



Compartment Inserts for Lima TAM

The Lima TAM represents a NSW Railways sleeping car built between 1913 and 1929 with ten compartments to sleep twenty passengers. Fifty one cars were built to this design. Each compartment contains two bunks, a small washbasin with water supply and two small wardrobes. Built on a steel underframe the construction inside the car is completely of timber with a varnished finish. They had a pressed metal ceiling throughout.

To remove the roof/window assembly apply light pressure to one of the four clips on one side of the window glazing while applying light pressure to lift the roof off, continue with the next clip and so on until the roof/window section comes out of the body.

The longer acrylic compartment piece contains the conductor's compartment, glue the dividers into the long face. The divider with the letter C is the conductor's divider with a door opening in it. The divider with the letter S has a step to clear the mouldings in the Lima TAM body. The divider with the letter T is located at the toilet end of the insert. The acrylic face has the doors cut out, these can be covered with the thin styrene sheet if the doors are to be closed, note also the small windows to the compartments are cut out. The spreader is glued onto the dividers to give rigidity to the assembled insert.

The same procedure applies to the smaller insert for the other end of the car, but there is no conductor's compartment in this end of the car.

Once the inserts have been assembled they can be painted to simulate wood colour and glued in place in the car and then the roof/window assembly can be re-installed.

