

PRODUCT REVIEW

Modelmaster Professional Decals - £2.50 per pack

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Having a P.O. wagon to letter, I took Colin's advice and headed for this stand at Alexandra Palace, and selected a pack from the vast range on offer (Pack P001, for a Cambrian 5-plank job). Included is a drawing to guide to positioning and brief but adequate notes for best results. These decals delivered all that was promised, as within 15 minutes I had a fully lettered wagon that wouldn't disgrace any layout (lettering-wise anyway). One point that was stressed was the need to not let the lettering separate from the backing paper whilst in the water, but to transfer the item from the "dunking" pot to the model on the backing paper, and sliding the latter out when in position.



As a test, I let one of the extra numbers on the sheet float off, and as soon as it came out of the water, it wrapped itself around the point of the tweezers, not to be flattened out again, such was the tenacity of the adhesive. Be warned.



O.K., this might sound expensive to letter one wagon, but in my humble opinion these are quite the best transfers (sorry, decals) I have come across, and like most things in life, if you want quality, you have to pay for it. The supplier offers a pack of four sets, either of the same name or 'Regional' sets for £8.50.

Highly recommended

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