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Greetings fellow Card Modelers,

With the introduction of kits released after September 01, 2014, we're going to do a few things differently. All future releases, and previous ones as they get updated, will be sized to print in O scale, (1:48) with your printer zoom set to 100%. In order to get the other scales, you simply print at a reduced percentage. The following examples are for the most popular scales. S scale, (1:64) is printed at 75%. HO scale, (1:87) is printed at 55%. N scale, (1:160) is printed at 30% and Z, (1:220) is printed at 21.8%. In order to get other scales not listed here, simply divide 48 by your scales ratio to full size. EG, if you are doing 1:400, you would divide 48 by 400 and get 0.12, so you would print at 12%. Sorry, but you can't enlarge in the same way. You will run out of space on the typical 8-1/2" x 11" sheet. We are also moving to a one price for all scales policy. Historically, O scalers were paying more for basically the same data that N scalers were paying very little for. So now everyone pays the same amount and gets the same data. Some pay a little less than they used to, some a bit more that they used to.

One of the things that we will be doing to the kit files to make this practical will be to remove most, if not all of the instructional text from the kit sheets. If we didn't do this, by the time you reduced from O to Z, you wouldn't be able to read anything. Instead, all kits will come with a set of standard data sheets that apply to all kits. On them will be things like bending and cuttings conventions that will be indicated graphically instead of by text. You will also get a lot of information about all aspects of card modeling. You will find everything from paper and glue selection to setting up your printer and how to make things appear even more 3D. I hope you will find this way of doing things much more user friendly. It is definitely helping us to streamline our operation, which is what we need to do to get you the kits you want on a much shorter and regular schedule. We do realize that this is not a perfect scenario, as those of you working in the smaller scales will end up with a lot of blank white paper. We apologize for this, but we know that you will find many uses for this extra material. We will be working on a way to automatically print multiple scaled pages on a single 8-1/2" x 11" sheet, but this may take a while to get working.

Cordially,

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