



3. Painting and Lettering

Before painting, wash the car again with Dawn, rinse and let dry.

The interior wood surfaces were painted with Testor's Model Master Random Tan (FS 33613) with a little yellow mixed in (Page 9). When dry, the "wood" was weathered with AIM Products (now Monroe Models) weathering powders and sealed with Scalecoat I Flat Glaze. After a few days of drying, the "wood" was masked off with Tamiya modeling masking tape (the yellow stuff).

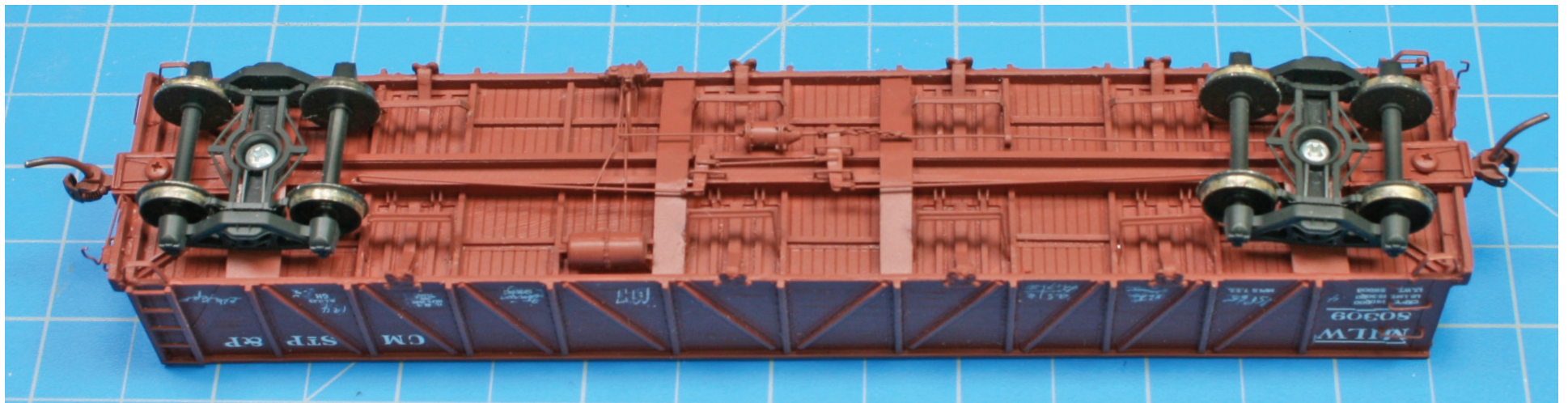
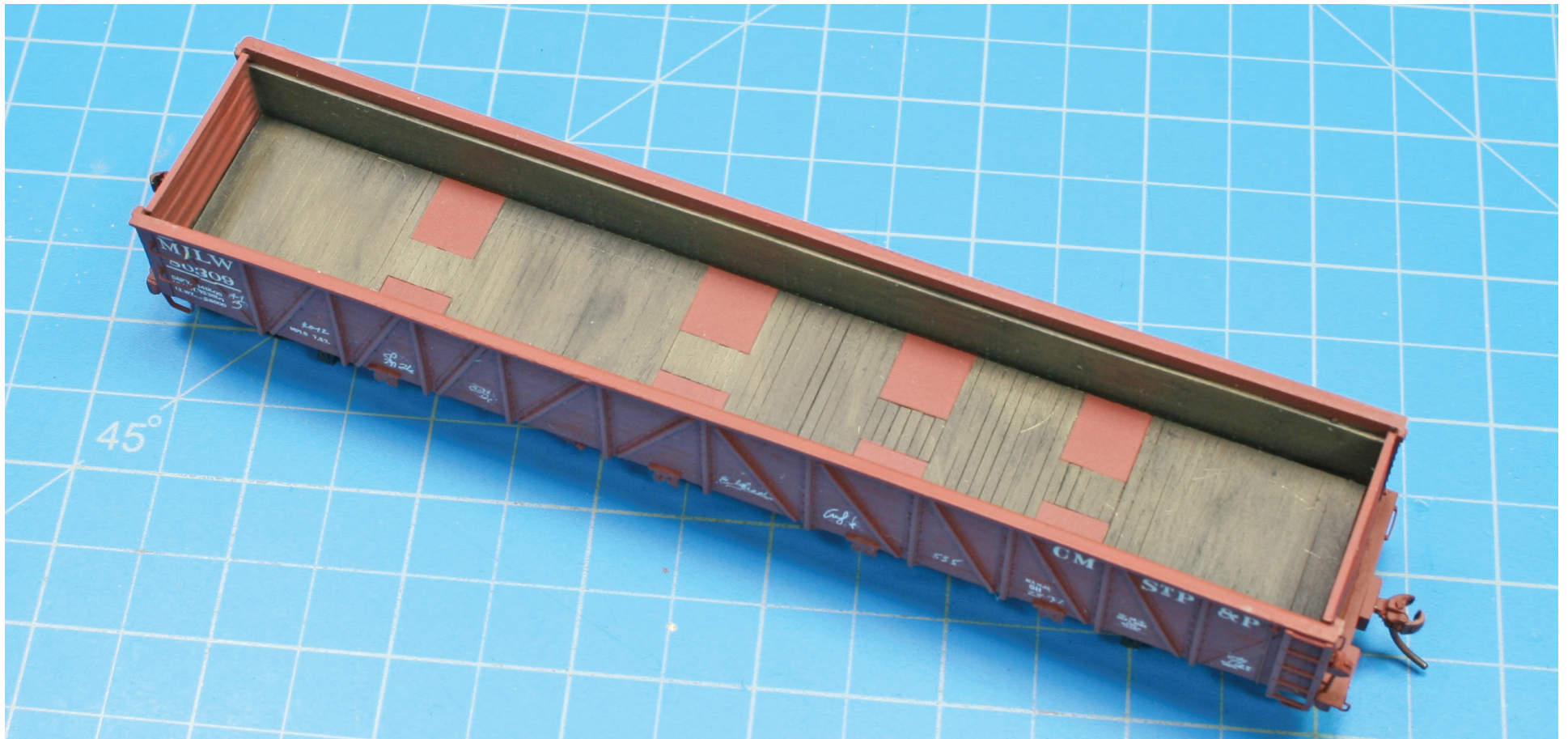
For the body color, I use Scalecoat I #2 Oxide Red with a little #13 Box Car Red mixed in. There's no mix ratio; I just added the box car red until the color looked right to me. As per the railroad paint table on page 37 of RR CYC #3, a good match for the Milwaukee's freight car color is Scalecoat #2 Oxide Red. It just looked too red to me.

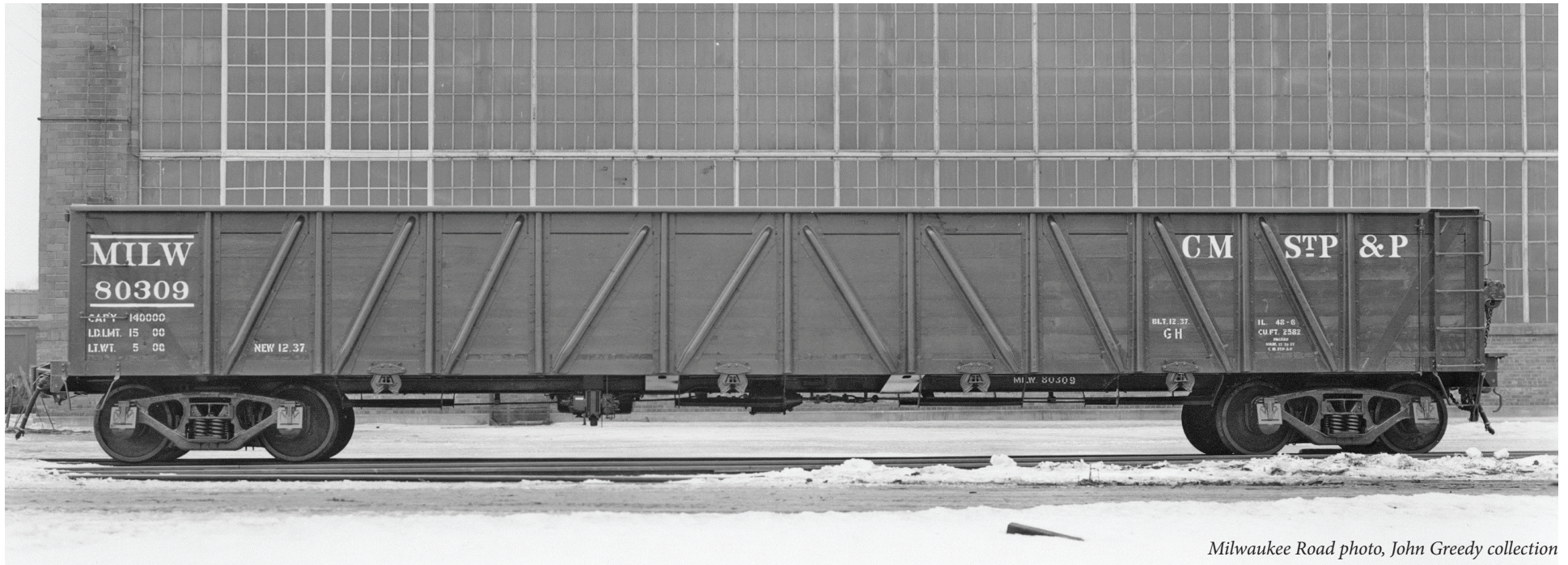
The decals are from Precision Design Company. There is nothing special about application, but it's recommended that there be water on the model for decal placement. I used Microscale Micro Set (the blue bottle) for placement. Once the decals were dry, several applications of Micro Sol (red bottle) were used to get the decals settled into the wood sides. The decals were sealed with Scalecoat I Flat Glaze. Once everything is dry, install the trucks. After weathering, the model is ready for the layout. And don't forget to make the car card for your new piece of freight equipment.

4. A Note on Trucks

The kit includes Tahoe Model Works #110 ACF 70-ton A-3 truck side-frames, as these are the only HO scale 70-ton trucks that are readily available (that I know of). The prototype had 70-ton Barber Stabilized trucks.





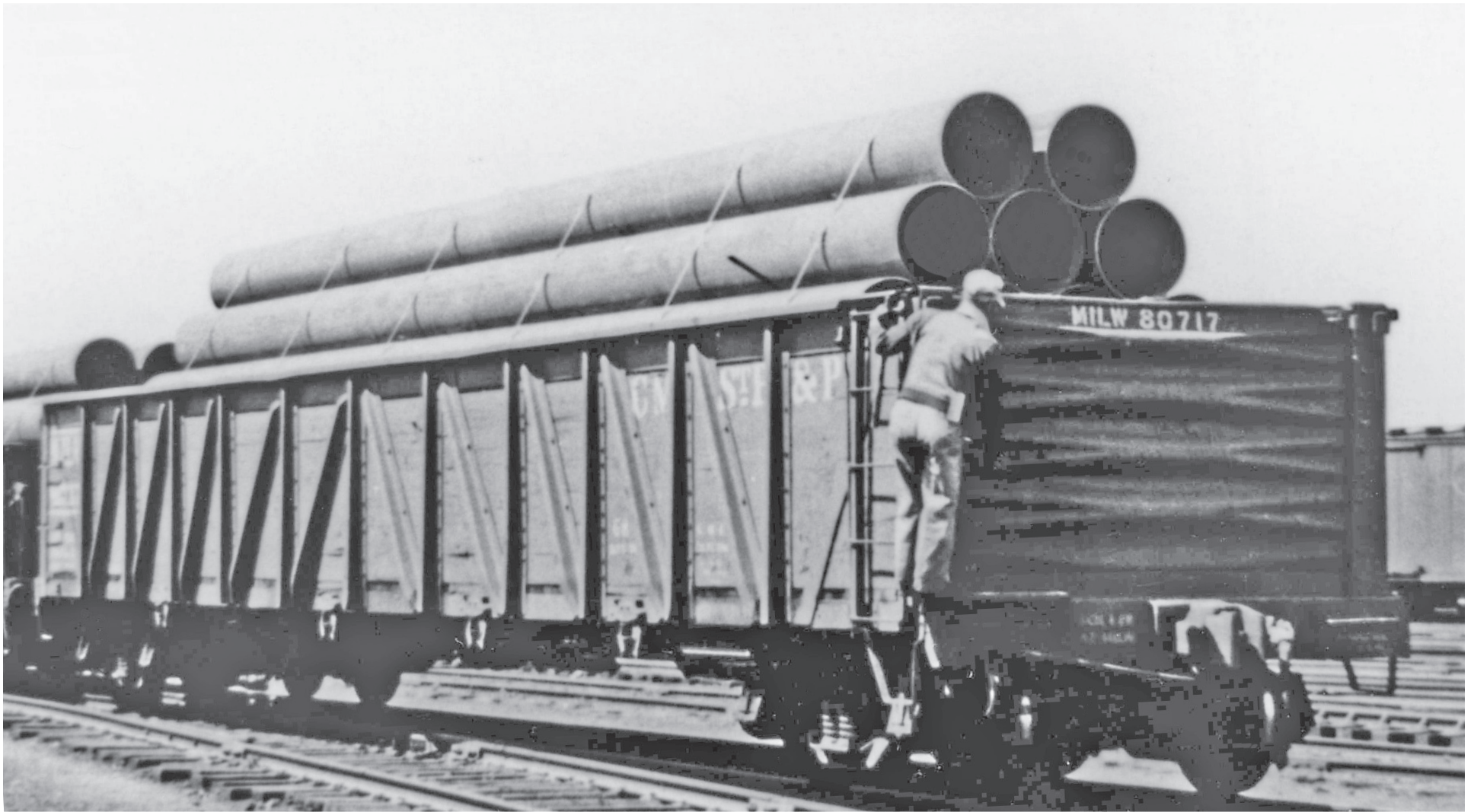


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