

GE B36-7 LOCOMOTIVE

SECOND RUN!



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MSRP w/Sound **\$339.95** USD
w/Sound **\$399.95** CAD

The four-axle GE B36-7 was a high-horsepower speed racer built to be the backbone of the intermodal power fleet. There were few drag freights or slow-moving manifests for these thoroughbreds in their early years. They could usually be found in multiples at the head of the hottest of hot piggyback and autorack services and the new double-stack container trains.

By the mid-80s and early 90s, many of the original B36-7 owners began repainting or modifying their fleet. Southern Pacific removed the red emergency lights and the front and rear Gyra-lights, replacing them with a Stratolite beacon on a shop-built bracket over the headlight. Cosmetically, very little changed, except for two that received speed lettering paint in the mid 90s. Conrail began to repaint a handful of their B36-7s in the 90s with a white sill stripe and later the full 'Quality' repaint. Two of Santa Fe's B36s wore what might be the most recognizable paint scheme in railroad history: Kodachrome! This was for the failed merger between SF and SP. The unmistakable red and yellow scheme matched the colors of Kodak's "Kodachrome" slide film boxes.

All of the above is offered on our surprise 2nd run, including new Stratolite brackets for Southern Pacific!

The B36-7 Locomotive features:

- Incredible underframe detail including piping, a ridiculous number of separately-applied parts and full cab interior
- Dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- A crazy level of road-specific detail options, with different pilots, anticlimbers, plows, fuel tanks, air dryers, antennas, wind deflectors, headlight locations, air-conditioning units, different bodies, multiple nose and rear end styles, three versions of drop step and so on...
- With or without class lights (as appropriate)
- Conrail locomotives come with their unique "red bug eye" marker lights
- Equipped with ditch lights - on front and/or rear - as appropriate
- ATSF and Southern Pacific locomotives have Stratolite beacons
- Three styles of operating, flashing ditch lights, front & rear (as appropriate)
- Working headlights in correct location, switchable number boards at both ends and cab interior headlight
- Metal Knuckle Couplers
- All units come equipped with DCC/ESU LokSound



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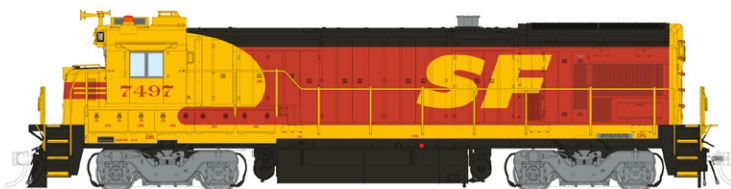
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Road Number

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Conrail (White Sill Stripe)

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Conrail Quality

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SP (Speed Lettering)

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Southern Pacific (Late)

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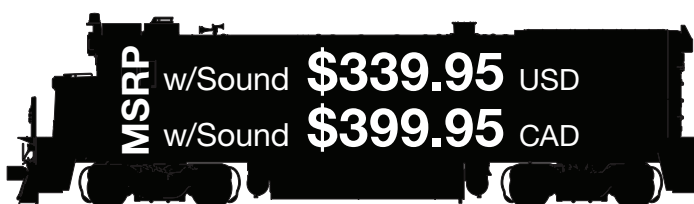
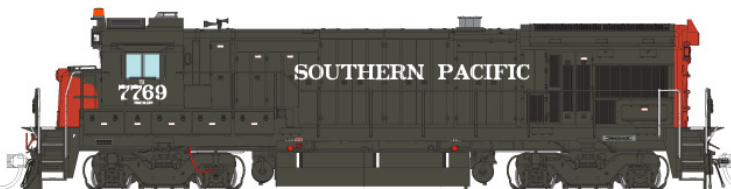
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53' HUSKY STACK WELL CAR

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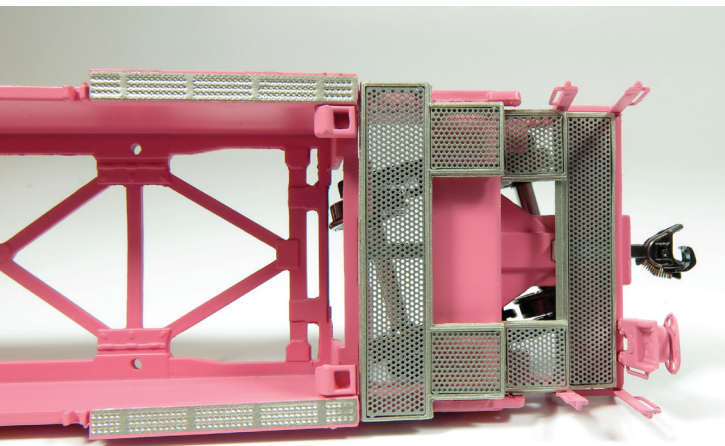


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The Gunderson 53' single-unit double-stack well car is the latest iteration of the famous Husky-Stack and every intermodal train includes at least three or four cars of this type. Over 2,600 cars have been built for the TTX Company (DTTX) and Canadian Pacific (CP) and they are seen all over the USA and Canada. Six numbers per paint scheme will be offered along with undecorated. (TTX "On Track For A Cure" comes with one road number.)



The 53' Husky Stack Well Car features:

- IMPROVED see-through etched metal walkways!
- Full die-cast body!
- Injection moulded plastic end handrails and brake detailing
- Accurate paint schemes
- Free-rolling 70-ton trucks with 33" wheels
- Metal knuckle couplers
- NOTE: Containers NOT included



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53' HUSKY STACK WELL CAR



TTX - "On Track For A Cure"

Item Number Road Number
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Canadian Pacific

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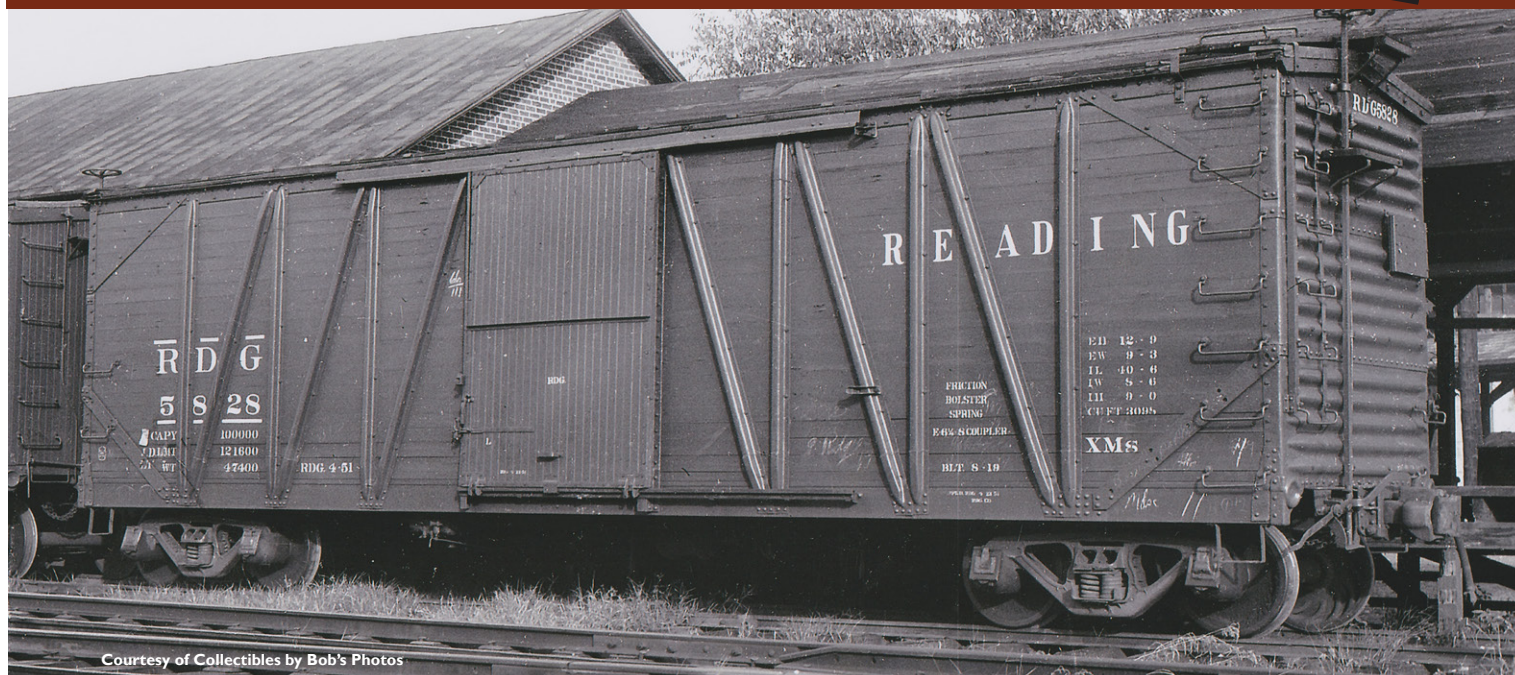


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USRA BOXCAR: SINGLE-SHEATHED

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During World War I the US railroads were struggling to keep up with wartime traffic, in part because of a shortage of serviceable freight cars. In an attempt to solve this problem, President Wilson nationalized the railroads under the United States Railway Administration, or USRA. One of the first tasks assigned to the USRA was to develop common designs for new freight cars. Among these was a 40' single-sheathed wood boxcar with a steel underframe.

Starting in 1918, 25,000 copies of the single-sheathed boxcar were built. Originally delivered to 22 railroads throughout the country, the cars were well received. Many cars continued in regular service in their original form well into the 1950s. Delivered with KC brake systems, many were updated to AB brake systems prior to 1953.

The USRA single-sheathed cars formed significant parts of many railroad's fleets. The New York Central System had 2,500 cars, the Milwaukee Road had 3,000 copies and the Pennsylvania had over 9,700 cars. The PRR's cars were delivered with wooden doors, but many later received either Youngstown corrugated or Creco panel doors. The Pennsy's cars were some of the longest-living with a dozen cars still listed for interchange in 1968!

Rapido's new model of the USRA single-sheathed boxcar features an all-new body with correct steel underframe and correct free-standing details. Models will be equipped with either KC or AB brakes as appropriate. Wood, Youngstown corrugated and Creco panel doors will be available as appropriate.

Rapido's USRA single-sheathed boxcar features:

- Accurate new tooling
- Correct details including roof and handbrake
- KC or AB brakes as appropriate *
- Wood, Youngstown corrugated or Creco doors as appropriate
- Full underbody with separate brake rods and piping
- Accurate decoration
- Fully decorated and assembled
- Factory-installed Rapido semi-scale couplers
- USRA Andrews trucks with in-line brake shoes
- Blackened turned-metal wheels
- Available in singles or multi-packs, boxed for individual sale.

Decorated cars have six individual car numbers per paint scheme. These will be available as a six pack (six individual cars shrink wrapped together and easily broken up for individual sale).

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Optional
Youngstown Door



Optional
Creco Door

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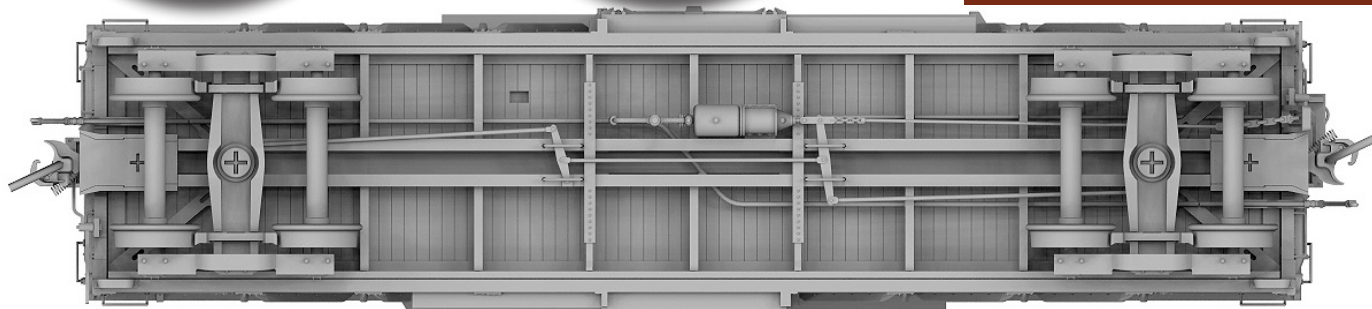
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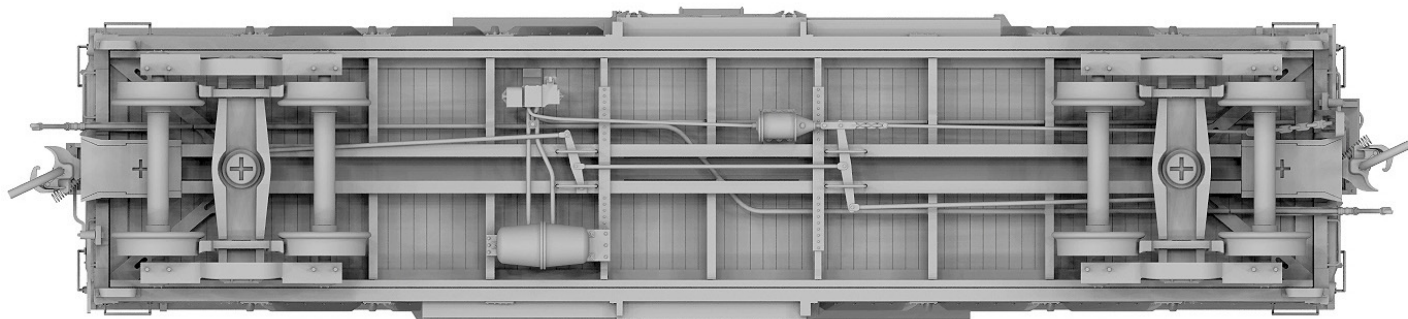
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KC Brake System



AB Brake System



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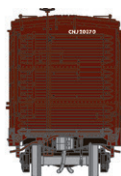
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Baltimore & Ohio

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Central of New Jersey

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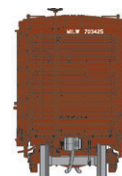
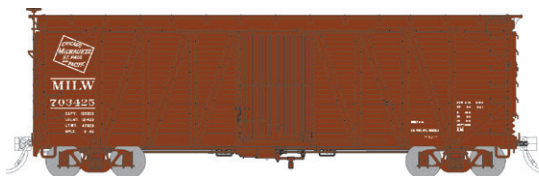
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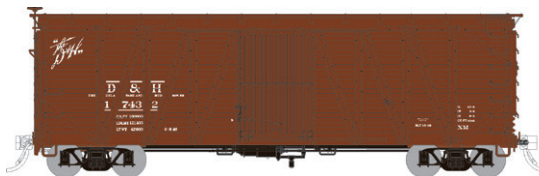
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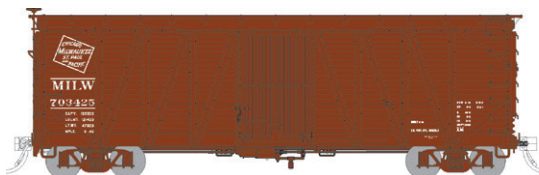
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Delaware & Hudson

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Maine Central

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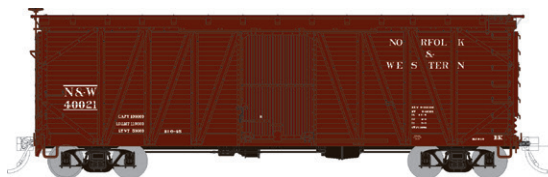
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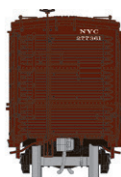


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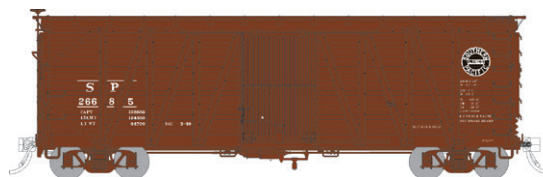
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New York Central

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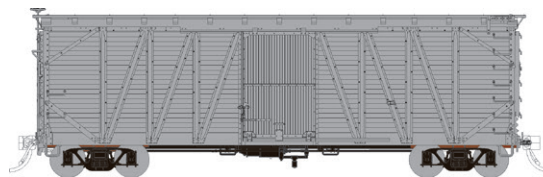
Southern Pacific

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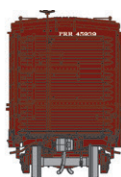
Pennsylvania (Youngstown door)

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Undecorated

Item #	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 142099	Single car - Includes optional parts



Pennsylvania (Creco door)

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Reading

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B-100-40 BOXCAR



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Introducing the all new HO scale Pacific Car & Foundry B-100-40 boxcar from Rapido Trains Inc!

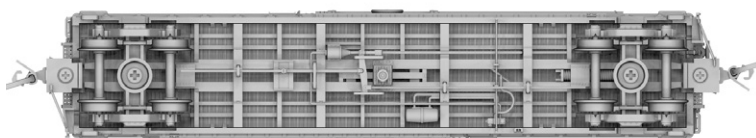
With 250 cars delivered exclusively to the Southern Pacific in 1976, these exterior-post boxcars featured a 5195-cu ft capacity, full Hydra-Cushion underframe, 12' doors, Car Pac loaders and the iconic half-height waffle sides. Used across the SP system, these utilitarian boxcars could be seen throughout the USA and Canada. Most of the series are still in service today, many for SP successor Union Pacific and others in short line service.

Several cars from this series were purchased from the SP by Amtrak in the mid 1990's for use in express service on most trains across the system. These cars had some minor modifications including the large wheel door handle, brackets for the end of train device and struts added to the trucks for extra stability at higher speeds. Reserve today!

Rapido's N Scale B-100-40 model features:

- Separately applied cut levers and end ladders
- Detailed Hydra-Cushion underframe
- Full underbody brake rigging
- Separately applied door latch mechanism
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Available in singles or multi-packs.*
- Road number specific paint patches where appropriate

* Dealers must order multi-packs.



3D renders, models subject to revision.



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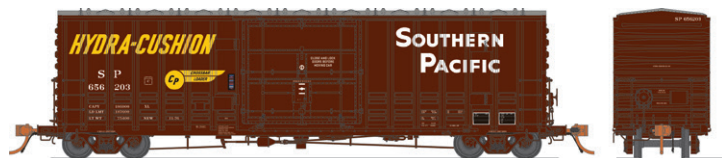
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Southern Pacific As Delivered

Item	Description
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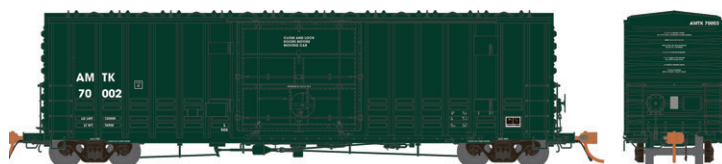
Golden West Service (VCY)

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Golden West Service (SP Patch)

Item	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/> 537005A	Single car



Amtrak Green 3 Pack

(3 Pack \$149.95 US - \$179.85 CAD)

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 537006	3 Pack Road Nos. 70002, 70013, 70021
<input type="checkbox"/> 537006A	Single car



Amtrak Phase IV 3 Pack

(3 Pack \$149.95 US - \$179.85 CAD)

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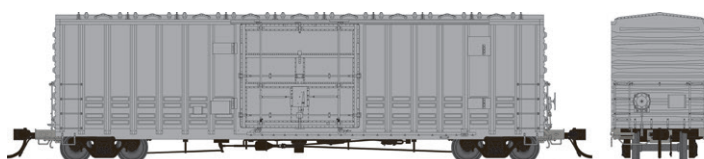
Southern Pacific/Union Pacific Shield

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Columbus and Greenville Railroad (CAGY)

Item	Description
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Undecorated

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 537099	Undecorated 6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 537099A	Undecorated Single car

We will also make un-numbered cars if ordered in quantities of six cars or more. Contact us for details.

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AUTOFLOOD III RAPID DISCHARGE HOPPER



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Alliance, NE
July 4, 2017

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Single Car **\$59.95/\$74.95** US / CAD

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Whatever your name for it, this commodity is best transported across the country by rail. Enter the AutoFlood III rapid discharge hopper car!

Beginning production in 2004, the all aluminum body prototype has been produced in the thousands and has traversed all over North America. With millions of tons of coal per year being mined and hauled out of various locations across the country, you would be hard pressed to not have seen one of these prototype cars in a modern day coal train.

This 4200 cubic foot, exterior post prototype (not to be confused with other prototype exterior post or interior post models) is primarily used as a rapid discharge car which can unload the payload in a matter of seconds via the bottom bay doors. However, the car can also be equipped with a rotary coupler at the end(s) of the car, indicated by the color blocks on the end of the car, for either bottom discharge or rotary unloading based on the infrastructure at the final destination.

The AutoFlood III Coal Hopper features:

- Die-cast frame and floor for optimum car weight
- Full interior rivet and K-member details
- Super-detailed end cages including separate air and brake piping
- Barber S-2 100-ton Trucks with metal wheels
- Hopper bays feature highly-detailed outlet gates
- Etched, see-through end cross-over platforms
- Full end detail, including uncoupling levers

- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Removable coal load included
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs*
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale

*Dealers must order multi-packs.



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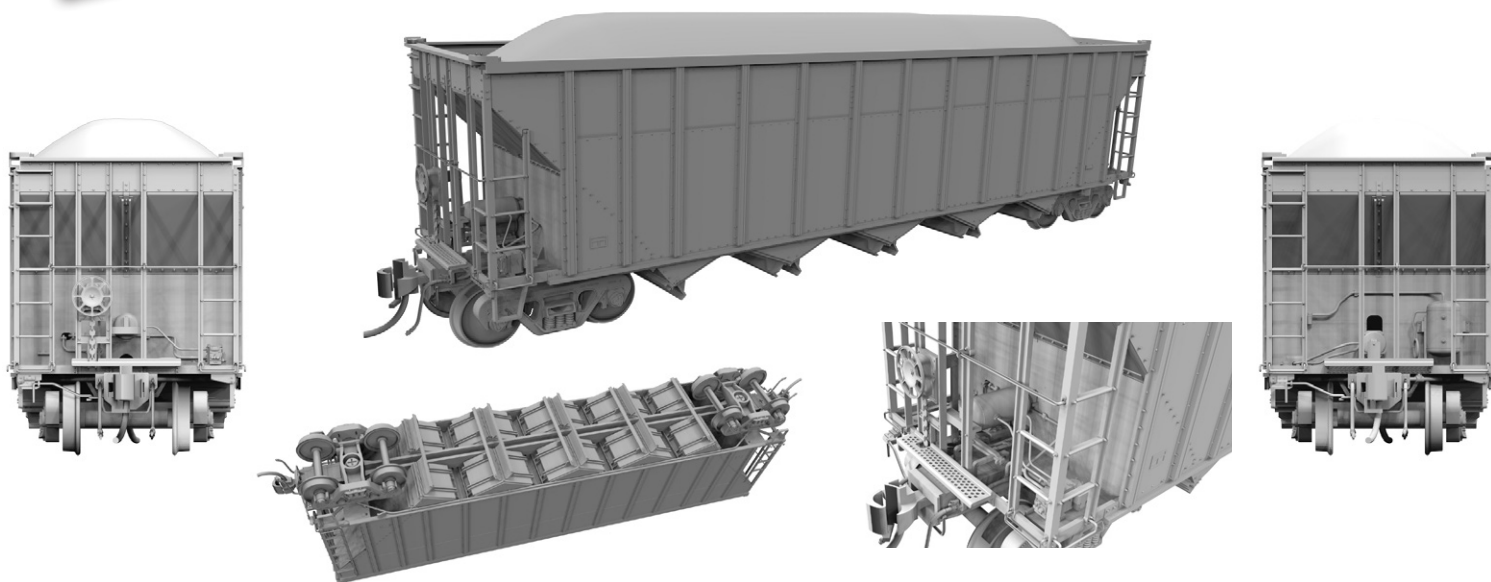
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DEALER
NAME



BNSF Railway - BNSF



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169001 169001A
Road #
652830, 652855, 652884, 652900, 652921, 652954
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #2 Single Car
169002 169002A
Road #
652973, 653245, 653287, 653000, 653023, 653036
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #3 Single Car
169003 169003A
Road #
653077, 653109, 653135, 653166, 653212, 653247
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169024 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered

Double Rotary car



Single Car Road #
169004 699623

CIT Group - CEFX



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169005 169005A
Road #
600428, 600441, 600482, 600498, 600516, 600527
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

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169006 169006A
Road #
600530, 600547, 600555, 600568, 600580, 600593
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Item #
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169007 169007A
Road #
600600, 600612, 600626, 600644, 600568, 600673
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169025 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered

Indiana Railroad 2,000,000th Carload special



Single Car Road #
169008 600480

6-Pack **\$359.70/\$449.70** MSRP
Single Car **\$59.95/\$74.95** US / CAD

Order Deadline **TBD**
Expected Delivery



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Gulf Power Company - GLFX



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169009 169009A

Road #
8001, 8017, 8022, 8035, 8047, 8053
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #3 Single Car
169011 169011A

Road #
8099, 8103, 8109, 8116, 8121, 8125
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #2 Single Car
169010 169010A

Road #
8058, 8062, 8070, 8076, 8085, 8092
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169026 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered

GATX Corporation - GGPX



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169012 169012A

Road #
1752, 1734, 1746, 1767, 1779, 1783
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #3 Single Car
169014 169014A

Road #
1739, 1757, 1788, 1817, 1802, 1811
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #2 Single Car
169013 169013A

Road #
1795, 1801, 1814, 1820, 1808, 1776
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169027 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered

Western Resources, Inc. - KPLX



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169015 169015A

Road #
6115, 6101, 6123, 6134, 6148, 6152
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #3 Single Car
169017 169017A

Road #
6222, 6109, 6113, 6128, 6137, 6142
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #2 Single Car
169016 169016A

Road #
6163, 6177, 6184, 6193, 6202, 6219
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169028 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered



Carolina Power & Light - PGNX



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169018 169018A

Road #
1100, 1111, 1119, 1125, 1132, 1144
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #3 Single Car
169020 169020A

Road #
1202, 1207, 1211, 1214, 1180, 1196
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #2 Single Car
169019 169019A

Road #
1153, 1162, 1169, 1174, 1185, 1191
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169029 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered

Union Pacific - CMO



Item #
6-Pack #1 Single Car
169021 169021A

Road #
504395, 504250, 504273, 504288, 504294, 504302
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #3 Single Car
169023 169023A

Road #
504366, 504374, 504386, 504402, 504409, 504259
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #2 Single Car
169022 169022A

Road #
504318, 504323, 504337, 504341, 504354, 504360
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #
6-Pack #4 No single cars
169030 Order in multiples of 6 only
Unnumbered

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BILEVEL COMMUTER CAR



Rapido Trains is proud to introduce the first of many productions of the quintessential **Bilevel Commuter Car** in **HO Scale**.

The current Bilevel design, although largely originating in Europe, found its ways to North American rails in the 1970s and has since been put to use by dozens of commuter agencies all across Canada and the United States. Originally designed by Hawker Siddeley Canada, the cars have been manufactured over the years by Hawker Siddeley, Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC), SNC-Lavalin, and today, Bombardier. The cars have always been built at the original Canadian Car & Foundry (CanCar) factory in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The Bilevel Commuter Car was originally designed in the mid-1970s at the request of the Government of Ontario (Canada) to develop a higher-capacity solution for their GO Transit commuter trains in the Greater Toronto Area. The commuter trains had grown to 10-car single-level trains during peak times and it was felt that the ideal solution was to increase the height rather than the length. Designed by Hawker Siddeley Canada and Dofasco with input from GO Transit, the first coach models entered service in 1976, while the first cab cars entered service in 1983.

In 1989, the first Bilevel cars were introduced to the United States by Tri-Rail in the Miami area. In 1992, Metrolink in the Los Angeles area introduced the design to the West Coast. This spurred further orders in California by Coaster of San Diego and Altamont Commuter Express (now Altamont Corridor Express) of San Jose. By the 2000s, more agencies across North America began using the Bilevel Commuter Cars for start-up commuter operations, such as Sound Transit (Sounder) in Seattle, FrontRunner in Salt Lake City, RailRunner in Albuquerque and West Coast Express in Vancouver, just to name a few. As of late 2020, 14 agencies across North America operate fleets totaling almost 1500 Bilevel Commuter Cars.

The Rapido model aims to finally bring museum-quality details, improved operations and prototypical accuracy to this long loved and under-appreciated mode of (commuter) transportation.

The Rapido Bilevel Commuter Car features:

- Accurate body shell designs with or without rivet details
- Five windows or four windows on the lower level, as appropriate
- Free-rolling, highly-detailed inside-bearing trucks with roller-bearing axles and metal wheelsets
- Minimum 22" radius curves
- Full underbody and unrivaled interior detail
- Accurate painting and lettering, both inside and out.
- Tinted windows
- Metal side grab irons
- Constant interior lighting in DC and DCC
- Controllable cab car lighting in both DC and DCC

MSRP

Sets (with Cab Car)	\$319.95 USD*	\$379.95 CAD*
Sets (without Cab Car)	\$299.95 USD	\$359.95 CAD
Single Coaches	\$99.95 USD*	\$119.95 CAD*
Single Cab Coaches	\$119.95 USD	\$139.95 CAD

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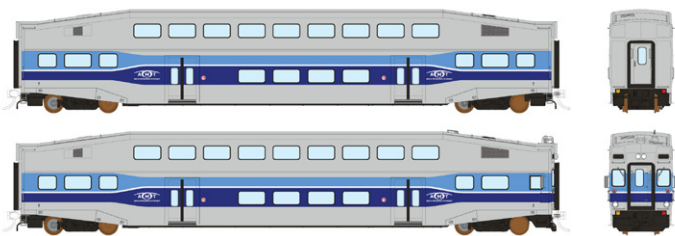


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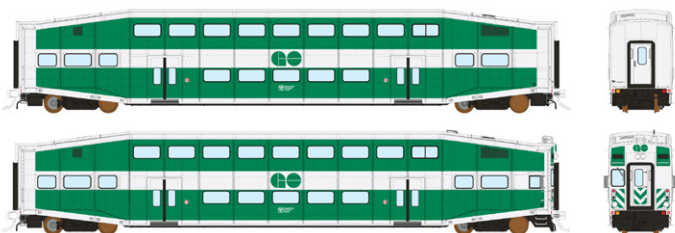
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Agence Métropolitaine de Transport (Montreal)

SERIES IV COACH	SERIES IV CAB COACH
146001 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #1 Coach 2024, Coach 2031, Cab Coach 2001.
146002 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #2 Coach 2021, Coach 2035, Cab Coach 2003.
146003 <input type="checkbox"/>	Single Coach (Unnumbered)



GO Transit (Early)

SERIES I COACH	SERIES I CAB COACH
146004 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #1 Coach 2104, Coach 2133, Cab Coach 206.
146005 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #2 Coach 2121, Coach 2150, Cab Coach 213.
146006 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #3 Coach 2119, Coach 2140, Coach 2155.
146007 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #4 Coach 2208, Coach 2233, Coach 2249.
146008 <input type="checkbox"/>	Single Coach (Unnumbered)

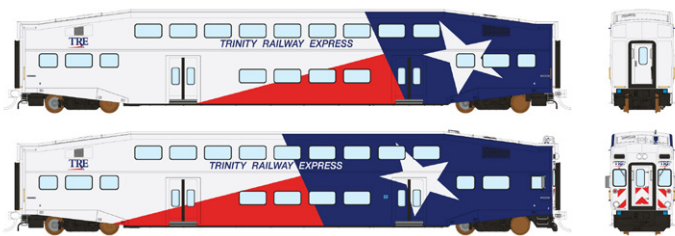


Metrolink (Los Angeles)

SERIES III COACH	SERIES II CAB COACH
146009 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #1 Coach 183, Coach 204, Cab Coach 612.
146010 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #2 Coach 189, Coach 207, Cab Coach 628.
146011 <input type="checkbox"/>	Single Coach (Unnumbered)



Metrolink Cab Car (Early Series II)



Trinity Rail Express (Dallas/Ft Worth)

SERIES IV COACH	SERIES IV CAB COACH
146012 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #1 Coach 1061, Coach 1064, Cab Coach 1007.
146013 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #2 Coach 1062, Coach 1063, Cab Coach 1009.
146014 <input type="checkbox"/>	Single Coach (Unnumbered)



TriRail (Miami)

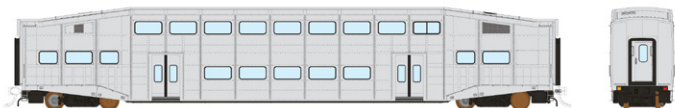
SERIES I COACH	SERIES I CAB COACH
146015 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #1 Coach 1003, Coach 1012, Cab Coach 501.
146016 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #2 Coach 1008, Coach 1009, Cab Coach 504.
146017 <input type="checkbox"/>	Single Coach (Unnumbered)



West Coast Express (Vancouver)*

SERIES IV COACH	SERIES II CAB COACH
146018 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #1 Coach 304, Coach 308, Cab Coach 103.
146019 <input type="checkbox"/>	Set #2 Coach 301, Coach 305, Cab Coach 104.
146020 <input type="checkbox"/>	Single Coach (Unnumbered)

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Undecorated (Assembled, Unpainted)

146092 <input type="checkbox"/>	Series I Coach
146094 <input type="checkbox"/>	Series III Coach
146095 <input type="checkbox"/>	Series IV Coach
146096 <input type="checkbox"/>	Series I Cab Coach
146097 <input type="checkbox"/>	Series II Cab Coach
146099 <input type="checkbox"/>	Series IV Cab Coach

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F59PH

Pre-Production, Hand-painted Sample

In the mid eighties, GO Transit was looking to replace its aging locomotive fleet with a specially designed locomotive that could meet the growing demands for service across the Greater Toronto Area. The locomotive needed to be able to quickly accelerate while pulling up to 10 of the new Hawker-Siddeley/UTDC BiLevel coaches, and to save on fuel, power them with a separate HEP generator.

In close consultation with GO Transit, GMD developed the F59PH. Equipped with a turbocharged 12-cylinder two-stroke diesel prime mover (12-710G3A), a full-width North American comfort cab, with HEP provided by a smaller 600hp GM 8-cylinder diesel.

In 1988, GMD delivered the first sixteen F59PH units to GO Transit. They were numbered 520 to 535 and given a class designation of GCE-430g. Over the next 6 years, GMD delivered an additional 33 units to GO Transit, with some improvements, including a larger fuel tank and different rear grille arrangement. In 1994, the final four units were delivered to GO, but were very quickly sold to Dallas' Trinity Railway Express by the cash-strapped Ontario government. Other surplus locomotives were leased to West Coast Express in British Columbia and Metrolink in California.

Due to the success of the locomotives with GO Transit, Metrolink in California placed an order for 22 F59PHs, which were delivered between 1992 and 1993. Metrolink would later lease an additional 3 units in 2018 from LTEX, to allow for PTC upgrades to be made to their own units. These are ex. GO units.

In 2007, GO Transit began retiring its fleet of F59PHs and replacing them with the MPI MP40PH-3C. Many were sold to other railroads, including AMT, Metra, NCDOT, and RB Railway Group. However, GO still has several units in service to supplement the new fleet of MP40PHs and MP54ACs.

Model Features

- Scaled from field measurements and blueprints
- End metal handrails with plastic stanchions
- Prototype-specific details
- Incredible underframe detail including traction motor cables and other piping, and a ridiculous number of separately-applied parts
- Etched-metal grilles and separate, stamped-metal grab irons
- Full cab interior
- Heavy, die-cast chassis with Rapido's proven and improved silky-smooth drive
- Operating headlights, rear light, and ditch lights
- Operating ground lights and step lights
- Tri-colour class lights (white, green, red) or red markers, equipped as appropriate
- DCC/Sound units come equipped with an ESU LokSound decoder

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\$224.95
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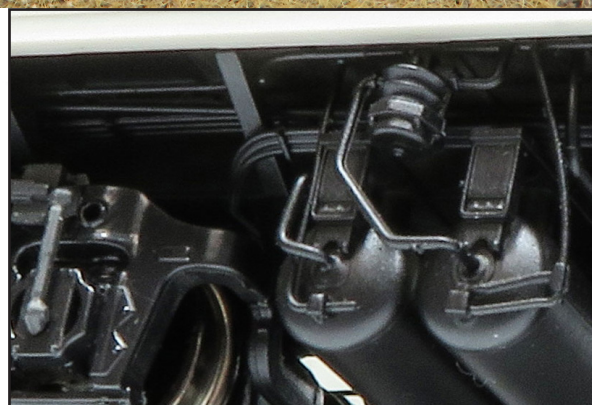
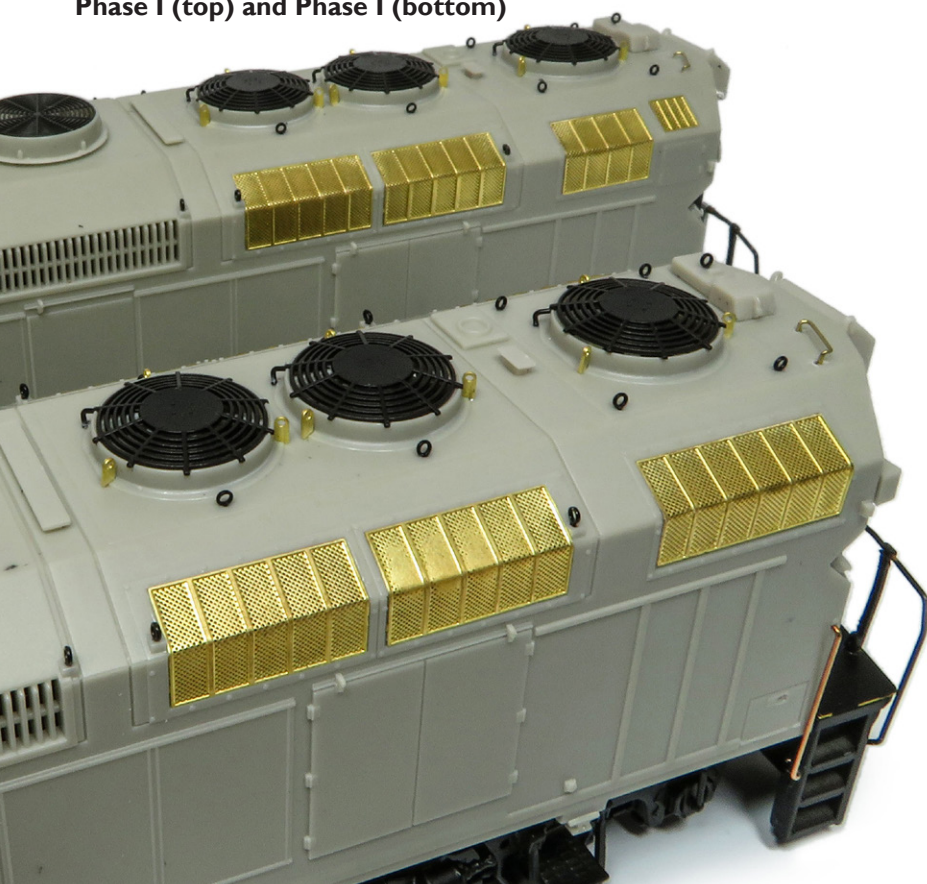
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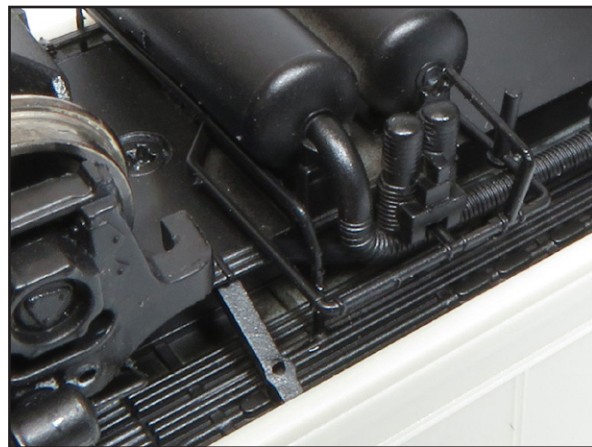


Pre-Production, Hand-painted Sample

Eroded Metal Grills and Rooftop details
Phase I (top) and Phase I (bottom)



Highly-detailed underbody pipes, tanks, hoses,
conduit and trucks



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GO Transit - Phase 1 (As-delivered)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	520
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	524
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	528
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	535



GO Transit - Phase 2 (Late)

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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	559
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	561
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	564



GO Transit - Special Logo

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	527



Metra - Blue Vignette*

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	97
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	98
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	99



Metrolink - As-delivered (Periwinkle)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	851
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	864
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	873

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Metrolink (Stripe Scheme)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	857
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	859
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	868



Metrolink (Ribbon Scheme)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	853
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	860
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	864



AMT Montreal (3 stripe Scheme)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	526
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	530
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	532



TRE - Lone Star (Solid Blue)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	120
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	121
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	122



Ex-GO Lease (No logos or numbers)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road #
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CPR D10 Ten Wheeler

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D10k #1073

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HAVING SMASHED our sales targets with the inaugural Icons of Canadian Steam release, the CPR Royal Hudson, Rapido Trains is proud to announce it's second Canadian Pacific steam locomotive, the much requested CPR D10-class Ten Wheeler in HO scale.

The D10 was the most numerous class of steam locomotive not only for the CPR but in Canada. It was designed and built during the administration of Henry H. Vaughan, assistant to the Vice President in charge of Motive Power for the Canadian Pacific Railway. This period was without parallel for productivity and technical innovation with many new designs and new wheel arrangements were added to the roster.

502 of these useful 4-6-0s were built by five different manufacturers in both Canada and the USA between 1905 and 1913, and many lasted until the end of CP steam service in 1961. With a top speed of 65 mph, D10s were employed

in freight and passenger work across Canada and into the United States on CP's many branch and main lines. They were well-liked by engine crews and shop forces and the simple design was relatively easy to maintain, tough and dependable. There is truly no more useful locomotive for any steam era CPR layout than the D10.

Of course, like any steam engine, the D10s appearance changed over the years with variations in headlights, fuel type, walkways and more becoming apparent across the class. Rapido's

model will feature many optional details to accurately portray D10s in several configurations and sub-classes, including:

- Coal or Oil tenders
- Raised or straight walkways
- Centered or smokebox top mounted headlights
- Straight or angled front numberboards
- Two styles of power reversers
- Straight or angled cylinder steam pipes
- Two different bell locations

The HO Scale CPR D10 Ten Wheeler Model Features:

- Designed from blueprints and field measurements
- Factory-applied details specific for each road number
- Smooth-running drive & heavy diecast weight centred above the drivers for exceptional pulling power
- Blackened metal wheels and driving rods
- Working head, marker and classification lights, as well as a flickering firebox light*
- DCC sound version includes synchronized chuff, accurate whistle, bell and many other effects!**
- Accurate and complete piping, underbody and tender details
- Accurate paint and decoration
- 18" Minimum radius (22" recommended)

* Not all lighting effects available on Silent versions. ** User-controlled sound features only accessible on DCC layouts.

Canada & US MSRP

\$599.95 DC/DCC/Sound

\$499.95 DC/Silent



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CPR D10 Ten Wheeler



D10h #1040

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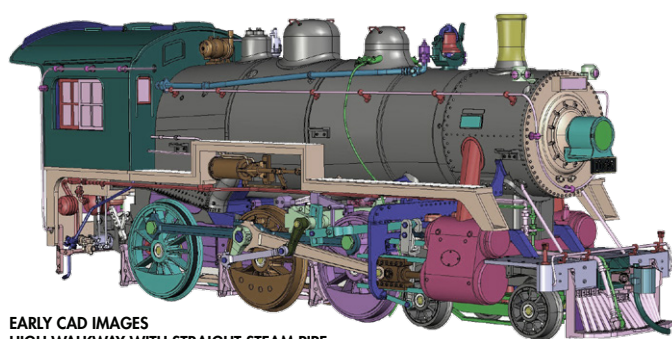
The D10 locomotive's drive will incorporate our smooth-running gear drive with flywheel allowing sure and silent operation. All models will be DCC ready, and sound equipped models will be fitted with custom sound decoders that feature synchronized effects for ultimate realism. Lighting effects will include headlights, marker lights, number boards and flickering firebox.

The Rapido HO Scale CPR D10 will be available in four beautifully rendered paint schemes, as well as one exclusive paint scheme and two painted/unlettered variations: Canadian Pacific, Canadian Pacific (Passenger), Dominion Atlantic, Quebec Central and Credit Valley Railway (Exclusive).

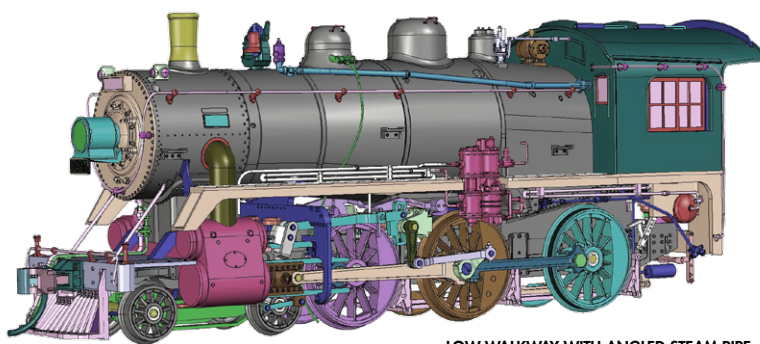
We are taking reservations now for what we are sure will be the ultimate

HO scale Canadian Pacific D10. Talk to your dealer or reserve direct.

DC Item	DCC Item	Number	Paint Scheme	Bell	Walkway	Headlight	Steam Pipe	Tender
602001	602501	922	Canadian Pacific	Boiler top	Low	Low	Straight	Oil
602002	602502	926	Canadian Pacific	Boiler top	High	Low	Straight	Coal/Oil
602003	602503	1022	Canadian Pacific	Boiler top	Low	Low	Straight	Oil
602004	602504	1027	Canadian Pacific	Check Valve	High	Low	Straight	Coal
602005	602505	1063	Canadian Pacific	Check Valve	High	Low	Straight	Coal
602006	602506	1073	Canadian Pacific	Check Valve	High	High	Straight	Coal
602007	602507	1078	Canadian Pacific	Check Valve	High	Low	Straight	Coal
602008	602508	1095	Canadian Pacific	Check Valve	High	Low	Straight	Coal
602009	602509	1106	Canadian Pacific	Check Valve	High	High	Straight	Coal
602010	602510	962	CP - Passenger	Boiler top	Low	Low	Straight	Oil
602011	602511	1040	Dominion Atlantic	Check Valve	High	High	Angled	Coal
602012	602512	1046	Dominion Atlantic	Check Valve	High	Low	Straight	Coal
602013	602513	1083	Quebec Central	Check Valve	High/Low	High/Low	Straight	Coal
602014	602514		Painted, unlettered	All	All	Low	All	All
602015	602515		Painted, unlettered	All	All	High	All	All



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HIGH WALKWAY WITH STRAIGHT STEAM PIPE



LOW WALKWAY WITH ANGLED STEAM PIPE

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY - FREIGHT

D10g Canadian Pacific #922

Low Headlight, Low Walkway, Boiler top-mounted Bell, Oil Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
922	602001 <input type="text"/>	602501 <input type="text"/>

D10g Canadian Pacific #926

Low Headlight, High Walkway, Boiler top-mounted Bell, Coal/Oil Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
926	602002 <input type="text"/>	602502 <input type="text"/>

D10h Canadian Pacific #1022

Low Headlight, Low Walkway, Boiler top-mounted Bell, Oil Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
1022	602003 <input type="text"/>	602503 <input type="text"/>

D10h Canadian Pacific #1027

Low Headlight, High Walkway, Check Valve-mounted Bell, Coal Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
1027	602004 <input type="text"/>	602504 <input type="text"/>

D10h Canadian Pacific #1063

Low Headlight, High Walkway, Check Valve-mounted Bell, Coal Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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D10k Canadian Pacific #1073

High Headlight, High Walkway, Check Valve-mounted Bell, Coal Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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D10k Canadian Pacific #1078

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Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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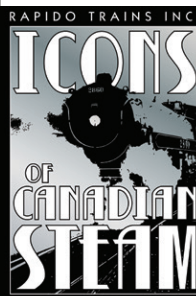
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Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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D10j Canadian Pacific #962

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Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
962	602010 <input type="text"/>	602510 <input type="text"/>

DOMINION ATLANTIC

D10h Dominion Atlantic #1040

High Headlight, High Walkway, Check Valve-mounted Bell, Coal Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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D10h Dominion Atlantic #1046

Low Headlight, High Walkway, Check Valve-mounted Bell, Coal Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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QUEBEC CENTRAL

D10h Quebec Central #1083

Low/High Headlight, Low/High Walkway, Boiler-top mounted/
Check Valve mounted Bell, Coal/Oil Tender



Road #	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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PAINTED, UNLETTERED

D10 Painted, Unlettered

Comes with all detail parts featured on the D10, incl. both tender parts

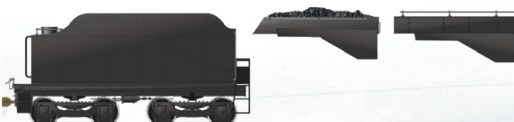


Version	DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound
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High Headlight	602015 <input type="text"/>	602515 <input type="text"/>

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When we released our first run of HO scale RS-11 locos we were bombarded by questions like "How come you didn't do (insert your choice of roadname here) version?" As we found out early on, despite carrying the same "RS-11" designation, most road's RS-11 locos had unique features. This makes them really neat for modelers, and a real headache for manufacturers! Maybe that explains why most of these have never been done in plastic before.

For this, our second run of HO RS-11s, we've tooled new hoods, roofs and details for Central Vermont, Delaware and Hudson, Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific, Maine Central (and Portland Terminal) New York Central, Nickel Plate, Northern Pacific (and BN) and Seaboard Air Line. Yes, each one is different! We have loads of road-specific details like the bell on the BN units, correct carbody vent placements, the dynamic brake vents on the side of the CV short hood and even the Nickel Plate's extra headlight and side sill poling pockets.

Be sure to reserve your new RS-11s today!

Our Second Run RS-11 Models feature:

- Correct hood and roof profiles 3D scanned from the prototype
- Operating number boards, headlights, class lights and cab control stand lighting
- Working inspection lights in the inspection light castings
- Straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- Huge amount of newly-tooled road-specific details
- Full underbody piping, conduits and steam lines, where appropriate
- Correct roadname-specific corner steps
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory Heavy, die-cast chassis and full, multi-color interior
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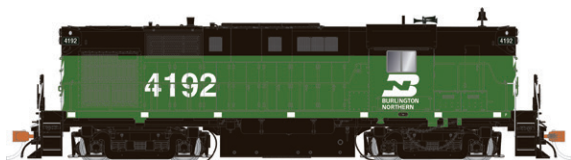
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Central Vermont Green With Noodle

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Delaware And Hudson Lightning Stripe

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Duluth, Winnipeg And Pacific Green And Yellow

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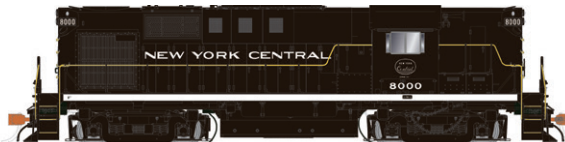
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Portland Terminal ** Pine Green

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New York Central

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Northern Pacific As Delivered

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			#4197

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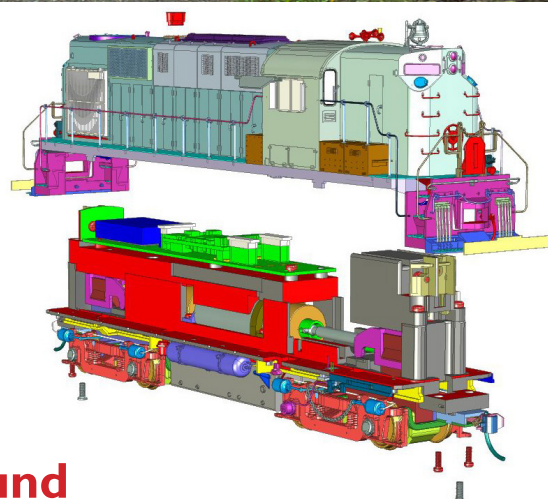
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On the first run of RS-11 or RS-18 locomotives the factory came up with a.... unique... way of attaching the body shell. For this new run we have completely redesigned the way that the RS-11 and RS-18 locos are put together. Now, instead of twenty screws, fourteen clips and three volumes of expletives the body is held in place by just three screws at each end. That's it!

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Dear Rapido Customer,

Welcome back! Good things come in threes **FOURS!** We have two surprise announcements as well as all-new HO and N scale boxcars to show off! Plus a swarm of preorder deadlines to discuss. So, sit back...Wait! *(This is newsletter 139, which means we're one away from publishing 140 original newsletters - plus a bunch of extra ones we didn't number!)* Grab a cold refreshment as Newsletter 139 starts...right...**NOW!**

New Announcements!

- NEW! HO Scale B36-7 Locomotive - Surprise Run!
- NEW! HO Scale 53' Husky Stack Well Cars - Surprise Run!
- NEW! HO Scale USRA Single Sheathed Boxcars
- NEW! N Scale PC&F B-100-40 Boxcars!

Now Available!

- NEW! HO Scale *Exclusive* Great Northern SW1200
- HO SCALE New Look Bus - Edmonton!

New Addition - Unnumbered 6-Packs!

- HO Scale Autoflood III Rapid Discharge Hopper

June Order Deadlines - June 15th

- HO Scale North American Bilevel Commuter Cars - New Video!
- HO Scale F59PH Locomotive - **FINALLY!**
- HO Scale 1980s Chevrolet Caprices and Impalas - New Video!

July Order Deadlines - July 15th

- HO Scale CP D-10 Class Steam Locomotives
- HO Scale RS-11 Locomotives

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Kodachrome! Photo courtesy of Stephen Priest.

New! HO Scale B36-7 Locomotive - Surprise Run!

What's better than a surprise? How about when that surprise is a run of [GE B36-7 Locomotives](#), DCC and LokSound **ONLY**, in new, attractive paint schemes? Rapido is proud to announce five different B36-7s. Each has its own unique twist to it. Let's dig into the small details.

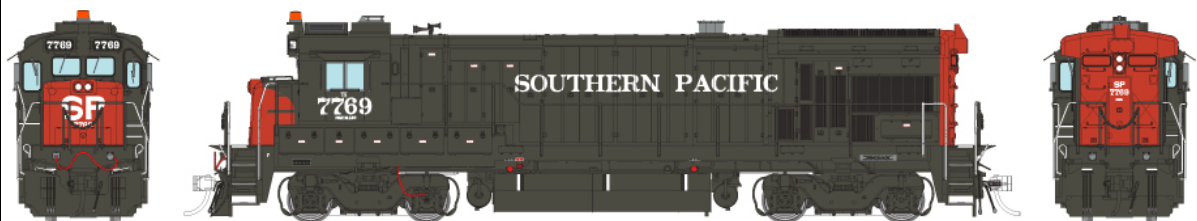


Of course we didn't forget the baffles! They'll be in the polybag, in the box.

When you think of SPSF, I bet "Kodachrome" is the first thing that crosses your mind. (No, not the song.) With its attractive red and yellow, it screams "80s" (and failed mergers...). With its Stratolite, unique rooftop details and the signature red number boards, the [SF 7497](#) surely is a sight to behold. But what about those Espee fans?



*Possibly the best looking B36-7. Who am I kidding, this is THE BEST looking B36-7.
Photo courtesy of Greg Sommers.*



Yeah, it might be without the Gyalites, but it does have a Stratolite.

Glad you asked! For Southern Pacific, we are offering [TWO B36-7 Schemes!](#) First up is what we're calling the "Late" version, which is sometimes referred to as "lobotomized." What this means is the Mars light and red emergency light have been removed and a Stratolite has been added above the headlight. This bracket is an all-new piece tooled up just for this run! (We really are SP-centric...) Two road numbers are available: 7759 and 7769. For anyone thinking why I chose 7769, [this photo](#) of the lineup in Chicago was the inspiration.

The second SP B36-7 scheme is the famous "Speed Lettering", which was applied to two locos (7758 and 7766) in the mid 90s. Externally, these are virtually the same as the "Late" versions.



If regular SP is the best, then speed lettering is the runner up.

How could we forget the east? Conrail wraps up this run of [HO Scale B36-7 Locomotives](#) with two iconic schemes: The Juniata repaints with white sill and the Conrail Quality repaints. You couldn't set foot on the Water Level Route without seeing one of these leading a high-speed van train. Both of these schemes feature front-only ditch lights, the iconic Juniata style font for the number boards and JBS CR repaint logo on the conductors side.

There are three road numbers to choose from in the white sill stripe versions: 5024, 5046 and 5055. For CR-Q, the road numbers are: 5008, 5039 and 5056. As with the previous run, the red marker lights will be working and the ditch lights will flash when the horn is activated. Buy all three and recreate your Chicago high priority intermodal!



Juniata was busy in the 90s.

Now a word of warning on ordering this run of [HO Scale B36-7 Locomotives](#): ***DON'T WAIT!*** This run has ***extremely limited quantities***. Late last year, the factory notified us that they had an open production window and needed a ready-made project immediately. Enter the B36-7s. So with that in mind, we are certain these will sell ***FAST***. This means bug your local hobby shop or dealer... ***NOW!***

With that lovely stern message out, let's take a look at the catalog. Click on the photo below to browse through item numbers.

GE B36-7 LOCOMOTIVE **RAPIDO TRAINS INC.**
SECOND RUN! **LIMITED QUANTITIES!**
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 MSRP w/Sound **\$399.95** CAD

The four-axle GE B36-7 was a high-horsepower speed racer built to be the backbone of the intermodal power fleet. There were few drag freights or slow-moving manifests for these thoroughbreds in their early years. They could usually be found in multiples at the head of the hottest of hot piggyback and autorack services and the new double-stack container trains.

By the mid-80s and early 90s, many of the original B36-7 owners began repainting or modifying their fleet. Southern Pacific removed the red emergency lights and the front and rear Gyras, replacing them with a Stratolite beacon on a shop-built bracket over the headlight. Cosmetically, very little changed, except for two that received speed lettering paint in the mid 90s. Conrail began to repaint a handful of their B36-7s in the 90s with a white sill stripe and later the full "Quality" repaint. Two of Santa Fe's B36s wore what might be the most recognizable paint scheme in railroad history: Kodachrome! This was for the failed merger between SF and SP. The unmistakable red and yellow scheme matched the colors of Kodak's "Kodachrome" slide film boxes.

All of the above is offered on our surprise 2nd run, including new Stratolite brackets for Southern Pacific!

The B36-7 Locomotive features:

- Incredible underframe detail including piping, a ridiculous number of separately-applied parts and full cab interior
- Dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- A crazy level of road-specific detail options, with different pilots, anticlimbers, plows, fuel tanks, air dryers, antennas, wind deflectors, headlight locations, air-conditioning units, different bodies, multiple nose and rear end styles, three versions of drop step and so on...
- With or without class lights (as appropriate)
- Conrail locomotives come with their unique "red bug eye" marker lights
- Equipped with ditch lights - on front and/or rear - as appropriate
- ATSF and Southern Pacific locomotives have Stratolite beacons
- Three styles of operating, flashing ditch lights, front & rear (as appropriate)
- Working headlights in correct location, switchable number boards at both ends and cab interior headlight
- Metal Knuckle Couplers
- All units come equipped with DCC/ESU LokSound

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If you're still browsing and want some of the [HO Scale B36-7 Locomotives](#), why are you still reading this? Put your orders in immediately! Go...go...go!

[Click here](#) to visit the B36-7 web site. If we are sold out at Rapido, have no fear! Your dealer may have ordered already or can order from his or her distributor.



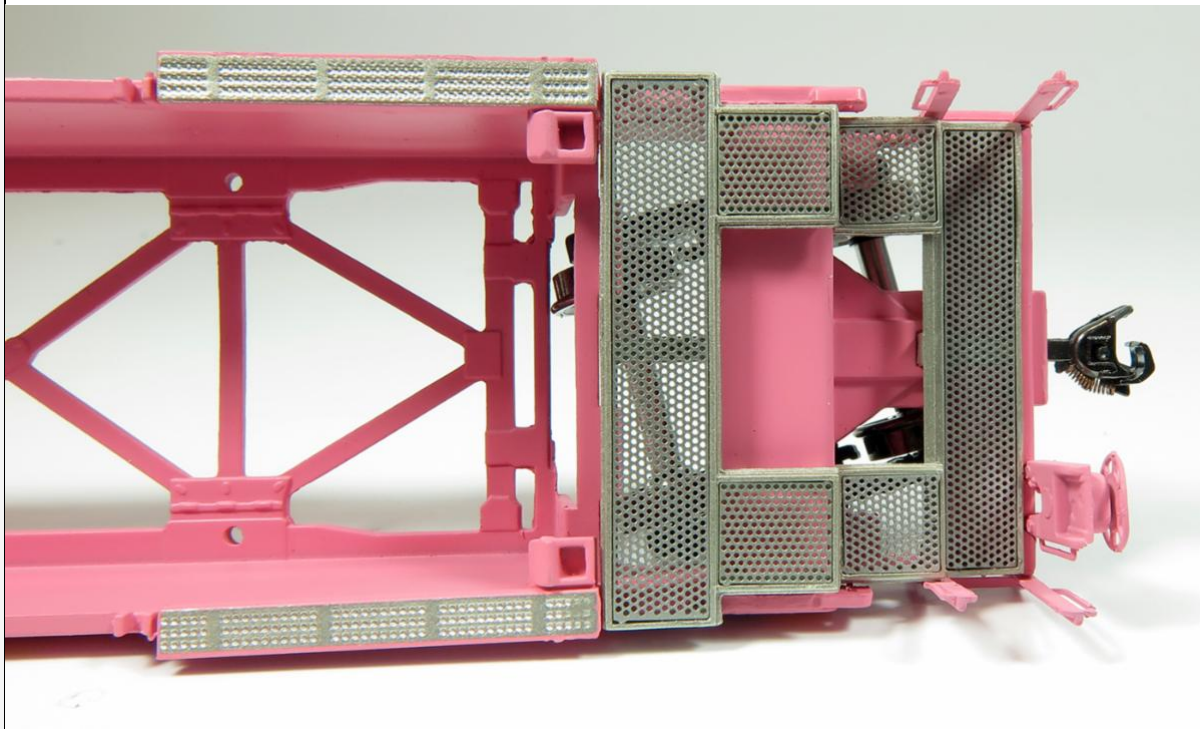
The groups all together!

New! HO Scale 53' Husky Stack Well Cars - Surprise Run!

We've been hearing the requests for the [53' Husky Stack Well Cars](#). (For the sake of space in the newsletter, it's being shortened to 53' Well Cars.) And we are proud to present another run of these cars, by themselves - which means they will not feature containers. Just like the B36-7s above, these are also limited in quantity, but there should be enough for everyone if you act fast! OK, enough jibber jabber, let's take a look at the features and schemes.



Pretty in pink!



You won't need a magnifying glass to see the difference on our new see-through, etched-metal walkways.

WAIT! Did we mention we upgraded the tooling to allow the walkways to be properly see-through?

On this run of [53' Well Cars](#), we are offering six paint schemes; four TTX variations, Canadian Pacific and Ferromex. We should point out that Ferromex is a new scheme and has been popular in the western part of North America. This is your chance to grab a few! We are also doing the Race for the Cure scheme again.

\$5 from every sale of a Race for the Cure model will be donated to Lionel Strang's One More Year campaign with the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation to support mental health of cancer patients.



It might not be flashy like their locos, but it gets the job done.



Forward thinking?

But what about those car details? Glad you were forced to ask!

The [Rapido 53' Husky Stack Well Car](#) features an all die-cast body, injection molded end handrails and brake detail and a combination of etched and plastic walkways. Those trucks you see are free-rolling 70-tons, which have separate break shoe detailing. This is an all-around sturdy, yet highly detailed car that you can easily run loaded or empty!

Just a friendly reminder, containers **ARE NOT** being offered with the well cars. This offering is ***just*** the 53' Well Cars, by themselves.



Those cars sure are sWELL looking.

Need to check out those road and item numbers? They're all listed in our fancy catalogue. Check them out by clicking the photo below.


53' HUSKY STACK WELL CAR
LIMITED QUANTITIES!






AVAILABLE NOW!
\$34.95 USD
MSRP \$42.95 CAD

The Gunderson 53' single-unit double-stack well car is the latest iteration of the famous Husky-Stack and every intermodal train includes at least three or four cars of this type. Over 2,600 cars have been built for the TTX Company (DTTX) and Canadian Pacific (CP) and they are seen all over the USA and Canada. Six numbers per paint scheme will be offered along with undecorated. (TTX "On Track For A Cure" comes with one road number.)



The 53' Husky Stack Well Car features:

- **IMPROVED** see-through etched metal walkways!
- Full die-cast body!
- Injection moulded plastic end handrails and brake detailing
- Accurate paint schemes
- Free-rolling 70-ton trucks with 33" wheels
- Metal knuckle couplers
- NOTE: Containers **NOT** included



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These cars won't be available for long, so make sure you grab a few ASAP! As with the B36-7, the 53' Well Cars come in limited quantities, so chances are if you wait - you'll miss out! Contact your favorite dealer or hobby shop. Please [click here](#) to visit the web site.



Here's a nice 3D render of our new boxcar!

NEW! HO Scale USRA Single Sheathed Boxcars

Time to go pre-modern and introduce the [USRA Single Sheathed Boxcar!](#) During World War I, US railroads struggled to keep wartime traffic moving, with

plenty of car shortages and the constant need for more freight to be moved. To solve this issue, President Wilson formed the United States Railway Association, or USRA for short. Their first task was to develop common designs for freight cars, one of which came in the form of a 40' single-sheathed wooden boxcar. Over 25,000 copies were built, starting in 1918.



Got wood? ...sheathes, that is.

Did we mention OVER 25,000 [USRA Single Sheathed Cars](#) were built? that's enough to fill over 3 Elkhart Yards (For you western folk, think Colton...). That's a lot of cars! These were originally delivered to 22 different railroads and lasted well into the 1950s, many in their original form. Several railroads would later rebuild these cars with steel sides. OK, that's enough history class for today, let's see those 3D renders and model features.



Barn door. French door. Patio door. OK, I'll stop.

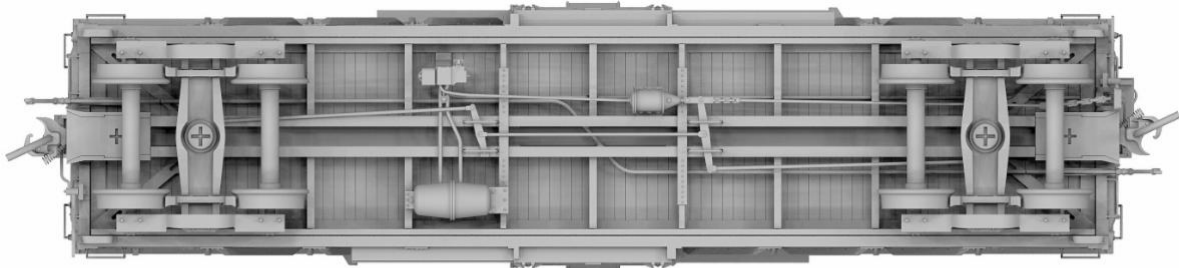
Rapido's new model of the [USRA Single Sheathed Boxcars](#) features an all-new body with correct steel underframe and correct free-standing details.

This is the full list of features:

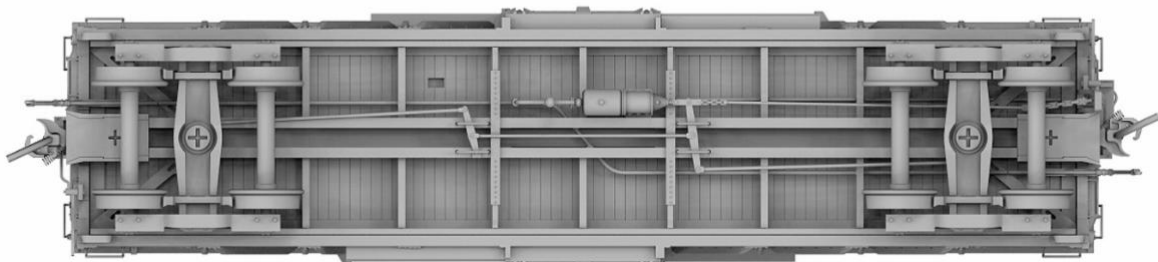
- Accurate new tooling
- Correct details including roof and handbrake
- KC or AB brakes as appropriate
- Wood, Youngstown corrugated and Creco panel doors
- Full underbody with separate brake rods and piping
- Accurate decoration
- Fully decorated and assembled
- Factory-installed Rapido semi-scale couplers
- USRA Andrews trucks with in-line brake shoes

- Blackened turned-metal wheels
- Available in singles or multi-packs. Packs boxed for individual sale.

Those underframes sure are detailed!



AB UNDERFRAME



K UNDERFRAME

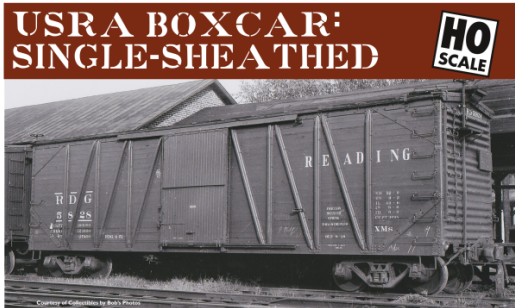
Two styles of brakes means the car will stop faster.wait, I got that wrong.

And now time for the graphic part - the master list of schemes. Scroll down to check them out.



That's a lot of... brown.

Who wants to see a catalog? The USRA Single Sheathed Boxcar catalog features everything you need to know about road numbers and the ever-important item numbers. Click the photo below for more info.



During World War I the US railroads were struggling to keep up with wartime traffic, in part because of a shortage of serviceable freight cars. In an attempt to solve this problem, President Wilson nationalized the railroads under the United States Railway Administration, or USRA. One of the first tasks assigned to the USRA was to develop common designs for new freight cars. Among these was a 40' single-sheathed wood boxcar with a steel underframe. Starting in 1918, 25,000 copies of the single-sheathed boxcar were built. Originally delivered to 22 railroads throughout the country, the cars were well received. Many cars continued in regular service in their original form well into the 1950s. Delivered with KC brake systems, many were updated to AB brake systems prior to 1953. The USRA single-sheathed cars formed significant parts of many railroad's fleets. The New York Central System had 2,500 cars, the Milwaukee Road had 3,000 copies and the Pennsylvania had over 9,700 cars. The PRR's cars were delivered with wooden doors, but many later received either Youngstown corrugated or Creco panel doors. The Perey's cars were some of the longest-living with a dozen cars still listed for interchange in 1968! Rapido's new model of the USRA single-sheathed boxcar features an all-new body with correct steel underframe and correct free-standing details. Models will be equipped with either KC or AB brakes as appropriate. Wood, Youngstown corrugated and Creco panel doors will be available as appropriate.

- Rapido's USRA single-sheathed boxcar features:**
- Accurate new tooling
 - Correct details including roof and handbrake
 - KC or AB brakes as appropriate
 - Wood, Youngstown corrugated or Creco doors as appropriate
 - Full underbody with separate brake rods and piping
 - Accurate decoration
 - Fully decorated and assembled
 - Factory-installed Rapido semi-scale couplers
 - USRA Andrews trucks with in-line brake shoes
 - Blackened turned-metal wheels
 - Available in singles or multi-packs, boxed for individual sale.

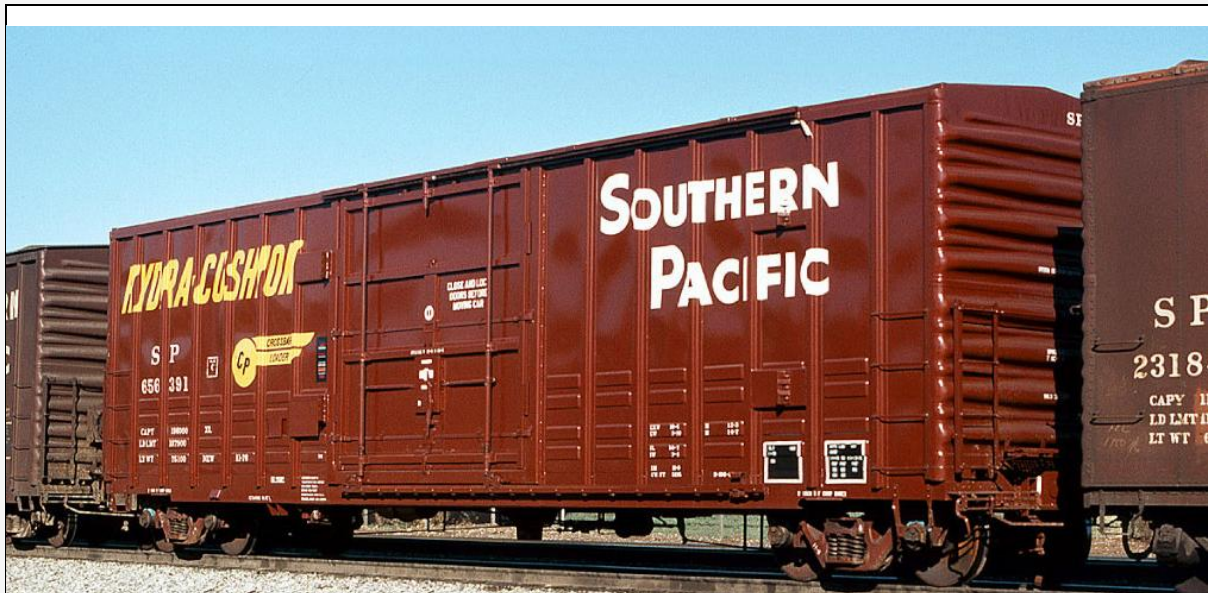
Decorated cars have six individual car numbers per paint scheme. These will be available as a six pack (six individual cars shrink wrapped together and easily broken up for individual sale).

US	MSRP	CANADIAN
\$49.95 (SINGLE)		\$59.95 (SINGLE)
\$299.70 (6-PACK)		\$359.70 (6-PACK)

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Ah, the order deadline part. As soon as we get pre-production samples, clean them up and possibly paint them, then we'll have a better idea of when to announce the deadline date. Until then, keep a close eye on anything related to the USRA Single Sheathed Boxcars.

[Click here](#) for more information or to order direct!



Mini me.

NEW! N Scale PC&F B-100-40 Boxcars

It's all about the box. For the first time in N Scale, the [PC&F B-100-40 Boxcars](#) will grace the rails! SP fans rejoice! This important and popular car only had 250 copies produced. This may not seem like a lot, but they played a pivotal role in lumber, paper and other services for SP. These cars were built with the iconic full Hydra-Cushion underframe, half-height waffle sides, a capacity of 5195-cu ft, Car Pac loaders and 12' doors. They could be seen throughout North America. Many are still in service today, wearing their SP paint, Golden West blue or patched out for UP and Columbus and Greenville.

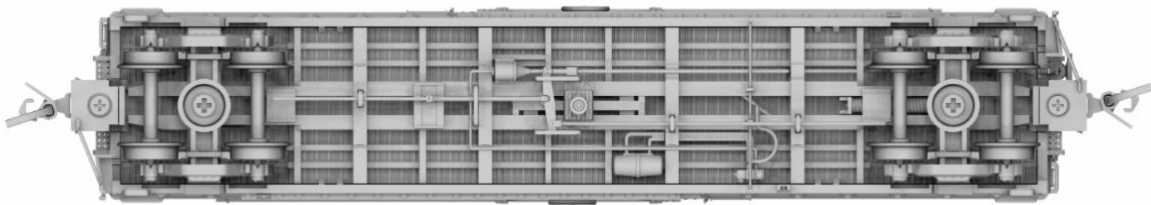


*The Amtrak version with the door wheel.
Remember, this is a 3D render. We've already started tooling...*

Lots to love on this utilitarian car! We made sure that we packed as much detail into the [N Scale PC&F B-100-40 Boxcar](#) as possible. Plus there will be two variations like it's bigger brother: The as-delivered with the door bar and the modified Amtrak versions with the door wheel.

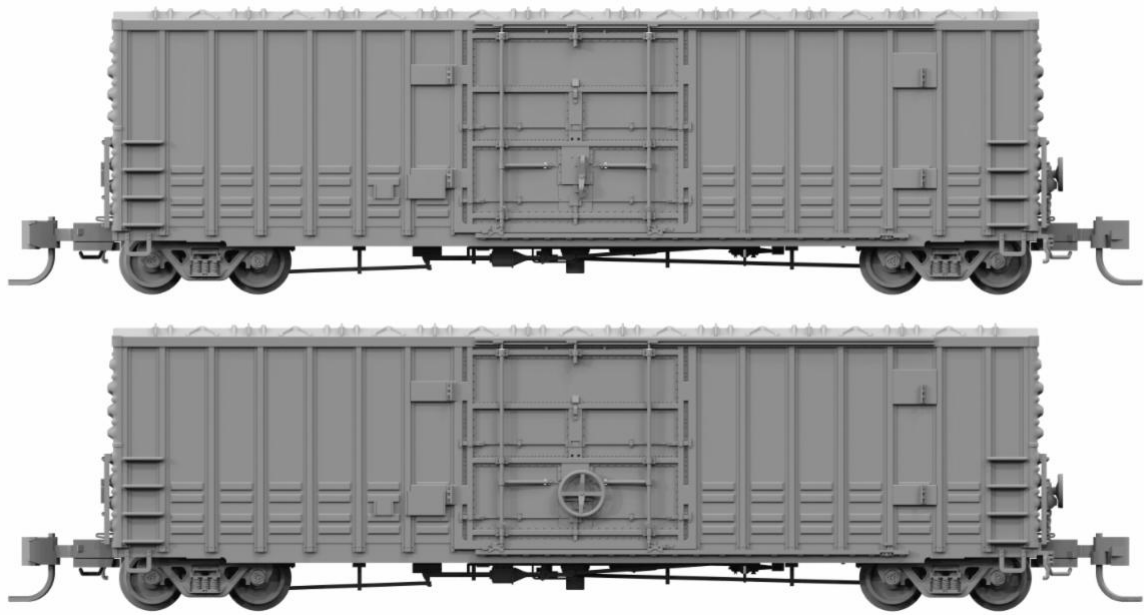


Show me that rear end.



This is N Scale!

Did you say Amtrak? Yes! You can now run those long "Amfreight" consists iconic to the late 1990s and early 2000s. We know you want to! (And we know those Amtrak N Scalers exist!) The [N Scale B-100](#) will wear two iconic Amtrak schemes!



On the top is the as-delivered SP version, while the Amtrak ones are on the bottom.

The [N Scale B-100-40 Boxcar](#) features:

- Separately applied cut levers and end ladders
- Detailed Hydra-Cushion underframe
- Full underbody brake rigging
- Separately applied door latch mechanism
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Available in singles or multi-packs
- Road number specific paint patches where appropriate

Now let's take a look at those wonderful schemes! Scroll down to check them out.



Which scheme will you pick? HO scale artworks shown.

Can't forget the B-100-40 Boxcar catalog. It's loaded with everything you need to know to order one or all 250 cars. (By the way, that's only 78 feet! Go on! order all of them!) Click the photo below to escape my rambling and see the catalog.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC B-100-40 BOXCAR

Photo Courtesy of Ben Huxton

Introducing the all new N scale Pacific Car & Foundry B-100-40 boxcar from Rapido Trains Inc!

With 250 cars delivered exclusively to the Southern Pacific in 1976, these exterior-post boxcars featured a 5195-cu ft. capacity, full Hydra-Cushion underframe, 12' doors, Car-Pac loaders and the iconic half-height waffle sides. Used across the SP system, these utilitarian boxcars could be seen throughout the USA and Canada. Most of the series are still in service today, many for SP successor Union Pacific and others in short line service.

Several cars from this series were purchased from the SP by Amtrak in the mid 1990s for use in express service on most trains across the system. These cars had some minor modifications including the large wheel door handle, brackets for the end of train device and struts added to the trucks for extra stability at higher speeds. Reserve today!

Rapido's N Scale B-100-40 model features:

- Separately applied cut levers and end ladders
- Detailed Hydra-Cushion underframe
- Full underbody brake rigging
- Separately applied door latch mechanism
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Available in singles or multi-packs. *
- Road number specific paint patches where appropriate

* Checkers must order multi-packs.

Order Deadline: TBD

US NSRP	\$36.95 (SINGLE)
	\$221.70 (6-PACK)
CANADIAN NSRP	\$44.95 (SINGLE)
	\$269.70 (6-PACK)

3D renders, models subject to revision

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DEALER NAME:

Once we have a sample of the [N Scale B-100-40 Boxcar](#), we'll have a better idea of when the order deadline can be set. until then, keep a lookout on our social media or future newsletters.

Please [click here](#) for more info or to order direct.



New Available - HO Scale SW1200 Great Northern Railway Historical Society Exclusive!

This pretty switcher is being offered by the [Great Northern Railway Historical Society](#), through Rapido. For every SW1200 #30 that we sell, 20% goes to the GNRHS! Now that's a great offer! [Click here](#) to buy one today!



Number 30 is offered with DCC and ESU LokSound, in the attractive green, orange and yellow striping. Now you can safely switch out your grain and flour mills safely.

But, don't hesitate! Only 60 of these [GNRHS Exclusive SW1200s](#) were produced and as of now, we're almost 50% sold out. Don't let "Rocky" down; place your order today!



Not to be confused with the Double Dutch Bus.

New Available - HO Scale Edmonton New Look Buses

Who likes surprises? We now have a limited number of [HO Scale Edmonton Transit New Look Buses](#) available for purchase! These will be available as Deluxe ONLY, and they are in stock! Click on the link and search for Edmonton in the "find" field. Now, for the photos!



5 1 Capilano	3 8 University	7 0 Coliseum	2 3 Kingsway Mall	1 0 West Jasper Pl.
5 1	3 8	7 0	2 3	1 0

Calling all routes!

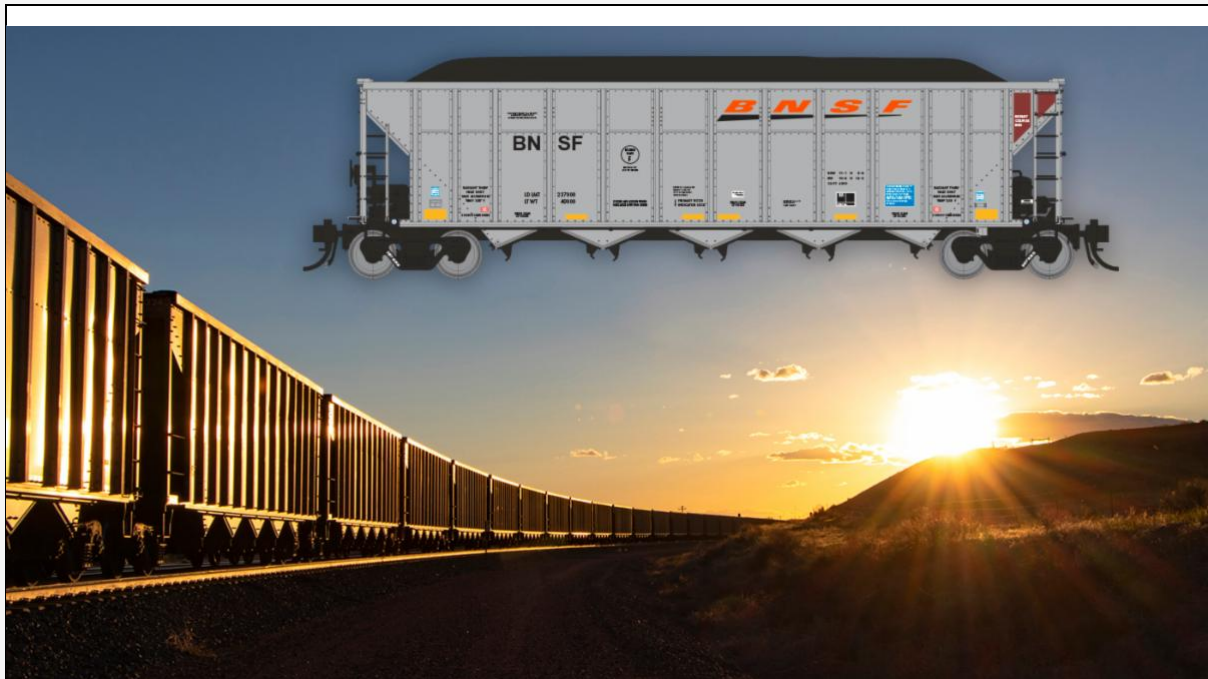
The [Edmonton Transit New Looks](#) are available with five different routes to pick from: 51/Capilano, 38/University, 70/Coliseum, 23/Kingsway Mall and 10/West Jasper Pl. (Sorry fans, there's no Connor McDavid Road yet - he'd have to actually win for that to happen!) *(Ed: No, but I hear they are seriously considering a Carey Price Street. Shwing!)*



Don't miss out on the Edmonton buses!

Please [click here](#) for more info or to order direct. Remember to search for Edmonton in the search field.

We didn't make that many of these. It's not like we expected the Oilers to get past the first round. *(Ed: Ouch!)* So order yours today!



Lucy in the Sky with One Coal Hopper

New Addition - Unnumbered 6-Packs

Last newsletter we announced the [HO Scale Autoflood III Rapid Discharge Hopper Cars](#). What we did not mention was since that time, we added Unnumbered Six-Packs for each road name. Now you can create an unlimited amount of cars for you unit trains!

Since we made the change, we also edited the Hopper catalog. So, click the photo below to check out the unnumbered additions!

**AUTOFLOOD III RAPID
DISCHARGE HOPPER**

Order Deadline
TBD
MSRP

6-Pack **\$359.70/\$449.70** US / CAD
Single Car **\$59.95/\$74.95** US / CAD

Matt Gentry Photo
Autoflood III
July 4, 2017

Coal. Black Diamonds.

Whatever your name for it, this commodity is best transported across the country by rail. Enter the Autoflood III rapid discharge hopper car!

Beginning production in 2004, the all aluminum body prototype has been produced in the thousands and has traversed all over North America. With millions of tons of coal per year being mined and hauled out of various locations across the country, you would be hard pressed to not have seen one of these prototype cars in a modern day coal train.

This 4200 cubic foot, exterior post prototype (not to be confused with other prototype exterior post or interior post models) is primarily used as a rapid discharge car which can unload the payload in a matter of seconds via the bottom bay doors. However, the car can also be equipped with a rotary coupler at the end[s] of the car, indicated by the color blocks on the end of the car, for either bottom discharge or rotary unloading based on the infrastructure at the final destination.

The Autoflood III Coal Hopper features:

Die-cast frame and floor for optimum car weight
Full interior rivet and K-member details
Superdetailed end coves including separate air and brake piping
Barber S-2 100-ton Trucks with metal wheels
Hopper bays feature highly-detailed outlet gates
Etched, see-through end cross-over platforms
Full end detail, including uncoupling levers

Separate grab irons installed at the factory
Accurate paint and lettering
Removable coal load included
Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
Available in singles or multi-packs*
Multi-packs boxed for individual sale
*Dealers must order multi-packs.



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Usually we do offer unnumbered cars as six-packs for all of our freight cars, but it requires a 50% down payment up front. Due to the popularity of the [AutoFlood Coal Hoppers](#), we have waived that requirement - so buy, buy, buy!



June Order Deadlines - June 15th

In a few days, it'll be June 15th. This means it's the eleventh hour to get your orders in for the [HO Scale North American Bilevel Commuter Car](#), the [HO Scale F59PH Locomotive](#) and the [HO Scale 1980s Chevrolet Caprice and Impala Vehicles](#). Last month we showed off the samples of the Bilevels. This month we have hand-painted samples AND a new video! Go ahead, read on!

NEW HO SCALE COMMUTER TRAINS!



**TORONTO • LOS ANGELES • VANCOUVER
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HO Scale North American Bilevel Commuter Cars

We locked Dan Darnell in his workshop until he could finish painting up four samples of our new [HO Scale North American Bilevel Commuter Cars](#).

We also recorded a new video, which you can watch by [clicking here](#), the photo above and below. (Hurry back, we have a bunch of photos we want to show you!)



I'll keep it short and sweet here, check out the fantastic job Dan did on the Bilevel Commuter Cars. They're a show-stopper, for sure!



Beauty paint job, eh?

Impressed, eh? I know I am! These [Bilevel Commuter Cars](#) look great, which means they'll look even better on your layout hauling commuters to and from work or play. But what we really want to highlight is how they roll. Do you have any Bilevel cars on your layout now? Do they roll well? Guess what? Ours do! When Jordan unboxed these samples on an almost-level table, they rolled right off the table!



The first correctly tooled single window bilevel cab car.



*The first Series 1 cars ever produced in plastic.
Note five windows on the lower level.*

I'd like to stress how much research, time and effort went into these cars and how extensive our tooling variations are. 20 years ago it may have been OK to make a quasi-accurate model of North America's most popular commuter cars and paint it in a ton of paint schemes, not accurate for any of them.

Those days are gone. We've tooled a total of 12 different car variations. We are doing justice to [Bombardier's iconic Bilevel commuter cars](#) for the first time. Some people saw this announcement and said, "Oh, I've got that already." Like the RDC and many other successful Rapido products, our models are a cut above the old models that you already have. We hope you will give these a try.

With this in mind, it's time to check out the Bilevel Commuter Cars' catalog. It's nice and shiny, so click the photo below to whisk away!



Rapido Trains is proud to introduce the first of many productions of the quintessential **Bilevel Commuter Car** in **HO Scale**. The current Bilevel design, although largely originating in Europe, found its way to North American rails in the 1970s and has since been put to use by dozens of commuter agencies all across Canada and the United States. Originally designed by Hawker Siddeley Canada, the cars have been manufactured over the years by Hawker Siddeley, Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC), SNC-Lavalin, and today, Bombardier. The cars have always been built at the original Canadian Car & Foundry (CanCar) factory in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The Bilevel Commuter Car was originally designed in the mid-1970s at the request of the Government of Ontario (Canada) to develop a higher-capacity solution for their GO Transit commuter trains in the Greater Toronto Area. The commuter trains had grown to 10-car single-level trains during peak times and it was felt that the ideal solution was to increase the height rather than the length. Designed by Hawker Siddeley Canada and Delco with input from GO Transit, the first coach models entered service in 1976, while the first cab cars entered service in 1983.

In 1989, the first Bilevel cars were introduced to the United States by TriRail in the Miami area. In 1992, Metrolink in the Los Angeles area introduced the design to the West Coast. This spurred further orders in California by Coaster of San Diego and Altamont Commuter Express (now Altamont Corridor Express) of San Jose. By the 2000s, more agencies across North America began using the Bilevel Commuter Cars for start-up commuter operations, such as Sound Transit (Sounder) in Seattle, FrontRunner in Salt Lake City, RailRunner in Albuquerque and West Coast Express in Vancouver, just to name a few. As of late 2020, 14 agencies across North America operate fleets totaling almost 1500 Bilevel Commuter Cars.

The Rapido model aims to finally bring museum-quality details, improved operations and prototypical accuracy to this long loved and under-appreciated mode of (commuter) transportation.

The Rapido Bilevel Commuter Car features:

- Accurate body shell designs with or without rivet details
- Five windows or four windows on the lower level, as appropriate
- Free-rolling, highly-detailed inside-bearing trucks with roller-bearing axles and metal wheelsets
- Minimum 22" radius curves
- Full underbody and univiewed interior detail
- Accurate painting and lettering, both inside and out
- Tinted windows
- Metal side grab irons
- Constant interior lighting in DC and DCC
- Controllable cab car lighting in both DC and DCC

MSRP

Sets (with Cab Car)	\$319.95 USD	\$379.95 CAD
Sets (without Cab Car)	\$299.95 USD	\$359.95 CAD
Single Coaches	\$99.95 USD	\$119.95 CAD
Single Cab Coaches	\$119.95 USD	\$139.95 CAD

NOTE: SOME PAINT SCHEMES MAY HAVE A PREMIUM PRICE DUE TO LICENSING

Order Deadline
Tuesday, June 15th, 2021

CHECK OUT OUR DETAILED MASTER CLASS
AT RAPIDOTRAINS.COM TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CAR SERIES DESIGNS



Remember the date: June 15th, 2021. Please [click here](#) for more info or to order direct. Don't let the train leave you behind!



Pulling into Mimico after a morning run.

HO Scale F59PH Locomotive

Now's the time to take one more look at the [HO Scale F59PH Locomotive](#), which is nearing the order deadline.



We also were busy taking a few new photos of the F59PH Locomotive on the [Railview Historical Society's](#) amazing layout in Markham. The F59PH just fits right in at home with those awesome Bilevel Commuter Cars. Let the photos do the talking.



How many times do I have to say it... ORDER THIS SCHEME! I need one!

As of right now, two of the three Metrolink schemes are at risk: the delivery scheme shown above and the ribbon scheme. Please encourage everyone you know to order those schemes so they can be produced.

Ready to flip through a virtual catalog? Everything you wanted to know about the F59PH Locomotives is listed below; you just need to click the photo!



Pre-Production, Hand-painted Sample

In the mid eighties, GO Transit was looking to replace its aging locomotive fleet with a specially designed locomotive that could meet the growing demands for service across the Greater Toronto Area. The locomotive needed to be able to quickly accelerate while pulling up to 10 of the new Hawker-Siddeley/UTDC Bilevel coaches, and to save on fuel, power them with a separate HEP generator.

In close consultation with GO Transit, GMD developed the F59PH. Equipped with a turbocharged 12-cylinder two-stroke diesel prime mover (12-710G3A), a full-width North American comfort cab, with HEP provided by a smaller 600hp GM 8-cylinder diesel.

In 1988, GMD delivered the first sixteen F59PH units to GO Transit. They were numbered 520 to 535 and given a class designation of GCE-430g. Over the next 6 years, GMD delivered an additional 33 units to GO Transit, with some improvements, including a larger fuel tank and different rear grille arrangement. In 1994, the final four units were delivered to GO, but were very quickly sold to Dallas' Trinity Railway Express by the cash-strapped Ontario government. Other surplus locomotives were leased to West Coast Express in British Columbia and Metrolink in California.

Due to the success of the locomotives with GO Transit, Metrolink in California placed an order for 22 F59PHs, which were delivered between 1992 and 1993. Metrolink would later lease an additional 3 units in 2018 from UTX, to allow for PTC upgrades to be made to their own units. These are ex-GO units.

In 2007, GO Transit began retiring its fleet of F59PHs and replacing them with the MP40PH-3C. Many were sold to other railroads, including AMT, Metro, NCDOT, and BNSF Railway Group. However, GO still has several units in service to supplement the new fleet of MP40PHs and MP40ACs.

Model Features

- Scaled from field measurements and blueprints
- End metal handrails with plastic stanchions
- Prototype-specific details
- Incredible underframe detail including traction motor cables and other piping, and a ridiculous number of separately applied parts
- Etched metal grilles and separate, stamped metal grab irons
- Full cab interior
- Heavy, die-cast chassis with Rapido's proven and improved silky-smooth drive
- Operating headlights, rear light, and ditch lights
- Operating ground lights and stop lights
- Tri-colour class lights (white, green, red) or red markers, equipped as appropriate
- DCC/Sound units come equipped with an ESU LokSound decoder

MSRP		
US/INT'L	\$224.95	\$334.95
	DC/Silent (DCC Ready)	DC/DCC/Sound
CANADA	\$249.95	\$359.95
	DC/Silent (DCC Ready)	DC/DCC/Sound

Note: Undecorated models are available by special order only. You must order in multiples of six models. Get together with your friends, then contact us to order.

ORDER DEADLINE JUNE 15th 2021



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This is it! This is the final call for [F59PH Locomotive](#) orders. This iconic and important passenger locomotive is one you simply cannot afford to miss - plus you'll need some to pull those Bilevel Commuter Cars!



HO Scale 1980s Chevrolet Caprice and Impala Vehicles New Video!

I know what you're thinking: "But they just announced the Chevrolet Caprice and Impalas last month, but their order deadline is this month!" Fear not, we aren't pulling any fast ones on you. We will be making a fair amount of stock on these vehicles, but to ensure you get the color and style you want, make sure you get your initial preorders in before June 15th.

Jordan and Jeremy recorded a clever video about these vehicles, check it out by [clicking here](#) or the photo above and below.

HO Scale Chevy Caprice & Impala vehicles by Rapido



Greasy, eh? Nothing better than a wacky-waving, arms flailing inflatable tube man! Believe it or not, this video has been in the making for over 8 months now. But what about those new Chevrolet Caprice and Impala samples? Superb looking, right?



The group photo.

More photos! We want more photos! Keep scrolling, there's more... *lots more!*



If you never got stuck behind one of these on the road, you might live in a bubble.



*When you saw an 80s Caprice, you knew the driver meant business.
Note: The chrome striping will be fixed for the production run.*



Is that Judd Hirsch and Danny DeVito in the front seat?



Wee-woo.

Alright, time to look at the Chevrolet Caprice and Impala catalog. It's filled with all sorts of pretty photos of the color schemes and vehicle types being offered. Click the photo below to check it out.



HO SCALE **1980s CHEVROLET CAPRICE**
1980s CHEVROLET IMPALA
BY RAPIDO

Rapido Trains is proud to introduce the first of many scale model vehicles to its line of museum-quality offerings: The 1980s Chevrolet Caprice and Chevrolet Impala Wagons and Sedans, in HO Scale. Launching in the fall of 1976 in response to the early 70s oil crisis and more stringent EPA regulations for emissions and fuel economy standards, Chevrolet's downsized "B" body line of large cars was one of GM's most popular line of vehicles right into the 1990s! Available as a 4-door sedan and station wagon plus a 2-door coupe, the Chevy Caprice and Impala kept the same general "box chevy" look from the 1977 through 1990 model years with mostly small detail changes until the revised "bubble" Caprice was made available for the 1991 model year.

In this release, our all-new HO scale Caprice and Impala models specifically represent the 1980 through 1985 model years and were a common sight right into the 2000s. Many can still be seen on the road today!

With our wagon and sedan configurations and lots of attractive colors, these vehicles are a must for any modern North American layout!

The Rapido Chevrolet Caprice and Impala cars feature:

- Both Wagon or Sedan car bodies
- 1980s body style designed from photos and drawings
- Multiple front grille designs covering the entire 1980s
- Real rubber tires (and white walls too, where appropriate)
- Multiple rim designs (wire spoke, dog dish and more)
- Realistic chrome finish on bumpers, rims and more!

Expected Delivery and Order Deadline TBA

	USD	CAD
MSRP ALL VEHICLES	\$24.95	\$29.95



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Don't panic! The order deadline might be approaching on June 15th for the [Chevrolet Caprice and Impala](#) vehicles, but we will still have a good amount of stock. But that doesn't mean you should count on these cars to be around for long!



July Order Deadlines - July 15th

July will be a busy month for celebration and order deadlines. (Maybe even announcements *Wink*) But get your pen and paper to mark down these

popular items closing out in July: The [D10 Class Steam Locomotive](#) and the [Alco RS-11 Locomotive](#).



Lookin' good! This is the latest sample from the factory.

HO Scale CP D10 Class Steam Locomotive

Last time we saw the [D10 Class Steam Locomotive](#), it was in the form of an unpainted sample that had just arrived from the factory.

We've since received a new and improved sample that Dan is painting so we can photograph it and make a video before the order deadline. So please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) or follow our [Facebook page](#) to ensure you don't miss it.

Now, back to the D10 details.



That's a beauty tender, eh?

The [D10 Class Ten-Wheeler](#) might not have been the most iconic steam locomotive in Canada, but it was the most built for CPR, from 1905 through 1913. This venerable steamer was seen in freight and passenger service all across Canada, as well as some of CPR's lines in the US. It lasted right until the end of steam.



*You can almost hear it hissing away.
(Note, if you really can hear hissing chances are you need to visit an ear doctor.)*

The D10's appearance changed over the years with variations in headlights, fuel type, walkways and tenders, to name a few. That means we had to work that much harder to design EVERYTHING! The [D10 Class Steam Locomotive](#) features many optional details to accurately portray these locomotives in several configurations and subclasses. These details include:

- Coal or Oil tenders
- Raised or straight walkways
- Centred or smokebox-top mounted headlights
- Straight or angled front number boards
- Two styles of power reversers
- Straight or angled cylinder steam pipes
- Two different bell locations
- ESU LokSound

[Credit Valley Railway Co.](#) is also offering two exclusive paint schemes: [Credit Valley #1057](#) and [CPR #1057](#). Click on the photos to visit their web site.





Woowoo! Time to re-introduce the [D10 Class Locomotive](#) catalogue. Below are three pages of everything you need to know about the D10. Click the photo below to check it out!

CPR D10 Ten Wheeler

D10 #1073
PHOTO: GAVIN BURN, SOUTHERN

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HAVING SMASHED our sales targets with the inaugural icons of Canadian Steam release, the CPR Royal Hudson, Rapido Trains is proud to announce its second Canadian Pacific steam locomotive, the much requested CPR D10-class Ten Wheeler in HO scale.

The D10 was the most numerous class of steam locomotive not only for the CPR but in Canada. It was designed and built during the administration of Henry H. Vaughan, assistant to the Vice President in charge of Motive Power for the Canadian Pacific Railway. This period was without parallel for productivity and technical innovation with many new designs and new wheel arrangements were added to the roster.

502 of these useful 4-6-0s were built by five different manufacturers in both Canada and the USA between 1905 and 1913, and many lasted until the end of CP steam service in 1961. With a top speed of 65 mph, D10s were employed

in freight and passenger work across Canada and into the United States on CP's many branch and main lines. They were well-liked by engine crews and shop forces and the simple design was relatively easy to maintain, tough and dependable. There is truly no more useful locomotive for any steam era CPR layout than the D10.

Of course, like any steam engine, the D10's appearance changed over the years with variations in headlight, fuel type, walkways, and more becoming apparent across the class. Rapido's

model will feature many optional details to accurately portray D10s in several configurations and sub-classes, including:

- Coal or Oil tenders
- Raised or straight walkways
- Centered or smokebox top mounted headlights
- Straight or angled front numberboards
- Two styles of power reversers
- Straight or angled cylinder steam pipes
- Two different bell locations

Canada & US MSRP
\$599.95 DC/DCC/Sound
\$499.95 DC/Silent

The HO Scale CPR D10 Ten Wheeler Model Features:

- Designed from blueprints and field measurements
- Factory-applied details specific for each road number
- Smooth-running drive & heavy diecast weight centered above the drivers for exceptional pulling power
- Blackened metal wheels and driving rods
- Working head, marker and classification lights, as well as a flickering firebox light*
- DCC sound version includes synchronized chuff, accurate whistle, bell and many other effects!**
- Accurate and complete piping, underbody and tender details
- Accurate paint and decoration
- 18" Minimum radius (22" recommended)

* Not all lighting effects available on Silent versions. ** User-controlled sound features only accessible on DCC layouts.

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The D10 Class Steam Locomotive is officially on the order deadline clock. Time runs out on July 15th, 2021 for those orders, so don't delay - order yours today! [Click here](#) for more info or to order direct.



Those stripes are mesmerizing and fun for the factory!

HO Scale Alco RS-11 Locomotives

What's more awesome than a diesel locomotive that chugs, smokes and makes a lot of noise? Nothing! That's why we love the [Alco RS-11 Locomotive](#). This venerable 1800hp road switcher could be seen throughout American roads, from the southeast to the northwest. And of course, each RS-11 varied in details and carbodies - this means we had to work even harder to get everything *just right*.



*The NKP version with those neat Gyalites.
First pre-production sample shown.*



*Note those short-hood dynamic brakes that were unique to DWP and CV.
First pre-production sample shown.*



*The outer shell comes off more quickly than a...
Actually I think it's best if I don't finish that sentence.*

Before we dive into the details, we want to remind everyone **how much easier** it will be to remove the shell on the [RS-11](#) Locomotives. Instead of twenty screws, fourteen clips, things that won't move and a book of expletives, the body is held in place by just three screws at each end. One attaches the coupler box to the pilot. The other two hold the body to the frame. That's it!

Now, onto those details!

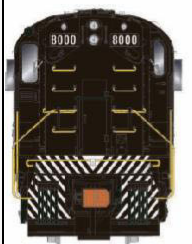
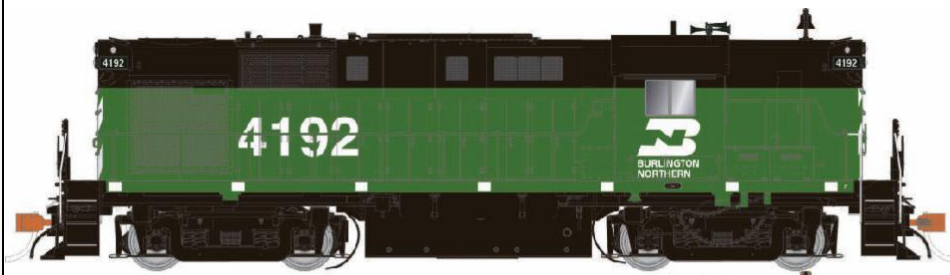


Check out those lightweight trucks on the DWP/CV version!

Here are the [RS-11 Locomotive](#) features:

- Correct hood and roof profiles 3D scanned from the prototype
- Operating number boards, headlights, class lights and cab control stand lighting
- Working inspection lights in the inspection light castings
- Straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- Huge amount of newly-tooled road-specific details
- Full underbody piping, conduits and steam lines, where appropriate
- Correct roadname-specific corner steps
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Heavy, die-cast chassis and full, multi-color interior
- New, rock-solid 5-pole skew-wound motor with dual flywheels and silky-smooth drive
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound)
- Accurate sounds recorded from a real Alco 251B prime mover

Every RS-11 Locomotive scheme in one photo? Glad you asked! Scroll down to see every paint scheme we're offering on run 2.



Those Portland Terminal RS-11s are conditional, so make sure you place your orders after you finish your lobster roll.

The [RS-11 Locomotive](#) might be awesome, but it's not as awesome as our superb catalogs! Click the photo below to see everything you ever wanted to know about the RS-11s.



When we released our first run of HO scale RS-11 locos we were bombarded by questions like "How come you didn't do (insert your choice of roadname here) version?" As we found out early on, despite carrying the same "RS-11" designation, most road's RS-11 locos had unique features. This makes them really neat for modelers, and a real headache for manufacturers! Maybe that explains why most of these have never been done in plastic before.

For this, our second run of HO RS-11s, we've tooled new hoods, roofs and details for Central Vermont, Delaware and Hudson, Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific, Maine Central (and Portland Terminal) New York Central, Nickel Plate, Northern Pacific (and BN) and Seaboard Air Line. Yes, each one is different! We have loads of road-specific details like the bell on the BN units, correct carbody vent placements, the dynamic brake vents on the side of the CV short hood and even the Nickel Plate's extra headlight and side sill poling pockets.

Be sure to reserve your new RS-11s today!

\$225.00 US/\$249.95 CAD DC/Silent
\$335.00 US/\$359.95 CAD DC/DCC/Sound



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SECOND SECTION



Second Section - June 2021

It's the middle of the year already, which means summer is almost here. But that doesn't mean we're slowing down! Lots of factory updates to get through, as well as a heartwarming story. Read on to find out!



Nicholas Meschino, rocking the CP gear.

What The Hobby Is All About

A few weeks ago, a young railfan named Nicholas Meschino (with the help of his mother, Laura) set out to earn 100 subscribers for his YouTube channel "[The Trainspotters](#)." (Give him a sub!) But he ran into a roadblock from the a group within the railfan community. He posted his request on a Facebook group, which was promptly met with lots of negativity from people that went out of their way to post a reply. We were not impressed.

This certainly does not reflect well on our community. But there's a light at the end of the tunnel. We just so happened to be scrolling by, saw his post and wanted to help him out. Remember, you were young once, too.

But this isn't just about subscribers or recognition. This is about helping show the next generation that this hobby is a welcome place. After all, this hobby survives on friendliness and the new generations.

UPDATE!

Nicholas has reached 100 subscribers! Thanks to everyone who helped him! But most importantly, thank you Nicholas and Laura, for reminding us that this is still just a hobby and we're supposed to have fun!



Factory, New Tooling and Shipping Updates

What's happening at Rapido? Possibly the most intriguing section of the newsletter is the Factory/Tooling Updates as well as what's soon to ship from the warehouse. Let's start off with the latest arrivals.



Get on the GO.

By the time you read this, the [HO New Look Buses](#) will be arriving at the dealers and hobby shops. These beauts arrived last week, had their glamour shots and were out the door in a hurry!



*Hop aboard, we're getting some crawfish and gumbo in the Big Easy.
Gotta love those batwings!*



That looks a lot like the Rapido bus...

Even though they just arrived, don't expect the [HO New Look Buses](#) to be around for long! (Kind of like a certain southern Ontario city's hockey team.) Hey, if you admire these photos for too long, they might just disappear - so don't wait, go grab one today!



GTW in the green and yellow and NP with the neat Federal beacons.

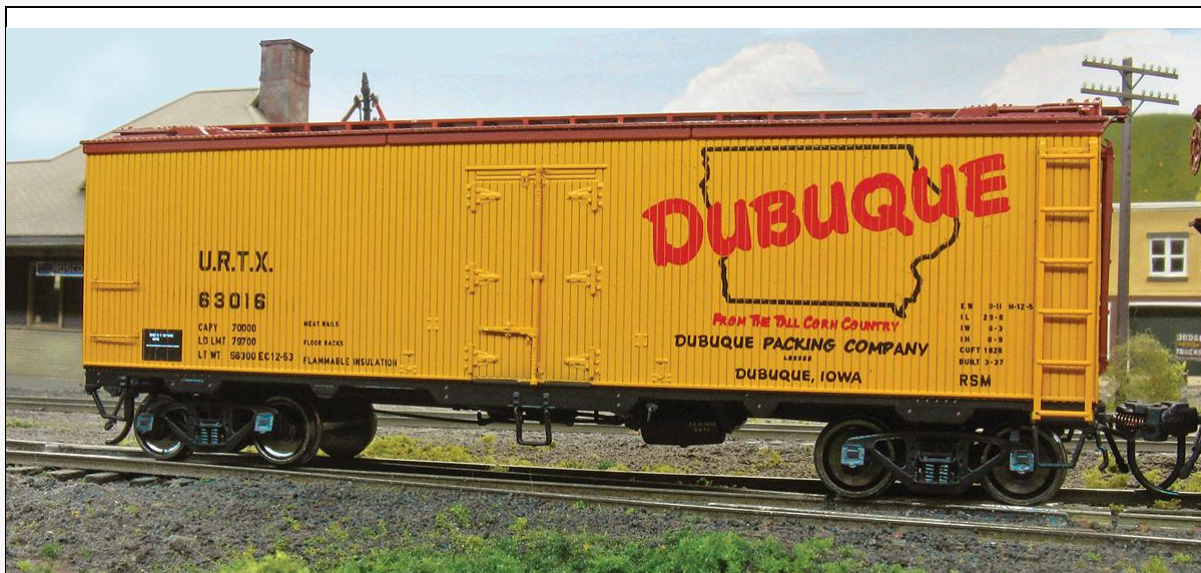
Last month we mentioned the balance of the [HO Scale SW1200](#) shipment would be arriving soon. Well, because of shipping delays (see Jason's essay below), these are still en route. They are scheduled to depart from Hong Kong port tomorrow. Fingers are crossed.

Once they arrive, we expect it will be a week or so turnaround and into the hands of dealers, hobby shops and you! But let's admire a few of those before they get here.

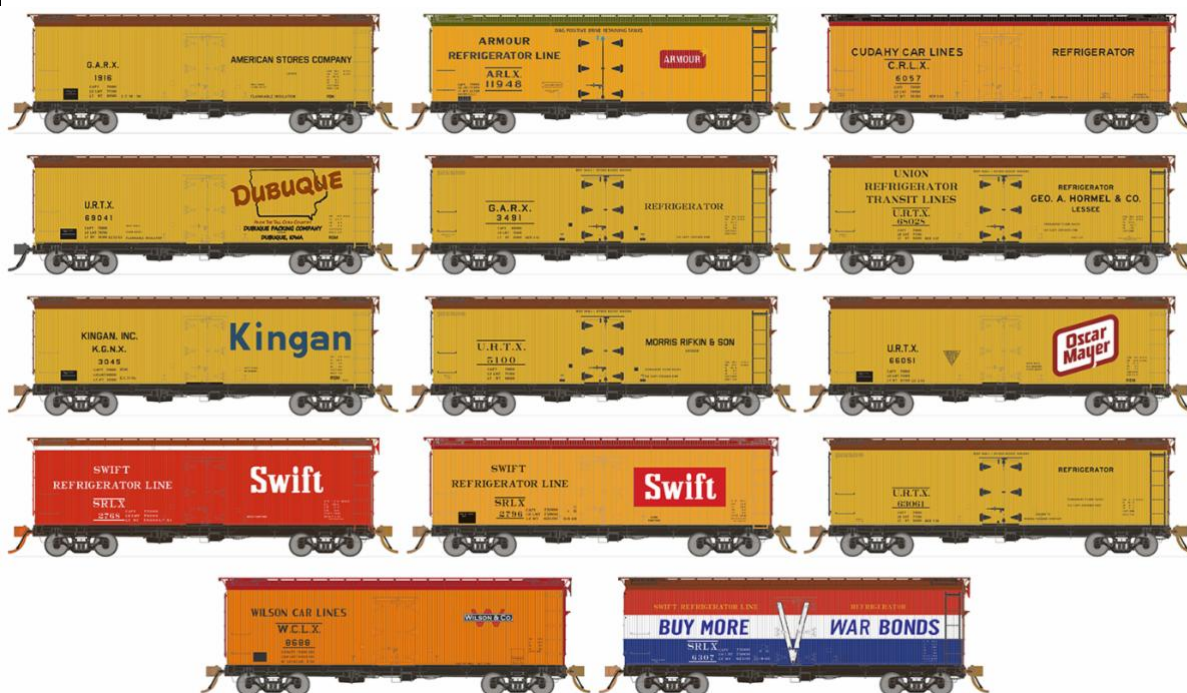


*Rock Island, wearing the BEST scheme.
(Ed: Where's the noodle?)*

The [HO Scale SW1200](#) was very popular, and most of our additional stock has already sold. If you did not order any yet, you may be out of luck.



The [GARX 37' Meat Reefer](#) is almost here! Did you forget about it like I did? (Ed: Bill is going to ask me to fire you.) (Bill: No I'm not! I don't want to go back to writing newsletters!) In a couple of weeks the warehouse will take delivery of all 14 paint schemes of the meat reefers. Look for these to hit the shelves in late June, early July.



Here come the [Later Phase F40PHs](#)! This includes the commuter roads, plus Amtrak, CSX and the Ski Train locos. They'll be shipping later this month from the factory.



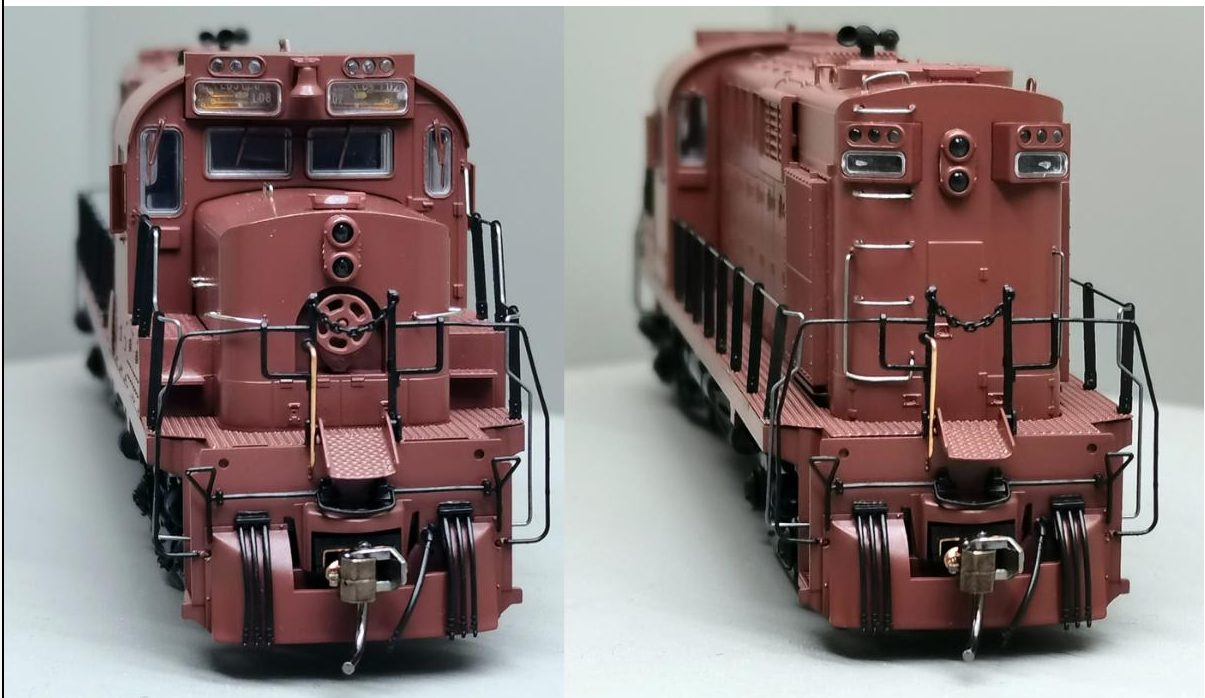
Guess what? It's an [E8 Locomotive](#) update! Well, sort of. Here's a photo of the chassis weight on a scale. I'd say that's a pretty hefty weight! 458 grams is over 16 ounces. Yes, just the weight by itself is over a pound! These babies will HAUL.



We haven't seen an update on the [HO Scale Procor GPU tank Car](#) lately, so here's one. Looking good, I must say. These will leave the factory this month, along with the [PRR X31a Boxcar](#). Those have actually been ready for a month. They are waiting for our new semi-scale couplers, which are being made now.



Ready to see something great? The factory just sent us a few photos of the [CN RSC-14 Locomotives](#) and the [CP RS-18u Rebuilds](#). These look GREAT!



Really captures that signature chop nose look, eh?



Looking sharp!

The [RS-18u Rebuilds](#) and [RSC-14 Locomotives](#) will have a painted sample arriving sometime in the not so distant future. *(Ed: You do know that Dan is just painting these samples, right?)* Um... Yeah. Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) or a future newsletter to see them!

We'll be announcing the order deadline shortly, but please reserve yours today.



A maritime modeller's necessity. Note the A-1-A trucks.



Production and Shipping Delays In Our Industry by Jason Shron

In comparison to many industries such as tourism and restaurants, model railroading has been largely spared the negative effects of COVID. Apart from an extended shutdown in February/March 2020, production of model trains was almost normal for most of last year. In fact, our hobby has received a boost in interest and sales as many people rediscovered their love of model trains during the various lockdowns.

However, COVID has had a knock-on effect which is now hurting us in a big way. It started late last year. Normally, factory workers go home a couple of weeks before Chinese New Year and return a couple of weeks after. This past year, a number of provinces in China advised their citizens to come home early or risk not coming home at all. Many workers at model train factories in Guangdong province thus went home early and this caused many model train deliveries to be delayed. Our [HO Scale SW1200](#) was one victim of this delay.

The next hurdle has been a global microchip shortage. Most of the world's microchips are produced in one massive complex in Taiwan. The demand for microchips has far exceeded supply, and every industry is affected. For Rapido, this meant that our B36-7s sat in the factory for three weeks - mostly assembled! - waiting for circuit boards. Decoder manufacturers are in the same crunch, and model train companies around the world are not able to get the decoders we need for our models.

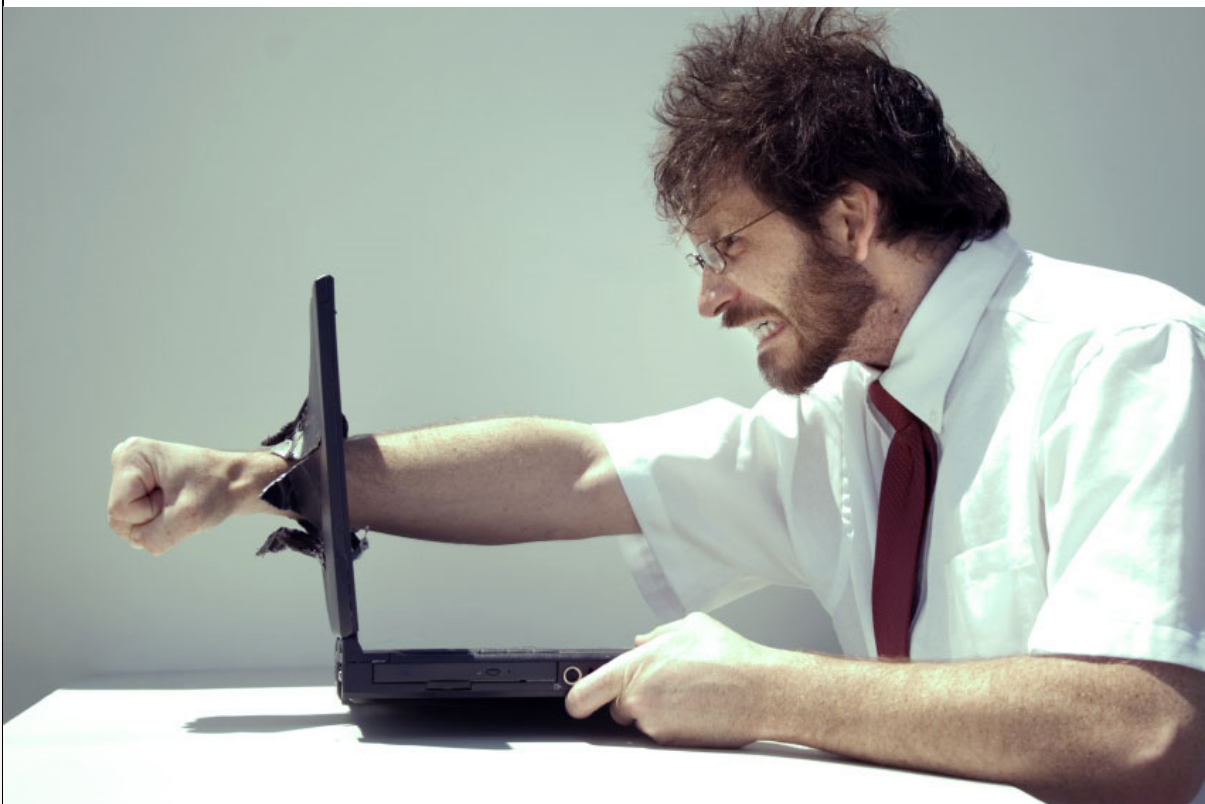


*Hey Ningnong! I asked for a photo of a trans-Pacific container ship.
What the heck is this?
(Bobby: No, you just asked for a container ship.)*

Now we have another hurdle - kick us when we're down! - in the way of a global shipping container shortage and congestion at ports. In the almost 17 years I've been in this business, I have never seen anything like this.

The cost to ship a container has gone from about \$5000 to \$15000. Because model trains are relatively small for their value, most of our shipments go LCL, or less-than-container load. The normal time from pickup at our factory to delivery at Rapido HQ is about five weeks. To give you an idea of shipping times now, our second SW1200 shipment left the factory on May 14th. All going well, it will arrive here around July 15th.

The delays are caused by the aforementioned container shortage, exacerbated by a COVID outbreak at the port that almost model train manufacturers use: Yantian, in Shenzhen. When the shipments arrive at the west coast, they normally get on a train within three days. Now it's taking two weeks. Our HO scale [Meat Reefers](#) are in Prince Rupert, British Columbia now. Every day we get the same message: "Container Waiting to be Loaded Onto Carriage for Inland Movement."



Why am I telling you all this? Well, for two reasons. Firstly, we at Rapido like to keep our customers informed. When something goes wrong, we tell you. We're not big on spin at Rapido. Back in 2012 I was looking at the future financing of the company. At a meeting with my uncle and a financial adviser, the adviser said "You don't want shareholders. You don't want to have to report to them." To which my uncle - a corporate lawyer - replied, "Have you see Jason's newsletters? He tells his customers more information than most CEOs tell their shareholders."

Obviously, when shipments are delayed this has an impact on cash flow. I recommend you pick up the July issue of [Railroad Model Craftsman](#) as my column explains the ins and outs of cash flow for the model train industry. And for other reasons, too! It's a great magazine.

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