

# Real rust!

## DEVELOP REAL RUST ON ALMOST ANY SURFACE

**Model Rail's great new Scenic Rust was developed at our request by Deluxe Materials. CHRIS LEIGH has been experimenting with a pack...**

When Darren first introduced me to our previous Instant Rust system I was fascinated and could see tremendous potential for it. However, supplies from the USA via France were always difficult and after September 11, obtaining chemical products from the USA became even more difficult. So, we asked Deluxe Materials to come up with an alternative product and the result is even better.

My one reservation about the original rust was that it was intended for making full size items, iron gates, castings and so on, look 'antique'. Though the rust looked OK in 7mm:1ft scale and passable

for 4mm, the smaller the scale of the model the more overscale the rust tended to look. Scenic Rust, however, is designed for models, so it makes rust of better scale appearance which could even pass muster on 'N' gauge models.

One of the reasons for this is that the ingredients of the 'rust' are not pre-mixed. Instead of a thick grey paint-like substance, Scenic Rust uses a mixture of binder and rust powder prepared by the modeller. You can



Above: The rust effects on this wagon were created with our previous Instant Rust but the new product can be used in exactly the same way.



### SCENIC RUST: HERE'S HOW YOU CAN DO IT...



**1** First, you need to dispense a few drops of the rust binder from the screw-capped dropper bottle. You don't need very much rust to create a realistic effect.



**2** The rust powder can then be added, using the pipette or the stirrer, until a smooth paste is achieved. Too much rust powder and the mix will simply stick to the brush, not the model.



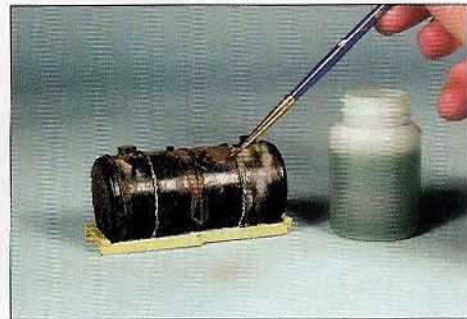
**3** Using the small mixing pot and the plastic stirrer, mix the binder and rust powder to a paste which is liquid enough to settle into the details of the model.



**5** To obtain a more pronounced rust effect, paint patches of the model with the binder and then sprinkle rust powder on the surface while the binder is still wet.



**6** The subject of this rusting exercise is a resin-cast boiler from a Lledo lorry load. This was the effect of rust development after just a few minutes without using the rust developer.



**7** In order to fully develop the rust, apply the blue liquid rust developer with a fine brush. If you use it sparingly you'll get a subtle effect. Soak it, and you'll get thick rust!