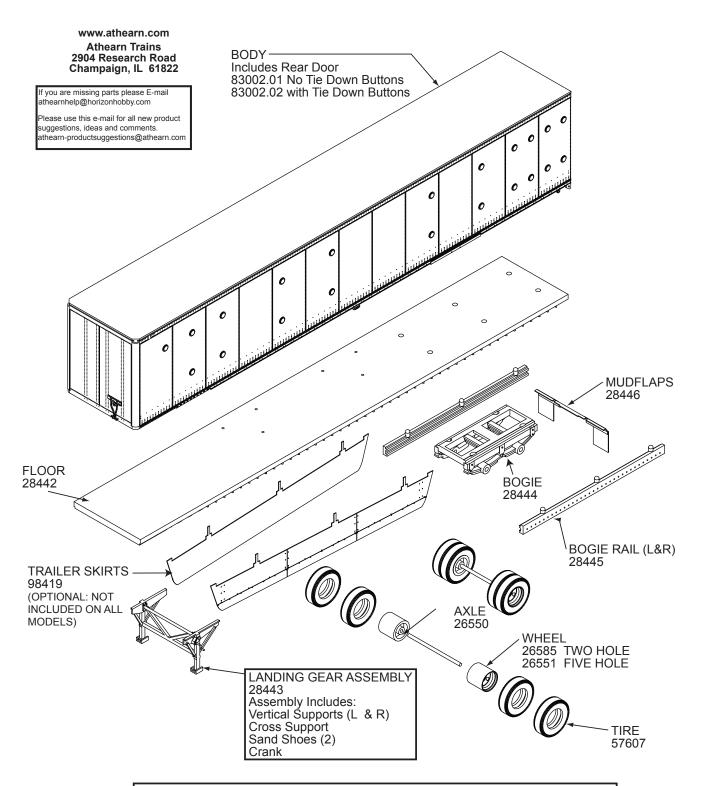


thearn = 53' PLATE TRAILER



WHEN LOADING TRAILERS ON SOME INTERMODAL FLATCARS, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THE TRAILER LANDING GEAR IN THE "UP" POSITION. THIS IS TO CLEAR ANY RUB RAILS OR RISERS ON THE CAR DECK, MUCH LIKE THE PROTOTYPE. IN ORDER TO DO THIS WITH YOUR ATHEARN MODEL, SIMPLY REMOVE THE LANDING GEAR SAND SHOES (THESE ARE ATTACHED WITH MOVABLE GLUE), THEN CLIP AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF MATERIAL FROM BOTH LANDING GEAR LEGS. SHORTEN THE LEGS TO THE DESIRED APPEARANCE, THEN RE-ATTACH THE SAND SHOES TO THE LEGS WITH PLASTIC CEMENT OR CA ADHESIVE.