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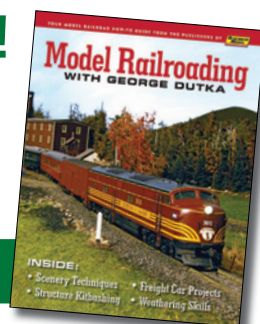
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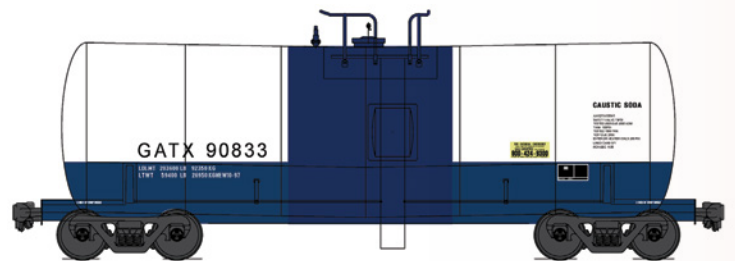
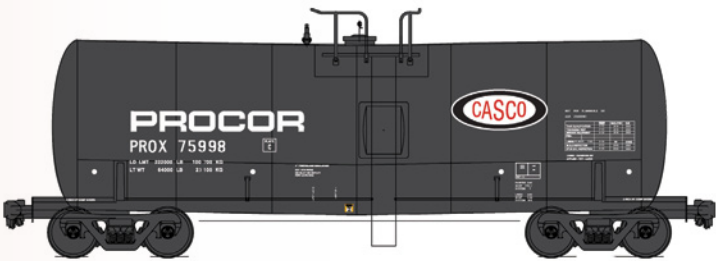
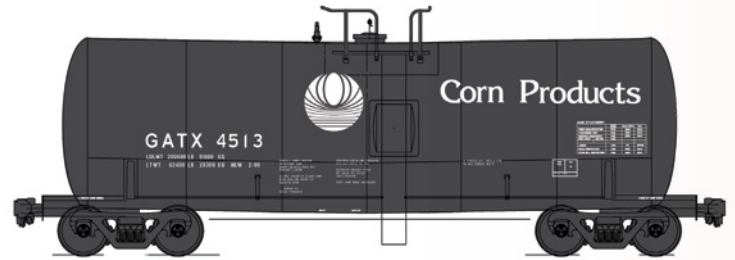
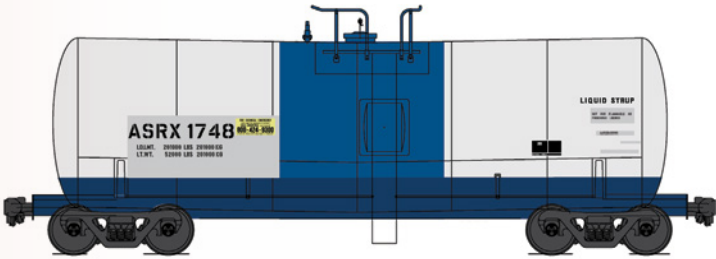
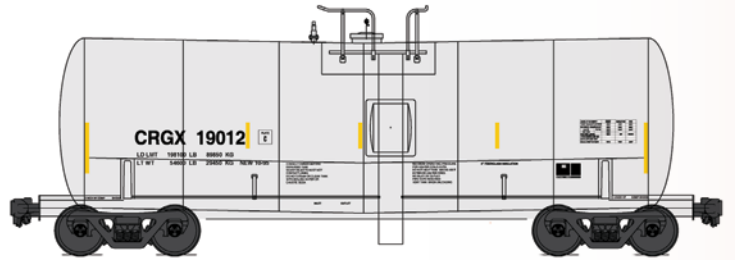
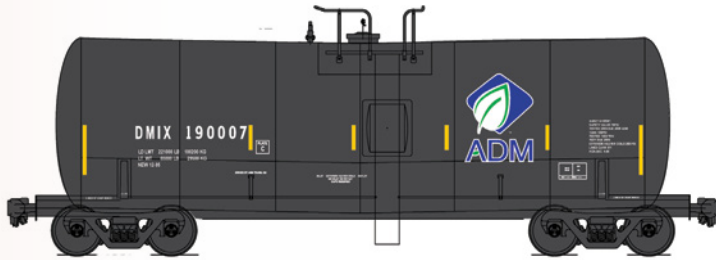
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— Tony Cook, editor

Right: Union Pacific 7609 rolls westbound by Kansas City's Union Station in February 2020 with a string of empty flatcars. — Tony Cook photo



THINGS WE'RE DOING

It appears we need to find some models for Randall Pratt to review... he seems to have time on his hands. Actually, Mr. Pratt's regular gig involves sound and lighting and he helps make a wide range of events come to life. As part of his work, Randall travels quite a bit.

He recently shared views of a trip on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*. This journey took place in October 2023. *MODEL RAILROAD NEWS* reader Adam Pinales (shown below in his Amtrak uniform) was the conductor for some of the more scenic portions of Randall's journey.

Amtrak 75, looking well-worn and certainly contemplating retirement, led Randall's run and is shown near Glenwood Springs, Colo., on October 17, 2023. Athearn has a much-anticipated and frequently asked about Genesis run of these P42 diesel locomotives due soon in HO scale.



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Greenbrier 110-ton flatcar is an all-new HO model coming from Walther's Proto



Above: This is a preproduction sample of the coming Walther's Proto HO-scale 89-foot Greenbrier TTX 110-ton flatcar model. The release will debut this summer with five TTX looks offered in several road numbers.

HO — Walther's will add an 89-foot Greenbrier TTX flatcar to the hobby manufacturer's Proto series. Planned to ship this summer, the newly tooled model reproduces a North American prototype seen on the rails since 2018. The flatcar can handle heavy military vehicles and containers (two 40-footers or four 20-footers). Details and features will include dual tie-down

chain channels on the deck, positionable container pedestals, separately applied cable straps and brackets, and factory-installed wire grab irons. The die-cast underframe will possess full, separately applied brake and air rigging. The fully assembled Walther's Proto 89-foot Greenbrier TTX 110-ton flatcar model will ride on 36-inch metal wheels mounted in accurate roller bearing truck

sideframes. The decorated offerings (illustrations shown below) include TTX-TPDX (military use), TTX-XTTX, TTX-JTTX, TTX-PTTX, and TTX-TPDX. The model carries a \$64.98 suggested retail price. In addition to decorated models, Walther's will offer an undecorated version of this all-new model.

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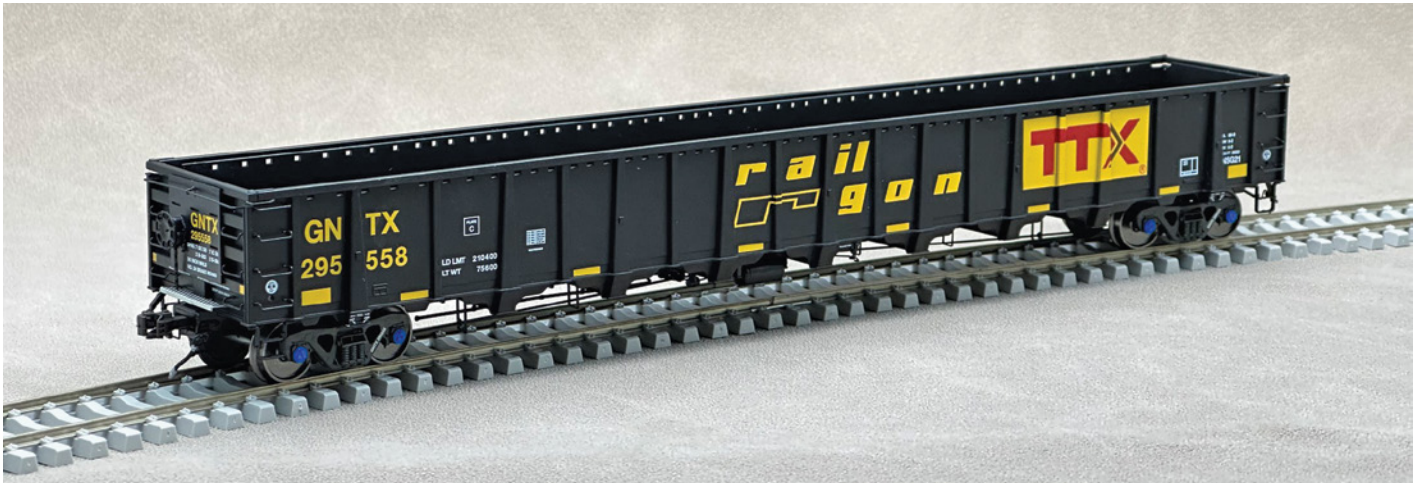
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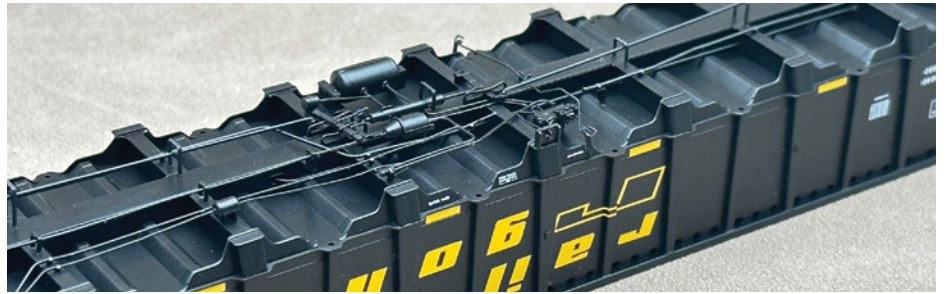
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Aurora Miniatures will soon deliver first of two HO gondola models



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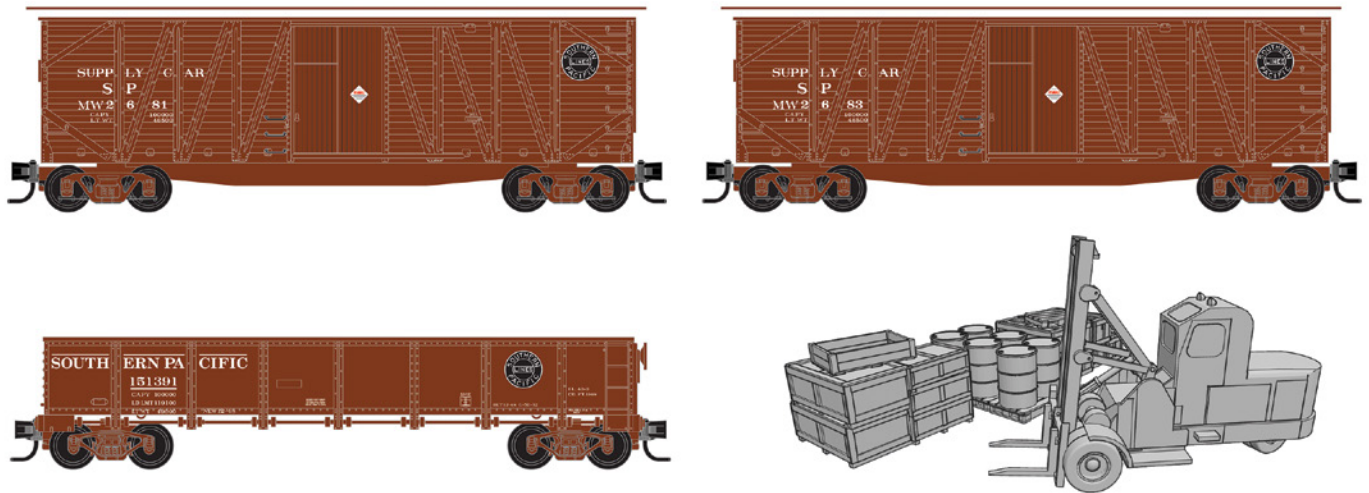
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Southern Pacific Supply Car set in N scale from Micro-Trains Line comes with accessories



N – Micro-Trains Line (MTL) plans a January delivery for its Southern Pacific Supply Car 3-pack with accessories release. This N-scale offering includes two single-sheathed wood boxcar models with sliding doors. The Mineral Red cars include a black-

and-white Southern Pacific Lines herald, and white lettering noting the equipment as “Supply Car” with maintenance-of-way reporting marks. The set also includes a gondola in similar Southern Pacific decoration. In addition, MTL will include a forklift and

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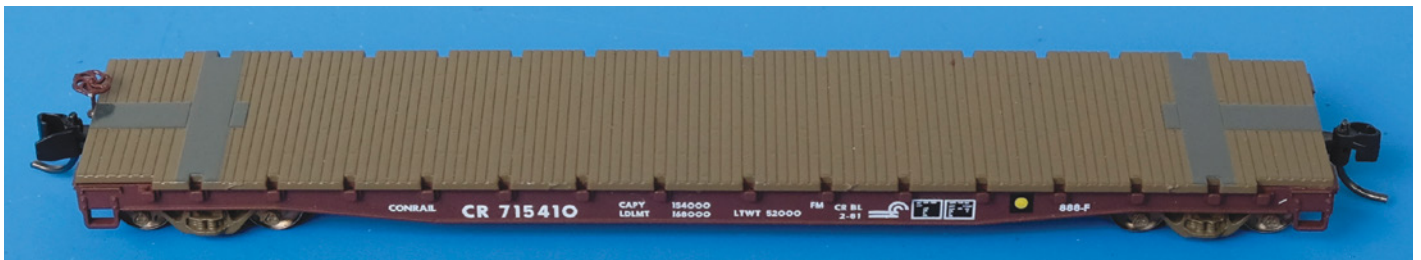
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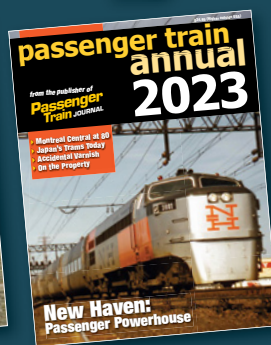
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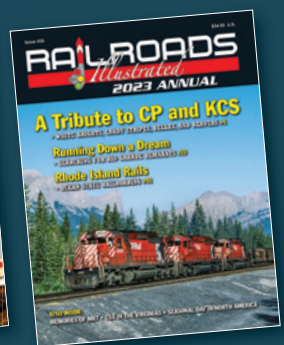
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First production HO-scale GP16 model nears delivery from InterMountain Railway Co.



HO — These are only a portion of the road names due in the first production of an HO-scale GP16 diesel locomotive from InterMountain Railway Co. This four-axle locomotive was Seaboard Coast Line's effort to rebuild first-generation Electro-Motive Division Geeps (GP7, GP9, and

GP18). The program commenced in 1979 and by late 1982 there were more than 150 examples of GP16s in service. Following their Seaboard (and later CSX) careers, these units have gone on to work for various short line roads.

This 1:87 effort follows InterMountain's prior Paducah Geep

rebuild (see "InterMountain Railway's All-New HO GP10" article in June 2017's *MODEL RAILROAD NEWS*). The standard DC GP16 retails for \$229.95, while DCC-sound models list for \$319.95. This offering will come fully assembled and ready to run.

InterMountain Railway Co., intermountain-railway.com

Rivet Counter HO-scale AC4400CW release coming this summer from ScaleTrains



HO – ScaleTrains will have a new production of its highly detailed AC4400CW diesel locomotives available by the end of the July. This group of Rivet Counter offerings features several road names and a variety of paint schemes, including Kansas City Southern's (KCS) 2000 locomotive (illustration shown above) wearing NAFTA decoration. Regular gray KCS models will be in this run, as will Union Pacific (yellow and red sill versions), Chicago & North Western (Operation Lifesaver look, shown right), CEFX (shown right), CSX ("Spirit of Dante" shown right and regular YN2 scheme), and Ferromex (Zebra scheme shown right and Diabla green and red scheme). Visit ScaleTrains online for more information on these coming HO-scale models.

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Wheels of Time N-scale head-end cars for use with RailSmith passenger car series



N — Wheels of Time will offer a collection of head-end cars commissioned by RailSmith Models to match that company's popular "Build-a-Train" series of N-scale passenger car offerings. Wheels of Time will sell these limited editions direct from its website.

The group will include Great Northern storage mail cars decorated in orange and green for use with *The Western Star* series. Louisville & Nashville cars will include arched roof and clerestory roof models for use in *The Pan American* train series. Frisco's train *The Meteor* will be included in this production with

arched roof with utility vents and clerestory roof offerings. Northern Pacific's famous *North Coast Limited* in its 1947 version is the look for Wheels of Time's baggage car model coming in three road numbers. You will be able to add head-end cars decorated for New York Central's *The Wolverine* service. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy cars are also due this summer. The assembled models will include adjustable draft gear, drop-equalizer passenger trucks, and more. Visit Wheels of Time's website to order yours.

Wheels of Time,
wheelsotime.com/special-railsmith-models/

Above: These preproduction examples show the two styles of roofline coming on Wheels of Time's N-scale Louisville & Nashville baggage car models. These cars are designed to fit in with RailSmith Models' Louisville & Nashville passenger car offerings for the road's *Pan American* train.

Below: The railroads represented in this group of N-scale plastic head-end car models coming from Wheels of Time will include Louisville & Nashville, Frisco, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, New York Central, and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Individual models list for \$49 and 2-packs will be available for \$95. This production of head-end car models is expected in June and will only be sold direct to hobbyists from Wheels of Time.



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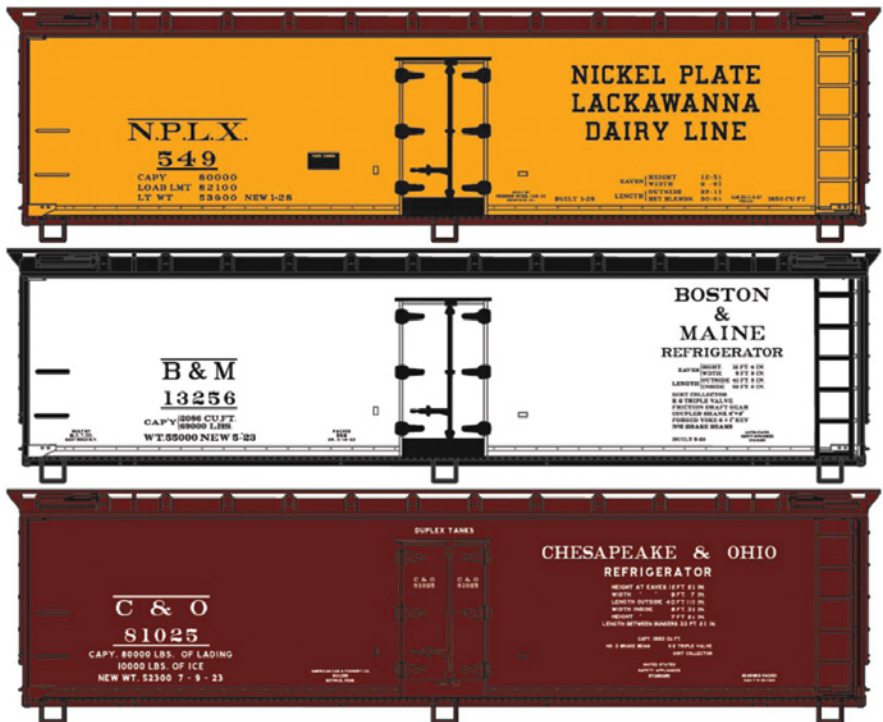


N – The N Scale Enthusiast (NSE) offers an Atlas-made caboose sharing the decoration of Union Pacific's 1943 diesel locomotive. The caboose model is a limited-production release and only offered via NSE.

Visit The N Scale Enthusiast online to learn more about the group, its publication, and its special model offerings.

The N Scale Enthusiast, nscaleenthusiast.com

Limited-run wood reefer kits in HO-scale from Accurail



HO – This collection of 40-foot wood refrigerator cars is a limited-run offering from Accurail. These plastic HO-scale freight cars come with trucks and couplers and sell for \$21.98 each

or are available as a set selling for \$61.98. The group includes Nickel Plate Lackawanna Dairy Line, Boston & Maine, and Chesapeake & Ohio.

Accurail, accurail.com

EMD SD38 returning from Athearn in early 2025 with DCC-sound and sound-ready DC models

HO — Athearn will include speakers in its coming production of HO-scale SD38 diesel locomotive standard DC models (MSRP: \$169.99). LED lighting will be included for all models in this release, with functional roof beacons and ditch lights where appropriate. You'll also find SD38s coming with DCC and SoundTraxx's Econami audio (MSRP: \$239.99). General Motors' Electro-Motive Division built more than 100 SD38s between 1967 and 1971. The major U.S. buyer was Penn Central with 35 units; from this roster Athearn will offer Conrail repaints, post-Conrail units painted for Norfolk Southern, still newer ex-PC units in Cargill service, and a GATX Locomotive Group lease unit (a Primed For Grime release carrying a \$10 premium over the price of regular HO SD38 models).

Athearn Trains, athearn.com



Above: McCloud River Railway 38 is an example of EMD's uncommon SD38. The road bought three SD38s (36–38), and the road's livery changed over the years. Athearn will reproduce this brown scheme and will offer all three McCloud River road numbers in this coming release. — *Jim Boyd photo, Kevin EuDaly collection*

Below: The other looks coming in February 2025 for Athearn's new production of HO SD38s include Conrail, Norfolk Southern, Cargill, and GATX Locomotive Group. The models will be fully assembled and available in standard DC (MSRP: \$169.99) and equipped with DCC and SoundTraxx Econami sound (MSRP: \$239.99).



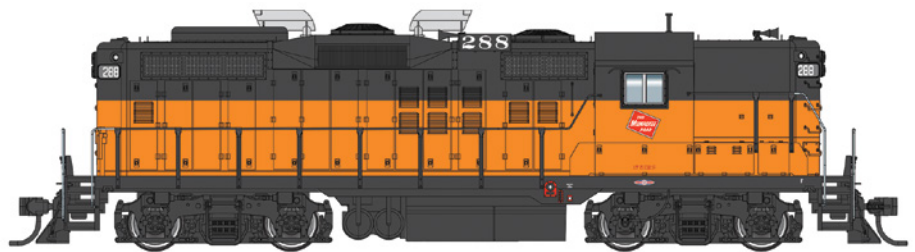
Phase II and III GP9s in spring 2024 delivery from Walthers Proto

HO — Walthers announces a new production of HO-scale Electro-Motive Division (EMD) GP9 diesel locomotive models, which are due to arrive at your hobby dealer in the spring. The detailed reproductions will present Phase II and Phase III spotting features, plus a range of road-accurate attributes. The popular GP9 came to North American railroading in the mid-1950s and examples can still be found at work today. This run's offerings are Boston & Maine, Grand Trunk Western, Illinois Central, The Milwaukee Road, Norfolk & Western, and Pennsylvania Railroad. The road names will come in two road numbers for models equipped with DCC and ESU LokSound 5 audio and two numbers for the DCC-ready (21-pin socket) standard DC model. The model will include wire grab irons and photo-etched lift rings, in addition to (accurate for each road name) air horn, antenna, and other details on the plastic body shell. The model will include a die-cast underframe with body-mounted metal Proto MAX knuckle couplers. An undecorated GP9 will be available in limited quantities, this release will include dynamic brake and non-dynamic section for the long hood, 48-inch fans, and 1,600-gallon fuel tank. Visit Walthers online or check with your hobby dealer for specific details on each of the road names in this HO-scale GP9 release.

Wm. K. Walthers, Inc., walthers.com



Above: The Milwaukee Road 288 is at Savanna, Ill., in January 1976. Walthers will offer this road number with details matching this later era appearance in the coming production (illustration shown below).— William Edgar photo, courtesy Walthers



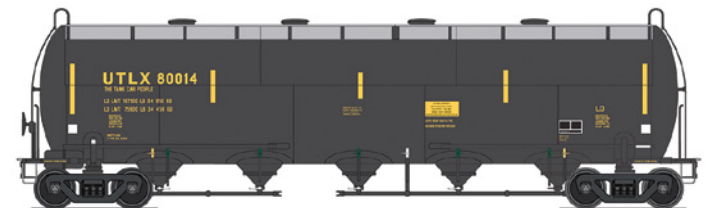
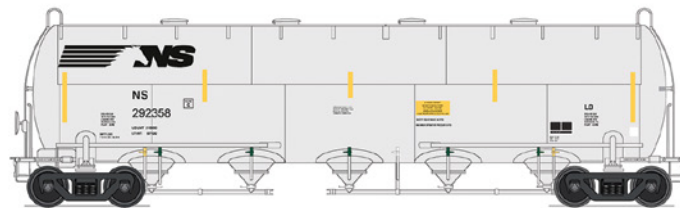
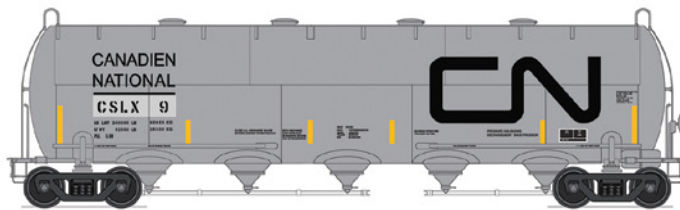
Above: A spotting feature differentiating EMD's Phase II GP9 production from the later Phase III offerings is the change from pairs of 36-inch fans on the roof (as shown on the Boston & Maine and Grand Trunk Western illustrations shown above at the left) to a single 48-inch fan as shown on the rest of the road names in this coming production. This Walthers Proto HO-scale GP9 diesel locomotive will come in standard DC version (MSRP: \$199.98) and with ESU's LokSound 5 and DCC (MSRP: \$299.98).

InterMountain reannounces HO-scale Procor Pressure Flow hopper release



HO – InterMountain Railway Co. recently revised plans for its coming production of Procor Pressure Flow hopper car models. Four new paint schemes (illustrations shown below) are to be part of this run, along with five formerly released decorations (three are shown on this page from a prior release), and three previously announced road names have been canceled. The assembled HO freight car model lists for \$64.95 with no specific release date set at press time. Visit InterMountain Railway Co. online or inquire with your hobby dealer for more information or to make a reservation.

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The N Scale Enthusiast offers special livery Norfolk Southern cabooses



N — The N Scale Enthusiast teams with Atlas Model Railroad Co. for a series of specially decorated N-scale Norfolk Southern caboose releases. There are five color combinations in the Flowing Horse Mane series (shown above) and an Operation Awareness & Response caboose (shown at right). Members of The N Scale Enthusiast pay \$39.50 each for these collector offerings, with sets of two similar decorated cabooses (with unique road numbers) selling for \$69.00. Visit The N Scale Enthusiast online to learn more about the group, its publication, and its special model offerings.

Above and Below: These Atlas caboose models are specially made for The N Scale Enthusiast and only available through this group. Each Norfolk Southern caboose in this series includes two road numbers. The models are sold individually and in sets of two cabooses in matching paint schemes with unique road numbers. The assembled models include knuckle couplers.

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Accurail adds special run road names for HO wood reefer kit

HO — These 40-foot wood refrigerator car models are special run kit releases offered direct from Accurail. The kits sell for \$21.98 each and include Bridgeman-Russell Dairy Company, Oscar Mayer Meats, and Dewey & Almy Chemical Co./Multibestos.

Accurail, [accurail.com](https://www accurail.com)



Menards Collectibles adds CenterFlow hopper to O-gauge line



O — Menards Collectibles introduces an all-new O-gauge freight car model with the arrival of this colorful Canadian National two-bay hopper car. The model follows American Car & Foundry's popular CenterFlow design and is a limited-edition release. Each model comes with a unique road

number and the decoration is based on an early 1970s Canadian National series of promotional rolling stock. This fully assembled O-gauge model consists of a multi-piece, molded plastic body with added see-through metal roofwalk surrounding the four separately applied loading hatches.

The nearly 10-inch model comes with metal wheels and working metal couplers and will navigate curves as tight as O-27 radius. This CenterFlow hopper model sells for \$34.99 direct from Menards.

Menards Collectibles; [menards.com](https://www menards.com)

Walthers plans winter delivery for new group of HO-scale Proto tank cars



HO — Walthers will have a new collection of highly detailed Trinity 30,145-gallon tank car models available during 2024's first quarter. The Proto-series replica comes fully assembled with see-through etched-metal walkways and end platforms, factory-installed grab irons, fully rigged underbody with separate brake cylinder, brake piping, and more. The model will include stand-up brake and modern handrails on the ends. This large tank car will ride on 36-inch metal wheels and the car will come equipped with metal Proto MAX knuckle couplers. The road names for this run are Archer Daniels Midland, Candian General Transit (CGTX), General American Marks Company (GATX), Global Ethanol (TILX), North American Tank Car Line (NATX), Renewable Products (NATX), Trinity Industries Leasing (TILX), and Valero Marketing & Supply (VMSX). Each road name will be offered with four road numbers. This limited production HO-scale Proto Trinity 30,145-gallon tank car carries a \$44.98 suggested retail price.

Walthers, walthers.com

Right: Big tank cars are common in North American freight train consists. This shiny example is similar to the style tank car Walthers will offer. TILX 199355 was rolling westbound on a Union Pacific run through Atchison, Kan., on June 4, 2023. — *Tony Cook photo*



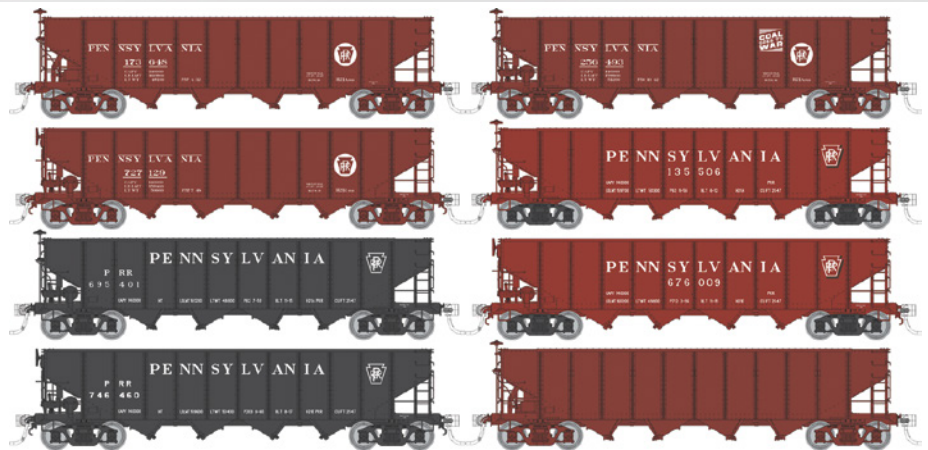
Enterprise covered hopper announced for HO scale by Rapido Trains



HO — Pennsylvania Railroad's (PRR) H21 class hopper first entered service in 1909 with the initial production of this 50-ton car. The cars received 70-ton trucks and moved from carrying coke to coal (H21a class). This class of open hopper with four bays was PRR's standard for decades with more than 39,000 built. Reference information shows more than 140 were still on the rooster at the start of Conrail in 1976. In addition to hauling coal, these hoppers carried other minerals like ore, gravel, and limestone. Revisions came to the cars in various forms including changes in the brakes, top edge stiffening cords, and other spotting features.

Rapido Trains will bring this classic Pennsy hopper car to its line of high-quality HO-scale rolling stock offerings. The company's first production will tackle PRR's H21a and H21e versions. The assembled plastic model will possess a die-cast chassis and will include K or AB brake systems, interior detail, separate wire grab irons, semi-scale metal couplers, and more. There are several Pennsy decorations announced (illustrations shown above at the right) covering many eras for the two classes. The model carries a \$54.95 suggested retail price. Rapido will offer 6-pack sets for \$329.70. The deadline to reserve this model is March 15, 2024.

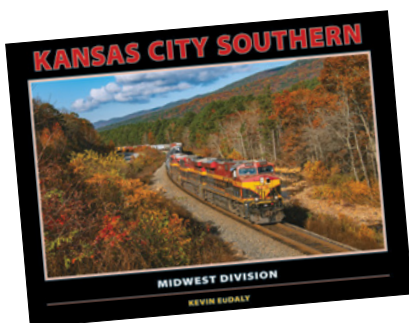
Rapido Trains, rapidotrains.com



Below: Pennsylvania Railroad 179378 is an example of the road's H21a class hopper car and is one of two styles coming from Rapido. A major spotting feature for this version is the vertical brake staff on the end of the car. — *photo courtesy Rapido Trains*

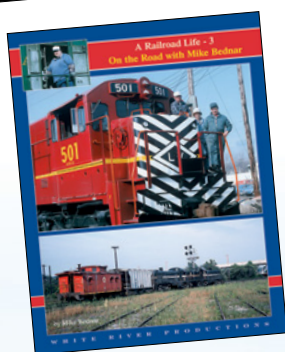


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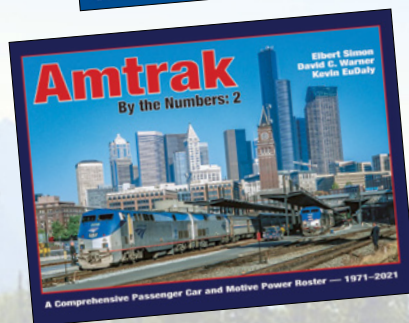
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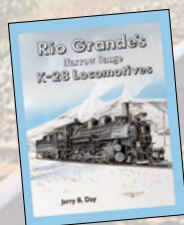
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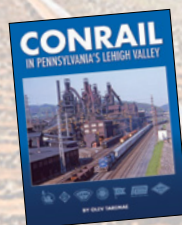
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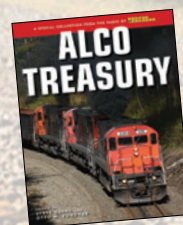
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Limited-run wood reefer kits in HO-scale from Accurail



HO — Lionel expands its officially licensed Anheuser-Busch HO rolling stock line with these two coming reefers: white with black Malt Nutrine (2454150) and red with blue sides This Bud's For You (2454160). The fully assembled HO reefer car includes opening doors, metal wheels, and metal knuckle couplers. These releases are expected in 2024 and retail for \$32.99 each.

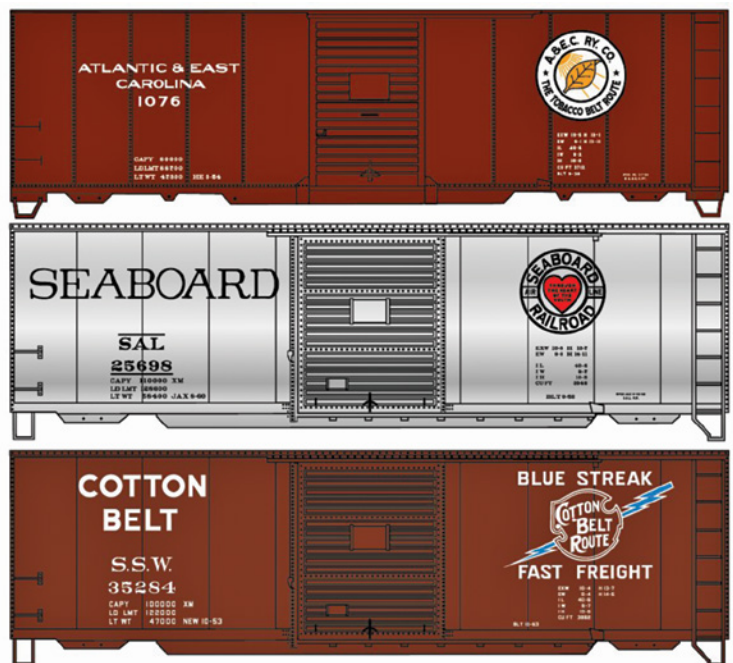
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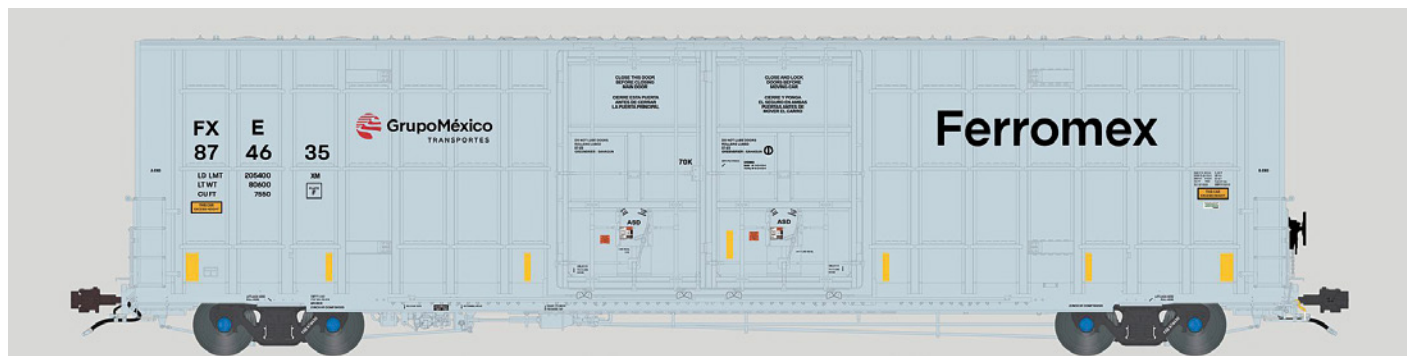
Accurail offers special run road names for its HO-scale boxcar kit

HO — Accurail adds three limited-run 40-foot steel boxcar kits to its line. Each kit retails for \$20.98 and comes with all the parts to create your own ready to operate HO freight car. The road names include Atlantic & East Carolina, Seaboard Air Line, and St. Louis Southwestern/Cotton Belt. Visit Accurail online to order these models, which are only being sold direct by the manufacturer.

Accurail, [accurail.com](https://www.accurail.com)



Aurora Miniatures adds Ferromex road name for HO 7550 high-cube boxcar release



HO – Aurora Miniatures will add the Ferromex road name to its coming collection of Greenbrier/Gunderson 7550 excess-height boxcar models. This highly detailed 60-foot exterior-post freight car retails for \$59.99 and is due from Aurora Miniatures during 2024. The fully assembled boxcar will come with the company's own knuckle couplers, and will ride on metal wheels. The other road names coming include yellow Trailer Train/TTX cars in two lettering styles, the new yellow Union Pacific look with BKTY reporting marks, blue GATX cars with BKTY and LRS reporting marks, and Mineral Brown UCRY cars. All offerings will include multiple road numbers. This is the first production for this boxcar from Aurora Miniatures.

Aurora Miniatures, na.auroraminatures.com

Above: This gray GrupoMexico Transportes Ferromex decoration is a late addition to the road names coming from Aurora Miniatures for its all-new HO-scale Greenbrier/Gunderson 7550 high-cube boxcar model.

Facing Page Top: The other road names include many familiar looks commonly seen trackside in North America. The yellow Union Pacific decoration is a recent change for the road and features raised reporting marks and data.



Above: This is an early preproduction sample of Aurora Miniatures' coming 60-foot double-door boxcar. This tall "Plate F" freight car is a common one to spot today. This is the first release for the company of this 7,500-cubic-foot-capacity boxcar model. The car will include many separate details. — Aurora Miniatures photo

Below: BKTY 158053 is a fresh example of the bright blue GATX leasing look. This contemporary 60-foot boxcar was rolling westbound through Lancaster, Kan., on a late summer day in early September 2023. Aurora Miniatures will offer this look in HO with BKTY and LRS reporting marks. — Tony Cook photo





Above: TBOX 633931 is an impressive freight car. This new example was captured in western Nebraska in July 2023. This 7,550-cubic-foot-capacity, excess-height car is an AAR “XP” class and resides in TBOX’s XGH61C class. This is the prototype for Aurora Miniatures’ coming HO boxcar. — *Tony Cook photo*

Right: TBOX 666384 rolls eastbound near Julesburg, Colo., in July 2023. This car shows the need for raising reporting marks, road number, and data north on the sides of contemporary rolling stock. This TBOX class XNH61 fleet member is similar to Aurora’s high cube; however, you’ll note this example features traditional vertical exterior posts and lacks the horizontal ribs shown on the TBOX above, which is Aurora’s prototype. — *Tony Cook photo*



Tangent Scale Models delivers new group of HO-scale 4427 hoppers



Above: These are the road names and paint schemes available in the latest and third production of 4427 covered hopper car replicas from Tangent Scale Models. This Southern Illinois Railcar hopper (below) is a patched Missouri-Kansas-Texas car and mid-1990s prototype.

HO — Tangent Scale Models delivers a new group of its Pullman-Standard 4427 covered hoppers in HO scale. This replica is the “high hip” version of this three-bay freight car. Models in the run cover looks from 1960s as-delivered examples to later era second owners. The releases in this run retail for \$52.95 and come ready to run with metal wheels and Kadee scale-head knuckle couplers. Tangent offers two versions (with and without jacking pads) in an undecorated/assembled release; there is also a kit available. Visit Tangent Scale Models online to see more pictures and the rest of the company’s line of fine-quality HO-scale offerings.

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Bowser announces new production for HO Executive Line Baldwins

HO — Bowser announces a new collection of its Executive Line HO-scale Baldwin diesel locomotives is expected to arrive during October 2024. The assembled models depict early diesel era switcher models: DS 4-4-660, VO-660, and S-12. The road names, which will come with road-accurate details, cover owners from when the locomotives were new to secondhand and more contemporary users. The analog DC model lists for \$199.95 and models equipped with DCC and ESU LokSound carry a \$299.95 suggested retail price. Check with your hobby dealer to reserve yours.

Bowser Mfg., bowser-trains.com



Above: Southern Pacific 2125 is from the third of four orders the road placed for Baldwin S-12 diesel locomotives. The last two orders included the large light package on both ends of the unit. The lack of full side handrails along the hood puts this S-12 in the third group, which was originally numbered 1492–1513. This S-12 came from Baldwin as SP 1505, was transferred to subsidiary Texas & New Orleans as its 122 in 1956, and came back to SP's roster as 2125 in the late 1960s. — *Photographer unknown, Kevin EuDaly collection*



Enterprise covered hopper announced for HO scale by Rapido Trains



HO — Rapido Trains has set February 15, 2024, as the reservation deadline for its first production of an HO-scale two-bay covered hopper model. The prototypes for this model are New York Central's (NYC) Enterprise 747-H class (750 cars built beginning in 1948) and Canadian National's (CN) home-built car. The production will cover much ground with respect to eras of operation and owners. NYC built cars for its own roster and for subsidiary roads. In addition, Penn Central cars will be offered for covered hoppers repainted beginning in 1968. CN releases will include original brown with white lettering, gray car with red, and more. In addition, Rapido Trains will offer undecorated covered hopper models in NYC and CN versions. The ready-to-run HO model will be loaded with separate details and retils for \$54.95. No delivery date is set; check Rapido Trains' website or inquire with your hobby dealer for more information.

Rapido Trains, rapidotrains.com



Left: Canadian National 53315 is an example of the road's build for this style two-bay covered hopper coming from Rapido Trains in HO scale. The company plans to offer these freight car replicas in single model release and in 3-pack sets. — Jordan Smith photo, courtesy Rapido Trains

EMD BL-2 diesel locomotive arriving soon in HO scale from Bachmann

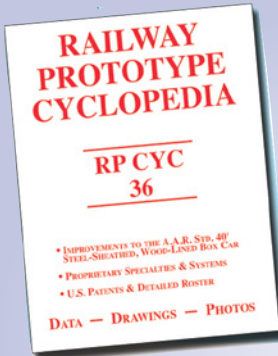


HO — Bachmann will soon ship its first production of Electro-Motive Division BL-2 diesel locomotive models in HO scale. This view shows early samples the

manufacturer received to confirm decoration and details. The fully assembled HO BL-2 will come decorated for the road names shown above: Western Maryland,

Monon, Rock Island, and Chesapeake & Ohio. Check with your hobby dealer for availability.

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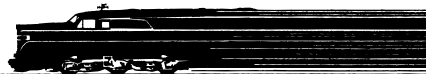


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Thrall 53-foot gondola is back from Walthers Proto in HO scale



HO — Walthers expects to have in stock a new production of Thrall 53-foot gondola models before the end of winter. This model was originally introduced by Walthers in 2007 as a Gold Line release. This new group will be Proto-series offerings with factory-applied ladders and grab irons, detailed brake gear with separate handbrake, and see-through platform. The \$44.98 HO freight car model will ride on 36-inch metals and will come with body-mounted metal Proto MAX knuckle couplers. Buyers will have the option of three road names for each of these road names: Denver & Rio Grande Western (Action Orange with black ends), Illinois Terminal (shown at right), The Milwaukee Road (shown at right), Norfolk Southern (black with white lettering), Soo Line (white with red lettering), Rock Island (shown at right), and Union Pacific (shown above).



Walthers, walthers.com



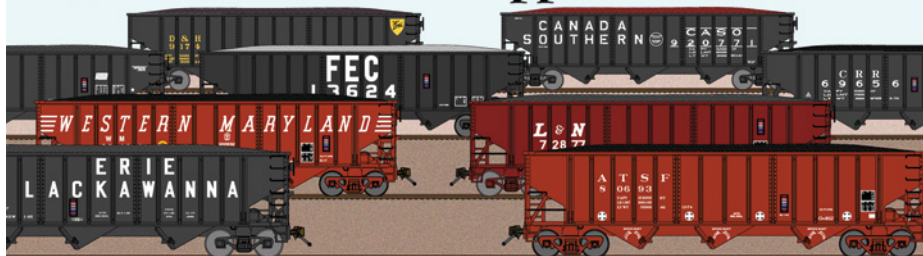
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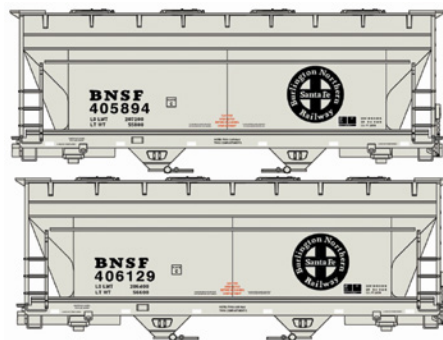
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Centerflow kits in HO from Accurail

HO — Accurail recently released its two-bay Centerflow hopper decorated for BNSF (shown at right) with two road numbers, and the large three-bay Centerflow is offered in Archer Daniels Midland in two road numbers. These HO-scale kits are easy to assemble, come with trucks and couplers, and retail for \$21.98 each.

Accurail, accurail.com



Athearn will have FGE reefers in HO and N with sound in 2025



HO & N — Athearn's Fruit Growers Express (FGE) mechanical reefer model will return in both HO and N for an early 2025 delivery. The models will be fully assembled and road names will include multiple Burlington Northern and FGE decorations, plus Great Northern, Union Pacific, and data only reefers offered in green, white, and yellow for custom lettering projects.

Select offerings (like the faded green Burlington Northern car shown above) will be Primed For Grime releases. This model will be offered with SoundTraxx sound and in a non-sound edition for all road names. Check Athearn online for more information or ask your hobby dealer.

Athearn Trains, athearn.com

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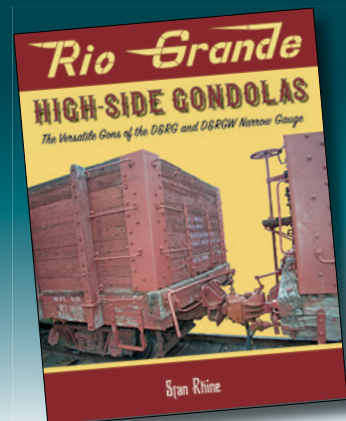


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Atlas announces Premier series SD45 in 2- and 3-rail O scale



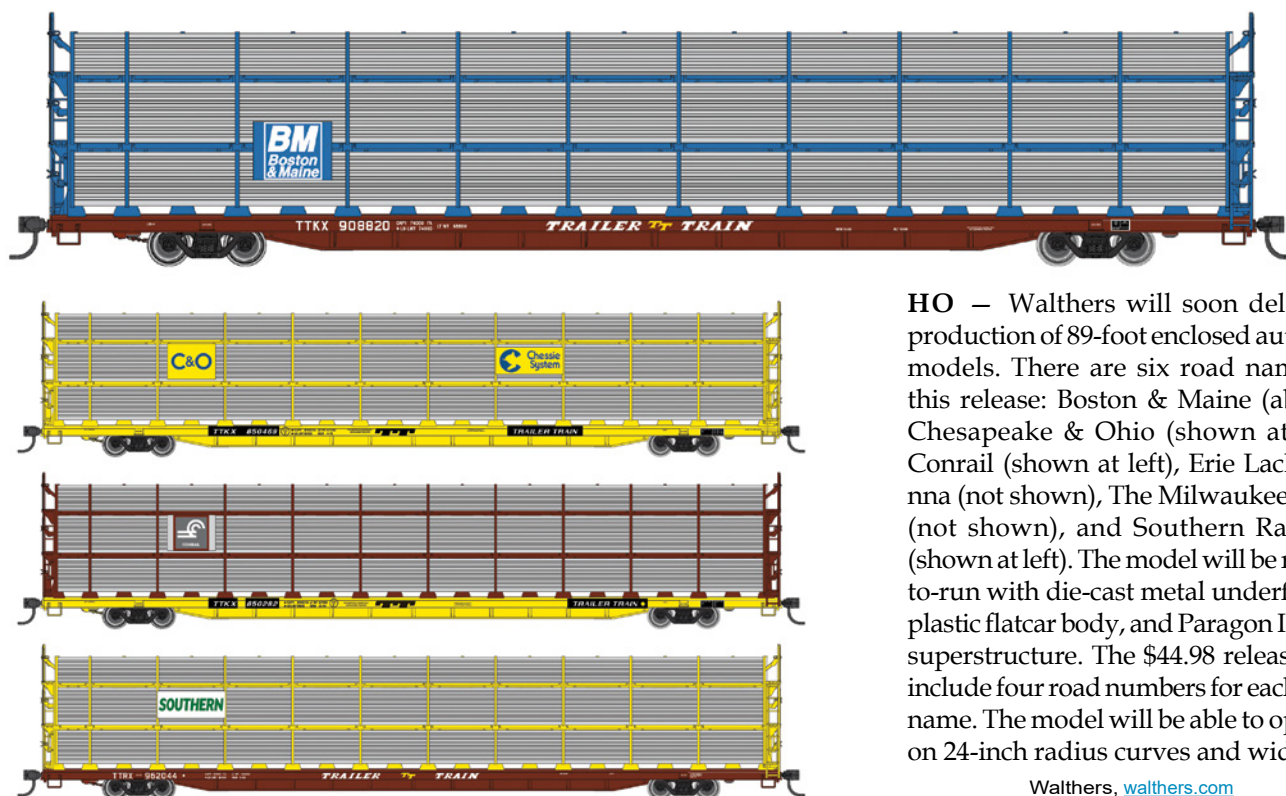
O — Atlas adds EMD's six-axle SD45 diesel locomotive to the company's Premier series of O-scale releases. This assembled 1:48 SD45 will come in the buyer's choice of 2-rail or 3-rail version and both carry a \$639.95 suggested retail price. Two road

numbers will be available for each of the announced road names: CSX, CP Rail, Guilford/Springfield Terminal, Norfolk & Western, Southern Pacific, and Union Pacific. Features of these new Atlas Premier SD45s will include Proto-Sound 3.0 audio, directional

LED lighting, onboard DCC receiver, accurate 1:48 proportions, and more. Check with your hobby dealer to reserve yours. Atlas plans to ship this production during third quarter 2024.

Atlas Model Railroad Company, atlasrr.com

Enclosed tri-level autorack in HO from Walther's Mainline



HO — Walther's will soon deliver a production of 89-foot enclosed autorack models. There are six road names in this release: Boston & Maine (above), Chesapeake & Ohio (shown at left), Conrail (shown at left), Erie Lackawanna (not shown), The Milwaukee Road (not shown), and Southern Railway (shown at left). The model will be ready-to-run with die-cast metal underframe, plastic flatcar body, and Paragon II-style superstructure. The \$44.98 release will include four road numbers for each road name. The model will be able to operate on 24-inch radius curves and wider.

Walther's, walthers.com

The N Scale Enthusiast teams with Micro-Trains and The N Scale Architect for flatcar with boat load

N — The N Scale Enthusiast is accepting orders for a limited edition Union Pacific flatcar with cabin cruiser load. There are three colors offered for the boat load. The replica will reproduce three silver MOW cars that UP returned to short-term revenue service for boat-hauling jobs. This eye-catching release sells for \$82.50. Visit The N Scale Enthusiast online to see the other boat colors.

The N Scale Enthusiast, nscaleenthusiast.com



Bachmann adds N&W's "Spirit of Roanoke" Class-J



HO — Bachmann adds a new look to its Norfolk & Western Class-J steam locomotive with a DCC-sound release decorated with "Spirit of Roanoke" name below the cab windows. This addition to the company's collection of 4-8-4 steam locomotives comes with SoundTraxx steam package audio and digital control of

operation and lighting features. The model lists for \$489 and comes assembled with many separately applied detail parts, knuckle couplers, and more. This HO-scale streamlined steam locomotive is available now from your hobby dealer.

Bachmann Trains, bachmanntrains.com

BNSF firefighter caboose in Z scale from American Z Line

Z — American Z Line offers its fully assembled Z-scale wide-vision caboose decorated in a special red BNSF scheme. The \$55 release replicates BNSF 999000 used as a command center in the railroad's firefighting train operating out of Wishram, Wash. Check online to see the many other road names offered for this model.

American Z Line, ztrack.com



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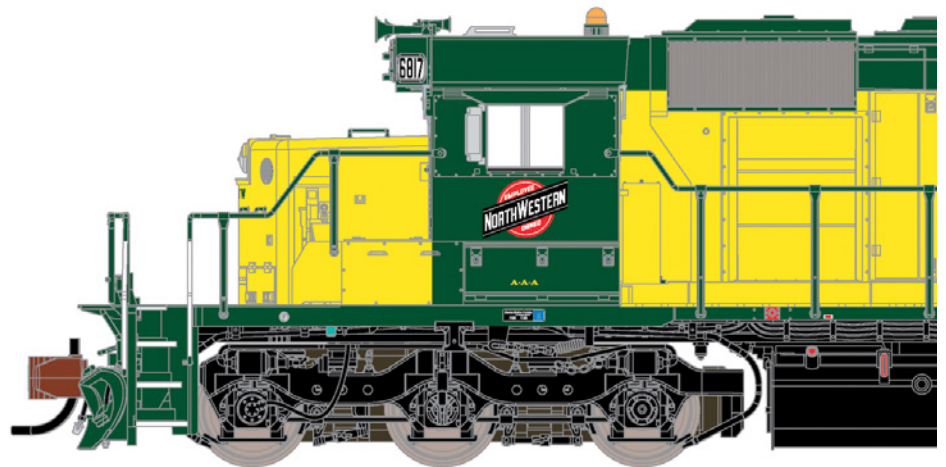
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ScaleTrains announces new production for N-scale SD40-2 coming in June



N — ScaleTrains will have a second production of its Rivet Counter edition SD40-2 diesel locomotive model available this summer. This release will cover multiple production phases for this ever-popular Electro-Motive Division (EMD) “Dash 2” locomotive. The prototype debuted with the introduction of EMD’s Dash 2 line in 1972 and quickly became a top seller and North American standard. Road names in this coming release include Chicago & North Western, Conrail, EMD Leasing, The Milwaukee Road, Norfolk & Western, and Santa Fe. ScaleTrains builds its N-scale Rivet Counter SD40-2 with directional LED-powered headlights and illuminated number boards. The fully assembled replica is powered by all-wheel electrical pick-up powering all axles and a dual-flywheel equipped motor. The plastic shell includes road-accurate details and production-correct body styling. Buyers will find this 1:160 model comes in standard DC setup (with an E24 connector for digital conversion); there is also a Digital Command Control SD40-2 model with ESU-made electronics and that company’s LokSound 5 with “Full Throttle” feature. The sound emits from a single cube-

Above: Chicago & North Western 6817 is paired with SD18R rebuild 6635 at St. Paul, Minn., in August 1986. This SD40-2 is an earlier phase production example and includes the road’s herald with “Employee Owned” lettering; ScaleTrains will offer its N-scale C&NW SD40-2s in this version of the road’s yellow and green with three road numbers with this style herald (below) and three with “System” lettering in the herald (bottom). — John Luckfield photo, Kevin EuDaly collection





type speaker, which reproduces authentic EMD 645E3 prime mover sounds. ScaleTrains states its N-scale SD40-2 will operate on a minimum 9 3/4-inch curve, but recommends best performance and appearance on curves of 11-inch radius or wider. The later phase SD40-2s in this run include Conrail and Santa Fe. Conrail offerings cover original blue sill, later white

sill, and the special livery 6373 with 1992 Olympic Road Trials banner. Santa Fe models will come with 123-inch snoot nose, will wear Yellowbonnet dress, and lettering will be offered showing the as-delivered presentation of the road's name on the long hood and the slightly different appearance for the name following repainting. The Milwaukee Road releases

Above: Conrail will be represented in this coming N-scale SD40-2 release with the road's standard blue scheme offered with blue sill and white sill versions in multiple road numbers. The one-of-a-kind Conrail 6373 wearing a 1992 Olympic Road Trials banner will also be coming this summer.

Below: The Milwaukee Road's SD40-2s stand out with their small (3,200-gallon) fuel tanks. ScaleTrains will offer six road numbers with billboard lettering on the long hood. Norfolk & Western introduced its "NW" image in the early 1970s and revised the look by the end of the decade; ScaleTrains will offer both styles of lettering in this coming SD40-2 run.





will include billboard lettering presentation on the long hood and 3,200-gallon fuel tank. Norfolk & Western models will reproduce one of the road's first purchases of low-hood EMD motive power with two lettering styles. The black Norfolk & Western offerings will come with large "NW" decoration

on the long hood (introduced in the early 1970s) and a later version of the road's livery with the road name spelled out on the long hood. Finally, this run will offer SD40-2s that served in EMD Leasing service in the late 1980s and 1990s. Two EMD Leasing road numbers will come in blue with white repaint

Above: EMD Leasing put SD40-2s into its service pool beginning in the late 1980s. The blue with white paint scheme will be available with two road numbers. The patched Milwaukee Road look will include variations to the appearance on two road numbers.

Below: EMD 6302 is in lease service at Fort Worth, Texas, in September 1989. ScaleTrains will offer two versions of this patched Milwaukee Road livery in its coming N-scale SD40-2 release. — James D. Spears photo, Kevin EuDaly collection





Above: This early 1987 overhead view at Kansas City of Santa Fe 5125 helps show the long snout nose on some of the road's SD40-2s. ScaleTrains will offer this 123-inch nose SD40-2 in this coming production with two lettering styles: as-delivered (below) and repaint (bottom). These Santa Fe models will include beacons and loads of road-specific features as these illustrations below show. — Kevin EuDaly photo

appearance, while two others will wear patched Milwaukee Road livery.

This second production of ScaleTrains N-scale SD40-2 diesel locomotive models is expected to ship in late June. The models with

DCC-sound are selling for \$254.99 each and non-sound DC editions sell for \$149.99. Visit ScaleTrains online or one of its participating hobby dealers to reserve your N-scale SD40-2.

ScaleTrains, scaletrains.com



Turn the page for more SD40-2s...

Prototype Profile Gallery

EMD SD40-2

by Tony Cook with images from the Kevin EuDaly collection



Above: Chicago & North Western 6856 was working at Green Bay, Wis., on June 27, 1986. Note the signature bell mounted in the nose, which will be included on the coming ScaleTrains N-scale SD40-2 models. — Larry Nast photo, Kevin EuDaly collection

Below: The Milwaukee Road 173 shows a well-worn example around the time of the road's takeover by Soo Line. The unit is at Kansas City's Knoche Yard surrounded by Kansas City Southern and Rio Grande power. — Mark Hall photo, Kevin EuDaly collection





Above: Conrail 6360 rolls under a signal bridge in Pennsylvania, and shows the white sill variation to the road's paint scheme. ScaleTrains will offer blue and white sill SD40-2s in the coming production. — *Jim Sacco photo, Kevin EuDaly collection*

Below: Norfolk & Western 6173 is new in this 1978 view and wears the early 1970s "NW" decoration. It was around this time that the road was revising its scheme and later units showed the name spelled out on the hood. ScaleTrains will offer both "NW" and "Norfolk and Western" lettering. — *Photographer unknown, Kevin EuDaly collection*



Big Boxcars

from Class One Model Works



Review by Tony Cook
Model Photos by Pamela Varney

Class One Model Works HO-scale
Thrall 86-foot High-Cube Boxcar
\$59.99

Penn Central (four-door)

Grand Trunk Western (four-door)

The Milwaukee Road (four-door)

Detroit & Toledo Shore Line (eight-door)

Illinois Central (eight-door)

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Above: Class One Model Works adds its first boxcars to the company's line with two versions of Thrall's 86-foot high cubes. The green Penn Central is a four-door edition, while the light blue Detroit & Toledo Shore Line is an eight-door model. The fully assembled HO-scale replicas sell for \$59.99.

86-foot high-cube boxcars, with Thrall being a major contributor to this fleet. This Class One Model Works release is the first contemporary tooling to arrive in HO scale for Thrall prototypes. Whether built by Greenville, Pullman-Standard, Thrall, or others, this big boxcar was a classic 1960s freight car and received bright paint schemes with large decorations representing their owner railroads. Production ceased by the mid- to late 1970s; cars you find today (like the well-weathered Grand Trunk shown on page 49) are around a half-century old. Many remain in their designed purpose of transporting vehicle components, while others handle varied cargo like finished home appliances. By the 1978 close of production, more than 11,000 high cubes were roaming the rails. Thrall's contribution to that total was more than 3,500 cars built from 1964 to 1973.

Though a general appearance spans all these 86-foot high cubes, each builder had signature spotting features. For Thrall examples, you can look for a straight sill and indentions on the sides

of the car. Those depressed sections or pockets reside on the side ends where the ladders sit and on the sides of the doors. The depth of variation on these high cubes is immense, and beyond the scope of the space available here. For a survey of Thrall's production, visit Class One Model Works online and you'll find information from noted freight authority James A. Kinkaid. Mr. Kinkaid's information shared there journeys from Type One cars with running boards on the roof through Type Seven.

The models shown are early production samples shared by Class One Model Works with *MODEL RAILROAD NEWS*. The road names on display were given the green light and checked out by the company. I was privileged to see the coming Santa Fe four-door and Southern Pacific eight-door models, but was unable to include them in this review as revisions to various colors were being ordered prior to the start of the regular production. It is interesting to see and learn about the production process and how a manufacturer in

The first boxcar release from Class One Model Works is a highly detailed reproduction of Thrall's big and tall auto parts carrier. This 86-foot high-cube boxcar debuts with a wide selection of road names and two distinct body styles: four-door and eight-door.

These excess-height boxcars were developed in the 1960s and first saw service on North American rails in handling auto parts. Several famous freight car manufacturers supplied



the U.S. works through the challenges of getting details and decoration, from the design and planning stage to production and final release.

This 86-foot big boxcar has been lacking in 1:87 until recent times. For decades, those desiring a plastic model had two options in Athearn's old "blue box" line (see this issue's "From The Archive" on page 94) and nothing else. Class One Model Works brings Thrall's Type Six prototype with eight doors. Class One Model Works' Illinois Central model appears at the top of the page. — *Terry E. Cook photo*

I find these HO-scale Thrall high cubes to be beautiful renderings of these exciting freight cars. These models look the part and have a solid feel. Tangent set a very high bar with its Greenville high cube, so I was curious to see another contemporary attempt at an 86-footer. I'm pleased to report these Thrall high cubes are excellent.

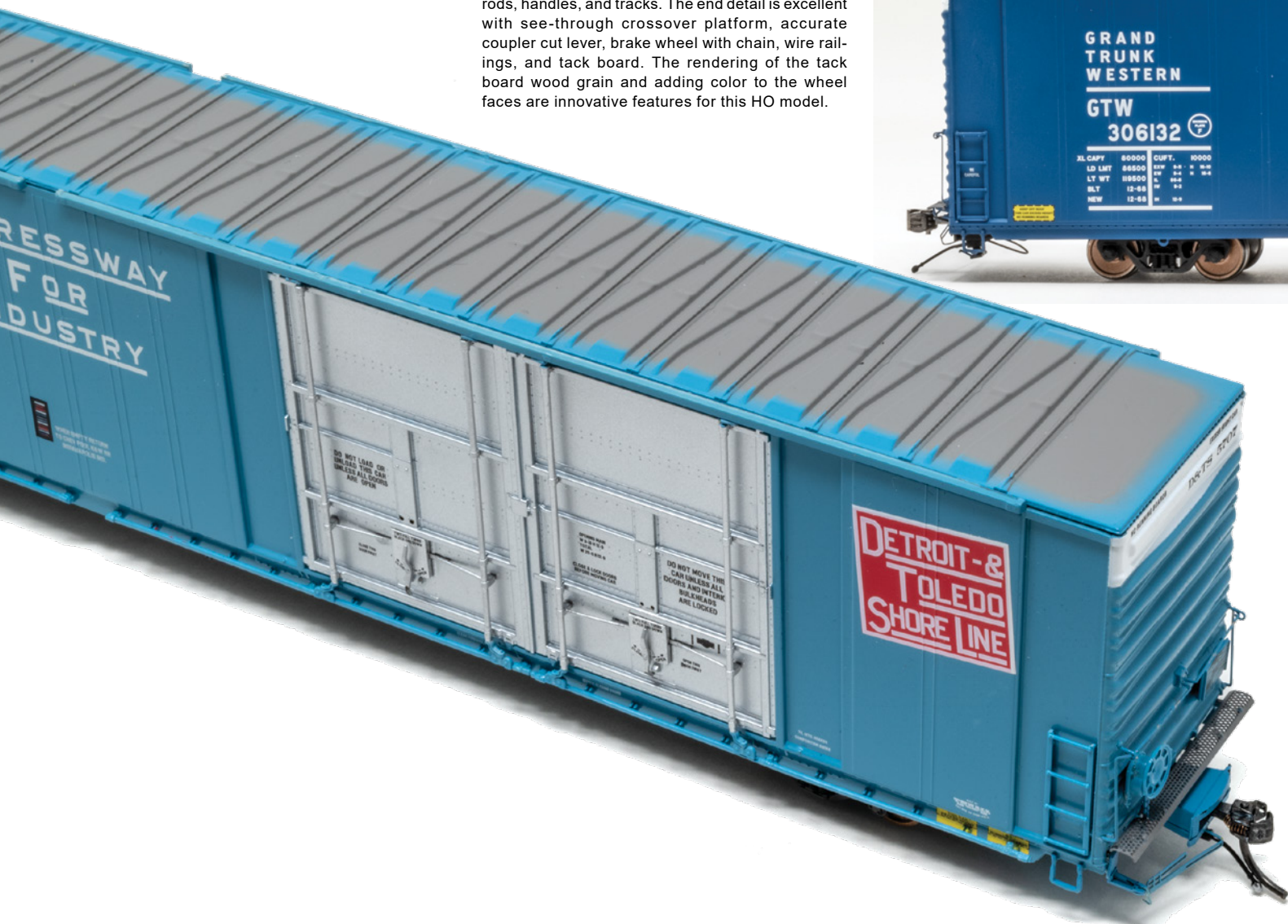
The models weigh in at a bit more than eight ounces. The body shell and detailed underframe is plastic with a metal weight included inside the replica. There are separate ladders, stirrups steps, tack boards, door

Above: Illinois Central 44283 rolls through the East St. Louis, Ill., area in 1969. IC was the only road to roster Thrall's Type Six prototype with eight doors. Class One Model Works' Illinois Central model appears at the top of the page. — *Terry E. Cook photo*

Below: Class One Model Works loads the underbody of its new HO high cubes with plenty of detail. The cushioning and underframe details vary depending on the prototype. Note the color applied to the wheel faces.



Below: The roof is a reproduction of Stanray's prototype. From this angle, you can see the many separate details on the car's sides replicating door rods, handles, and tracks. The end detail is excellent with see-through crossover platform, accurate coupler cut lever, brake wheel with chain, wire railings, and tack board. The rendering of the tack board wood grain and adding color to the wheel faces are innovative features for this HO model.



Above: This striking Milwaukee Road four-door boxcar includes silver roof and Youngstown plug doors. Compare the variation to the silver roof on this Milwaukee example with the look provided to the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line at the top of the page. The roof appearance was not uniform from road to road; some cars displayed overspray color from the sides and others did not.



Above: This Grand Trunk Western four-door boxcar shows you the new appearance for this 86-foot excess-height freight car. These boxcars enjoyed large graphics on their sides and bright paint schemes, which help make them a favorite of railroad enthusiasts. Many of these cars, built in the 1960s and 1970s, survive today as shown in the Norfolk Southern freight train below seen in mid-2023.

Below: GTW 127019 shows an example of this excess-height boxcar still rolling in auto parts service. This car was among a long string of high cubes rolling westbound on Norfolk Southern at Monroe City, Mo., in August 2023. — *Shane T. Mason photo*

details, coupler cut lever, trainline hose, crossover platform, brake wheel with chain, and more. Beyond the highly detailed reproduction, I find the wood grain detail provided to the tack boards (on doors and ends) especially eye-catching. The application of paint to color the wheel faces is another outstanding feature that will likely become a future standard for high-end HO rolling stock.

I measured coupler height with a Kadee gauge and these models lined up dead-on. Class One Model Works

supplies its own metal knuckle coupler that appears to be the size of a scale-head example. The cars ride on metal wheels (which check out to be in proper gauge) with plastic truck sideframes that include rotating bearing caps.

These new Thrall high-cube boxcars are a welcome addition to the HO market and continue to fill a void for these popular 86-foot freight cars. You can purchase models direct from Class One Model Works or via a participating hobby dealer. **MRN**



Here Comes ONR's *Northlander* from Roco



Review and model photos
by Kevin J. Holland

Roco HO-scale
Northlander set
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Fifty years ago, decades before Alstom and Siemens emerged as the new faces of North American passenger railroading, equipment with European origins was a distinct rarity on this side of the Atlantic. Four years after Amtrak made news by importing its first pair of French turbine-powered trainsets in 1973, another group of European passenger trains arrived in North America, with a somewhat more exotic pedigree. These were a quartet of former *Trans Europ Express* (TEE) trains built by a Swiss-Dutch partnership in 1957 for deluxe daytime service linking Zurich, Amsterdam, Paris, and other points.

Five such bidirectional four-unit trains were built, with a twin-engine 1,980-hp diesel-electric locomotive at one end (also equipped with a 300-hp head-end-power [HEP] package) and a cab-control car at the other, operating

under names such as *Edelweiss* and *L'Arbalette*. Aimed at business travelers, the air-conditioned, all-first class 114-seat trains included a dining car, a luggage room in the locomotive, and space for time-saving on-board customs clearance. One trainset was wrecked in 1971, and, as electrification of main lines proliferated, the remaining four were retired in 1974.

They crossed the Atlantic in 1977 to begin a new chapter in their careers, acquired for the provincially owned Ontario Northland Railway (ONR) in Canada to launch a new daytime service — the *Northlander* — between Toronto, Timmins, and (in later years) Cochrane, Ont. Ontario's provincial government had considered acquiring either Canadian-built LRC equipment (still in development at the time) or U.S.-built versions of those French turbine trains, but opted for the four

surplus TEE trains for their combination of luxurious amenities, immediate availability, and bargain price (reportedly \$200,000 per train, which included refurbishing).

ONR's *Northlander* debuted in May 1977, with the trains wearing a variation of the railway's recently introduced yellow and two-tone blue livery and chevron logo, and receiving standard Canadian safety appliances (roof-mounted bells, horn, three-aspect classification lights, ditch lights, and illuminated number boards). The European interior configuration was retained, with a combination of 2+1 coach seating, nine enclosed six-seat compartments, and a 32-seat dining car.

The trains' Dutch Werkspoor diesel locomotives proved problematic when it came to parts supply and winter operation, and in 1979-80 they were replaced with ONR FP7Am loco-



Facing Page: Roco's HO-scale *Northlander* set consists of two end-cab units and two intermediate passenger cars. The set comes ready for operation and retails for around \$500.

tives modified to provide HEP and cosmetically blend at their rear ends with the cars' lower roofline. The *Northlander* operated in this hybrid configuration until 1992, when it was re-equipped with a small fleet of rebuilt former GO Transit commuter cars.

Several HO releases of these trains' TEE configuration have been offered over the years, by Märklin, Trix, Roco, and others, with the happy benefit for Canadian modelers that ONR versions have also been produced. Austrian manufacturer Roco's mid-2021 *Northlander* rerelease, in DC format, is the subject of this review.

Roco's sleeved-box packaging is impressive, with a color photomontage of the enclosed ONR trainset, a large side-elevation drawing of the locomotive's "Canadianized" nose, and the stylized *Northlander* name on the sleeve. Inside the 15.75 x 11.75 x 2.25 inch windowed box, a foam insert cradles each car, nested with clear plastic strips for

easy lifting. A small parts bag contains two connecting bars (for joining two trainsets, something only rarely done on ONR), along with pre-painted bells, Sinclair-type radio antennas, a three-chime air horn, windshield wipers for press-fit mounting, and plugs to fill pilot gaps when those connecting bars are not used. Documentation is limited to a multilingual foldout instruction/diagram leaflet (English/German/French), and separate replacement-part sheets (English/German).

First impressions will bring a smile to anyone with personal memories of viewing or riding this distinctive train, enhanced by the relative improbability of it being produced, with considerable attention to detail, in ready-to-run form. This is not merely a repainted version of the European TEE prototype, but rather an ONR-specific offering retooled to reflect the exterior changes made prior to the trains' Canadian debut. Per the prototype, both the locomotive and cab-control car in this set are numbered 1981. Because some of the *Northlander* route ran over Canadian National (CN), the trains were renumbered a few

Above: Ontario Northland's *Northlander* pauses north of Toronto at Washago, Ontario, in 1979. This four-unit train is the prototype for Roco's HO model. — Carl V. Ehkre photo, Kevin J. Holland collection

weeks after their launch to avoid a conflict with CN equipment. Delivered as ONR train 1901, this set became ONR 1981 in June 1977.

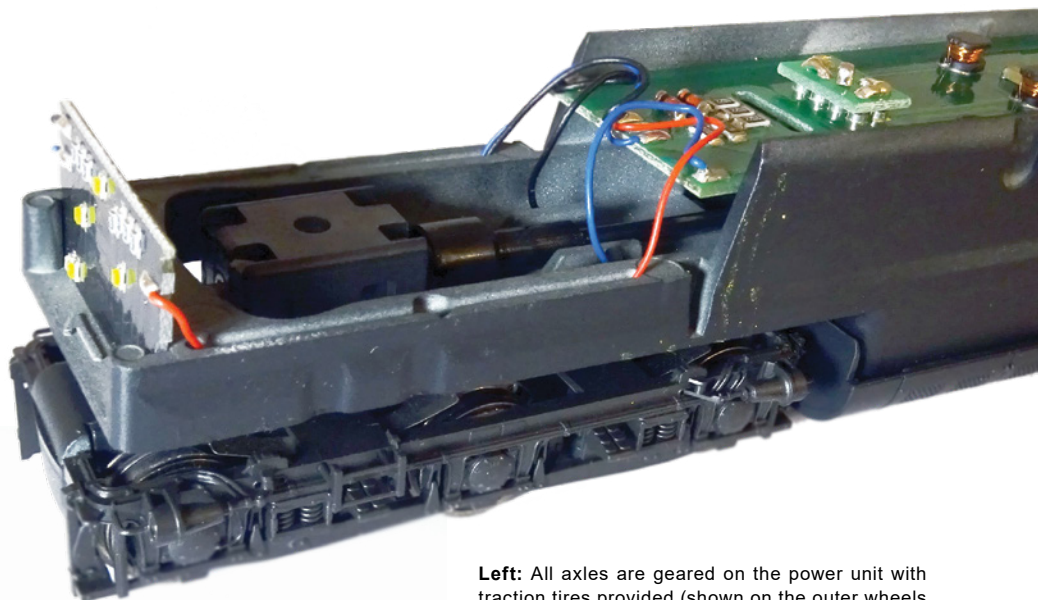
Those initial impressions are confirmed by subsequent close examination. Overall, tooling of the locomotive and cars is crisp and evidence of mold slides is minimal. While treatment of the locomotive's rooftop fan and grille openings is perhaps not up to current standards — relying on tooling to create the illusion of fan blades, grille depth, and lift rings, for example, rather than separate metal parts — the overall result is still very effective, and the two largest roof fans are indeed partially see-through.

Representation of underbody equipment on the three cars is minimal, but is not objectionable as, even at a low viewing angle, this space is largely hidden by the cars' deep skirts. Molded inserts accurately reflect each prototype car's

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Above: Roco's *Northlander* set is made up of two end units and two intermediate cars. These end units, like the other models in the release, include flush-mounted windows and interior detail. Roco offers this set in the silent, standard DC version reviewed, and in a Digital Command Control-equipped set with sound features. A parts bag supplies color-matched details (Sinclair-type antenna, three-chime air horn, windshield wipers) for the locomotive and cab-control car roof area.

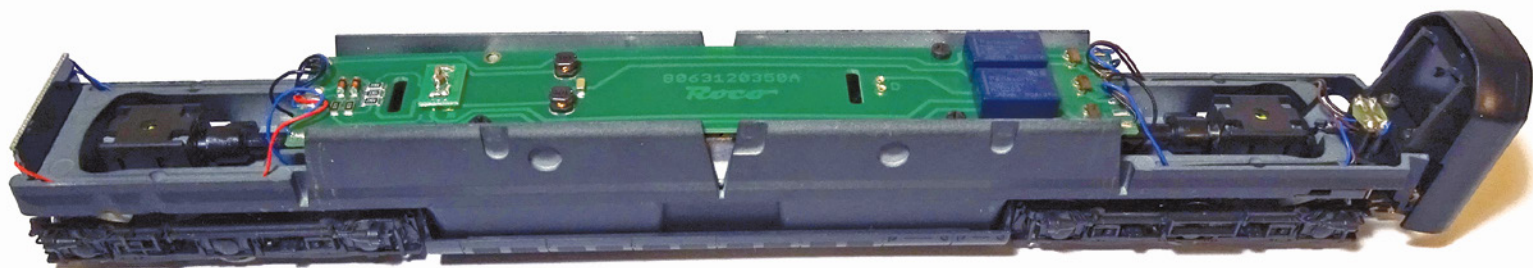


Left: All axles are geared on the power unit with traction tires provided (shown on the outer wheels on this truck). The center axle design includes the ability to float laterally; this helps aid the set to navigate fairly sharp curves as tight as 16.5-inch radius. You'll see good detail on the truck side-frames, though molded-on stirrup steps are obviously a non-prototypical element.



Facing Page: Roco provides LED lighting for its *Northlander* HO-scale equipment. The end units illuminate with directional control. The tail unit will show red (which is not accurate for Ontario Northland service). The number boards light up, while the trio of classification lights are non-functioning.

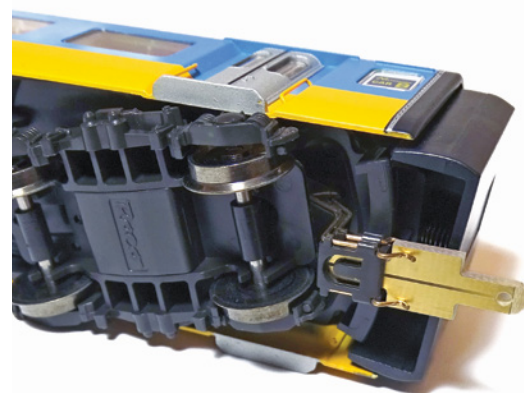
Below: The green circuit board on the standard DC version of Roco's powered end or cab car shows a dummy plug with 8-pin socket for conversion to digital operation if desired.







Above: This model is labeled Northlander Car A in the window area on its far left. Note the separately applied handrails by the entrance doors. This is the compartment car and you'll see the interior divider wall with doors and windows through the car's exterior windows.



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interior configuration (including the diner's kitchen), and are appropriately colored (blue or beige coach seats and red compartment seats) as a starting point for added detailing. All body shells are easily removed by gently spreading the shell above each truck. Car A, coupled to the locomotive, is the compartment car; Car B is the diner (with an 18-seat coach section); and Car C is the cab-control car, equipped with 42 coach seats. Per the prototype, each car is identified with a blue placard in the window beside the boarding doors. In European service, the dining car featured prominent table-top lamps. Although these were removed prior to the *Northlander's* debut, they remain (unlit) in the model's interior and are readily visible through the large windows. They are easily removed by pulling up and out of a tabletop mounting hole, or by cutting at their base.

Exterior paint and lettering is very good, with sharp color demarcations

and crisp, opaque, and accurately sized and positioned lettering. Comparison with prototype photos of locomotive 1981 shows that the lower-edge curve of the model's light blue band is too angular; the corresponding curve on the cab-control car is accurate. Five-color renderings of Ontario's provincial flag appear on both sides of cars A and B, and all were printed in perfect register.

Glazing is flush and clear, with the prototype's metal sashes and window frames represented by finely and uniformly applied silver paint. Although venetian blinds used in all the prototypes' passenger windows are absent, several aftermarket options are available to create this distinctive effect.

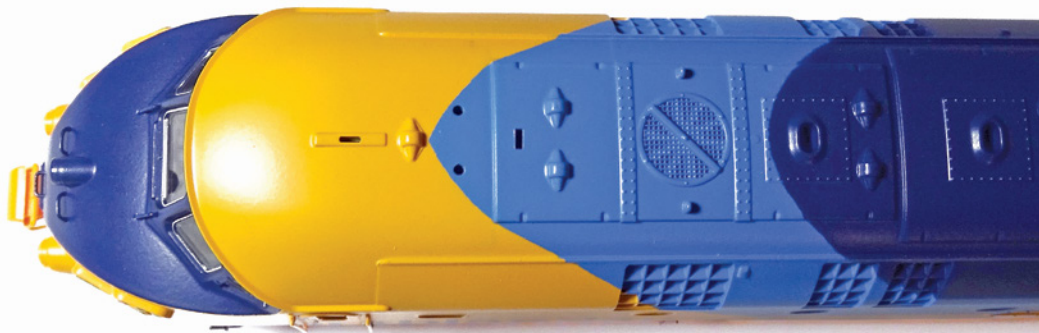
LED lighting is bright and directional, but with a red aspect on the trailing end that is incorrect for ONR. Number boards are lit, but the three-aspect class-light clusters on the locomotive and cab car are not, and instead have painted lenses. No headlight glow-through is evident, although some stray light reaches the track behind the locomotive

and cab-car pilot. Roco offers an optional interior lighting package for this trainset, as part number 40420.

Roco set 72066 (the subject of this review) is DC/silent. Set 72067 is DCC/Sound. A 5-pole motor and flywheel provide smooth and quiet operation. An 8-pin socket is provided for an aftermarket DCC/sound upgrade. All six locomotive axles are powered, and the outboard wheelset on each locomotive truck is fitted with traction tires, per European practice. Floating (geared) center axles can move laterally to accommodate tight curves; the minimum recommended radius is 16.5 inches (419 mm). Sideframe-mounted steps are a non-prototypical compromise to allow unimpeded swivel of the locomotive's long-wheelbase trucks at this radius. Otherwise, sideframe molding is crisp, with factory-applied separate brake cylinders. Current-conducting coupler bars throughout the train mate easily and securely, and allow power to be drawn from the front of the train in either direction. Spring-loaded,

Right: The set comes in an attractive package with Ontario Northland *Northlander* imagery on its outer sleeve. The four models making up this set are securely packaged in an interior foam tray.

Below: The cars connect and conduct electricity via the swiveling tab-and-slot design shown. All equipment is fitted with metal wheels.



flat-faced molded black pads between the cars adequately replicate the prototype's fabric-shrouded car-to-car connections while permitting reliable operation of the models on tight curves.

The cars' trucks roll smoothly, although a bit stiffly, out of the box. Flanges are the deeper profile common on European models, but run without problems on Code 83 track, turnouts, and crossings. The train's coupled length is 43.98 inches (1117 mm) over buffers.

Out of the box, Roco's rerelease of the HO *Northlander* is an impressive rendition of this distinctive train, with considerable attention to detail in accurately reproducing its as-delivered Canadian exterior features and livery.

MRN

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AutoFlood III Hopper

from Rapido Trains



Review by Tony Cook
Model Photos by Pamela Varney

Rapido Trains HO-scale
AutoFlood III coal hopper

BNSF (wedge scheme) 653245
169002A, \$59.95

CEFX 600480
169008, \$59.95

GLFX 8116
169011A, \$59.95

Union Pacific CMO 504294
169021A, \$59.95

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Rapido Trains offers a common sight in contemporary North American railroading with its HO-scale plastic rendering of FreightCar America's AutoFlood III coal hopper. This model reproduces the 4,200-cubic-foot prototype. This hopper is a rapid-discharge design with multiple outlet gates on its underside that are worked remotely by

an air-controlled system that opens and closes them. The highly detailed replica retails for a bit less than \$60 and comes in single-car offerings and in 6-pack sets (retailing for \$350.70).

This model, like other Rapido Trains efforts, comes fully assembled and features fine details separately applied all around the plastic body. The car rides on 36-inch metal wheels and

Above: This view of BNSF 651343 shows the end detail and the look of the coal load. The first HO AutoFlood III coal hoppers included contemporary wedge presentation of BNSF's logo; the coming production will include this earlier circle-cross herald. — Matt Gentry photo, courtesy Rapido Trains

Facing Page: Rapido Trains is known for its attention to detail and these coal hoppers have accurate outlet gates running on the underside of the hopper and excellent end details. The cars include accurate 100-ton truck sideframes with rotating caps.



Facing Page and Above: Rapido Trains' first production of HO-scale AutoFlood III coal hoppers includes several road names and decorations, including the special Indiana Railroad release shown on the facing page. Note the blue caps on select trucks and the reporting marks and number presented in white on the sideframes. These are excellent looking freight cars.

comes equipped with Rapido's own design metal knuckle couplers. Across the examples examined for this review, I encountered no damaged or apparent missing parts. The build quality and decoration were excellent on these AutoFlood III coal hoppers. The models performed great around a mix of roadbed-track systems with curves of 22- to 24-inch radius.

On the car's A-end, you'll find an air reservoir tank that powers the rapid discharge gate mechanism (reproduced on the model as a round cylinder in the center of the A-end) with piping connecting to a small box (actuator) that aids in the control of the outlets.



Above: The underside of the provided plastic coal load is shown and you'll see a magnet is included for use with the provided wand for easy removal.





The B-end details (a combination of plastic and wire components) include the brake reservoir, cylinder, and triple valve, all linked by piping. The plastic body shell authentically presents the exterior-post sides with rivet detail that includes the horizontal band of rivets down a bit from the top edge of the hopper. On the ends of the hopper, you'll find two separately applied hoses... one is the trainline hose and the other is the air hose for supplying the car's gate system. The underbody includes door stiffeners on the gates, and piping running around the outlets on one side of the car as per prototype. The interior bay has rivet detail on the sides and slope sheets. The car's end slopes and underbody are a zinc alloy that supplies the hopper with ample weight (measured at 6 ounces). The model comes with a black-molded coal load. In the contents of the box, I was puzzled, initially, by the inclusion of the magnet wand, but it serves as your helper for removing the coal load that includes a metal plate on its underside... a smart design feature! The texture of the coal load and its rounded end replicate the appearance of the prototype well. My understanding is coal is poured into these hoppers and this creates the smooth, peakless top.

This freight car model comes to Rapido Trains' line with a great amount of research and effort by the company's Matt Gentry. Mr. Gentry and his fellow team members have hit one out of the

Above: These HO AutoFlood III hoppers include separate wire ladder rungs, grab irons on the corners (ends and sides) near the fine-scale stirrup steps, and wire end rail above the detail brake equipment.

Below: Included with each Rapido Trains HO-scale AutoFlood III coal hopper model is a magnetic wand, information sheet, and sticker. The model comes wrapped in film and packed securely in a two-piece plastic cradle inside a sturdy cardboard box.





park with this HO-scale AutoFlood III coal hopper replica. This is a stunner and takes this rapid-discharge, aluminum freight car prototype to new heights in 1:87.

This first production provides wedge-logo BNSF, CEFX (CIT Equipment Finance Corporation), GLFX (Gulf Power Co.), GGPX (General American/GATX leasing), KPLX (Koppel, Inc.),

PGNX (Carolina Power & Light), and Union Pacific (with CMO reporting marks). As these hoppers generally travel in long strings in unit service, I believe you'll find them working in a loop from a mine to power plant. For example, Koppel/KPLX is based in Western Kansas and these cars may circle between Wyoming's Power River region and plants in Kansas.

For those pursuing contemporary era North American railroading, this is an awesome addition to the market. These 4,200-cubic-foot hoppers have been a fixture in unit coal trains for two decades (this style car entered service in 2004). A second production is coming (see information below). This AutoFlood III is also offered in N scale by Rapido Trains. **MRN**

Coming from Rapido Trains

A second production of HO-scale AutoFlood III coal hoppers is due in the near future from Rapido Trains. This group will include the road names and paint schemes shown below. BNSF's early look circle-cross and Union Pacific with "Building America"

slogan and small shield herald represent the two U.S. railroads in this coming run. Also in this production are DKPX (North Carolina's Duke Power Company), GACX (General American), NDYX (Dresser Leasing Corporation/First Union Rail),

TVAX (Tennessee Valley Authority), and TXUX (TXU Electric). This production will come with multiple road numbers for each decoration, with hopper car models sold singly (\$59.95) and in 6-pack sets (\$359.70).



Ribs and Roof Hatches

from InterMountain Railway Co.



Review by Tony Cook
Photos by Pamela Varney

InterMountain Railway Co. HO-scale
40-foot Spent-Grain Boxcar
The Milwaukee Road 8285
48505-1, \$42.95

InterMountain Railway Co.
intermountain-railway.com

A new model can easily get by even the ardent model train enthusiast, especially with the near-constant flow of new products in the market. This was my experience with InterMountain Railway's new variant of its Milwaukee Road-prototype boxcar model in HO scale. This spent-grain variant was announced some time ago and I had forgotten

about it, so it was a welcome sight when it arrived. This HO reproduction is based on the manufacturer's previously offered rib-side boxcar that was a signature member of The Milwaukee Road's rolling stock roster. This version is a 40-foot freight car, and the railroad also owned 50-foot versions with horizontal ribs. Like many other fine examples in InterMountain Railway's



Above and Right: This InterMountain Railway Co. HO-scale boxcar production includes this newly tooled spent-grain, rib-side edition with roof hatches and the more common rib-side Milwaukee Road boxcars in versions with and without running boards.

catalog, this is a well-built and well-appointed rendering. The plastic body includes many separately applied features, body-mounted metal knuckle couplers, and excellent performing 33-inch metal wheels. What is novel in this production is the version of the car with round hatches on its roof and a uniquely decorated sliding door. The prototype received the modification for service at Milwaukee-area breweries moving spent grain left over in the beer making process.

With its Miller Beer outlined logo on the orange door and the roof hatches, it's an appealing model and a must-have for freight car collectors. Visit your hobby dealer for supply on this first offering of this boxcar and check out the other rib-side releases in this same production run. This is an interesting prototype and fun to see it as a ready-made HO offering. The model lists for \$42.95 and multiple road numbers are included in this run. **MRN**



Right: This fully assembled HO-scale boxcar model retails for \$42.95 and comes in several body styles and Milwaukee Road lettering variations. This spent-grain boxcar arrived during third quarter 2023.

Low-Nose Landmark

from Rapido Trains



Review by Tony Cook
Model Photos by Pamela Varney

Rapido Trains HO-scale

U25B diesel locomotive
DCC and sound
Erie Lackawanna 2506
35511, \$349.95

U25B diesel locomotive
standard DC
Santa Fe 1609
35021, \$239.95

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Rapido Trains includes a variety of production phases in its debut release of HO-scale General Electric (GE) U25B diesel locomotives. In January's *MODEL RAILROAD NEWS*, you saw coverage of the early high-hood U25B models, and this review shares low-nose examples decorated for Erie Lackawanna (EL) and Santa Fe. Rapido Trains supplied the DCC-sound EL and I had to have an as-delivered "bookends" or "pinstripe" scheme Santa Fe, which I bought from New York's TrainWorld (trainworld.com).

Testbed Road

Erie Railroad (just a few years before its merger with Delaware, Lackawanna & Western that formed Erie Lackawanna in 1960) served as a testbed road for GE's forerunner UM-series cab units (the other road was Union Pacific). When the U25B launched, the new Erie Lackawanna did not immediately purchase this new GE offering. The road's second-generation start is credited to a 1963 order with Alco for Century 424s (according to Larry De Young's article on EL U25Bs in a 1997 edition of *Diesel Era*). In 1964, EL ordered a dozen U25Bs (2501-2512). This GE order came with a similar buy for GP35s from Electro-Motive Division (EMD). This sampling of every maker was not uncommon at the time. Also, EL was struggling financially and may have been prospecting with multiple manufacturers to see who could help get financing through for the road. The road's livery was black with yellow prior to the onslaught of four-axle locomotives from Alco, EMD, and GE. The attractive mix of yellow body with maroon band striped in yellow was first seen in these early 1960s locomotives. Rapido's decoration is a slightly later

Above: After the initial U25B rolled out of GE, the builder transitioned the model to low-nose offerings with more familiar looking pilots and handrails, among other attributes. Rapido Trains' HO low-nose U25B is offered in DCC-sound and sound-ready standard DC. The model comes fully assembled with road-accurate features. Shown are later era Erie Lackawanna paint and as-delivered Santa Fe.





Above: Decoration on the Erie Lackawanna U25B provides the revised lettering style with yellow road name placed in the maroon band. Note the Radio Equipped logo and excellent rendering of a General Electric builder's plate on the area above the front truck.

Below: Erie Lackawanna 2501 in April 1969 shows an earlier lettering style with the road name presented above the maroon band on the long hood. This U25B is resting with a Fairbanks-Morse TrainMaster still wearing Delaware, Lackawanna & Western livery in this view. — Jim Boyd photo, Kevin EuDaly collection





Above and Facing Page Below Right: Check the signature raised section on the rear walkway and you'll spot an additional stanchion and longer elevated walkover. This elongated section only appears on the engineer's side of these U25Bs.



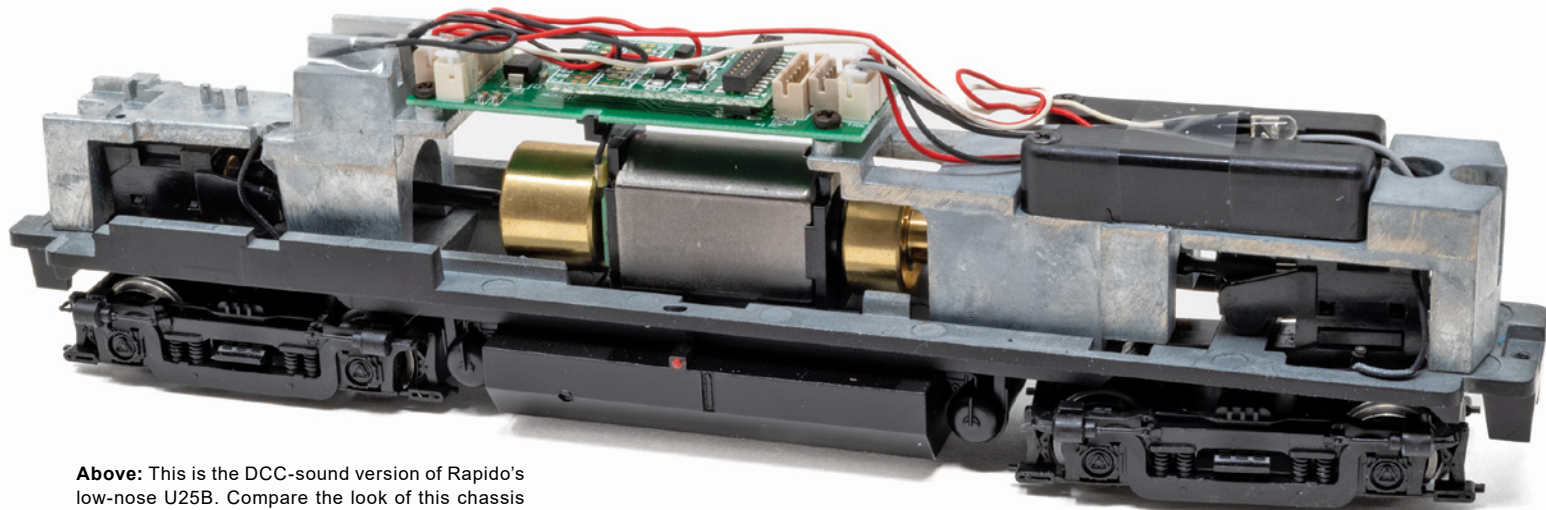
Below: Santa Fe 1607 at Denver, Colo., in late 1963. This U25B was from Santa Fe's 1962 first order (1600–1607). The road returned for more U25Bs (1608–1615) in early 1963; the group remained in service in 1979. Rapido Trains offers four Santa Fe models wearing the as-delivered pinstripe look. These GEs were the beginning of a long partnership between Santa Fe and diesel builder. — *Stuart J. Sutton photo, Kevin EuDaly collection*



look with the as-delivered units featuring the road's name on the long hood in maroon above the maroon band. Later, this presentation was revised for a much more visible yellow road name centered in the maroon band on the long hood. Rapido offers four road numbers for this EL look: 2501, 2503, 2506, and 2511.

Bookends Boat

Santa Fe was among the early buyers of GE's U25B, though they missed receiving high-nose Phase I examples. This model represents one of four road numbers (1609, 1610, 1612, and 1613) offered in this production. I'll not argue against the beauty of Santa Fe's famous Warbonnet, but I do favor this earlier blue with yellow look. The model includes a can-type antenna on the cab roof with air horn cluster centered on the long hood roof behind the cab. I believe the longer raised platform on the long hood walkway is unique to these Santa Fe U25Bs and was a toolbox option GE offered. The longer walkway is spotted not only by its extended length but also by its additional (third) stanchion. As with the EL sample, I find the paint and lettering



Above: This is the DCC-sound version of Rapido's low-nose U25B. Compare the look of this chassis and mechanism with the high-hood U25B reviewed in January's *MRN*. The model is sound-ready in its standard DC edition, with the speakers present under the rectangular black baffle.

By-The-Numbers

U25B
Rapido Trains
HO-scale 1:87

Pull Power (Ozs @ Full Slip)

Pull	÷	Loco Wt	=	Efficiency
3.4		15.1		22.5%

DC (Starting Volts = 1.4)

Volts	Amps	Scale MPH
1.5	.04	0.5
6.5	.08	38.6
12.0	.12	79.8

are exceptional on this Santa Fe release. Build quality was impeccable on both samples.

I evaluated Rapido's ESU LokSound V5-equipped U25B in January's *MRN*, and will focus on the standard DC model in this review. I tested the model using a DC power supply unit that includes amp and volt meters and you'll see the performance was great. The drive was very quiet and the locomotive was a great runner with smooth starts and stops. I was pleased to see that under DC power, you receive not only the expected headlight and number board illumination, but functional class lights and ground light over the lead truck on the fireman's side. All wheels were in gauge and coupler height was fine.

Conclusion

A model has my attention when I complete a review and then go looking to see what other road names/paint schemes are available to buy. This Rapido Trains HO-scale U25B release is that type of offering! The other low-nose U25B road names are Great Northern in the road's simplified *Empire Builder* green and orange, a black New Haven with McGinnis lettering and white stripes, and two looks for Penn Central: one with a large "PC" and the road's name on the long hood (2662 and 2669) and the other look (2664 and 2667) shows only the road name on the long hood. There are more road names and variants coming, but don't miss a sample for your collection from this first run. **MRN**



Rivarossi's Versatile Boxcar

from Hornby Hobbies



Review by Tony Cook

Rivarossi HO-scale 50-foot Boxcar

Burlington Northern 318631
sliding door without running boards
HR6637DTF, \$32.99

Canadian Pacific 80901
plug door with running boards
HR6636ATF, \$32.99

Great Northern 36904
plug door without running boards
HR6634CTF, \$32.99

New York Central 48089
plug door with running boards
HR6635BTF, \$32.99

Union Pacific 508535
sliding door without running boards
HR6633DTF, \$32.99

Rivarossi is distributed by
Hornby Hobbies
hornbyhobbies.com

Above: A new production is available featuring new road names and paint schemes for Rivarossi's HO-scale 50-foot boxcar model. There are five road names in the collection and details vary across the group. The fully assembled plastic freight car model retails for \$32.99.

Rivarossi delivers a new production of its HO-scale 50-foot boxcar model. This group shows the versatile style of both the prototypes and this plastic replica with different door and roof options. There are five road names in this release and each includes three road numbers. This Rivarossi model, distributed by Hornby Hobbies, was produced in China and comes fully decorated and ready to run. The suggested retail price, \$32.99, makes this one of the most economical freight car models on the HO market.

This model was the first new-tooling freight car to come to the famous Rivarossi brand name in the 21st century. The design goal of this boxcar was shared with *MODEL RAILROAD NEWS* during the development process just over five years ago. The idea was to tool

up a plastic boxcar model that could be sold assembled, offer some variations to its appearance, and provide hobbyists with a low-cost option for this common North American example. I found the model successfully hit its goals in a January 2017 review of the first production.

This collection is the third run for this HO boxcar model, and I find this effort succeeds well again with five interesting road names and a mix of features. There is no prototype given by the manufacturer for this boxcar; however, it resembles freight cars produced from the latter part of the 1950s well into and through the 1960s. Though it carries the common 50-foot label, the boxcar measures a bit more than 51 feet to its outer edges (which is accurate). All releases include a vertical



Above: The 9-foot sliding door is functional on models equipped with this feature. This Union Pacific release presents a modernized appearance with running boards absent from its roofline.



Below: Always sharp-looking, New York Central's green scheme appears in this production. The decoration includes black roof and ends. The white lettering authentically reproduces the road's typeface and the oval herald has the proper white with black design with red and white lettering.

panel with welded seams look to the car sides and a diagonal roof design. The modular tooling design allows for swapping out the 9-foot door opening with either a plug door or sliding door. The roofline comes with a separately applied plastic running board section or presents a modern look with no roofwalks up top. For either roof style, there is a tall ladder molded on each side of the boxcar with two grab irons on the opposite side. The car's B-end includes a high-mounted brake and tall access ladders appear on both ends of this boxcar. The detail is generally very good with the end ladders being the only molded-on feature that might

be termed "thick" by a judging eye. The stirrup steps, door detail, and other molded-on features look good to my eyes. The underframe is basic, but is not seen for the most part and not a detraction in my estimation. The car comes with body-mounted plastic knuckle couplers with provided metal trip pin. The roller bearing trucks look good and the blackened 33-inch metal wheels function well and enhance the overall appearance of this release. Both couplers and trucks are secured to the underframe by screws. I found the couplers mated up fine with a height gauge and the wheels checked to be in gauge on the samples reviewed.





Above: A great 1970s (and later years) look is found on Rivarossi's Burlington Northern boxcar. This sliding door example comes in three road numbers, as do the other road names in this production run. The fully assembled car includes molded-on details with the brake wheel and doors separately applied.

Below: Great Northern ended its run in the 1960s with the "Big Sky Blue" corporate image makeover. This bright and modern look is the subject reproduced by Rivarossi on this run's Great Northern plug-door boxcar release. This model shows a modernized appearance with no running boards.



Below: This HO-scale model weighs 3.7 ounces, and comes with body-mounted plastic knuckle couplers, roller bearing trucks, and 33-inch metal wheels. The wheels are blackened for a realistic appearance. The plastic underframe is basic and all road names share the molded-black style shown. A block Hornby Hobbies logo appears near the center of the underframe to identify the model, though it is packaged and sold by Hornby as a Rivarossi release.





The road names cover the look of five railroads from a variety of points across the careers of this style boxcar. The brown Canadian Pacific release includes a red newsprint service emblem and shows an April 1962 build date, though you'll note a wheel check yellow dot marker and multi-panel COTS label which would place it in the late 1970s. This Canadian Pacific offering is typical of what you'll find across this production. This model doesn't set out to be the most detailed and infallibly lettered HO boxcar, but the offering does deliver on being a good-looking boxcar that performs well and is attractively priced. With this in mind and if that fits your desires, Rivarossi's HO-scale 50-foot boxcar is a winner and recommended.

In addition to the mentioned Canadian Pacific, the release includes Burlington Northern, Great Northern, New York Central, and Union Pacific. Check the specs I provided in the gray boxed information section at the opening of this review for more on which road names include what type of door style and whether or not they come with running boards. This is a fine release for its asking price and makes collecting them all easier to consider. **MRN**



Above: Rivarossi's Canadian Pacific release is a plug door version with running boards. The car has a 1962 build date and includes a newsprint service emblem opposite the script-style presentation of the road's name.

Below: Burlington Northern and Union Pacific are the two sliding door road names in this production. The model comes with a wrap around the door and film across the top of the model, which is secured in a clear plastic folding shell with white cardboard inner liner. The model comes in the familiar red Rivarossi box.



A New Northeastern Caboose

from Rapido Trains



Review by Tony Cook
Model Photos by Tony Cook

Rapido Trains HO-scale
Northeastern Caboose
Chessie System WM 1869
144029, \$99.95

Rapido Trains
rapidotrains.com

Rapido Trains delivers its take on a North American railroad classic with the arrival of this HO-scale Northeastern caboose replica. There are many road names available for this model's introduction, including Central Railroad of New Jersey, Conrail, Lehigh & New England, Lehigh Valley, Reading, and Western Maryland. Among these road names, many include more than one decoration style; and, all come in more than one road number. The tooling

collection Rapido created offers two cupola/roof designs, two running board types, two body side styles, three end wall configurations, two step types, and additional road- and era-specific features. This HO caboose comes fully assembled and ready for operation or display. Rapido includes interior detail and illumination for the cabin area. The model rides on one of three truck styles: Andrews, Birdsboro, or Taylor.

This style caboose dates to the 1920s and was a Reading Railroad creation (with steel body) that used a proposed USRA design (which called for wood sides). Reading's roster numbered nearly 300 and many other roads included this style waycar too.

The decoration on this review model reproduces a classic 1970s look with Chessie System markings and Western Maryland (WM) reporting marks. The paint application was excellent

Above: Chessie System's bright appearance looks great on this new Rapido Trains HO-scale Northeastern caboose model. This is one of several road names (many offered with multiple paint schemes) in this debut release.

with orange hue highlighting ladders, railings, and grab irons. All caboose releases come with a magnet wand for controlling the lighting; additional parts are provided and vary depending on the road name. This model's parts include lanterns, caps for windows, and additional grab irons. Rapido includes two truck styles in this WM release with the additional pair of trucks (which come prewired) bagged and tucked in with the light wand and additional details.

The model comes equipped with metal knuckle couplers of Rapido's own design. The metal couplers are approximately the size of Kadee's well-known No. 5 examples and easily accessed on the well-detailed



underframe. The model is equipped with smooth-rolling 33-inch metal wheels. In addition to this late-era WM appearance, Rapido Trains offers Western Maryland models in as-delivered dress with a red body and black roof and round herald. There is also a later WM release with brown body and white speed lettering.

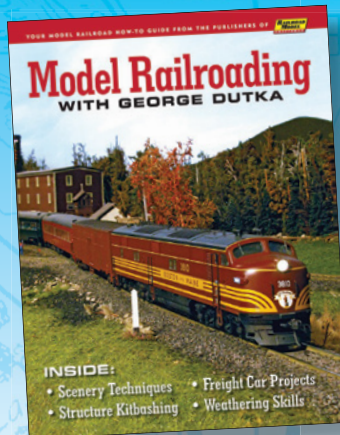
This is not the first plastic Northeastern caboose produced for HO, but it is one of the best I've examined. The variation in the tooling enhances each release. The model retails for around \$100, which is in league with contemporary high-end waycar models in HO. **MRN**



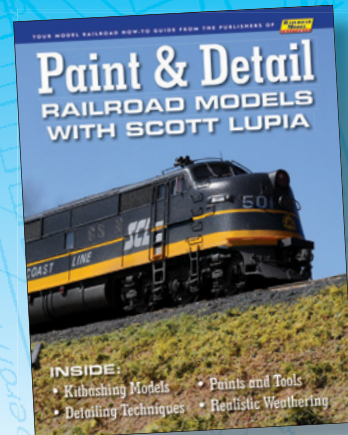
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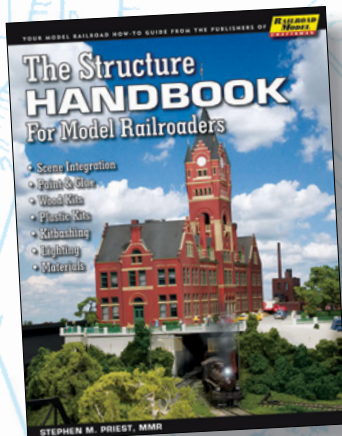
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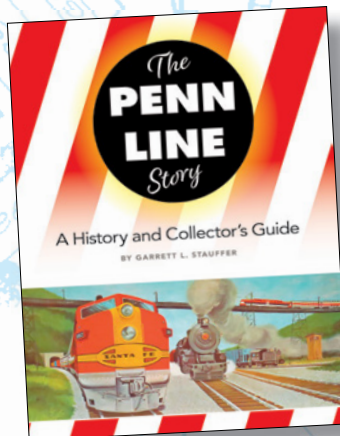
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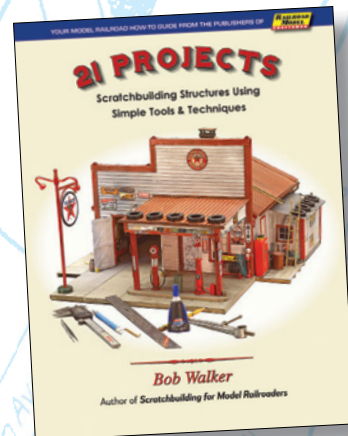
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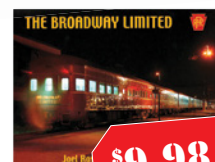
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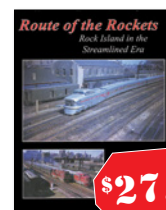
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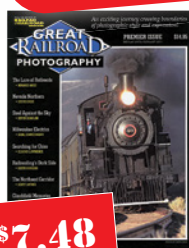
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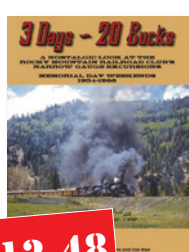
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Many Mill Gondolas

from Eastern Seaboard Models



Review by Tony Cook
Model Photos by Pamela Varney

**Eastern Seaboard Models N-scale
65-foot Mill Gondola**

**Pennsylvania Class G26 439880
220104, \$37.95**

**Pennsylvania Class G26c 440057
219102, \$37.95**

**Norfolk & Western G3 70508
218302, \$37.95**

Eastern Seaboard Models
esmc.com

folk & Western in similar style cars.

The model's shell is plastic with a die-cast underframe. The samples weigh 0.6 ounces each. The underbody includes air and brake details and the inner sides and bed of the gondola feature rows of rivets. The ends of the gondola are separate and allow for positioning up or dropped down for loads of extended length. The brakes, whether ratchet or wheel type, are

Above: These models are from Eastern Seaboard Models' new production of its 65-foot mill gondola. The N-scale releases feature an enhanced design and new body styles. The 1:160 replicas come fully assembled and retail for \$37.95 each.

Below: Norfolk & Western versions of this 65-foot mill gondola made up the road's G3 and G3a classes. This plastic N-scale gondola comes fully assembled and includes Dalman truck sideframes with smooth-rolling wheels. This is one of the new ratchet-brake versions of this freight car introduced with this production.

Eastern Seaboard Models brings back its N-scale 65-foot mill gondola with a new production. The tooling is enhanced with an improved coupler pocket design. The brake-wheel version is joined by two new ratchet-brake offerings.

This 1:160 steel gondola replicates a Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) design introduced in the 1930s. The G26-class was a common piece of Pennsy equipment with more than 1,600 examples built. In addition to appearing on PRR's roster, this 65-foot mill gondola was built for Lehigh Valley and Nor-





Above: Pennsy 440057 provides the look of the road's final decoration for these mill gondolas. This 1960s look would travel into the Penn Central era, as more than a third of the fleet remained in service in 1968. You'll find mill gondolas were still going in the mid-1970s as Conrail arrived. Pennsy 439880 includes a circle-keystone herald and is an as-delivered 1933 look. This car rides on Dalman friction truck sideframes, while the gondola at the top of the page is fitted with National B-1 trucks.



Below: Eastern Seaboard Models delivers its N-scale mill gondola replica as a fully assembled release with body-mounted knuckle couplers and accurate truck sideframes fitted with smooth-rolling metal wheels.

separately applied details and look very good. I had to look twice at the grab irons and ladders, as I at first believed they were separately applied.

This review's PRR 440057 shows a late 1960s appearance with a 1965 service date and ACI label included in the decoration. This model rides on National B-1 style trucks. For its new Norfolk & Western release, Eastern Seaboard presents the road's G3 and G3a classes with two road numbers (70504 with 1940 service date and 70508 with 1952 service date).

This is a limited-production release from Eastern Seaboard Models. You can purchase the company's products from its website or from a participating hobby dealer. This is a solid model that has improved with enhancements to the design and variations to the brake for this new production. **MRN**



New Covered Hopper

from Atlas



Review by Tony Cook
Model Photos by Pamela Varney

Atlas O-scale
PS2-CD High-Side Covered Hopper

3-Rail CSX 253869
3001166-1, \$84.95

2-Rail Montana Rail Link 45026
3002168-2, \$89.95

Atlas
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Atlas adds another new freight car to its Premier series with the arrival of this three-bay covered hopper in O scale. This is one of the MTH-heritage toolings and for this first Atlas production the freight car reproduction comes in 2-rail and 3-rail versions.

The model follows 1:48 dimensions and authentically reproduces Pullman-Standard's PS2-CD 4,427-cubic-foot covered hopper. This popular 100-ton

freight car was built beginning in 1966 and examples continued to be added to the North American freight car pool in the early 1970s. Pullman-Standard modified the look of its 4427 with this high-side edition that allowed for easier access to the outlet gates on the bottom of the car. This design also improved the unloading of dense materials with a more pronounced slope to the bays.

The model is 12 1/2 inches in length and weighs a bit more than 17 ounces (2-rail edition). The body is molded plastic with additional plastic features like separate hatches and running boards on the roof. The coupler crossover platform is plastic and both it and the running boards include see-through grate design. The B-end cage includes the expected tanks and piping for the air and brake appliances, and the plastic brake wheel includes a metal chain hanging from it. As stated, this rendering features scale propor-

Above: This covered hopper model is new to Atlas' Premier series and comes in 2- and 3-rail versions. The gray Montana Rail Link example is a 2-rail release and the CSX model in the background is a 3-rail offering. The model comes fully assembled.

tions and Atlas offers two versions, so those operating on 3-rail or and 2-rail O scale have an option. Given the scale appearance, I have to say I favored the 2-rail model, as its trucks and body-mounted coupler added to the realistic look. The paint application was good on both the gray Montana Rail Link (MRL) and tan CSX models. Lettering and details like reflective bands add to the presentation of these models. My friend Jeff Zucker of Spring Creek Model Trains is an MRL guy and he mentioned the gray color is a repaint for these hoppers (originally in the road's dark blue) and helped them stay better looking in service. Also, runover from loading would show on the blue sides more than on this gray version.

In addition to this review's CSX and MRL, the release includes: Burlington Northern (later era green with white lettering), Chicago & Eastern Illinois (gray car with black lettering including buzzsaw herald), Equity Grain (gray with black car with blue and gold Equity logo and TLDX reporting marks), J.W. Flammer Co. (yellow with black and TLDX reporting marks), Red River Valley & Western (Mineral Red with white lettering), and Stetson Chemicals (gray car with black lettering). Each road name in this production includes one road number.

Atlas now rosters more than 20 rolling stock options for this Premier line of O. Visit your hobby dealer or check out Atlas online to see the company's variety of O options and various product levels. **MRN**



Above: The B-end brake detail is very good on this model. The car features a plastic body with added details made of a combination of materials. The 2-rail hopper (right) includes body-mounted knuckle couplers, while the 3-rail car (left) includes working couplers attached to the trucks. The model comes in a cardboard box (below) with the car bagged in clear film and secured in a foam inner tray. The 2-rail covered hopper retails for \$89.95, while the 3-rail edition lists for \$84.95. There are eight road names in this first offering from Atlas O on this Pullman-Standard 4427 hopper.



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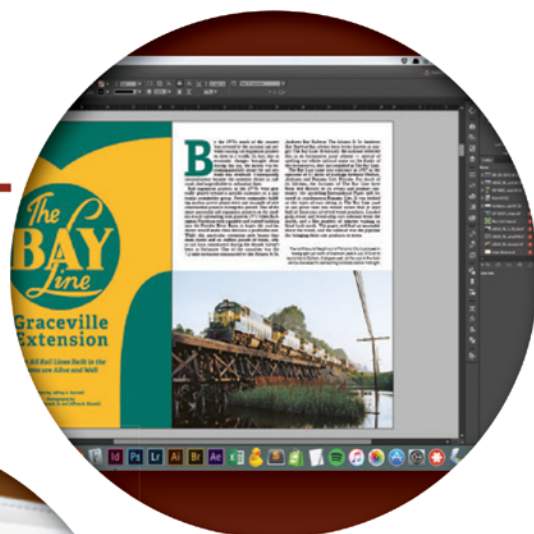
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Sylvan Scale Models adds Dodge cab-over truck kits in HO scale



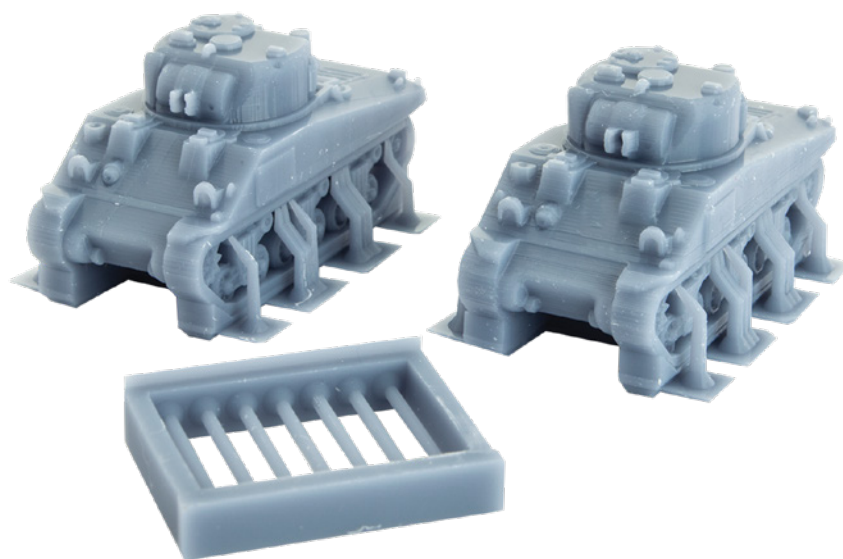
HO — Sylvan Scale Models introduces a new collection of vehicle kits for HO scale. This group reproduces 1940-1947 Dodge cab-over-engine trucks. The general cab and nose design appears common across this series of six kit releases. The highway tractor (V-384) at the top of this

page and cab with chassis (V-385) are base models and each kit retails for \$22.95. Four additional Sylvan Scale Models releases provide the materials to create an REA delivery truck (V-386), grain truck (V-387), stake bed truck with tarp cover (V-388), and gasoline tanker (V-389). The REA truck retails for \$24.95

and comes with decals, grain, and stake. The gasoline trucks list for \$23.95. Check Sylvan Scale Models online to learn more or ask your hobby dealer. These views show assembled and decorated examples of the company's kits.

Sylvan Scale Models, sylvanscalemodels.com

Sherman tank load in N scale from Micro-Trains Line



N — Micro-Trains Line's Sherman tank load kit (499 45 013) is an unassembled 3D-printed media release. The offering carries a \$12.95 suggested retail price and includes materials to build two M4A3 Sher-

man tank replicas. These tanks replicate World War II era Allied Forces prototypes. This load kit is available now from Micro-Trains Line.

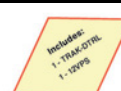
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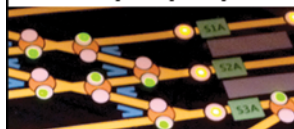
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Faller's Burgstadt Railway Station kit presents possibilities for N scale



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included. Faller's railway station will occupy a footprint of approximately 16 x 4 inches. This is one of several new building kits available from Faller. You can visit the manufacturer's website for more information and to view other releases.

Faller, faller.de



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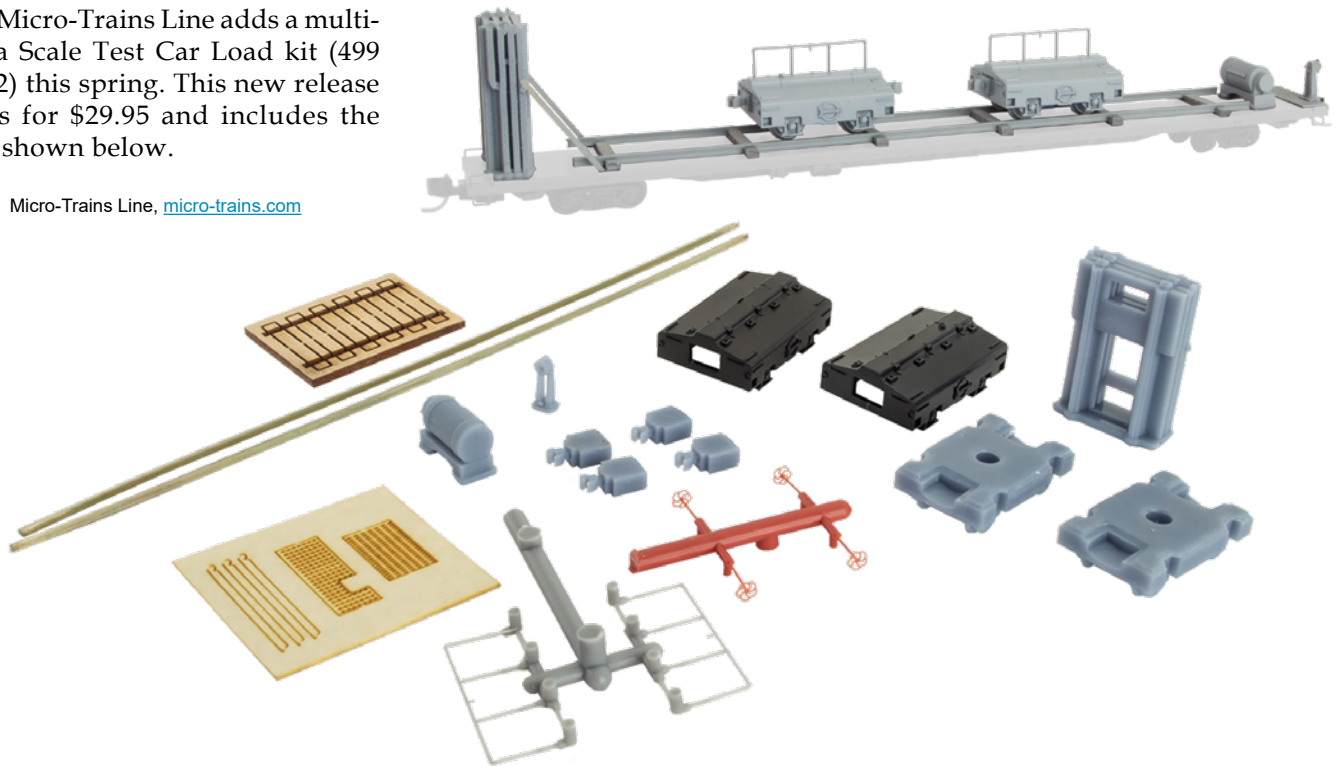
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Micro-Trains Line scale test car load kit in N scale due in March

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Walthers adds all-new Cornerstone series HO Mid-Century Modern Home kit



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Walthers, walthers.com



Above, Left, and Below: This new addition to Walthers' Cornerstone series comes molded in multiple colors of plastic, with air conditioner unit, kettle-style grill, mailbox, nonworking globe walkway lights, and other details. The finished model (above) includes scenery, figures, and a vehicle that are not included in this \$39.98 release.



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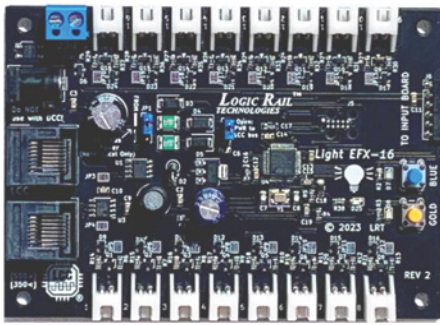
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Logic Rail Technologies, logicrailtech.com

Lionel introduces new lighting accessories series for HO scale



HO — Lionel adds a variety of new releases for the line's HO lighting accessories. Each of the offerings features warm-white LED illumination, complete with resistors for use with 6- to 18-volt AC or DC power. Lights come in single and double configurations in many styles. Shown at the left above

is Lionel's Double Arm Parking Lights set (MSRP: \$18.99) in gray, this and other offerings all come in 3-packs and multiple colors for the pole and lamp fixture. Pictured above in the center is Lionel's green Single Arm Lamp 3-pack (MSRP: \$11.99). Above at the right, you see Lionel's Double Arm Lamp 3-pack

(MSRP: \$14.99). These examples are only three releases out the group's collection of 20 offerings. You'll find these new Lionel lighting accessories listed in the company's Fall 2023 HO catalog and shown online at the manufacturer's website.

Lionel, lionel.com

Micro-Trains Line flatcar bridge N scale kit

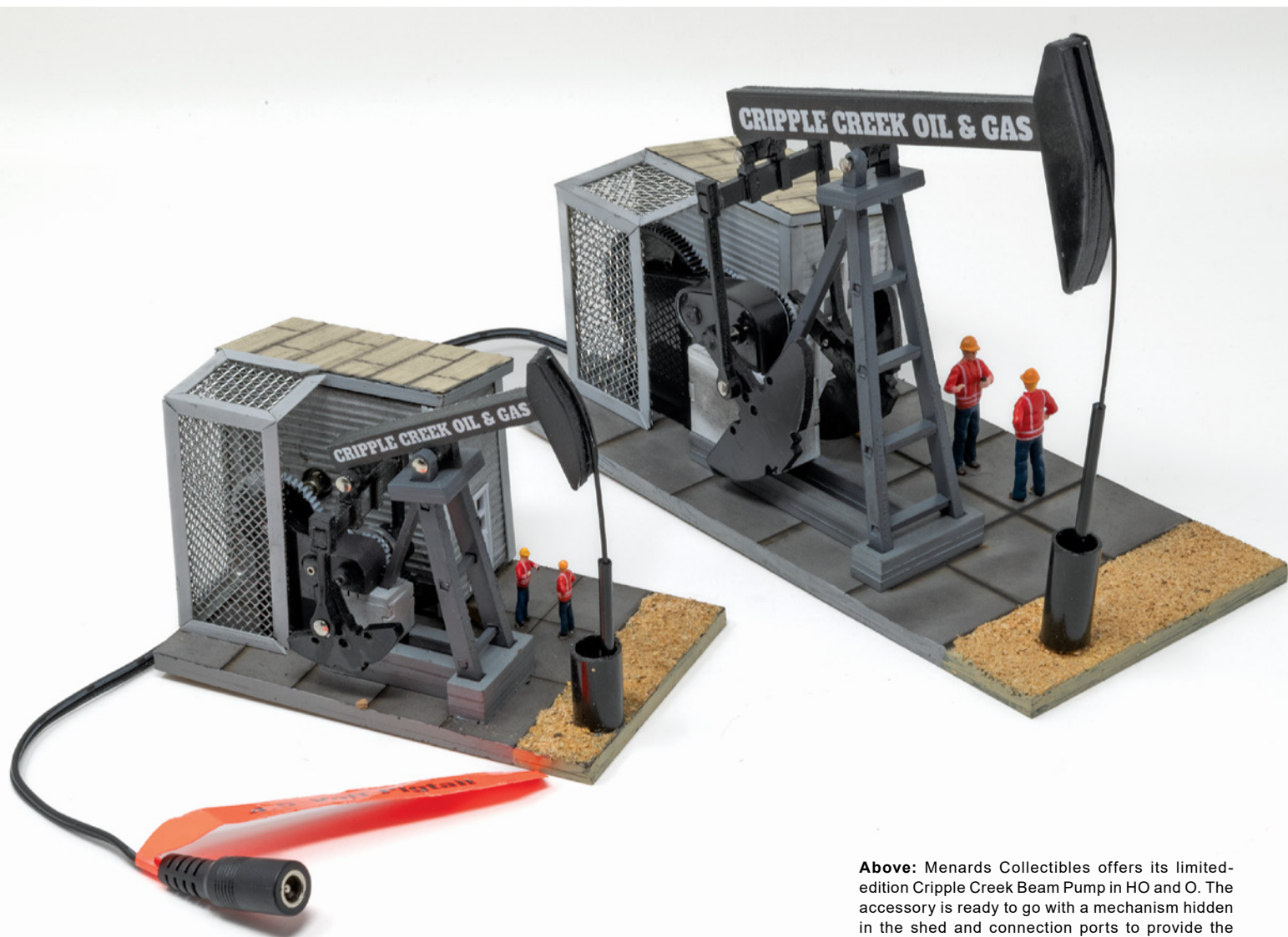
N — Micro-Trains Line adds a multimedia component kit reproducing a common bridge repurposing a railroad flatcar. This new Flatcar Bridge (499 45 014, MSRP: \$24.95) includes laser-cut decking and side railings, abutments to hold the flatcar, and a plastic flatcar body. This view shows an assembled example; Micro-Trains confirms the flatcar body is weathered and includes patching as shown.



Micro-Trains Line, micro-trains.com

Animated Oil Pump

Cripple Creek Beam Pump from Menards Collectibles



Above: Menards Collectibles offers its limited-edition Cripple Creek Beam Pump in HO and O. The accessory is ready to go with a mechanism hidden in the shed and connection ports to provide the motor power to begin the pump action.

Review by Tony Cook

Menards Collectibles
Cripple Creek Beam Pump

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There's a little kid in every model railroad enthusiast and animated accessories like Menards' Cripple Creek Beam Pump speak directly to that youngster. For the mature modeler, this working oil pump presents a ready-made starting point for an eye-catching addition to your railroad.

The Menards Collectibles series uses the Cripple Creek name for a variety of releases offered in HO (1:87)

and O (1:48) scales, and this working oil pump is a recent addition. Both include plastic gears and a small motor, housed in the steel shed, that can be powered by a 4.5-volt source. As with other Menards Gold Line Collection releases, this animated oil pump comes fully assembled and situated on a decorated based. There are two decorated worker figures included, along with the company's mascot Jack the German Shepherd.

I found both pumps functioned well; and the movement is smooth, steady, and slow with an authentic look to its action. The mechanism is very quiet. The port for connecting a separately sold power supply is available from the underside of the base and from the side of the shed on the surface of the scene. The pump starts up immediately when connected to power. The O-scale pump resides on an 8 by 3 5/8-inch base, while the HO version's base measures 4 5/8 by 3 inches.

At their attractive price points (HO selling for around \$30 and O selling for about \$40), these are solid values and add an interesting accessory to your railroad. This is a limited-edition release and is available now. Don't miss your opportunity to get into the oil business and strike it rich with Menards Collectibles' Cripple Creek Beam Pump. **MRN**



Left and Above: Menards' animated Cripple Creek Beam Pump comes with motor to make the arm move up and down. You can easily power this item with one of Menards' 4.5-volt power adapters (single-outlet version shown below). When fully extended, the O-scale pump stands 6 1/2 inches and the HO pump stands 4 1/4 inches. This ready-made accessory is fully assembled and decorated and can be placed directly on your train board.



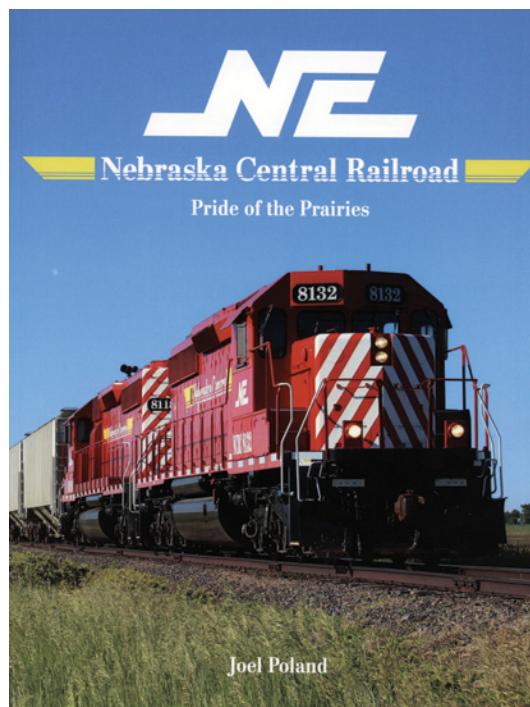
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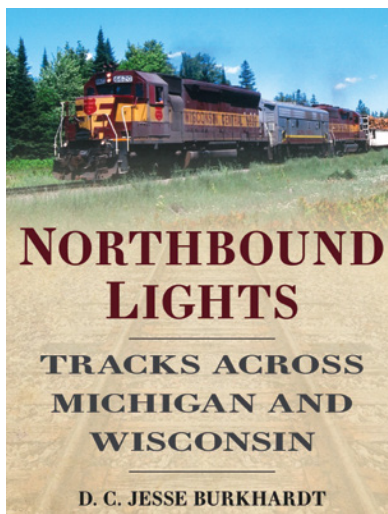


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Rio Grande Games offers Boxcars game in new version



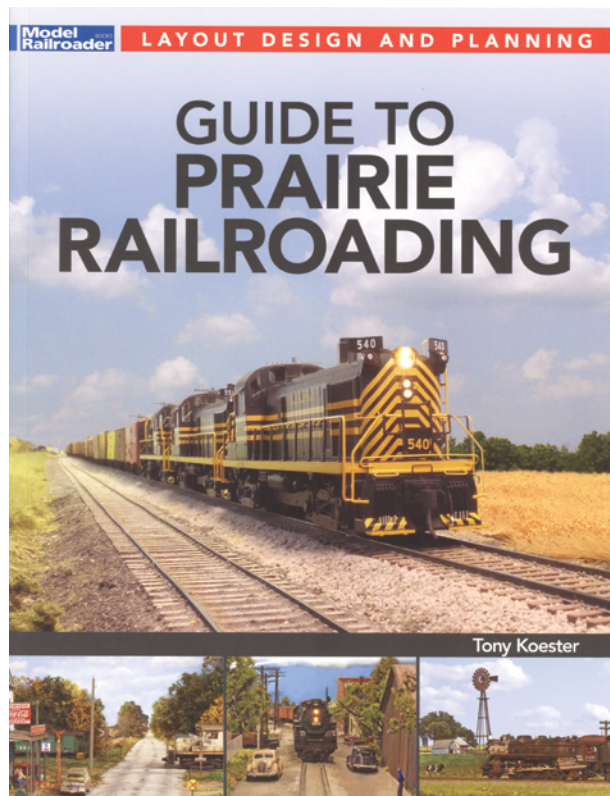
GAME — Rio Grande Games recently added a classic railroad-themed board game in this new version of Boxcars. The long-enjoyed game offers two to six players the fun of building their own railroad empire by acquiring existing railroads and funding expansions by delivering freight across the country. The player who builds the most effective empire and accumulates the most wealth is the winner. This new edition, retailing for \$49.95, allows play on a reproduction of the original U.S. Boxcars game board (featuring a 1950 U.S. with 28 railroads) or a newly created map board featuring England, Scotland, and Wales. This game is available now from Rio Grande Games.

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Taking flatlands model railroading to new heights is subject of Tony Koester's latest book

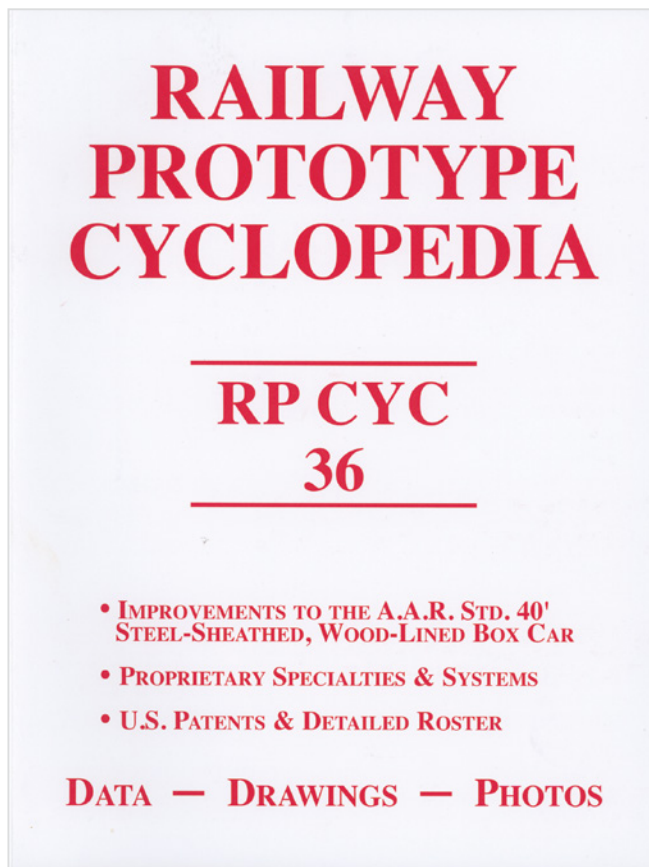
BOOK — Noted author and model railroader Tony Koester shows you how to capture the look of a railroad rolling across the flatlands in his new *Guide to Prairie Railroading*. This 112-page book is part of *Model Railroader* magazine's Layout Design and Planning series. The \$21.99 release documents many types of farm fields, including corn, soybeans, wheat, and more. You see how to model businesses and industries common to prairie railroads. The author also covers how prototype railroads operated and dispatched trains on prairie systems and what locomotives received what assignments. The book is filled with color photos, including the author's own Nickel Plate Road HO railroad, with many illustrations supporting the book's subject.

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Latest Volume Covers Improved Boxcar

Railway Prototype Encyclopedia 36 from Ron's Books



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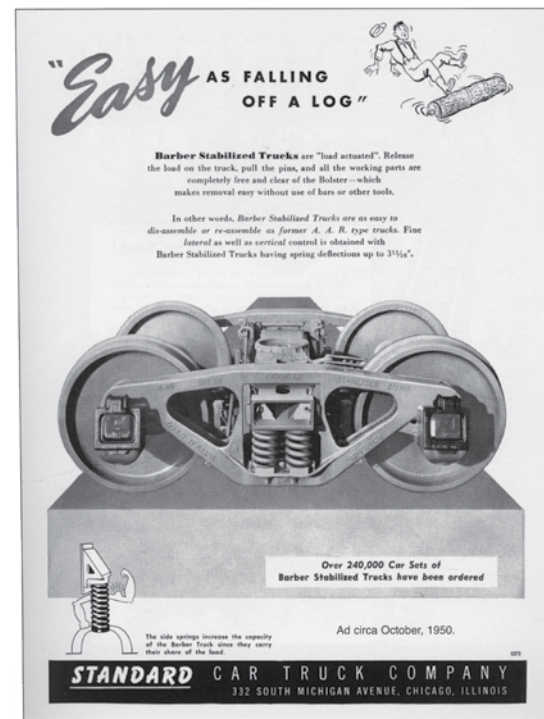
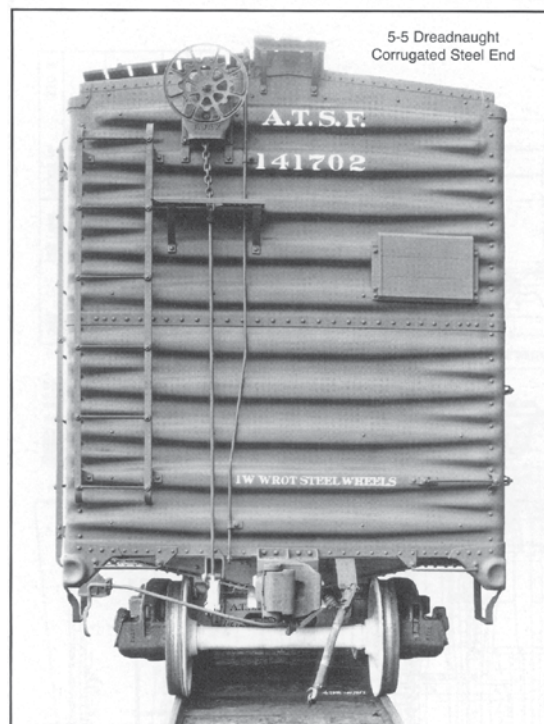
Ron's Books delivers the 36th volume for the popular and important *Railway Prototype Encyclopedia* series. This series began in 1997 and equally serves the prototype railroad enthusiast and those pursuing model railroading.

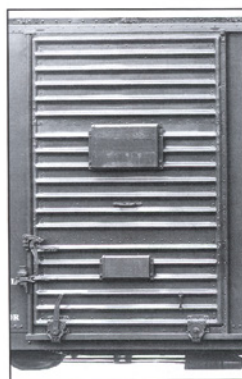
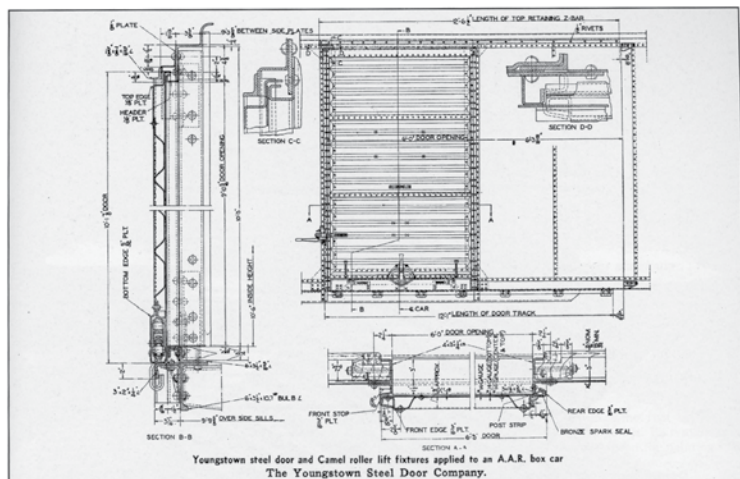
This new volume's main topic and focus is the improved-version Association of American Railroads (AAR) boxcar. This nearly 400-page book opens with an in-depth presentation reviewing and explaining the improvements

to the then-standard 40-foot boxcar that made up the bulk of North American freight car rosters in the mid-20th century. Across more than 125 pages, you'll read about and see diagrams and prototype pictures, and enjoy reproductions of vintage advertising. These resources illustrate the changes and enhancements that played a role in the development of this version of the common 40-foot sliding door boxcar.

Beginning at page 132, the coverage shifts to a gallery of black & white prototype images showing improved AAR-design 40-foot boxcars. This section surveys railroads alphabetically and includes notes on the variations, when they arrived, and how many examples filled rosters. The last few pages are devoted to a roster listing for this series of boxcars.

The reproduction of diagrams and vintage advertisements, and the wealth

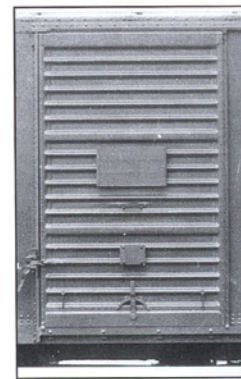




Youngstown 6' Corrugated Steel Door with Camel Roller Lift Fixtures for 10'-6" IH Box Cars Circa 1940

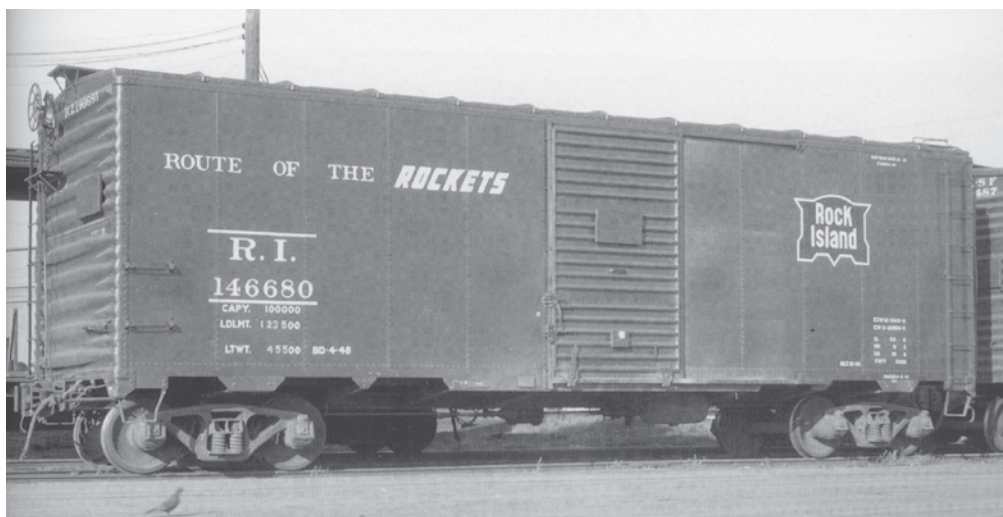


Youngstown 6' Postwar Corrugated Steel Door with Camel Center Roller Lift Fixtures



Youngstown 6' Lightweight Postwar Corrugated Steel Door with Camel Center Roller Lift Fixtures

Facing Page and Above: The first section of *Railway Prototype Cyclopedica* 36 goes into great detail describing the makeup of its main subject, the improved AAR-design steel 40-foot sliding door boxcar. You'll find a wealth of facts supported by diagrams, prototype picture examples, and more.



Right: Rock Island 146680 came from car builder Pressed Steel Car Company in late 1940. This was one of 750 40-foot boxcars added to the road's roster in this single order. This wood-lined, steel-sheathed example with 5-5 Dreadnaught ends, 6-foot Youngstown sliding door, and Universal hand brake would have been a modern piece of rolling stock at the time of its arrival.

of prototype views of these boxcars makes for an excellent resource.

The book is handsomely bound and given its length (386 pages) feels solid for a softbound offering. The volume may seem pricey at \$90, but remember it is at least the length of approximately four of the older volumes, making this new volume an excellent value.

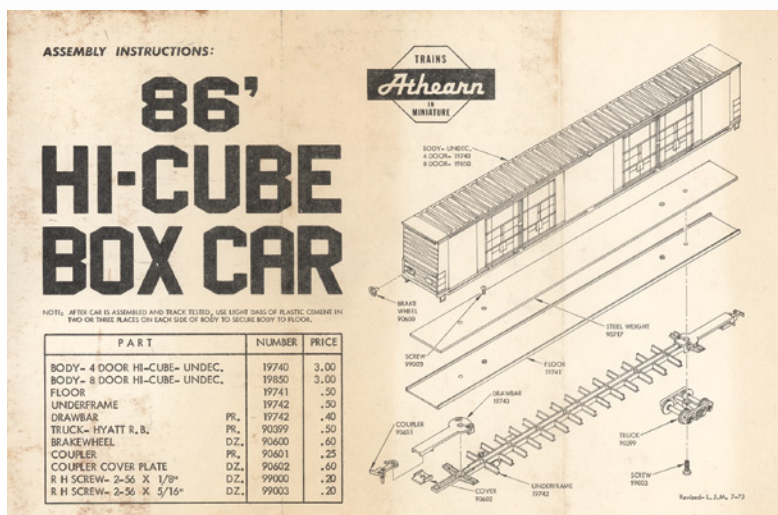
This *Railway Prototype Cyclopedica* 36 is at least the second edition to be issued by Ron's Books. I'm thankful the Rosenbergs (Ron's Books owners) have taken up the charge on this series and it's good to see Patrick C. Wider (who has authored these volumes since the beginning) involved in this release. If you're not familiar with this series, do yourself a favor and visit Ron's Books online and add this latest volume to your collection. Be warned that you may find yourself filling in the back catalog of volumes. I'm still working on completing my set. **MRN**



Above: The 40-foot boxcar, in all its incarnations, is my favorite type of rolling stock. I was especially intrigued to see several late-era examples built around 1960... at a time when this North American standard was quickly being replaced by larger boxcars and the wide range of specialty freight cars introduced in the 1950s and 1960s. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy 19724 was one of 50 modern-looking 40-footers added to the roster in September 1961.



The first plastic HO-scale high-cube boxcar models came from Athearn in 1969. The company reproduced an eight-door (Illinois Central above) and four-door (Wabash shown below). The eight-door is close to a Thrall prototype, though the posts showing along the sill are an issue. The Wabash shows as Thrall in its decoration, but the fishbelly sill is more akin to Greenville. These models never got beyond kit offerings. **MRN**



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ALABAMA, MOBILE, March 2-3, 2024. Mobile Model Train Show at Mobile Via Health, Fitness and Enrichment Center, Arlene F. Mitchell Campus, 1717 Dauphin Street. Enjoy our model train show with operating model train layouts in several scales, demonstrations of model railroad techniques, and vendors selling new and used model trains and memorabilia. Wheelchair accessible, Free parking. Admission: \$8.00 Per Person, Family \$15.00, Under Age 10 FREE. Contact Glenn Samuel at (205) 914-0693.

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ILLINOIS, MACHESNEY PARK, March 16-17, 2024. Harlem Model Train Show & Sale at Harlem High School, 9229 N. Alpine Rd. Enjoy our train show and sale with operating layouts as well as vendors selling new and used model railroad items in two gyms and more than 42,000 sq. ft. Presented by Rock River Valley Division, Midwest Region NMRA. Refreshments available, Free parking, Door prizes, Wheelchair accessible, NMRA event. Admission: Adults \$5.00. Contact Joe Whinnery at (815) 398-8973, or visit rvd-nmra.com

MAINE, AUGUSTA, February 17, 2024. Maine 3Railers Model Railroad & Dollhouse Show at National Guard Armory, 179 Western Avenue. Enjoy our train show featuring operating model railroad displays and train dealers, dollhouse displays, and more. Wheelchair accessible, Refreshments available, Free parking. Admission: \$5.00 Per Person, \$10.00 Family, Under Age 12 FREE. Contact Samuel Carr at (207) 865-4467, or visit maine3railers.org

NEW YORK, ROCHESTER, March 30, 2024. Easter Bunny Train Rides at Rochester & Genesee Valley Railroad Museum, 282 Rush Scottsville Rd. Enjoy a mile-and-a-half round trip diesel-powered train ride through our bucolic museum grounds. After the train ride, children will take part in an Easter egg hunt, which includes a visit with the Easter Bunny for photos. Tour the largest collection of historic trains in New York. Complimentary juice and cookies for kids. Free parking, Refreshments available. Admission: \$20.00 Adults, \$10.00 Youth (5-17) and Seniors (65+). Visit RochesterTrainRides.com

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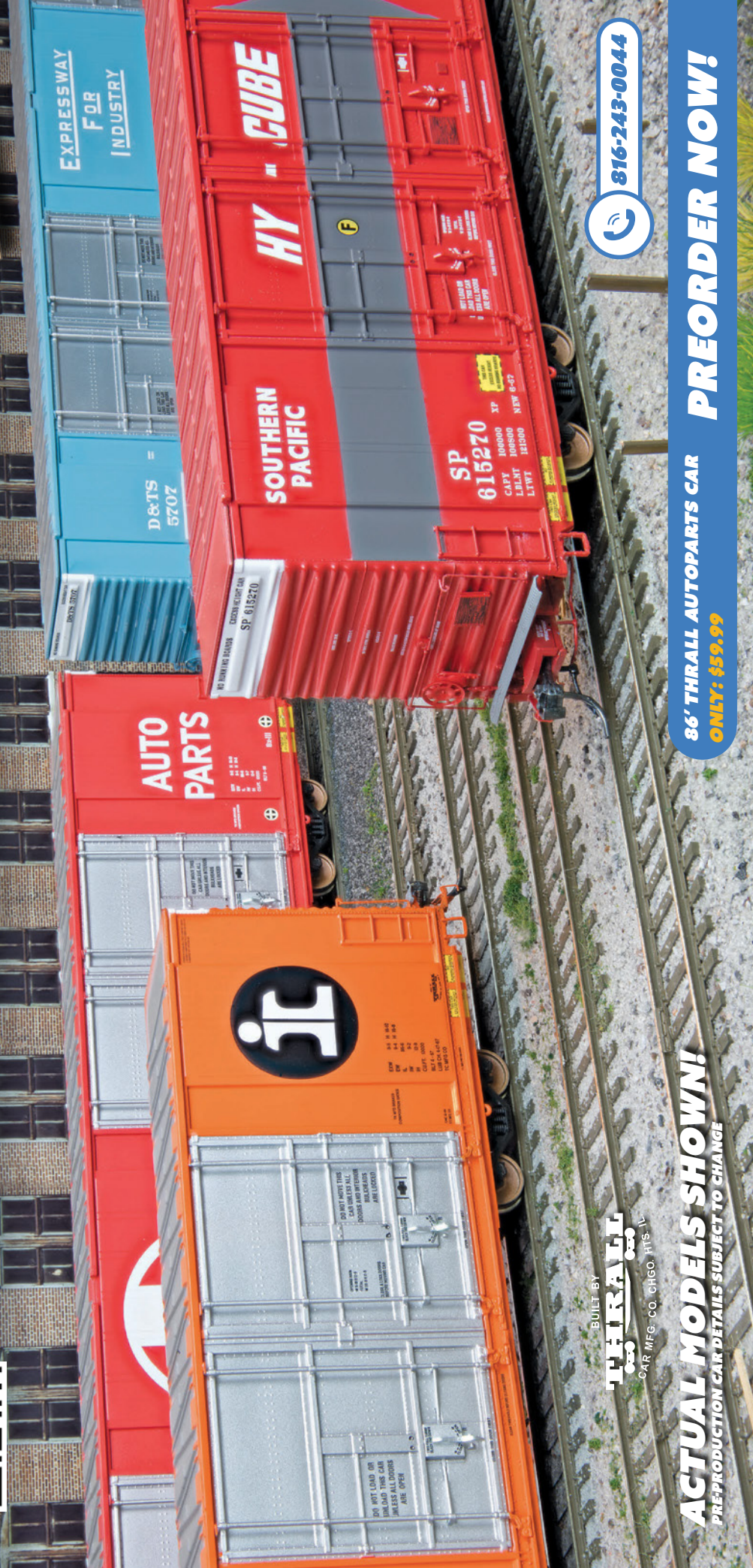
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