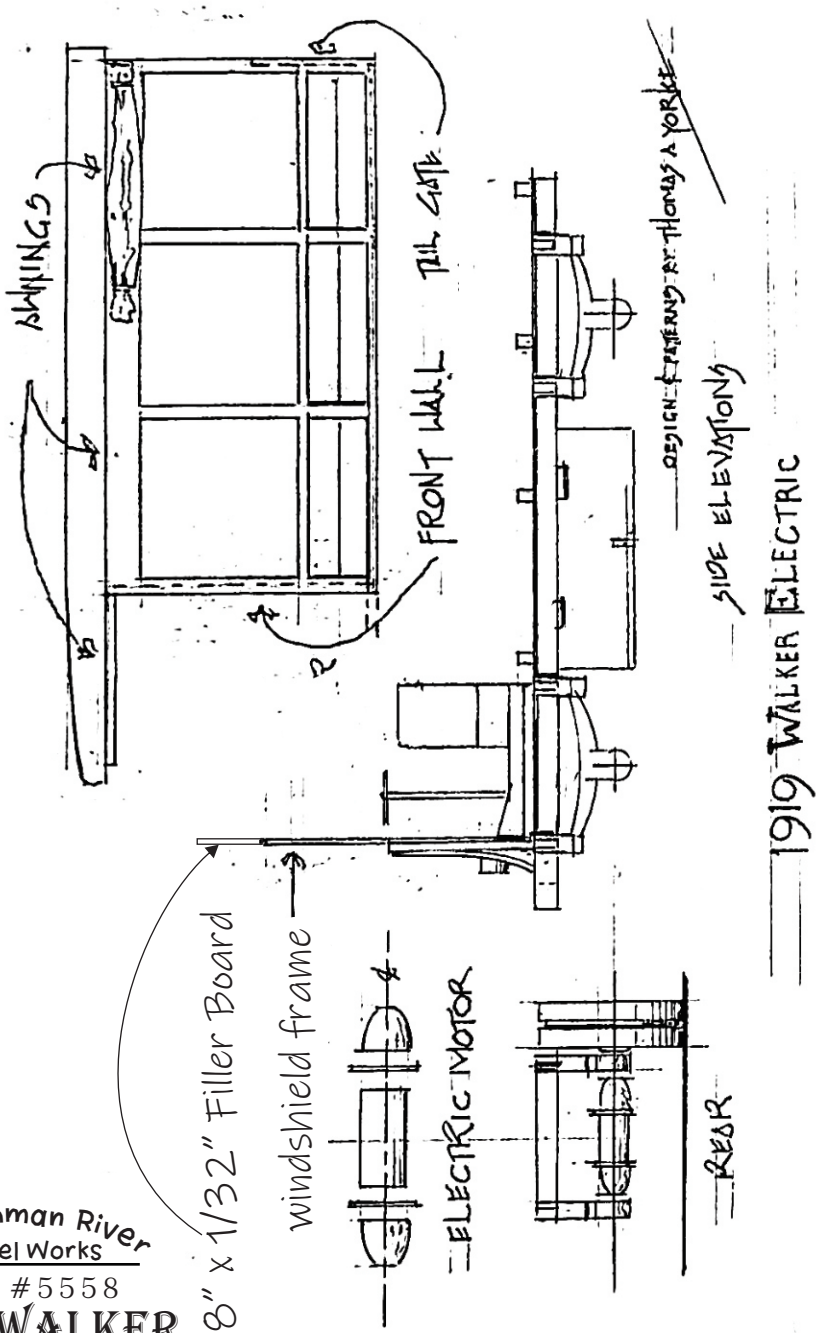

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