

N Scale Vehicle Association

"For the modeler and collector of 1:160 scale vehicles and equipment"

Easy 'N' Inexpensive
ways to enhance the
Con-Cor Freightliner COE semi-tractors

Steps for enhancing the Con-Cor Freightliner cab-over engine semi-tractor

Use silver paint or paint pen for headlights

Blacken grill openings with black marker, remove excess with toothpick

Replace wheels and axles with Atlas LNT-9000 or other wheels

Make new (longer) rear axles from 0.039 inch music wire (for Atlas wheels)

The length of the front axle is all right, but the backs of the front wheels will need to be filed some to fit between the Con-Cor mounting clips

New mirrors can be made from 0.015 inch music wire and 0.06 X 0.01 Evergreen styrene strip (optional to replace the factory supplied mirrors)

Mud flaps from Evergreen styrene strips (0.03 X 0.03 and 0.01 X 0.156)

Paint wheels with acrylic paint

Spray tires and wheels with flat finish

Narrow chassis in area of fuel tanks, remount fuel tanks

Remove exhaust pipes from chassis and relocate closer to back of cab

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Steps for enhancing the Freightliner cab-over engine semi-tractor (continued)

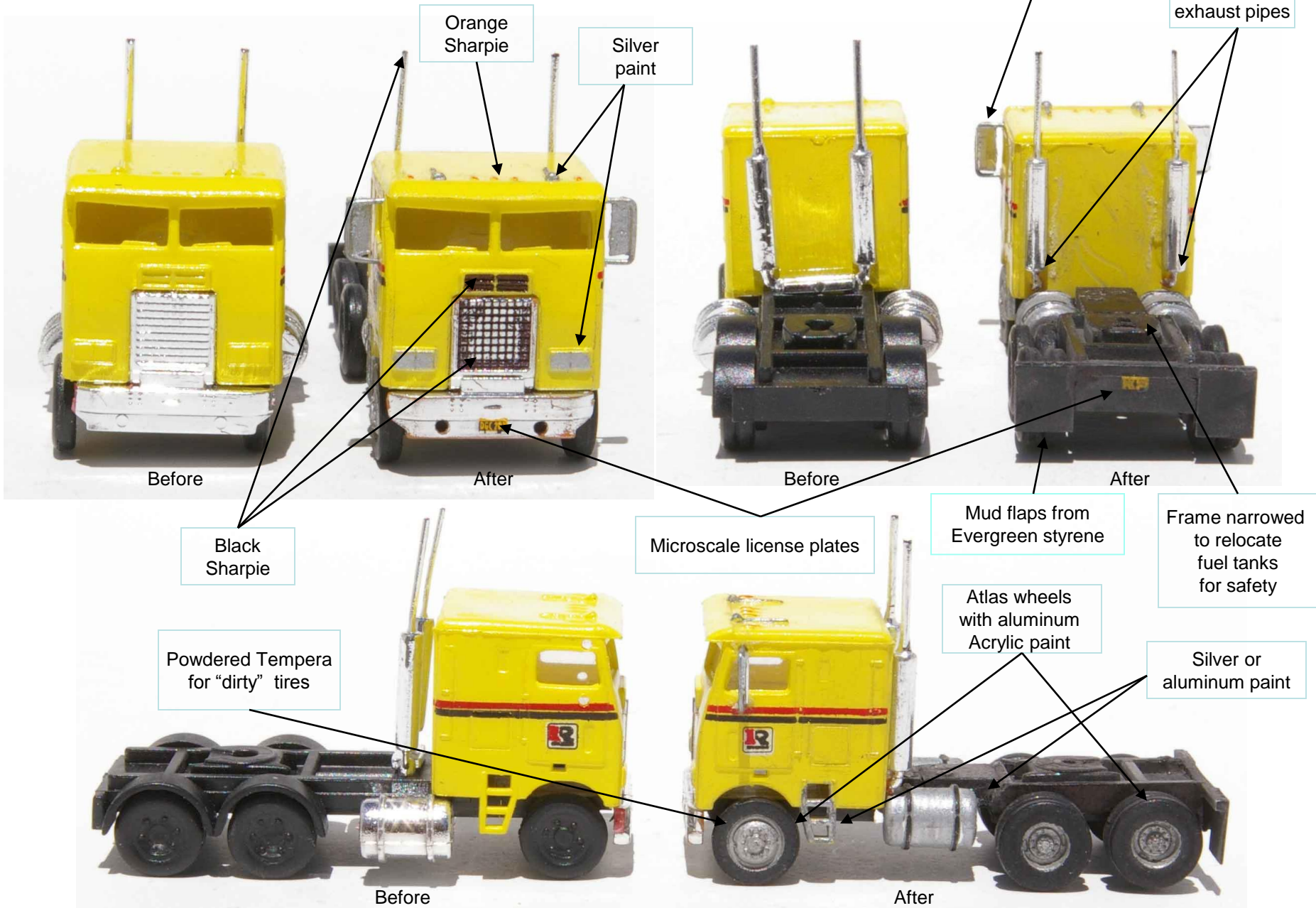
Blacken top of exhaust pipes with marker

Decal license plates (optional)

Shorten or lengthen chassis (optional)

Selective weathering with powdered Tempera paints

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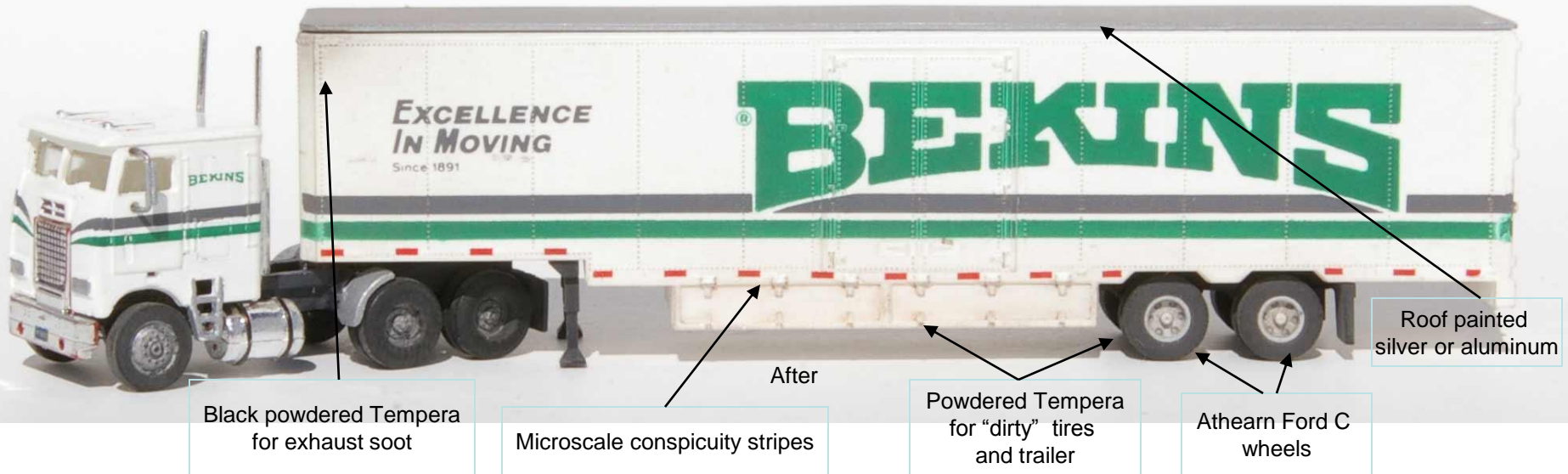


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Before

The Bekins tractor received enhancing similar to the Ryder tractor.



After

Black powdered Temperra for exhaust soot

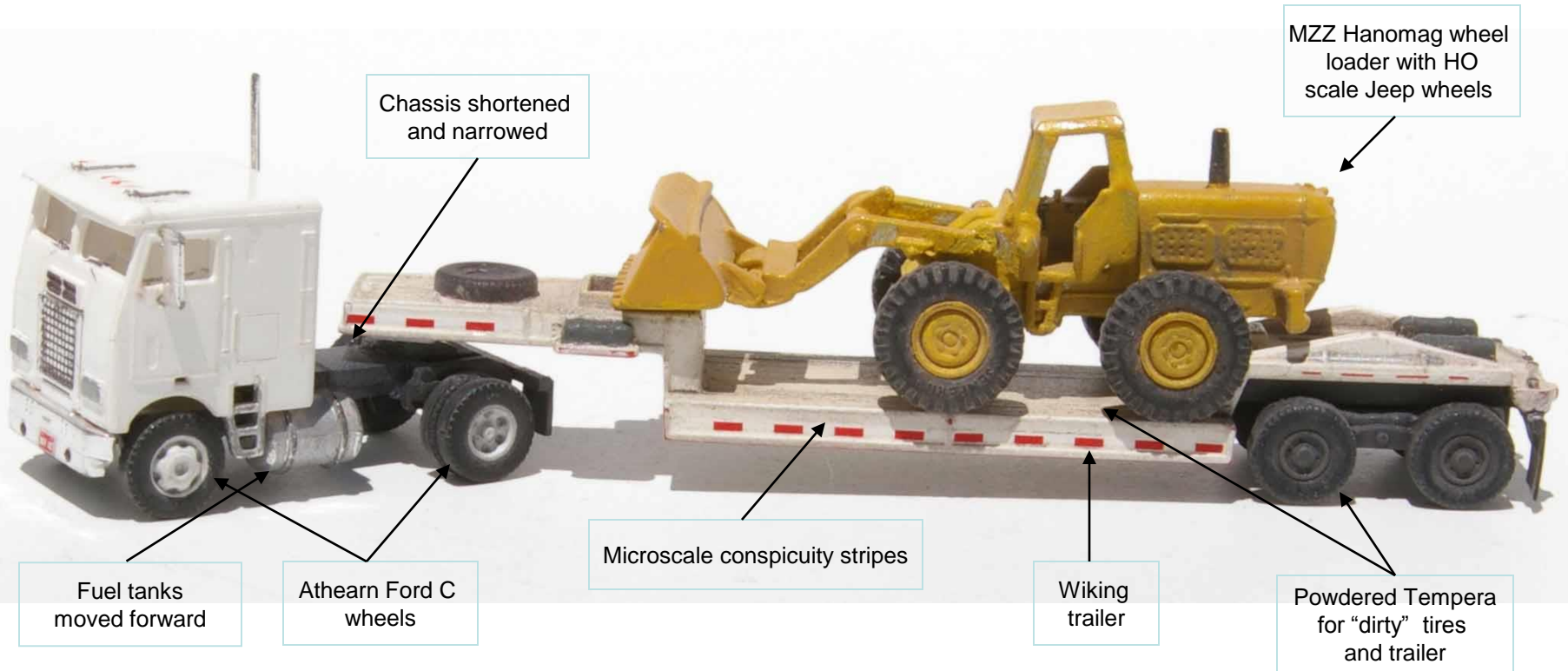
Microscale conspicuity stripes

Powdered Temperra for "dirty" tires and trailer

Athearn Ford C wheels

Roof painted silver or aluminum

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Challenges

The tooling for these trucks is showing its age (more than 25 years old) but they are plentiful and relatively inexpensive to acquire. While the thought of sacrificing the wheels from a perfectly good model may not be very appealing, the idea here is to add more variety to your truck fleet without having the toy-like stock Con-Cor wheels distracting from your efforts.