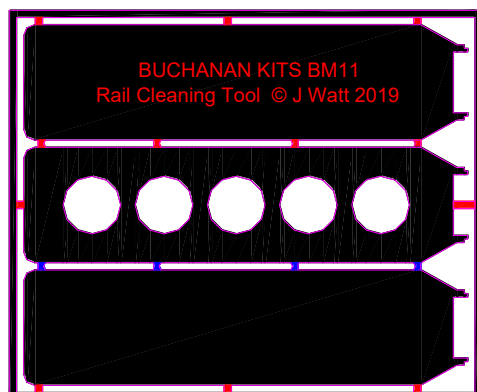


RAIL CLEANING TOOL



This tool is designed to clean the running surface of the rail and burnish it. It can also be used to remove paint from the running surfaces and is designed so that it will not remove paint from or burnish the tops of check or wing rails and will leave the proper polished pattern on the latter. The two prongs will also detect any ballast or other material that might be obstructing check or wing rail gaps.

1. Cut the tags attaching the three layers to the frame, but do not separate the three layers.
2. Fold the centre layer, with the holes in it, onto the back of the layer with the lettering and sweat the two together. The holes will help you do this.
3. Now fold the third layer over onto the centre layer and sweat them together.
4. Carefully remove the hinges and tag remnants but take care not to remove any material from the two prongs or the shoulders outside them. Also round off any sharp edges at the top and sides.

In use, the tool is simply drawn or pushed along the rails, putting even pressure on each rail. At the toes of switches, it is best to draw it through as this will avoid any risk of catching on and distorting their tips.

© J Watt & The 2mm Scale Association 2019