

LIFE-LIKE

EMD GP-38

#33 COUPLER CONVERSION

1. Remove the body from the underframe by removing the two screws at the center of the chassis.
2. Although not necessary, you can remove the coupler mounting platform from the chassis by removing the small screw at the base of the mount and slipping the platform up over the large mounting post.
3. Remove and discard the clip and x2f coupler.
4. Assemble the #33 coupler according to the instructions with the spring side of the draft gear box on the bottom of the coupler and the lid on the top, do not cement the lid on until correct coupler height has been achieved.
5. Use a #50 drill and drill and tap a hole through the center post and platform for a 2-56 screw. Trim off the centerpost and file flush with the platform surface. Trim off the "I" shaped portion at front of the left side wall. Fit the #33 draft gear box to the platform. File the side walls at an angle until the coupler box fits over the hole. Make sure the coupler is centered and secure with a 2-56 screw of appropriate length. You may completely trim off both side walls if you wish, but the coupler box will be a little more secure if the side walls are left on.
6. Check for correct coupler height, function, and clearance. If the coupler is too low, mount the coupler without the lid. Make any adjustments necessary.

