

CC8800 Conversion to Mammoet-Part V

Hello again group. Back from the Bristol NASCAR race and I am working hard on finishing the model. I took a couple of days off from work and have been very busy putting on the decals to complete the crane.

I first did the cab before the railings were on. After that I did the crawlers, the winch assembly, and the carriage-leaving the counter weights for last. Each counter weight requires three decals. That's 270 decals to cut out and apply. First thing I did was to buy a paper cutter to help speed up the process. After cutting out all the decals I decided to make a jig to hold the counter weights in the exact same position each time, and allow me to do it without having to open and close the hobby vice each time.

I built a jig that could be held in a hobby vice in any direction. The first side was built so that it could line up with the 45 degree corners on each edge. The second part of the jig holds the counter weight straight so that the Mammoet decal could be applied. I put on the decals on one side of all the counter weights using the jig set to the right. Re-adjust the jig and did all of the left side. Flip the jig over and all the straight sides could be done. And several hours later (about 7 of them) they were done!

Next up is assembly; however I have some more fabrication to do. I am replacing all the plastic pendant lines with braided cables and clasps-bought from the radio controlled plane store. It will involve some measuring and some soldering to make up the correct lengths and I plan on doing that during assembly. So it should be just one more post At least for this project!

Thanks for looking!

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