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### The Coupler People®





# Kadee 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car



## Kadee® HO-Scale Freight & Passenger Wheel Sets

All Kadee<sup>®</sup> Wheels are Non Magnetic Free Rolling Contoured Axles with RP-25 Contour Wheels. (Twelve sets per package)







#521 36 inch Ribbed code 110 ......\$12.49



36 inch Smooth code 110 .......\$12.49



#523 33 inch Ribbed code 110 ......\$9.99



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This series is to help answer the many questions about Kadee® products and to provide "Helpful Hints" to modelers using our products. Sam the Answer Man will only be available after 1 to 4 p.m. PST Mon-Thu to answer your Kadee® related questions or e-mail him at mail@kadee.com Sometime this year Sam will be retiring.

### Sam the Answer Man: #174 August 2021 "Couplers"

We're still celebrating our 75th Anniversary and as best we can document September 1946 is the official month Kadee® was started by the twin brothers Keith and Dale Edwards. Thus the name "KADEE" K for Keith and D for Dale adding EE for double Edwards.

NOTE: We have released a newer version of our "Twin Rail Spiker" in a limited Anniversary Gold finish edition. Once the Anniversary edition is sold out a black anodized version will be available. Most of the internal components are the same as the original spiker. We have tried to keep the costs down but modern tooling costs are astronomical no matter what. For more info see our web site and last months flier.

We have had a few people ask if our HO logging cars can be converted to HOn3 narrow gauge. I would not recommend converting the #102 skeleton or #103 Truss cars because of their size, weight and width as the center beam and bunks are die cast zinc. There is an Australian modeler that sent me his way of converting our #104 logging caboose's body to HOn3 narrow gauge. He managed to mount a HOn3 truck centered to the cabooses's underbody. He had to do some trimming for wheel clearance and I don't remember what he done for the couplers, he did have couplers attached to the underbody but he didn't mention what he used.

The #1 scale #822 #823 #1904 and the G scale #904 have a straight solid bar shank with no draft gear box or centering system. These speciality couplers are designed for custom fitting in places that a functional draft gear box won't fit. Like in some locomotive's pilots where your only option is to slip a solid shank coupler into the small opening. As long as the opposing coupler has a centering draft gear box the solid mounting will work just fine.

Years ago I spent a great deal of time doing coupler conversions as most models were still equipped with factory installed the X2F "Horn Hook" couplers. Now all new models come with some version of a knuckle coupler Kadee®, Bachmann's EZ-Mate, Athearn's McHenry, Walther's Proto Max, or such. "Almost" anywhere these non Kadee® couplers are used; they usually are easily replaced with our #148 whisker coupler. This is why we do not list individual new models in our coupler conversion information. If you acquire a new model and want to convert to a Kadee® coupler start with a #148 coupler "before" you contact us as what coupler to use. After you've tried the #148 and if you found it doesn't fit correctly or work properly and if you can't figure out the problem yourself and have checked for correct coupler height using a coupler height gauge (#205 or #206) then contact us. This applies to all scales as well.

If you do have a problem please contact me, preferably via e-mail, and describe the problem as best you can. I get too many inquiries saying they're having problems with something but no information as to the exact problem of what is or is not working. I then have to converse back and forth with them before I even know what the original problem is. Then, of course, there are those that get overly technical that worry about minute dimensions and tolerances. Keep things simple and clear as possible. I'm a practical, straight forward, uncomplicated guy and I try to use my common sense as much as possible. Remember model railroading is "hobby" to be enjoyed. There are no real train emergencies in model railroading, relax and enjoy.

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