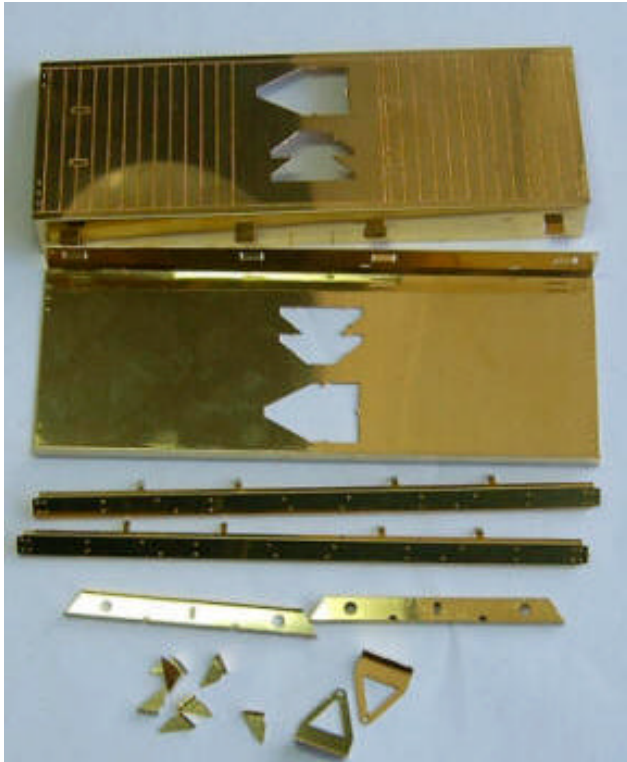


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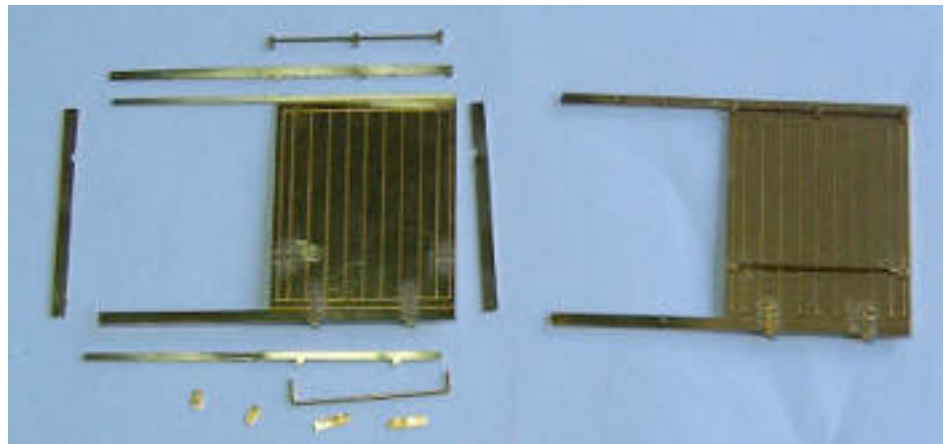


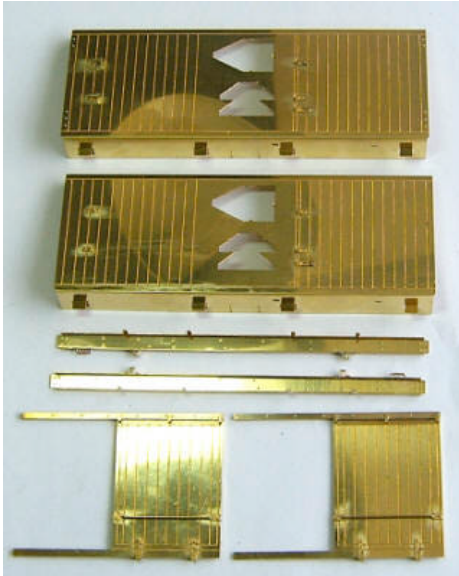
As usual, Jim's kit arrives as a flat pack with his excellent instructions, drawings, exploded views and photographs. As usual I started by punching out the bolt heads, folding the parts and fitting as much detail as possible before assembling the body.

The major body parts bent up and ready for the various bits to be fitted.

However, the doors need making up early in the piece because they should be fitted before the body is put together. They are quite complex and several layers thick but make up easily into a sub-assembly.

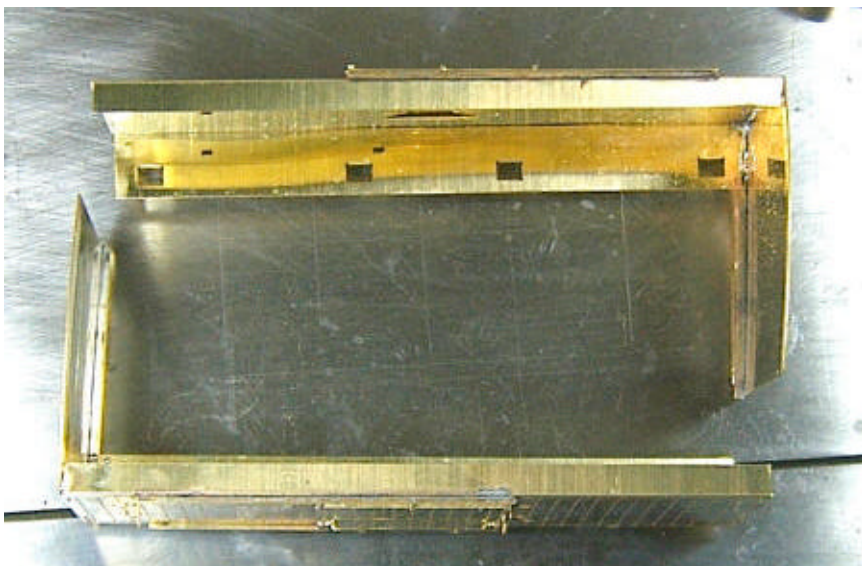
The sides, solebars and doors with most of the "bits" fitted prior to assembly. Fitting the solebar to the side is easy since there are tabs on the side against which to solder it. I fitted the buffer beam to the ends before assembling the body to ensure that they lined up with the sides accurately. The beam was raised by the thickness of the card that seals the bag it came in to allow for the bolt heads. The whole lot held in place with magnets on the RSU plate and seamed up.





Then began the job of soldering one end to one side.

Once both were tacked together and checked for square, the joints were seamed to hold it all secure while the two halves are joined together.



I seem to have mislaid any further pictures of construction. However, it all goes together easily and makes up into a fine model as this final picture shews:



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