



PRODUCT SHEET

Short Staff

Painting Suggestions

Thank you for purchasing one of our Short Staff Figures. We trust it will give many years' faithful service on your railroad.

Your model now comes supplied with a separate head. You have a choice of either permanently gluing it into the desired position with super glue or epoxy or mounting it temporarily using blue tack. Your figure can be drilled, threaded, sanded or filed as you would timber. A Dremel with a light touch is fine



Before painting wash the pieces thoroughly. The gold standard here is to use Wax & Grease Remover, usually found in an auto paint supply shop. Brush this on liberally and wipe dry quickly. Do this at least twice. Follow this up with a base coat of metal primer

As an alternative, we wash it carefully a couple of times with hot water and dishwashing liquid and dry with a clean cloth. We then give it a light spray with Tamiya Surface Primer for Plastic & Metal. As well as providing the base for future coats, this makes it easier to view the surface to sand or to fill any blemishes with modellers putty before painting with acrylic paints. When final coat is dry seal with a clear Matt spray acrylic paint.

If you don't get these steps done properly, the paint can tend to chip off

Skin tones are about the hardest thing to get right and a couple suggestions you might like to try are:

- Paint the flesh areas with a Parchment Colour and when dry, brush a very diluted wash with just the smallest drop of red in it over the face. The idea is to leave the slightest residue of colour in the wrinkles.
- Or you could try the 'Russ Malley' mix: 1 part Tamiya Buff, 1 part Flat White and just the small tip of a paint brush in dipped in Red. You can adjust the colour if too pink by adding more Buff. (Tamiya also offers a skin tone.)
- Or one out of the box, we haven't tried yet, we hear Spotlight is selling a skin tone in their acrylic paint range

Have fun,

Chris, Brian & Mike ---The Short Staff staff.