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Dear Rapido Customer,

We're ready to start off 2024 with a bang with the first of our January newsletters (there's so much happening, we could fill a book). Check out the contents below, then get ready for some exciting news!

Welcome to... Rapido News #180!



This image needs no explanation for those of you who know what it is...

In this 180th issue...

- Rapido Masterclasses
- HO Scale PA and PB-1 Deadline Update March 15, 2024
- January 15th, 2024 Order Deadlines

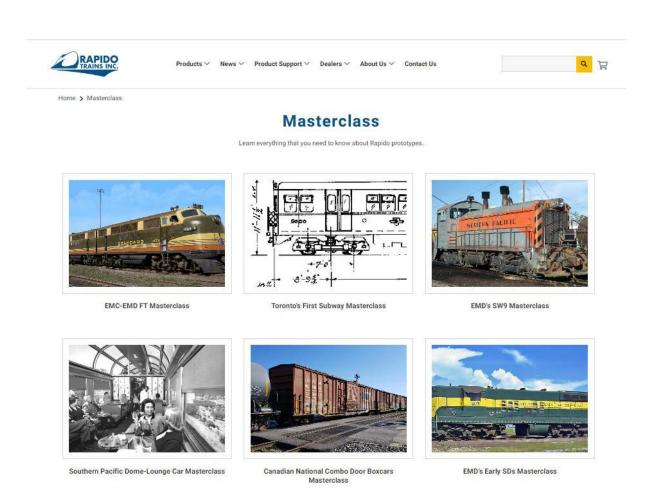
- February 15th, 2024 Order Deadlines
- Home Shops B-70-69 Boxcars

Also other announcements...

- Upcoming Shows
- New Videos
- Product Updates
- We're Hiring! Yes, really!
- Petition for VIA Rail Canada

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Please note that all renders and artwork are subject to change before the final product release.



Rapido Masterclasses

Ever wanted to know more about a model's prototype? Need info on the number of locos rostered or the lineage of a certain locomotive we offer? Just want some train trivia knowledge to brush up on before the next railfan pub night? Look no further than **Rapido Masterclasses**. Most of the models we offer have a masterclass (some with special guest writers!), and if they don't, we will add more in the future!

Get your history caps on and learn everything and anything you can about our prototypes.

Check Out the Rapido Masterclasses



Surprise! Check out the new Santa Fe PA rebuild samples we just received. These are early samples, so items may change upon final production.

HO Scale PA and PB Locomotives - Deadline Update

Let's start off with an <u>Alco PA Locomotive</u> update: We have extended the order deadline until *March 15th, 2024*. This is to show off the brand-new factory samples we just received and to help get the word out to our Santa Fe customers. These just arrived - first test shots out of the molds!

Did you ever think we would see a ready-to-run model of 51 LAC? Neither did we! And of course we have lots of other paint schemes too!



We're definitely replacing those plastic long handrails on the roof with metal.

Not sure what we were thinking there...



Click Here to Open PA and PB-1 Catalog

Click Here to Open ATSF Repowered Catalog

Order the PA-1, PB-1 and ATSF Repowered Locomotives





HO Scale C30-7 Locomotive

The fan favorite **HO Scale C30-7** deadline is almost up—be sure to order by January 15th!

It was really down to the wire, but we received our latest factory pre-production sample TODAY. Actually, we received it at lunch time, even though it left the fact a week ago!

So Jeff has moved mountains and made this wonderful short video for you. Please **click here** or on the image below to see the Rapido C30-7 in action! The production models will be 16 times better!



Based on our preorders so far, this locomotive is on track to outsell even the ubiquitous GP38. We are so excited, and we just can't hide it. And we know, we know, we know, we know you want one.

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Order the C30-7 Locomotive

Rapido Northern Pacific Day-Nite Coach!

The NP Day-Nite coach looks amazing, interior and exterior.

HO Scale Northern Pacific "Day-Nite" Coach

The conditional order deadline for the Northern Pacific Day-Night Coaches is just a few days away on January 15th. Be sure to take advantage of that sweet 5% early bird discount. Amtrak leased these cars for a few years in the early 1970s, so all 4.2 million of you who model 1970s Amtrak will need these for your rainbow consist. And it gives you an excuse to run NP in Virginia!

If the Day-Nite coach gets the green light, we'll look into more NP passenger cars—so fire up those orders!

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Order the NP "Day-Nite" Coach



Everything You Need to Know about BART's Legacy Fleet!



HO Scale BART Trains

The <u>HO Scale BART Legacy Fleet</u> is one of the most unique products we have ever announced. Now these cars are nearing their February 15th order deadline, which means they are one step closer to being delivered!

We just got new samples in, so check out the gorgeous shots below.



These early pre-production samples look great!



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Order the BART Cars



HO Scale Comet Commuter Cars

The <u>HO Scale Comet Commuter Cars</u> have been highly sought after passenger cars, judging by the silly money our first run cars can sell for on eBay. Make sure to grab a few of these before February 15th to maximize excitement on your layout. Take commuters to and from work, while delaying those lower priority freights, of course. But wouldn't it be nice for there to be a locomotive or two to pull these? Stay tuned...

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Order the Comet Cars



HO Scale Fruit Growers Express R7 Reefer

The <u>HO Scale PRR-FGE R7 40' Wood Reefer</u> is getting loaded up (not with produce) for the February 15th order deadline. That's a little over a month away, so load up your orders before the expiry date passes!

This car is doing surprisingly well. Thank you to all the PRR fans who request models, and then actually follow up by ordering them! Woo-hoo!



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Order the FGE R7 Reefer



HO Scale Pennsylvania Railroad X23 Boxcar

The <u>Rapido PRR X23 40' Wood Boxcar</u> is also chopping up to the February order deadline. We'll be back next month with a video discussing everything you need to know about these cars. Until then, check out these new samples we got!

PRR modelers please share these far and wide! Let's see if we can outsell the X31!



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Order the PRR X23 Boxcar



Home Shops-Rapido B-70-69 Second-Section Launch Podcast "MEET THE ROAD OWNERS LIVE!"

HO Scale B-70-69 Boxcar - Home Shops Freelance Schemes

An exciting addition to the <u>HO Scale SP B-70-69 Boxcar</u> range is <u>Home Shops'</u> fleet of freelance-themed boxcars. Earlier this week our very own Project Manager, Jeff, was invited to discuss the production of these cars on the <u>Second Section Podcast</u>. He was joined by each freelance owner of the cars being produced.







Check Out Home Shops' Website



<u>Trainland's</u> meet and greet with Jason **AND BILL** is just a few days away. And yes, they will be to sign your Rapido box! Bring a sparkly Sharpie!



The annual <u>Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show</u> is back and will take place on January 27th and the 28th in West Springfield, Massachusetts. We will display nearly every sample we have and you can have a friendly conversation with our Project Managers. And swordfish. We look forward to seeing you there!



Tooling, Shipping and Arrival Updates

LOTS of new items are arriving soon!

- HO Scale PC&F SP B-70-69 Boxcar Shipping this month!
 HO Scale NSC Centerbeam Shipping this month!
- N Scale NSC Barrel Ore Hopper Shipping February
- N Scale Wide Vision Caboose Shipping February



Here come the M420s! The Providence and Worcester versions look sharp.



Note the unique headlight casings and the AAR-style trucks, a staple of the P&W builds.





The BC Rails! The M420s never looked so good.





And of course, the M420B units. Can you feel the excitement?





Two-tone green and Delaware-Lackawanna's iconic Alco-inspired scheme.





Check out <u>Spring Creek's</u> exclusive run of lowa Interstate M420s. Click the photo for more info.



And here's OSR, an exclusive for Otter Valley Railroad.



N Scale Dash 8-40CMs, nearly ready to ship.

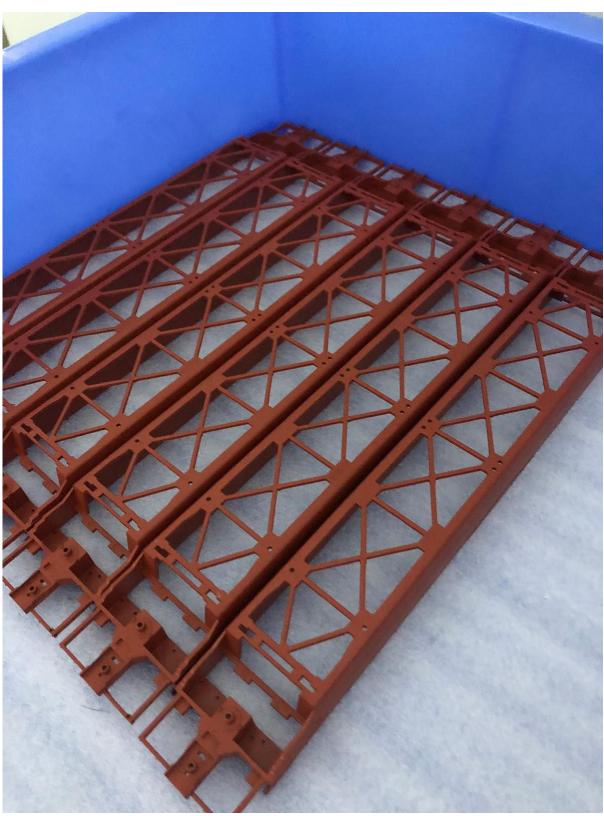




The SP B-70-69 boxcars look stunning!

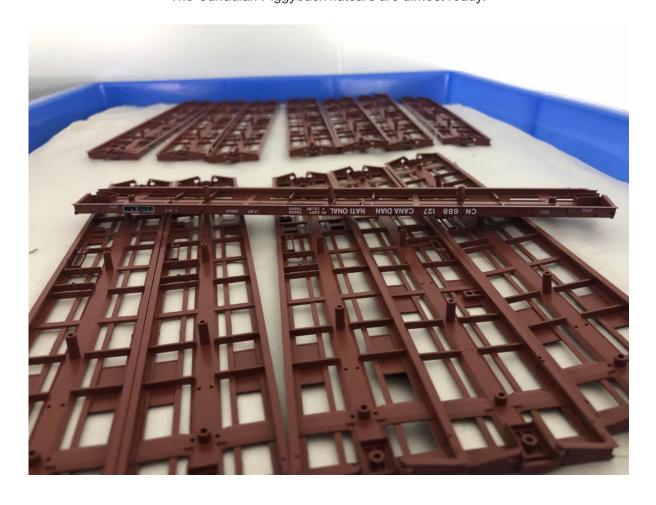
Note the unnumbered car in this consist. You too can order any of our products (before the order deadline) without numbers. It's considered a special order and the minimum is six pieces. Please get in touch with us to build your new fleet! You can order undecs too!







The Canadian Piggyback flatcars are almost ready.





A nice surprise: The Canadian National NSC 5304 Boxcar. They're through the paint shop and lettering is up next.



Who remembers Simpsons? At Yorkdale?
Wasn't that restaurant AMAZING?
Can you tell that Bobby did not write this caption? He's too young!



Canadian trailers getting the final applications at the factory.



Can-Car 26' trailers above and N Scale Procor 5820 hoppers below





Rapido is Hiring a New Project Manager!

Are you looking to feed your model train hobby even more?

We are looking to hire a full-time experienced Project Manager to do model design. As a PM, you will coordinate the design of new models, including creating 2D line drawings of real trains; creating paint scheme diagrams; communicating with the factories (via illustrated PDF documents and email); and working with the rest of the Project Management and Marketing & PR teams here.

Required Skills:

- Proficient in 2D drawing using Adobe Illustrator or Corel (OK Boomer)
- Know a lot about trains (bonus: you know a lot of train people)
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop and Acrobat) and MS Office
- Graphic design ability
- Ability to present potential project ideas
- Ability to not smell really bad (hygiene is an asset)
- Excellent communicator—written, oral, and in videos
- Proficiency in 3D design is an asset

- Actually being 3D and not 2D is also an asset
- Able to participate in train shows, dealer conferences, exhibitions, video promotions or any other promotional activity
- You do not need to know how to drive a Zamboni, but it would be really cool if you did.
- Able to translate measurements into drawings
- Detail-oriented and able to spot and fix mistakes
- Organized and able to work on a tight deadline
- Team player preference given to actual retired NHL Montreal Canadiens team players. No Bruins or Senators accepted.
- Able to count rivets (this is not a joke)
- Ability to work with clients, partners and transit agencies
- You must be able to modulate the main deflector to emit a polarized tachyon pulse (in under four minutes).

If you think you might be the right candidate for the job, please <u>click here</u> to apply or learn more from our hiring team! You, too, can become a **Trainfluencer!** (Nat just made that up...)

Calling All Canadian Residents and Citizens!



Don't let the train pass you by! Photo courtesy of Josh Anderchek.

We're all VIA fans here at Rapido (except maybe Janet, but then she would be fired). Our friend Terry Johnson (from Transport Action) has started a petition calling on the government to fund a new transcontinental fleet for VIA. As much as we love the 1955 Budd cars, they won't last forever!

Sign in English Here Sign in French Here

Don't forget to confirm your signature to complete your petition entry (you'll get an email right after)!

Are you American, British or Fijian, but feel passionate about accessible and sustainable rail travel too? Send **the link** to your Canadian friends who may not follow Rapido, but definitely care about making their voice heard.

We'll wrap up with a teaser image for something we're working on...

Another newsletter is on its way later this month and another one in February with lots of fun stuff.

Thanks for being a great customer, the seven of you who are still reading!

Bobby Allard Grand Poobah Rapido Trains Inc.



The open road. Photo by Jordan Smith.

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Rapido is pleased to announce an all-new model of the signature PRR X23 boxcar in HO scale. These cars feature state-of-the-art tooling with separate grabs, crisp and accurate details and correct PRR class 2D-FI arch-bar and 2D-F8 cast trucks with free-rolling turned metal wheelsets, two unique door styles, both KD- and AB-brake components, as well as two distinct roof types, all as appropriate.

In 1912 the Pennsylvania Railroad built its first 40-foot boxcar, the class X23. This single-sheathed car design utilized Warren-truss bracing and a fish belly underframe. These features, combined with its low roof height, gave the X23 a unique appearance which stood out in any train. PRR had over 7.000 X23s built between 1912 and 1914.

The X23 boxcars served the PRR and its subsidiary railroads very well. Over the years various improvements were made including replacing the original roof with a lap-seam roof, 2D-F8 cast trucks replacing the original arch-bar trucks, KD-Brakes being upgraded with AB-brakes, and the 3-panel Creco door being replaced with a Youngstown corrugated door. The fleet of X23s continued to soldier on into World War 2 with over 90% of the fleet still in service by January 1945. However, their hard use during the war years combined with their age meant that most cars were retired from regular service by the late 1950s. However, many X23s were retained for work equipment service and lasted well into the 1970s in this role.

These cars will be offered in multiple numbers and sold to dealers as two, three or six car packs which can be broken up for individual sale. Reserve your models of this signature boxcar today!

Rapido's new PRR X23 Boxcar model features

- Accurate Warren truss single-sheathed body
- Youngstown or Creco panel doors
- Flat panel or lap seam roofs
- Split K or AB Brakes as appropriate
- Free rolling Arch bar or 2D-F8 trucks with metal wheelsets
- Rapido semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers per scheme.



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US

\$54.95 - SINGLE \$164.85 - 3-PACK

\$329.70 - 6-PACK

CAD

\$64.95 - SINGLE \$194.85 - 3-PACK

\$389.70 - 6-PACK

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Cumberland Valley (1914+)



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PRR-Union Lines (1913+)

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Pennsylvania Lines (1913+)



PRR Early (Pre-1920) (1913+)

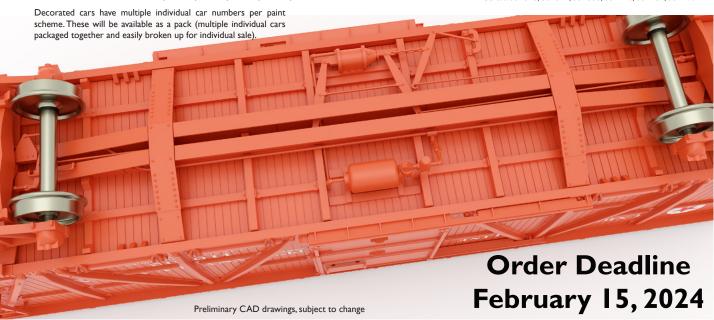


PRR Circle Keystone- Creco Door (1930+)



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PRR Circle Keystone- Youngstown door (1930+)





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Following on the success of the X23 boxcar design, the Pennsylvania Railroad built over 3,500 cars in a reefer configuration designated as the R7. This fleet of reefers was built between 1914 and 1915 for the Pennsylvania Railroad and its subsidiary lines. By 1922 it had leased nearly the entire fleet of R7s to the Fruit Growers Express Company (FGE), in which the PRR had an ownership-stake. By 1932, the ownership of the entire fleet of cars was transferred to FGE.

Like the X23s, the R7 reefers went through various improvements over time, including 2D-F8 cast trucks replacing the original arch-bar trucks, KD-Brakes being upgraded with AB-brakes, and the lap-seam roof being replaced with a Hutchins Dry-Lading roof. From 1940 to 1942, over 250 R7 reefers were transferred to FGE subsidiary National Car Company (NX) for use in hauling meat products. During the early 1950s a small batch of R7 reefers was leased by National to the Mathieson Chemical Company for use in dedicated dry ice hauling service. The R7 reefers lasted in regular service until the late 1950s.

These cars will be offered in multiple numbers and sold to dealers as multi-car packs which can be broken up for individual sale. Reserve your models of this signature reefer car today!

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\$54.95 - SINGLE \$109.90 - 2 PACK \$64.95 - SINGLE

\$164.85 - 3-PACK

\$129.90 - 2 PACK

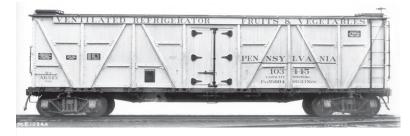
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Rapido's new PRR/FGE R7 Reefer model features:

- Accurate Warren truss single-sheathed body
- Double-flush Miner swing doors
- Lap seam or Hutchins roofs
- Split K or AB Brakes as appropriate
- Free rolling Arch bar or 2D-F8 trucks with metal wheelsets
- Rapido semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers per scheme.







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FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS R7 WOOD REEFER



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PRR Early (1914+)

_	Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
	177201	3 - Pack	\$164.85	\$194.85
	177201A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
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FGE (Brown Roof 1922+)

ltem	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
177202	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177202A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #43507 4	3510 44124 44610	45015 46342



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FGE (Silver Roof 1940+)

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177203	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177203A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #43511, 4382	22, 44509, 45323, 4	6291, 46346



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National Car (1940+)

ltem	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
177204	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177204A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #8551, 85	90, 8634, 8682, 8700,	8763



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Mathieson Dry Ice (NX) (1945+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
177205	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177205A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #8840, 8842, 8845, 8849, 8851, 8854		



Baltimore & Ohio (1951+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
17720	06 2 - Pack	\$109.90	\$129.90
17720	06A Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
Car numbers: #XM4784, XM4785			

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





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2023 RELEASE BY COMET COMMUTER CARS





Introduced by Pullman-Standard as a replacement for aging commuter cars, the soon nicknamed "Comet" cars were first built between 1970 and 1973 for the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad's services out of New Jersey.

Given their success with the E-L and then New Jersey Transit, the use of the Comet car guickly spread to other commuter agencies. Boston's Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority received their first cars in 1978, Metro-North and Connecticut DOT (or ConnDOT) in 1983, Philadelphia's SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) in 1987, and Montreal's AMT (Agence métropolitaine de transport) in 1989. In 2008, SEPTA and Frontrunner of Salt Lake City received original E-L/NJT Comet cars to bolster their fleets. Additionally, LA's Metrolink leased the Frontrunner cars from 2008 to 2010 due to a fleet shortage.

The original "Comet" cars built for the E-L were designed strictly for low platforms, but upgrades to the car design by Pullman-Standard (and later Bombardier) evolved the "Comet" design to support both high- and low-platform boarding, and feature amenities such as on-board washrooms, accessible seating and, after 1990, a wide center door for highplatform boarding.

The Rapido HO scale Comet cars feature:

- Designed from field measurements as well as original blueprints and documents.
- Full interior detail including individual seats, and unparalleled underbody detail incl. all pipes and boxes
- Extremely free-rolling inside-bearing trucks with metal wheelsets
- Tinted windows and accurate painting and lettering
- All-wheel electrical pickup and advanced circuitry for flicker-free lighting on both DC and DCC layouts
- Coaches feature controllable interior and end marker lights using the included magnetic wand
- Cab Coach lighting controlled using the magnetic wand on both DC and DCC layouts.

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3-Car Sets (Cab Coach + 2 Coaches)

usp **\$369.95** CAD **\$429.95**

USD \$399.95 CAD **\$459.95** MBTA+SEPTA

Individual Coaches

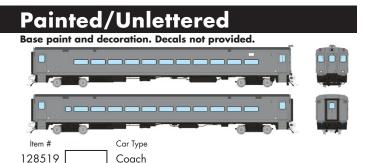
CAD **\$139.95** usp **\$119.95**

usp **\$129.95** CAD **\$149.95** MBTA+SEPTA

Unnumbered cars are available in quantities of 6 for customers who wish to significantly expand their fleets.

Order Deadline February 15, 2024 Expected Arrival Late 2024

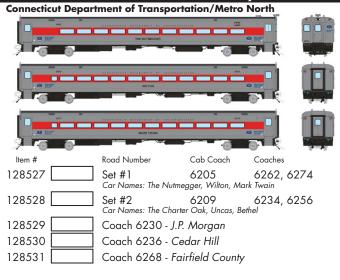




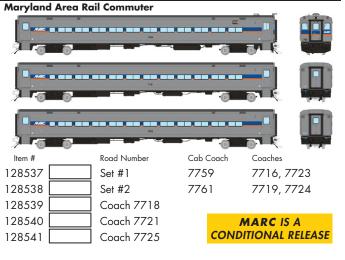
Connecticut DOT (Delivery Scheme)

Cab Coach (\$129.95 USD \$149.95 CAD)

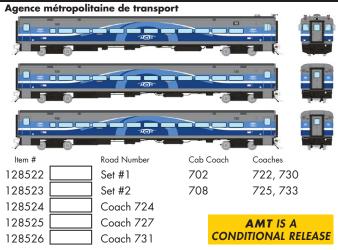
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MARC (Delivery Scheme)



Montreal AMT (Late Scheme)



Connecticut DOT (Late Scheme)

Connecticut Commuter Rail



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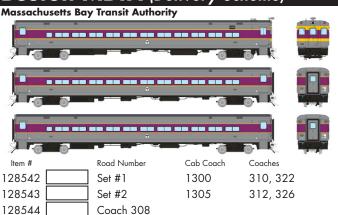
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2023 RELEASE COMET COMMUTER CARS



Boston MBTA (Delivery Scheme)



(Late Scheme)

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Coach 2524

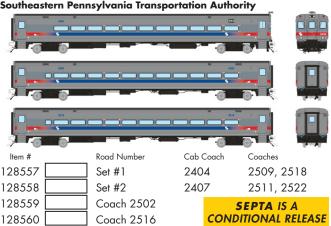
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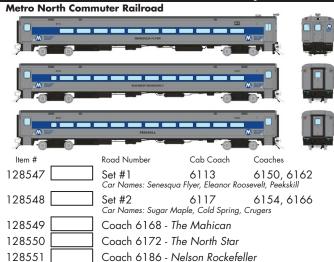
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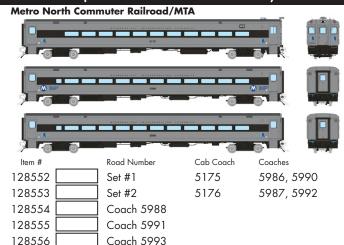
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New York MNCR (Delivery Scheme)



(West of Hudson Scheme)



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3-Car Sets (Cab Coach + 2 Coaches)

USD \$369.95 CAD **\$429.95**

USD **\$399.95** CAD **\$459.95 MBTA+SEPTA**

Individual Coaches

CAD \$139.95 usd **\$119.95** usp \$129.95 CAD \$149.95

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Order Deadline February 15, 2024



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(A, B, C CARS)

- Designed from original blueprints, design drawings and field measurements.
- Track-powered flicker-free interior lighting compatible with DC and DCC layouts.
- Directional lighting, including headlights and red tail lights.
- NEM-style close-coupling system, so your cars always remain as close as possible through any trackwork.
- Minimum 18" radius (22" radius preferred).
- Full, multi-color interior detailing.
- Low-profile drive system in A and C cars allowing for a complete interior with no visible motor.
- Full underbody detail including separate electrical lines, conduit and equipment boxes.
- Highly-detailed, non-operating couplers on A and C cars.
- DCC-equipped models feature accurate sound recordings.

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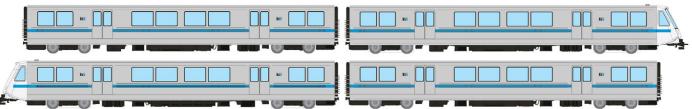




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C CAR (POWERED)



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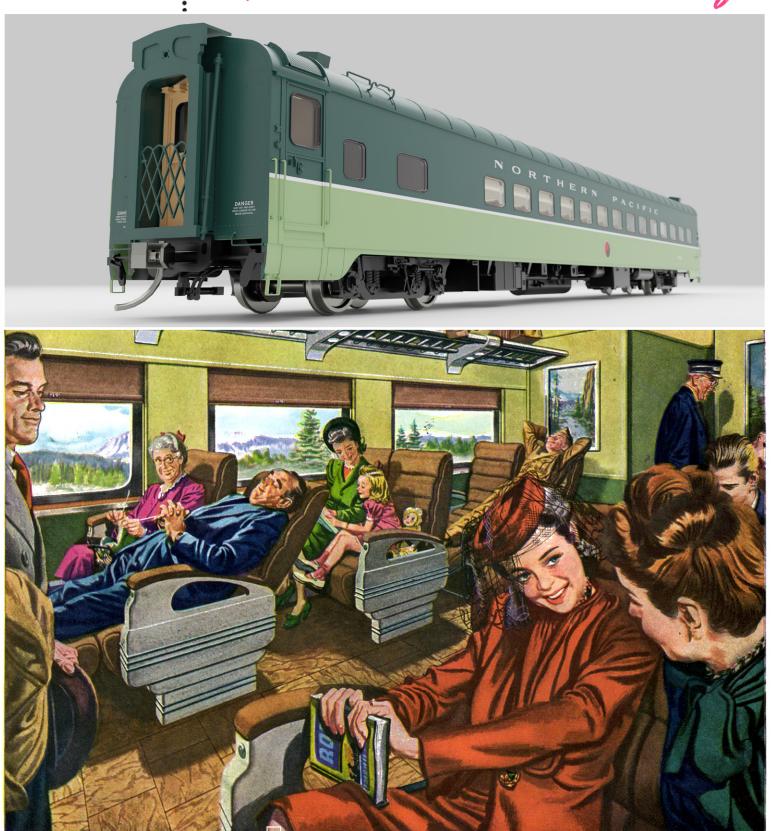
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you can really rest in Tullman-Standards new "Day-Nite" coaches for Northern Pacific







Rapido and the Nortern Pacific Railway Historical Association are extremely excited to announce the conditional release of Northern Pacific Day-Nite Coaches in both the Loewy and Streamline pain schemes. This is car series 588 to 599 that served on the North Coast Limited from initial production to the end of the NP and beyond. These coaches were built by Pullman-Standard in 1946

Pleaee note that this is a **Conditional Release** – This car will only be produced if the NPRHA and Rapido receive sufficient orders to justify the production investment. This and possible future North Coast Limited models are being developed as a close partnership between the NPRHA and Rapido Trains Inc., and more cars will follow only if this project is a success. Please do your part and get your reservations in ASAP so this car is merely the start of a long line of high quality NCL cars!

This all-new HO model includes:

- Designed from original blueprints and field measurements of existing cars
- Accurate interior and exterior paint and lettering, approved by the NPRHA
- · Highly detailed underbody arrangements
- Truck and skirt tooling specific to the paint scheme era
- Fully detailed interior configuration, tinted windows where appropriate
- Multi-color interior decoration
- · Full flicker-free track-powered interior lighting
- Accurate free-rolling trucks
- Metal magnetic knuckle couplers

To sweeten the deal, any orders placed before January 15, 2024 will receive a 5% pre-order discount!

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Northern Pacific Streamline Scheme

Item	Car#
197001	#590
197002	#592
197003	#593
197004	#595



Northern Pacific Loewy Scheme

ltem	Car#
197005	#589
197006	#591
197007	#592
197008	#594
197009	#597



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HO GE C30-7





Rapido is happy to announce the next in our series of classic General Electric locomotives, the C30-7 in HO scale.

The C30-7 was General Electric's improvement of the U30C locomotive, featuring a 16-cylinder 3,000 horsepower diesel engine. Built between September 1976 and May 1986, over 1100 units were produced for many of the Class I railroads across the United States for use primarily in heavy-haul freight. A fair number would go on to have extended careers with both short/regional lines and private industrial railroads, owing to the locomotives reliability and pulling power.

The C30-7 later gave way to the similar C36-7, as well as various unique models such as the Conrail C30-7A and the BC Rail C36-8m, rebuilt from former Conrail C30-7s.

Rapido's new HO scale C30-7 features:



- High or Low headlights, as appropriate
- Correct Rockwell or Adirondack trucks, as appropriate
- · New traction motor casings details
- Heavy, die-cast weight for heavy hauling
- 5-pole motor with dual flywheels
- Operating headlights and rear lights
- Operating roof-top beacons and class lights, where applicable
- Detailed underbody piping and conduit
- Separate grab irons and handrails
- Sound-equipped units feature ESU Loksound V5 decoders







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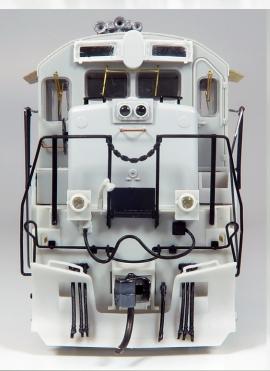


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HO GE C30-7 BY RAPIDO











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Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (Early)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
8012	42001	42501
8025	42002	42502
8039	42003	42503
8051	42004	42504





Burlington Northern (Early)

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
5514	42005	42505
5526	42006	42506
5533	42007	42507
5546	42008	42508





Conrail

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
6600	42009	42509
6603	42010	42510
6605	42011	42511
6608	42012	42512





CSX Transportation (YN2) with Ditch Lights

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)	
7029	42013	42513	
7036	42014	42514	
7041	42015	42515	
7047	42016	42516	





Ferrocarriles Nacionales de México (Early)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
11002	42017	42517
11014	42018	42518
11017	42019	42519
11025	42020	42520



Norfolk & Western (Black)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
8020	42021	42521
8044	42022	42522
8059	42023	42523
8068	42024	42524





Norfolk Southern

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
8008	42025	42525
8014	42026	42526
8032	42027	42527
8049	42028	42528



Union Pacific (Early)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2415	42029	42529
2419	42030	42530
2422	42031	42531
2429	42032	42532

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The makers of America's first Diesel-Electric Locomotive present the first of a complete new line of Super Diesel-Electrics!

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It's big news for every person who travels or ships by rail, because these new locomotives embody many important new developments born of wartime research and production progress—developments that will enable the railroads to give you the finest transportation the world has ever known...



2. Already tested in railroad service, these Alco-GE locomotives have proved years ahead—in design, speed, power, smoothness, economy of operation. As you can see here, the cab affords unprecedented room to work in—inspections, adjustments and repairs are quicker and easier to make. The engine is designed to run a million miles before major overhaul, and when maintenance is needed, unequalled accessibility of parts keeps costs down.



3. Safer, easier operation is assured by the new type broad-vision windows . . . an improved, centralized control system results in simpler, smoother operation . . . and these are but a few of many new features that distinguish these locomotives and others in the new Alco-GE line to be announced. Watch for news of other units in this new line. They'll be here soon. To meet every motive power requirement more efficiently. To enable the railroads to give you progressively finer service.



The popular Alco PA and PB series returns for a second run! Following the success of the first run, Rapido is pleased to offer new schemes and variations. On this run you'll notice certain roads now have the larger flat number boards as well as the original side boards. New pilots will also grace the front of select models.

We are also excited to offer the red Alco-GE and the short-lived MLW-GE demonstrator in the Canadian National scheme, in addition to the new schemes being offered. As usual, the Alco PA and PB Locomotives feature the highest quality, road-specific details, silky smooth drives and razor-sharp paint and printing.

The 2nd Run ALCO PA and PB Features:

- Correct nose and roof profiles 3D-scanned from the prototype
- Loads of roadname-specific details
- ATSF re-powered units feature unique roof blister and EMD style fans
- A units and A-B sets available
- Dynamic or non-dynamic brake versions, where appropriate
- Full underbody piping and conduit
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Etched-metal grilles, where appropriate
- Lit number boards
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- Operating Gyralite or red Mars light, where appropriate
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Erie Lackawanna (G/M/Y Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
852	23047	23547
854	23048	23548
855	23049	23549



Missouri Pacific (PA-1 / Eagle Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
8001	23052	23552
8003	23053	23553
8008	23054	23554



Missouri-Kansas-Texas

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
151A	23056	23556
153C	23057	23557



New Haven (McGinnis Scheme)

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound
0763	23061	23561
0772	23062	23562
0776	23063	23563



Gulf, Mobile & Ohio

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
290	23050	23550
292	23051	23551



Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Shadowlined)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
152	23055	23555





New Haven (Orange Scheme

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
0760	23058	23558
0762	23059	23559
0767	23060	23560



Union Pacific

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent	t) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
600	23064	23564
604	23065	23565

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Alco-GE Demonstrator (PA-2 and PB-2 Set)

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 8375 23043 23543





CN Demonstrator (PA-1 and PA-1 Set)

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 9077 / 9078 23044 23544



Union Pacific (PA-1 and PB-1 Set)

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Possibly the most unique Alco PA and PB Locomotives in history were Santa F's three repowered locomotives, 51L-A-C. In 1954, an experiment was put into motion to repower two PA-1s and a single PB-1 with EMD 567C prime movers. The 567Cs were taller than the Alco 244s originally installed, so the locomotive bodies were modified with a hump in the roofline along with EMD-style fans and dual exhausts.

51L-A-C quickly became the most famous of Santa Fe's PA/PB locomotives, a status aided by the fact that they often pulled fan trips. No model train company has dared to bring out a model of 51L-A-C in plastic because these engines were just too weird. So they were an obvious choice for us!

The Santa Fe Repowered PA and PB Features:

- Correct nose and roof profiles, featuring unique roof blister and EMD style fans
- A units (51L) and A-B (51A and 51C) set available
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PA and PB



AT&SF (PA-1 Repowered)

Road # Item # (DC/Silent)
51L 23045

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 23545 SINGLE PA-1 MSRP No Sound **\$239.95 / \$279.95** US / CAD w/Sound **\$349.95 / \$399.95** US / CAD





AT&SF (PA-1 / PB-1 Repowered Set)

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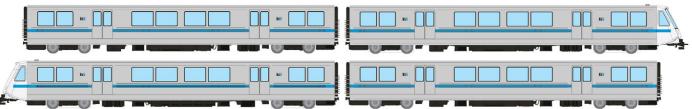




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4-CAR TRAIN (POWERED A CARS, UNPOWERED B CARS)



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C CAR (POWERED)



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2023 RELEASE BY COMET COMMUTER CARS





Introduced by Pullman-Standard as a replacement for aging commuter cars, the soon nicknamed "Comet" cars were first built between 1970 and 1973 for the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad's services out of New Jersey.

Given their success with the E-L and then New Jersey Transit, the use of the Comet car guickly spread to other commuter agencies. Boston's Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority received their first cars in 1978, Metro-North and Connecticut DOT (or ConnDOT) in 1983, Philadelphia's SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) in 1987, and Montreal's AMT (Agence métropolitaine de transport) in 1989. In 2008, SEPTA and Frontrunner of Salt Lake City received original E-L/NJT Comet cars to bolster their fleets. Additionally, LA's Metrolink leased the Frontrunner cars from 2008 to 2010 due to a fleet shortage.

The original "Comet" cars built for the E-L were designed strictly for low platforms, but upgrades to the car design by Pullman-Standard (and later Bombardier) evolved the "Comet" design to support both high- and low-platform boarding, and feature amenities such as on-board washrooms, accessible seating and, after 1990, a wide center door for highplatform boarding.

The Rapido HO scale Comet cars feature:

- Designed from field measurements as well as original blueprints and documents.
- Full interior detail including individual seats, and unparalleled underbody detail incl. all pipes and boxes
- Extremely free-rolling inside-bearing trucks with metal wheelsets
- Tinted windows and accurate painting and lettering
- All-wheel electrical pickup and advanced circuitry for flicker-free lighting on both DC and DCC layouts
- Coaches feature controllable interior and end marker lights using the included magnetic wand
- Cab Coach lighting controlled using the magnetic wand on both DC and DCC layouts.

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3-Car Sets (Cab Coach + 2 Coaches)

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Individual Coaches

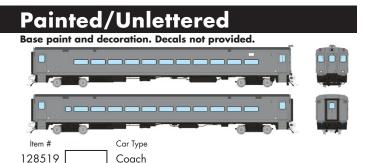
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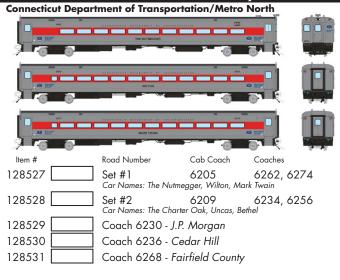




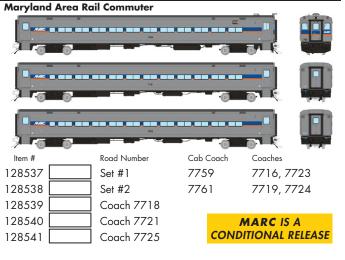
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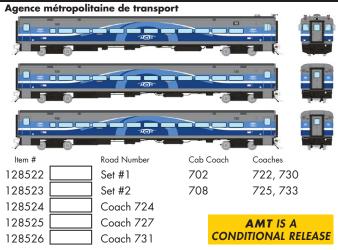
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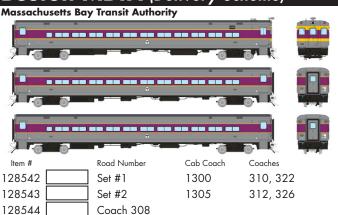
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Boston MBTA (Delivery Scheme)



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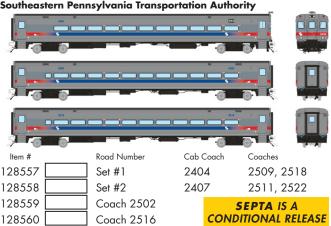
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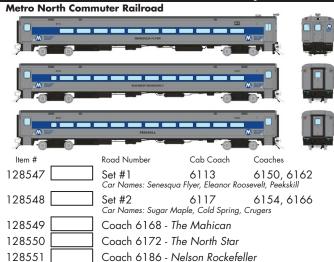
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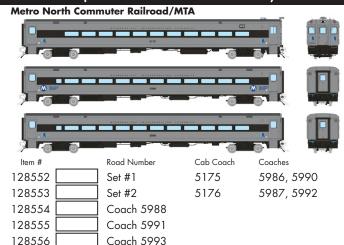
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New York MNCR (Delivery Scheme)



(West of Hudson Scheme)



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Rapido is pleased to announce the all-new model of the signature PRR/ FGE R7 reefer in HO scale. These cars feature state-of-the-art tooling with separate grabs, crisp and accurate details and correct PRR class 2D-FI arch-bar and 2D-F8 cast trucks with free-rolling turned metal wheelsets, both KD- and AB-brake components, as well as two distinct roof types, all as appropriate.

Following on the success of the X23 boxcar design, the Pennsylvania Railroad built over 3,500 cars in a reefer configuration designated as the R7. This fleet of reefers was built between 1914 and 1915 for the Pennsylvania Railroad and its subsidiary lines. By 1922 it had leased nearly the entire fleet of R7s to the Fruit Growers Express Company (FGE), in which the PRR had an ownership-stake. By 1932, the ownership of the entire fleet of cars was transferred to FGE.

Like the X23s, the R7 reefers went through various improvements over time, including 2D-F8 cast trucks replacing the original arch-bar trucks, KD-Brakes being upgraded with AB-brakes, and the lap-seam roof being replaced with a Hutchins Dry-Lading roof. From 1940 to 1942, over 250 R7 reefers were transferred to FGE subsidiary National Car Company (NX) for use in hauling meat products. During the early 1950s a small batch of R7 reefers was leased by National to the Mathieson Chemical Company for use in dedicated dry ice hauling service. The R7 reefers lasted in regular service until the late 1950s.

These cars will be offered in multiple numbers and sold to dealers as multi-car packs which can be broken up for individual sale. Reserve your models of this signature reefer car today!

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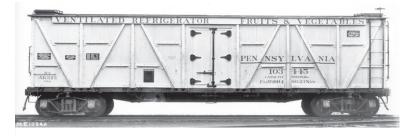
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\$194.85 - 3-PACK \$389.70 - 6-PACK Rapido's new PRR/FGE R7 Reefer model features:

- Accurate Warren truss single-sheathed body
- Double-flush Miner swing doors
- Lap seam or Hutchins roofs
- Split K or AB Brakes as appropriate
- Free rolling Arch bar or 2D-F8 trucks with metal wheelsets
- Rapido semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers per scheme.







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FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS R7 WOOD REEFER



FRELIMINARY ARTWORK AND DRAWINGS. SUBJECT TO CHANGES OR REVISIONS BEFORE PRODUCTIO

PRR Early (1914+)

_	Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
	177201	3 - Pack	\$164.85	\$194.85
	177201A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
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FGE (Brown Roof 1922+)

ltem	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
177202	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177202A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #43507 4	3510 44124 44610	45015 46342



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FGE (Silver Roof 1940+)

 Item	Description	USD MSKP	CDN M2KP
177203	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177203A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #43511, 4382	22, 44509, 45323, 4	6291, 46346



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National Car (1940+)

ltem	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
177204	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177204A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #8551, 85	90, 8634, 8682, 8700,	8763



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Mathieson Dry Ice (NX) (1945+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
177205	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
177205A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
	Car numbers: #8840, 8842, 8845, 8849, 8851, 8854		



Baltimore & Ohio (1951+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
17720	06 2 - Pack	\$109.90	\$129.90
17720	06A Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95
Car numbers: #XM4784, XM4785			

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





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Rapido is pleased to announce an all-new model of the signature PRR X23 boxcar in HO scale. These cars feature state-of-the-art tooling with separate grabs, crisp and accurate details and correct PRR class 2D-FI arch-bar and 2D-F8 cast trucks with free-rolling turned metal wheelsets, two unique door styles, both KD- and AB-brake components, as well as two distinct roof types, all as appropriate.

In 1912 the Pennsylvania Railroad built its first 40-foot boxcar, the class X23. This single-sheathed car design utilized Warren-truss bracing and a fish belly underframe. These features, combined with its low roof height, gave the X23 a unique appearance which stood out in any train. PRR had over 7.000 X23s built between 1912 and 1914.

The X23 boxcars served the PRR and its subsidiary railroads very well. Over the years various improvements were made including replacing the original roof with a lap-seam roof, 2D-F8 cast trucks replacing the original arch-bar trucks, KD-Brakes being upgraded with AB-brakes, and the 3-panel Creco door being replaced with a Youngstown corrugated door. The fleet of X23s continued to soldier on into World War 2 with over 90% of the fleet still in service by January 1945. However, their hard use during the war years combined with their age meant that most cars were retired from regular service by the late 1950s. However, many X23s were retained for work equipment service and lasted well into the 1970s in this role.

These cars will be offered in multiple numbers and sold to dealers as two, three or six car packs which can be broken up for individual sale. Reserve your models of this signature boxcar today!

Rapido's new PRR X23 Boxcar model features

- Accurate Warren truss single-sheathed body
- Youngstown or Creco panel doors
- Flat panel or lap seam roofs
- Split K or AB Brakes as appropriate
- Free rolling Arch bar or 2D-F8 trucks with metal wheelsets
- Rapido semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers per scheme.



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\$389.70 - 6-PACK

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Cumberland Valley (1914+)



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PRR-Union Lines (1913+)

| Ltem | Description | USD MSRP | CDN MSRP | | 177002 | 6- Pack | \$329.70 | \$389.70 | | \$389.70 | | \$389.70 | | \$64.95 | | \$64.95 | | \$64.95 | | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$64.95 | \$6



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Pennsylvania Lines (1913+)



PRR Early (Pre-1920) (1913+)

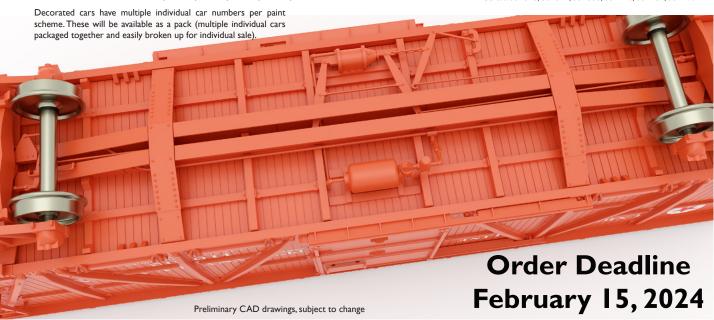


PRR Circle Keystone- Creco Door (1930+)



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PRR Circle Keystone- Youngstown door (1930+)





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Rapido once again breaks new ground by announcing a first in plastic! Behold the HEP-equipped E-unit, used predominately in commuter and inter-city services. Perhaps the most famous owner was the BN, with a fleet of 25 Morrison-Knudsen rebuilt E-9As for "suburban" service. Notable upgrades included; new 645EC prime movers pushing the horsepower output to 2400, Detroit Diesel HEP generators and the addition of dynamic brakes. The fleet would remain in service until the early '90s.

Amtrak also owned five HEP-equipped E-units for inter-city services, which were overhauled by Penn Central at their Juniata Shops. These mainly operated in the Northeast/New England area, but could occasionally be seen in other areas. It was not uncommon to see them hauling the brand new Amfleet cars by, either solo or teamed up with an F40PH. 497 would later be sold to Metro North, while 498 and 499 would become part of the Conrail OCS fleet.

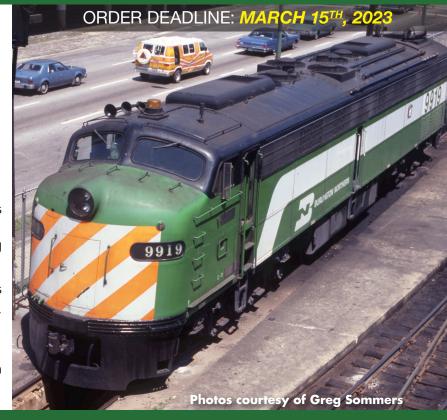
AMTRAK • BURLINGTON NORTHERN • CONRAIL • METRO NORTH

The BN and Amtrak Details Include:

- Correct HEP muffler and hatch
- Multiple dynamic brake options and fans
- Sealed, twin-beam headlight configuration
- Modified pilots
- Correct side grills
- Blanked sides with appropriate grille work
- Hyatt roller bearing journal covers
- Heavy die-cast chassis
- Smooth running drive system with all wheels powered
- Accurate E8 sounds provided by ESU LokSound
- Complete lighting effects headlights, class lights, backup lights, ground lights, cab lights, Stratolite or beacons and more.

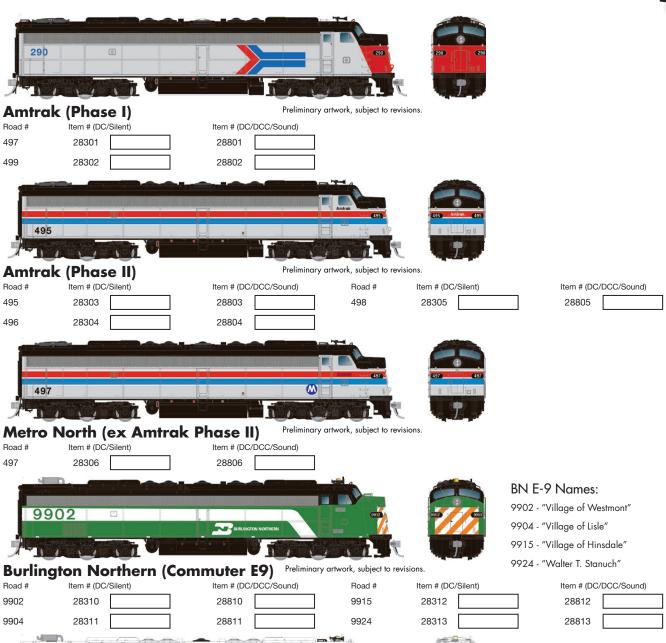
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 Numerous road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal.









Burlington Northern (Executive)

Preliminary artwork, subject to revisions

Road # Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)

9925 28314 28814 Please note: locomotive road numbers may change before production.

We will make every attempt to notify our customers of any changes.

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Conrail was well known for their iconic blue locomotives, "can opener" logo and hot intermodal services. But perhaps the most elusive and best-dressed operation they ran was their Office Car Specials, complete with a trio of Pullman green E-units. Numbered 4020 through 4022, these were the backbone of many OCS trips, right on up till the final day in 1999. The 4020 and 4021 were equipped with HEP, while the 4022 retained its steam boiler. Other spotting features included: porthole removal, lack of skirting, mini anticlimbers, dynamic brakes (sans the 4022) and cab mounted Leslie RS3L air horn. Despite lacking a HEP generator, the 4022 did carry HEP pass-through receptacles, making it capable of trailing or leading.

4020 • 4021 • 4022

The Conrail OCS E-unit Features:

- HEP muffler for 4020-4021
- Steam generator details for 4022
- Dynamic brake options where appropriate
- Sealed, twin-beam headlight configuration
- Modified pilots
- Correct side grills
- Rebuilt blanked sides (portholes removed) in two variations
- Non-skirted fuel tanks
- Three chime RS3L and Hancock air whistle air horns included
- Hyatt roller bearing journal covers
- Numerous road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal.
- Heavy die-cast chassis
- Smooth running drive system with all wheels powered
- Accurate E8 sounds provided by ESU LokSound
- Complete lighting effects headlights, class lights, backup lights, ground lights, cab lights, Stratolite or beacons and more.

*Not all lighting features will work in DC mode.





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THE E-UNITS







Conrail (OCS)

Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 4020 28307

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 28807

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Conrail (OCS)

Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 4021 28308

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 28808

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Conrail (OCS)

Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 4022 28309

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 28809

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Executive E-units? Why of course! Rapido once again delivers the goods. This time we are proud to present the Illinois Central and Canadian National executive E9As. When Metra retired the last of their E9As from commuter service, IC bought four for their executive fleet. Numbered 100 through 103, only 100 and 101 were painted in the special silver, white and black IC scheme. Eventually numbers 102 and 103 would be transferred to CN when they acquired the IC. 102 and 103 would first receive a green and black heritage scheme, reminiscent of their FP locos, then later on, repainted into the traditional red, black and white scheme. The four E-units share many of the same features of their BN siblings, but with added ditch light cut-outs in the nose.

The IC and CN E9A Details Include:

- Correct HEP muffler and hatch
- Modified pilots
- Blanked sides with appropriate grille work
- Roof-mounted cooling coils
- Non-skirted fuel tanks
- Hyatt roller bearing journal covers
- Heavy die-cast chassis
- Smooth running drive system with all wheels powered
- Accurate E8 sounds provided by ESU LokSound
- Complete lighting effects headlights, recessed ditch lights in nose, class lights, backup lights, ground lights, cab lights and more. (Not all lighting features will work in DC mode.)
- Numerous road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal.





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Canadian National (Executive / Green & Gold) Preliminary artwork, subject to revisions.

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 28315 102 / 103 28815



Canadian National (Executive / Red, Black & White Noodle) Preliminary artwork, subject to revisions.

Road # Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 102 / 103 28316 28816



Illinois Central (Executive / Gray & Black) Preliminary artwork, subject to revisions.

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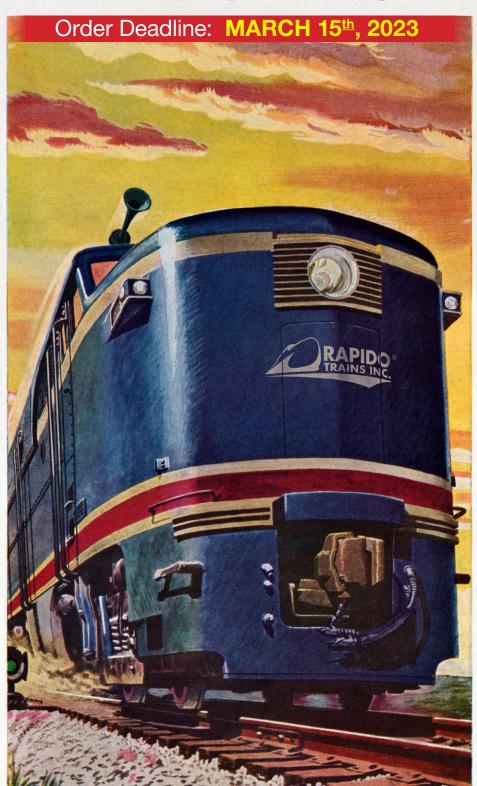
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ARRIVING YEARS AHEAD OF TIME!



The makers of America's first Diesel-Electric Locomotive present the first of a complete new line of Super Diesel-Electrics!

1. Today two of America's great industrial producers, American Locomotive and General Electric, present a new Diesel-Electric locomotive for all classes of service—a locomotive that opens up a new chapter in railroading history.

It's big news for every person who travels or ships by rail, because these new locomotives embody many important new developments born of wartime research and production progress—developments that will enable the railroads to give you the finest transportation the world has ever known...



2. Already tested in railroad service, these Alco-GE locomotives have proved years ahead—in design, speed, power, smoothness, economy of operation. As you can see here, the cab affords unprecedented room to work in—inspections, adjustments and repairs are quicker and easier to make. The engine is designed to run a million miles before major overhaul, and when maintenance is needed, unequalled accessibility of parts keeps costs down.



3. Safer, easier operation is assured by the new type broad-vision windows . . . an improved, centralized control system results in simpler, smoother operation . . . and these are but a few of many new features that distinguish these locomotives and others in the new Alco-GE line to be announced. Watch for news of other units in this new line. They'll be here soon. To meet every motive power requirement more efficiently. To enable the railroads to give you progressively finer service.



The popular Alco PA and PB series returns for a second run! Following the success of the first run, Rapido is pleased to offer new schemes and variations. On this run you'll notice certain roads now have the larger flat number boards as well as the original side boards. New pilots will also grace the front of select models.

We are also excited to offer the red Alco-GE and the short-lived MLW-GE demonstrator in the Canadian National scheme, in addition to the new schemes being offered. As usual, the Alco PA and PB Locomotives feature the highest quality, road-specific details, silky smooth drives and razor-sharp paint and printing.

The 2nd Run ALCO PA and PB Features:

- Correct nose and roof profiles 3D-scanned from the prototype
- Loads of roadname-specific details
- ATSF re-powered units feature unique roof blister and EMD style fans
- A units and A-B sets available
- Dynamic or non-dynamic brake versions, where appropriate
- Full underbody piping and conduit
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Etched-metal grilles, where appropriate
- Lit number boards
- Full cab interior
- Operating Gyralite or red Mars light, where appropriate
- Rapido's proven drive system
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound options
- ESU LokSound V5 Decoder





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...NEW RUN!



Erie Lackawanna (G/M/Y Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
852	23047	23547
854	23048	23548
855	23049	23549



Missouri Pacific (PA-1 / Eagle Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
8001	23052	23552
8003	23053	23553
8008	23054	23554



Missouri-Kansas-Texas

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
151A	23056	23556
153C	23057	23557



New Haven (McGinnis Scheme)

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound
0763	23061	23561
0772	23062	23562
0776	23063	23563



Gulf, Mobile & Ohio

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
290	23050	23550
292	23051	23551



Missouri-Kansas-Texas (Shadowlined)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
152	23055	23555





New Haven (Orange Scheme

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
0760	23058	23558
0762	23059	23559
0767	23060	23560



Union Pacific

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
600	23064	23564
604	23065	23565

SINGLE A UNITS MSRP:

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Alco-GE Demonstrator (PA-2 and PB-2 Set)

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 8375 23043 23543





CN Demonstrator (PA-1 and PA-1 Set)

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 9077 / 9078 23044 23544



Union Pacific (PA-1 and PB-1 Set)

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) 23566 607 / 607B 23066

A+A AND A+B SET MSRP: ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 15^{TH} , 2023

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Thirty-nine thousand.

That's how many H21 class hoppers were built by the Pennsylvania Railroad. To put that in some perspective, that's more cars in one class than the Missouri Pacific, Nickel Plate or Rock Island had cars of ALL types on their rosters! Put another way, through the 1950s one of every two PRR hoppers was an H21! This is a car that every modeler needs!

The H21 was a four-bay design with many construction cues from the smaller GLa hopper. Designed first as a 50-ton coke car, the H21 class cars were built between 1909 and 1914. Very quickly it was realized that they would make great coal hoppers, and the first cars were converted to H21A with the addition of 70-ton trucks. Additional groups of H21As followed. Early batches were built with clamshell doors, but the design changed to four saw-tooth-style traditional bay doors, and all early cars were quickly rebuilt into this configuration with more than half completed by 1932. In the 1930s the PRR added a stiffening chord along the top edges of the car sides on its H21As, but kept them in the same classification.

Starting in 1948 the PRR rebuilt a number of H21As with strengthened center sills and power hand brakes. They were reclassified as H21E. Externally, the H21E could be identified by the longer top stiffening chords (as against the H21A) and their power hand brakes. H21A cars were equipped with Carmer uncoupling levers, while H21Es and H21Gs had more modern underslung cut levers.

US MSRP \$54.95 (SINGLE) \$164.85 (3-PACK) \$329.70 (6-PACK) The various classes of H21 hoppers travelled throughout the country in what the Pennsy termed "mineral service" (coal, ore, gravel, limestone... etc.). They proved amazingly long lived - there were still more than 3,000 still in service in 1970, and 143 still in service at the advent of Conrail in 1976! Many were also converted into various work cars, including ballast cars and even a tunnel clearance car.

Rapido's new HO scale model will be available in the two most common versions - H21A and H21E. This is the first time that the H21E version has ever been offered. That sub-class alone included over 8,500 cars!

Our HO scale H21s will feature:

- · Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints and photos
- · K or AB brake systems as appropriate
- · Die-cast chassis for great operating weight
- · Full inside and outside rivet detail
- Separate wire grab irons
- Correct detail variations for each sub-class, including center sill, sides, ends and details
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- · Accurate paint and decoration

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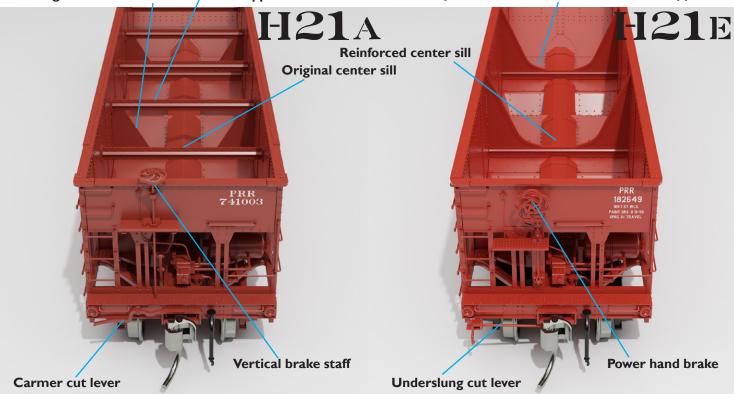


Long reinforcing rib



Straight interior braces with cross supports

One-piece interior braces without cross supports



So what makes ours different?

Yes, H21 models have been available before. So what makes ours worth the upgrade?

- First ever offering of the H21E!
- State-of-the-art modern tooling with crisp details.
- Full and correct interior detail, quite visible on an HO hopper.
- Full separate grab irons and details (rather than molded on) making them comparable with most current freight car models.
- All-metal semi-scale couplers provide improved appearance and operation.
- Free rolling turned metal wheels installed at the factory.



H21 HOPPERS



H21A: PRR - Circle Keystone (K brakes) - 1930+

173648, 174532, 175008, 176737, 179378, 179123



H21A: PRR - Circle Keystone (AB Brakes) - 1935+

182493, 184076, 189822, 190483, 192184, 195776

178003 6 Pack #2
178003A Single Car

741003, 742975, 743816, 744293, 744405, 745324



H21A: PRR - Circle Keystone - 1941+ "Coal Goes To War"

256493, 256532, 256661, 256700, 256815, 256822



H21E: PRR - Circle Keystone - 1948+

727129, 727218, 727340, 727401, 727423, 727438



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H21 HOPPERS



H21A: PRR - Shadow Keystone - 1954+

Item Description
178006 6 Pack #1
178006A Single Car
135506, 135423, 136013, 136082, 137313, 138518

178007 6 Pack #2 178007A Single Car

900220, 900610, 901243, 902144, 903233, 903984



H21E: PRR - Shadow Keystone - 1954+

I T8008 6 Pack
I 78008 Single Car

676009, 676127, 676384, 676712, 676990, 677023

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H21A: PRR - Black, plain Keystone - 1961+

| Item | Description | | 178009 | 6 Pack | | 178009A | Single Car

695401, 695513, 695602, 695713, 695884, 695981



H21E: PRR - Black, plain Keystone - 1961+

Item Description
178010 6 Pack
178010A Single Car

746460, 746647, 746983, 747504, 747892, 748099



Undecorated

Item Description
178098 H21A
178099 H21E









CONDITIONAL RELEASE - 5% DISCOUNT ON ORDERS RECEIVED BY MARCH 15TH, 2024

Built by the Budd Company of Philadelphia in their hundreds between the late 1940s and early 1960s, the single-car RDC (Rail Diesel Car) fleet was ubiquitous on passenger service throughout Canada and the United States on any routes that could not justify loco-hauled operation. The 85ft long vehicles, which were powered by a pair of Detroit Diesel Series 110 engines, could be employed in single formation or coupled together with other examples - all controlled from the lead RDC cab.

In the United States, the Boston & Maine was the principle user of these single-car units, but they were also an important part of the rural lines and short-haul commuter passenger fleet of other railroad companies, including the Santa Fe, B&O, New Haven, NP, NYC, Reading, SP, and many others. Many later went on to Amtrak and various commuter agencies such as the Metro-North among others. RDCs can still be found in small numbers on scenic lines in both countries, as well as some rare regular services.

In Canada, CN and CP rostered large numbers of RDCs, which later passed to VIA. The RDC served branchlines from coast to coast, and were a means of reducing the costs of unprofitable local runs. They were also ubiquitous on the mainline, often in multiple units of three, six or even 11 cars! CN's RDCs could be found across the country in early years and mainly in the Toronto area in later years. Eager to cut costs, CP used the RDCs everywhere, especially in commuter service, the Maritimes, and Vancouver Island. In VIA years, the RDC formed the backbone of shorter services in Quebec, the Toronto area and the Maritimes, as well as in Alberta and BC. PGE and later BCR used a fair number of RDCs in British Columbia right up until 2002.

The Rapido N scale RDC is designed from the ground up based on the success of our HO scale version, as well as feedback from the N scale community on what they look for in a model. These units feature a hidden drive system and exceptional interior detailing, allowing for maximum performance and realism. For the inaugural release, the all-coach RDC-1 will be available in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 body styles (as appropriate).

MSRP DC/Silent \$149.95usd \$179.95cad DCC/Sound \$259.95usd \$299.95cad

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The Rapido N scale RDC features:

- Designed from original blueprints and field measurements
- Accurate Phase 1 and Phase 2 body details
- Both fabricated and cast trucks, as appropriate
- Single-motor, all-wheel drive for unparalleled reliability
- All-wheel electrical pickup

- Directional headlights and red marker lights
- Flicker-free interior lighting
- Tinted windows and fully detailed interiors
- DC/Silent (DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound)
- Factory-installed couplers mounted at the correct height



Left to Right: Amtrak, Santa Fe, Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, New York Central, Reading and Southern Pacific

Operating Headlights on Phase 2 (left) and Phase 1 (right)



Operating Red Marker Lights on Phase 1 (left) and Phase 2 (right)



3D Renders subject to revisions, refinements and additional detail changes before production.

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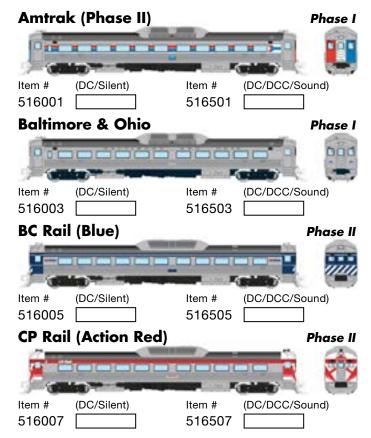
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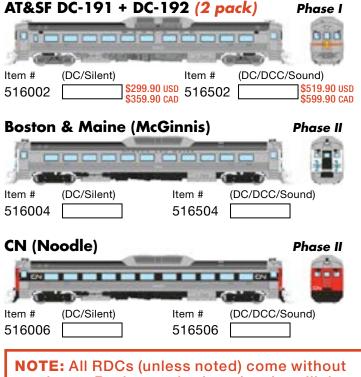
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- DC/Silent (DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound)
- Factory-installed couplers mounted at the correct height









NOTE: All RDCs (unless noted) come without numbers. Basic numbering decals will be provided with each unit that is not numbered.

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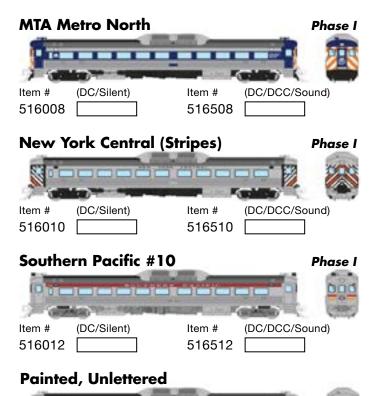


N Build RDC

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(DC/DCC/Sound)

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Item #

Phase I 516094

Phase II 516095

(DC/Silent)

Item #

516594

516595

CNR 4-6-0 Class H-6-d/g



FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS of the CPR Royal Hudson, Rapido Trains is very pleased to reveal it's first Canadian National locomotive in the Icons of Canadian Steam series, the CNR H-6d/g class 4-6-0 in HO scale.

Originally built by Montreal Locomotive Works for the Canadian Northern Railway, Canadian National's H-6 class 4-6-0s were a light, general-purpose locomotive perfectly suited to freight or passenger work across the entire CNR system. They lasted in regular service into the late 1950s with several being preserved after the end of steam.

In 1919 the CNR inherited 797 Canadian locomotives from the Northern Railway of which 348 were 4-6-0 types of a clean and functional

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

design. The Rapido HO Scale model represents subclass H-6-d, 20 of which were built in 1910 and 1911 in the number series 1323 to 1342, and subclass H-6-g, built in two batches in 1912 and 1913 for a total of 56 locomotives and numbered 1354 to 1409. The original locomotives of the two subclasses were largely identical in

specifications and dimensions.

Over the years, several modifications were made to the class which created some visually distinct locomotives. These include but are not limited to installing new steel cabs to replace the original wooden ones, conversion of part of the fleet from coal to oil fired, and wooden extensions to the tender bunker for those

The HO Scale H-6d/g 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.

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CNR 4-6-0 Class H-6-d/g

units that continued using coal.

Rapido's model will feature many optional details to accurately portray Canadian National's H-6d and H-6-g locomotives in several configurations and subclasses, including:

- Coal (with or without extended bunker) and Oil tenders
- Wood or steel cabs
- Manual or power reversers
- Vertical or horizontal slat pilots
- Two different bell locations
- Two different headlight sizes

The drive will incorporate our smoothrunning 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 CNR H-6d/g will come available in two paint schemes – the tilted vermillion wafer and the horizontal vermillion wafer, both applied to the tender – plus two

painted, unlettered variations. The tender is also available separately.

We are taking reservations now for our HO scale H-6 models. Talk to your dealer or reserve direct.

DC Item	DCC Item	Number	Paint Scheme	Bell	Pilot	Cab	Reverser	Tender
603001	603501	1328	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Wood	Manual	Extended Coal
603002	603502	1359	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Steel	Manual	Oil
603003	603503	1373	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Horizontal	Steel	Manual	Oil
603004	603504	1377	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Wood	Manual	Oil
603005	603505	1381	Tilted CNR wafer	Тор	Vertical	Wood	Manual	Extended Coal
603006	603506	1384	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Wood	Manual	Oil
603007	603507	1391	Tilted CNR wafer	Тор	Vertical	Steel	Power	Coal
603008	603508	1392	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Horizontal	Steel	Power	Oil
603009	603509	1403	Tilted CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Steel	Power	Coal
603010	603510	1330	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Steel	Manual	Extended Coal
603011	603511	1371	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Wood	Manual	Extended Coal
603012	603512	1383	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Wood	Power	Extended Coal
603013	603513	1389	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Steel	Power	Oil
603014	603514	1401	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Steel	Power	Extended Coal
603015	603515	1532	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Steel	Power	Coal
603016	603516	1541	Straight CNR wafer	Front	Vertical	Wood	Power	Extended Coal
603017	603517	no#	Painted, unlettered	Front	Vertical	Wood	Manual	All
603018	603518	no#	Painted, unlettered	Front	Vertical	Steel	Power	All





CNR H-6-d/g

DEALER NAME:



H-6-d #1328 CNR Tilted Wafer

Wood cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Small headlight



Road # 1328

DC/DCC/Sound 603001 603501

H-6-a #1359 CNR Tilted Wafer

Steel cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Oil tender, Small headlight



1359

DC/Silent

DC/DCC/Sound

603002

603502

H-6-a #1373 CNR Tilted Wafer

Steel cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Horizontal pilot, Oil tender, Large headlight



Road # 1373 DC/Silent

603003

DC/DCC/Sound 603503

H-6-q #1377 CNR Tilted Wafer

Wood cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Oil tender, Large headlight



Road # 1377 DC/Silent

DC/DCC/Sound

603004 603504

H-6-q #1381 CNR Tilted Wafer

Wood cab, Manual Reverser, Top-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Small headlight



Road #

DC/Silent

1381 603005 DC/DCC/Sound 603505

H-6-g #1384 CNR Tilted Wafer

Wood cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Oil tender, Small headlight



1384

603006 603506

H-6-q #1391 CNR Tilted Wafer

Steel cab, Power Reverser, Top-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Coal tender, Large headlight



H-6-g #1392 CNR Tilted Wafer

Preserved condition, Steel cab, Power Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Horizontal pilot, Oil tender, Small headlight



Road # 1392

DC/Silent

603008

DC/DCC/Sound 603508

H-6-d #1403 CNR Tilted Wafer

Steel cab, Power Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Coal tender, Small headlight



Road # 1403

DC/Silent

603009

DC/DCC/Sound

603509



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CNR H-6-d/g

DEALER NAME:



H-6-d #1330 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Steel cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Large headlight



Road # 1330

603010

603510

H-6-q #1371 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Wood cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Small headlight



H-6-g #1383 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Wood cab, Power Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Small headlight



Road # 1383 DC/Silent

603012

DC/DCC/Sound

603512

H-6-g #1389 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Steel cab, Power Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Oil tender, Small headlight



Road # 1389 DC/Silent

603013

DC/DCC/Sound

603513



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H-6-g #1401 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Steel cab, Power Reverser, Top-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Large headlight



H-6-d #1532 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Steel cab, Power Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Coal tender, Small headlight



H-6-d #1541 CNR Horizontal Wafer

Wood cab, Power Reverser, Top-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Small headlight



H-6-d/q Painted, Unlettered

Wood cab, Manual Reverser, Front-mounted bell, Vertical pilot, Extended coal tender, Small headlight



CN Small Tender Painted, Unlettered MSRP \$109.95

All three tender styles (Coal, Extended Coal & Oil) can be made from this painted, unlettered model.





Item # 603090





The FL9 was a critical locomotive for operations out of Grand Central Terminal in New York City. Originally operated on the former New Haven lines the fleet's operating area spread under Penn Central and Conrail/MTA to include the former New York Central lines north along the Hudson River.

With no direct replacements on the horizon, in the 1980s the decision was made to rebuild and upgrade many of the original FL9s. Rebuilding typically included the addition of HEP (Head End Power) to replace the older steam heat boilers, as well as upgraded braking systems and electronics. These rebuilds were done in several batches for Metro North and Amtrak.

Notable among these rebuilt units were those which were sold to the Connecticut Department of Transportation and were rebuilt by Morrison-Knudsen in 1984-85. Owned by ConnDot, they were operated by Metro North. The units re-entered service wearing their original "New Haven" black, white and red livery. These feature a different HEP fan arrangement and nearly flat rear-end.

The FL9 HEP and Steam Generator Features

- All of the amazing detail found on our original FL9
- Morrison-Knudsen or Chrome Crankshaft body details
- HEP rooftop details: large 36" fan or dual fans
- Modernized underbody components
- Nose and rear HEP plugs*
- Optional operating ditch lights*
- Correct horn casting per road number
- Steam Generator versions feature as-built details
- Separately applied wire grabs
- Mo-Power capacitor
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound -ESU LokSound V5 Decoder *Polybag part



ORDER DEADLINE:



No Sound

w/Sound

No Sound w/Sound **\$419.95** CAD



DEALER NAME:

ORDER DEADLINE: MAY 15[™], 2024



Penn Central (Steam Generator - Blue / Yellow)

Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # 14065 14565 5033 5059 14066 14566 5015 5015

Conrail (Steam Generator -Blue / Yellow)

Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) Road # Road # 5015 14067 14567 5059 14068 14568



Metro-North (Steam Generator - Blue / Yellow Patch)

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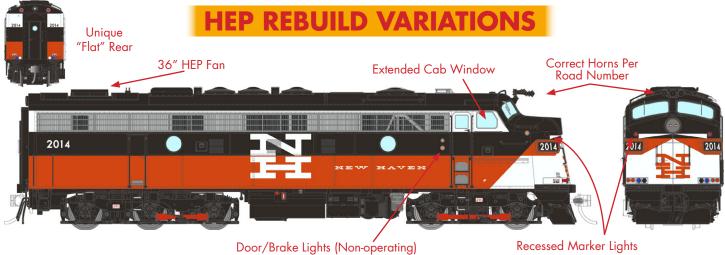
Metro-North (Steam Generator - Beachball Scheme) 80/90s+

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No Sound **\$239.95** USD w/Sound **\$349.95** USD No Sound **\$289.95** CAD w/Sound **\$419.95** CAD





ConnDOT (HEP / MK Rebuild - McGinnis Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)	Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2014	14117	14617	2026	14120	14620
2016	14118	14618	2027	14121	14621
2024	1/110	1/610			



Metro-North (HEP / Chrome Crankshaft Rebuild - Beachball Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)	Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)	
2003	14122	14622	2012	14124	14624	
2007	14123	14623	2018	14125	14625	

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No Sound **\$239.95** USD w/Sound **\$349.95** USD No Sound **\$289.95** CAD w/Sound **\$419.95** CAD





The Pennsylvania Railroad built more than 5,700 46 foot, 70 ton steel gondolas in class G22 and variants. These cars were built between 1915 and 1917. G22 gons remained in service throughout the PRR years, and many into work train service in Penn Central and even Conrail.

Starting in 1930, many G22 gons were equipped with 100-ton trucks and assigned to container service. They typically hauled multiple small containers of PRR design which were use for various dry aggregate

Rapido's new HO model is based on the G22 class with both single- and three-rib ends. Both G22 and G22B container cars are available, with accurate container loads included with the G22b.

Rapido's HO G22 model features:

- · Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints and photos
- Diecast chassis for great weight and operation
- Correct interior details depending on sub-class
- K or AB brake systems as appropriate.
- Full inside and outside rivet detail
- Separate wire grab irons
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- Free-rolling trucks (70-ton or 100-ton) with turned metal wheels
- Container load where appropriate
- Accurate paint and decoration

Order Deadline May 15, 2024



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GONDOLA ONLY

US

\$54.95 - SINGLE

\$164.85 - 3-PACK

\$329.70 - 6-PACK

CAD

\$64.95 - SINGLE

\$194.85 - 3-PACK \$389.70 - 6-PACK

GONDOLA W/CONTAINERS

\$74.95 - SINGLE \$449.70 - 6-PACK

CAD

\$89.95 - SINGLE \$539.70 - 6-PACK

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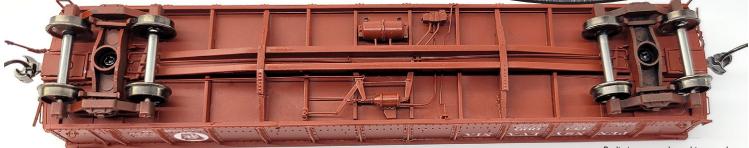
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G22 PRR Circle Keystone (K brakes)

Item# Description 194001 6 pack 194001A Single Car

Numbers: #801008, 801101, 801123, 801246, 801313, 801337



G22 PRR Circle Keystone (AB brakes)

Description 194002 6 pack 194002A Single Car

Numbers: #315102, 315173, 315276, 315554, 315790, 315862



G22B PRR Circle Keystone w/Containers

Description 194003 6 pack 194003A Single Car

Numbers: #353009, 353185, 353297, 353384, 353401, 353454



G22 PRR Shadow Keystone (AB brakes)

Description 6 pack #1 Item # 194004 194004A Single Car

Numbers: #352004, 352103, 352253, 352480, 352611, 352829

194005 6 pack #2 194005A Single Car

Numbers: #750533, 750586, 750613, 750707, 750887, 750910

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GONDOLA ONLY

US CAD

\$54.95 - SINGLE **\$64.95 - SINGLE** \$164.85 - 3-PACK \$194.85 - 3-PACK \$329.70 - 6-PACK \$389.70 - 6-PACK

GONDOLA W/CONTAINERS

US

CAD \$74.95 - SINGLE \$89.95 - SINGLE

\$449.70 - 6-PACK \$539.70 - 6-PACK



G22B PRR Shadow Keystone w/Containers

Item # I 94006 Description 6 pack 194006A Single Car

Numbers: #353070, 353135, 353228, 353323, 353361, 353408



PRR MOW

Description Item # 194007 3 pack 194007A Single Car

Numbers: # 490075 490079, 490080



PC MOW

Item # Description 194008 3 pack 194008A Single Car

Numbers: #35086, 35212, 38533



Undecorated

Description Item # 194098 K brakes - Single Car 194099 AB brakes - Single Car

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

> > Preliminary artworks, subject to change



G22 Container Load Only

Item # Description 194097 **PRR**

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\$24.95 \$29.95

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PC&F 5241 BOXCAR THE "BERLIN MILLS" CAR





In 1979 Pacific Car & Foundry built 799 50' exterior post boxcars of either Rapido's all-new HO PC&F 5241 boxcar model features: 5241 or 5317 cubic foot capacity (depending on the interior configuration). Boston and Maine received 200, while shortline Berlin Mills Railway (BMS) in New Hampshire leased 399 and Olympic Railroad (OLYR) in Washington state leased 200.

These boxcars came at the end of the Incentive Pier Diem era, a time when shortlines (or investors using shortline reporting marks) bought large numbers of cars for favorable car hire rates. This car is known as the "Berlin Mills Boxcar" because of the iconic paint scheme on the largest batch of cars. It also has a distinct look amongst the sea of IPD boxcars from the late 70's, owing to it's uncommon flat roof and large end ribs.

All three original roadnames for this car have a common theme - their traffic was dominated by the pulp and paper industry, and the cars could been seen nationwide carrying products from New England or the Pacific Northwest. The B&M cars have worn many schemes, beginning with a bold blue body and black door scheme at delivery, followed by various Guilford and Pan-Am schemes. The original B&M scheme has been documented as late as 2020!

Even more widely known are the 399 light green Berlin Mills cars, painted for the Berlin Mills Railway, which served paper mills in Berlin and Cascade, NH. Throughout the 1980's and 90's, the cars traveled nationwide carrying paper products and other commodities. Gradually, the mills closed, the railway changed hands, and the cars were sold off. Since then, the Berlin Mills cars have gotten many patchout schemes and "dip" repaints, including AGR, EEC, GMRC, HS, LVRC, SLR, SRN through the early 2000s. Many cars continue in service today under BKTY and CAIX reporting marks. The BKTY (a Union Pacific reporting mark) cars are often seen in beer service from Mexico another commodity that has them travelling all over!

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- Accurately scaled from prototype measurements and photos
- Three door styles
- Full underbody detail
- Separate wire grab irons
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and decoration
- Multiple road numbers available for each paint scheme

Order Deadline May 15, 2024





PC&F 5241 BOXCAR THE "BERLIN MILLS" CAR SCALE











Boston & Maine

Item 198001 198001A

Description 6-Pack Single Car

Car Numbers: #3212, 3256, 3289, 3317, 3344, 3398,

Berlin Mills

198004 198004A

Item

198005

198005A

Description 6-Pack Single Car

Numbers: #206, 244, 291, 331, 360, 413, 479







Description

Single Car

6-Pack



Pan Am (B&M)

198002 198002A

Description 6-Pack Single Car

Numbers: #3217, 3224, 3303, 3311, 3357, 3380







Guilford (B&M)

198003 198003A

Description 6-Pack Single Car

Numbers: #3249, 3263, 3278, 3282, 3292, 3358

St. Lawrence & Atlantic (SLR)

Item 198006 198006A

Description 6-Pack Single Car

Car Numbers: # 168, 169, 177, 179, 180, 186

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Saratoga & North Creek (SNC)

Item Description 198007 6-Pack 198007A Single Car

Numbers: #3209, 3258, 3274, 3285, 3370, 3391





BKTY PATCH 2 (UP)

Description 3-Pack 198010 198010A Single Car

Numbers: #153475, 153496, 155155





BKTY (UP)

Description Item 198008 6-Pack 198008A Single Car

Numbers: #153391, 153397, 153404, 153412, 153438, 153508





EEC PATCH 1

Description 198011 3-Pack 198011A Single Car

Numbers: #3064, 3077, 3148





BKTY PATCH 1 (UP)

Description 198009 3-Pack 198009A Single Car

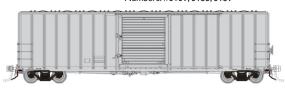
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EEC PATCH 2

Description Item 198012 3-Pack 198012A Single Car

Numbers: #3139, 3155, 3159





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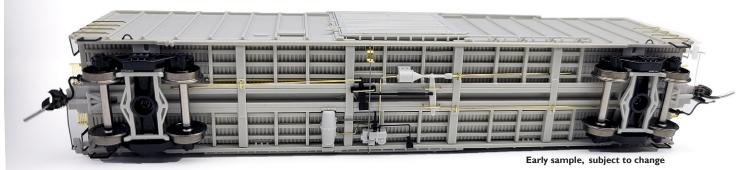
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Description

Single Car (includes optional parts)

Preliminary artwork, subject to change

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Dear Rapido Customer,

Happy New Year everyone!

We were shut for a week over Christmas so we have been busy little bees since returning to work after the festivities. It's going to take more than a few mince pies and an extra helping of Christmas pud to slow us down.

This month we've found time to squeeze in lots of progress from across the upcoming range of different locos and rolling stock (and even a bus too). We've made a few important revisions that we felt were necessary to correct some already highly detailed models, and had a chunk of awesome samples turn up to tease us of what's to come.

Oh, and even a couple of new announcements!

A new fella's started at Rapido, and strewth he's a dab hand at wagon art, find out more about Bruce (aka Mark) later.

Finally, if you are patiently waiting for the new range of O11/O15, V14/V16 Mink A Vans, Y4 Banana Vans we have some good news for you.

So, let's jump into the first newsletter of 2024 with the same vigour as the average 'New Year, new me' gym goer (not that we know much about that).

If you are using a web-based email service such as Gmail, be sure to click on the link near the bottom of the email that says something like "[Message clipped] View entire message". That will ensure you don't miss any of this newsletter.

New Announcements!

With various Great Western Railway wagons on their way to the UK, we thought this was the perfect time to bolster the already expanding range of Western Region rolling stock with a couple more wagons - the O18 5-plank open and the N19 Loco Coal wagon.



When we research wagons we are always on the lookout for vehicles that use common parts. Thanks for the GWR obsession with standardisation there are often a number of options for models using common parts. Sitting on the same underframe as our forthcoming DCIII-braked opens and vans, the N19 Loco Coal wagon and the O18 5-plank open are a great way to add a bit of variety to your gradually expanding rakes of Rapido GWR wagons.

Anyway, here's a bit of historical info on each one.

OO Gauge GWR N19 Loco Coal Wagon



Coal is King – and that is certainly true for any steam locomotive.

JASON (Rapido UK owner, who is visiting from Canada): What about all the great Canadian oil burners? Royal Hudson? Bullet Nose Betty?

RAPIDO UK: We forgot you were here. This is Rapido UK. Please do not interrupt.

Anyway, without copious amounts of 'black gold' the railways in the heyday of steam would grind to a halt.

The GWR was no exception and even had a Central Coal Office in Pontypool Road that coordinated the supply of coal from the private South Wales collieries (where much of the GWR's coal came from) to large locomotive depots and small engine sheds alike. Large motive power depots could receive up to 3,000 tons per week, whilst small branchline sheds might only receive 20 tons.



The GWR had their own Loco Coal wagons to manage this constant flow of fuel. Some would be found running in special trains, whilst many sent to local sheds would be attached to ordinary freight trains. This meant that Loco Coal wagons could be seen all across the GWR network on their way to all the Company's sheds. Originally, wooden-bodied wagons were used. However, the first official diagram – the N6 in 1889 – had an iron body, a practice the GWR would continue.



The last 120 N19 wagons built in 1913 featured rolled corners (like that seen on the 'Iron Mink') with distinctive triangular-shaped capping, DCIII brake gear and self-contained buffers. A central 5ft 4in drop door was on each side – increased from 5ft on previous wagon diagrams, which allowed for easier unloading into tubs on coaling towers or onto small coal stages at remote engine sheds.



These wagons survived in good numbers well into British Railways, having carried several different liveries and lettering styles throughout their lifetime. 10 different versions are available for pre-order now (RRP £32.95).

You can find out more about the GWR <u>N19 Loco Coal Wagon</u> and pre-order them by clicking the button below. You can also pre-order them from any of our <u>Official Retailers</u> today!

COAL IS KING - ORDER YOUR N19 TODAY

OO Gauge GWR O18 5-Plank Open



A step change in GWR open wagon design occurred in 1902 when a fifth plank was added to its four-plank design. The five-plank became the GWR's standard wagon design and – most importantly – variations on the post-1904 version with a 3ft 3in deep and 8ft body continued to be built well into the 1940s.

Much like their predecessors, the <u>Diagram O18s</u> have a 10t carrying capacity (later built as 12t) and uses a 16ft underframe with GWR self-contained buffers. The only difference was on the drop-side door. Unlike the O11 and O15 which had a flat door, the O18 featured a tapered foot to the door with the bottom plank set at an angle along with adjustments to the metalwork. This feature became standard on many of the later GWR open wagon designs. In later life, many of the original 10t wagons were up-rated to 12 or even 13 tons.



The GWR built 2850 O18 'Open A' wagons between 1914 and 1924. As records are few and far between, it's not known exactly when the last of these wagons were withdrawn as they slowly disappeared over the years, but they lasted well into BR days. A batch of O18s was also built for the Rhymney Railway and delivered complete with their own lettering – these were identical, except they were provided without the sheet rail. Many wagons were sold out of service into private railway companies including the Port of Bristol Authority, Port of London Authority and Manchester Ship Canal. Thankfully, several O18 wagons have survived into preservation including examples at the Severn Valley Railway and Bristol Harbour Railway.



Both the N19 Loco Coal Wagon and O18 5-plank Open feature full external, internal and underframe details including brass bearings for smooth friction-free running, NEM coupling pockets and a high-quality livery application.

The O18 also comes supplied with parts to fit the Williams patent sheet supporter. We're including enough parts to either model the sheet rail in the 'up' or 'at rest' positions.



Thanks to their use across the country and by numerous different railways, 19 different versions of the O18 5-plank Open are yours to choose from (RRP £32.95), including the seldom-represented Manchester Ship Canal and Rhymney Railway liveries.

You can find out more about the <u>GWR O18 5-plank</u> and pre-order them by clicking the button below, or you can pre-order them from any of our <u>Official Retailers</u> today.

Product Updates

Port of Par Twins Engineering Samples



No sooner were the team back in the office than the first engineering sample of 2024 arrived - the tiny <u>Port of Par Bagnall 'twins'</u>.



Once we had carefully looked them over and compared them to our design and specifications we did a quick pulling power test. We wanted to see if they would pull the prototypical 15 empty wagons on the flat, and we were blown away when a single loco pulled away with 20 of our wagons on the back. Now, we understand that people's collections feature a multitude of rolling stock and not all of them are the bearing-clad, smooth-running examples that happen to frequent our test track. But it's fair to say that for something so detailed that quite literally fits in the palm of your hand, we were highly impressed.



Due to the size constraints we have opted to use an <u>ESU LokSound 5 Nano DCC decoder</u> in our DCC Sound models. This tiny decoder uses an E24 interface and has allowed us to gain some space to include a very small stayalive circuit into the models. Testing is underway - we shall report back in a future newsletter.

We will continue to evaluate these samples before making any revisions. All being well we plan to close the order books in the coming months and move them into production. You can order yours today direct from us or from any Official Retailer.

ORDER YOUR TWINS HERE

PO Wagon Progress

Our 1907 spec RCH Private Owner wagons continue to make their way through the factory. All the production wagons have had their base colours sprayed and are now having their tampo (and in many cases multiple tampo) prints applied. With over 70 different wagons in this batch it is taking some time! However the factory has sent some samples to us for evaluation - which we couldn't resist showing off. We expect these to leave the factory during February and arrive with us in March.



A very limited number are still available to order direct from us or from any of our <u>Official Retailers</u>. Don't forget there are also a number of exclusive commissions available from several retailers!

LAST CALL FOR PO WAGONS

Bedford OB Colour Selection

Following the 2nd batch of <u>Leyland Fleetlines</u> through the paintshop are our highly anticipated Bedford OB models. The factory has sent us some sample bodyshell parts painted in the relevant main body colours for approval. We think they look rather splendid!



ORDER AN OB

A Riveting Update for the O1

We always like to push the boundaries of design where we can to be as accurate as possible, and the upcoming O1 is no different. Throughout our research process, it was identified that the SECR (non-preserved) Wainwright Green version we were planning on doing had a slightly different smokebox. All other era versions seemed to have rivets whereas the locomotive we were

using as a point of reference appeared to have flush rivets, creating a smooth finish on the smokebox.

During the initial stages of the design process, we decided to make a compromise and use a single riveted smokebox across the range as there were examples of both at the time. As the design progressed it became apparent that the compromise was no longer such a burden and a flush-riveted smokebox could be included, of course this contradicts the initial art that we have been showing off, but we felt that it was a decision we could make to improve the overall accuracy of the range, and would therefore be a popular decision with everyone.



While we were at it, we reviewed the design of the model overall, so made a couple of other changes, these include a slight tweak to the chimney height and smokebox door profile, and the polybag will now have the correct "3 shackle" couplings included.

The O1 is in tooling and we hope to have samples in the spring.

DONT FORGET TO ORDER YOUR 01

A Tweak to a Peak



In early December of last year, the highly anticipated <u>N Gauge Class 44</u> <u>'Peaks'</u> were made available for pre-order. After months of work, and after we thought that we had nailed this one down, it turns out we had made a slight oversight.

As part of the pre-order we put out some lovely artwork of the upcoming launch, and inadvertently included a TOPS Panel on a version that shouldn't have had one. So, following community feedback and a review of our art we have decided to make a tweak: SKU 948003 Class 44 – D2 *Helvellyn* BR Green with Small Yellow Panel – will have its TOPS Panel removed to represent the earlier condition of this livery variant.

PICK UP A PEAK TODAY

We are also pleased to say that our friends at <u>Malc's Models</u> and <u>TTC Diecast</u> have joined forces to commission D8 *Penyghent* in BR green with small yellow warning panels. You can find more by visiting their website - just click on the names above.



Shipping Updates

OO Gauge GWR O11/O15, V14/V16 Mink As, and Y4 Banana vans

We are pleased to say that the factory has completed these highly detailed Great Western Railway wagons, and they are on their way to the UK as we speak. Unfortunately, due to global issues beyond our control, there are a few challenges that are impacting shipping anything at the moment. This means ships are being re-routed away from the Suez Canal to safer but significantly longer routes.



So, as it stands we aren't able to give you a clear delivery date. Once they have arrived in the UK and we have checked them over we will let everyone know, so please keep an eye on our social channels and further newsletters for more news.

Order Books Closing

We have made incredible progress on some projects and are keen to get them into production so we can put them in your hands. This means it is time to close our order books so we can instruct the factory how many to produce.

We will be closing orders on the **12th of February** for the following upcoming products:

OO Gauge LNER Y7 (NER H)
OO Gauge LNER/LMS 25t LOWMAC Machine Wagon

We have already covered some of the history of the diminutive Y7 - but to refresh your memory we have prepared a short video for you:



ORDER YOUR Y7 TODAY



So, if you're keen to get your hands on any of these delightful models you need to get in quick and order them direct through our website or from any of our Official Retailers.

LOOKING FOR A LOMAC? LOOK NO FURTHER

We also recently closed the order books on the following:

OO Gauge LNWR D88 Covered Vans

N Gauge SECR Freight Packs

N Gauge BR Diagram 1/191 OAA Open Wagon

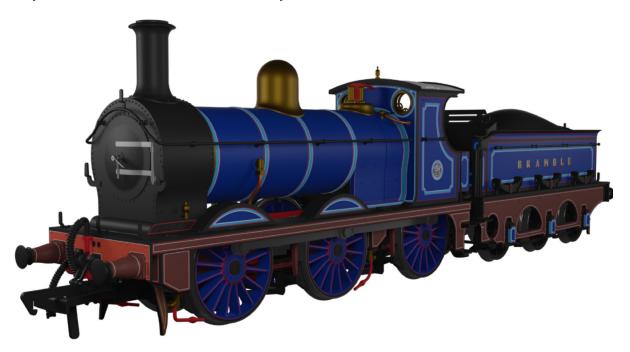
Some items are close are selling out so get your orders in quick - or contact you preferred Official Retailer today.

VIST OUT WEBSITE

Feeling Blue

Brambles on the line.

Shortly after the New Year, we put out a post on our Social Media pages. It was meant to be a bit of fun, but suffice it to say, it got a bit more attention than we expected. As a homage to the absolutely stunning blue livery that the Bluebell Railway has painted on SECR P Class 323 Bluebell, we thought we would have a crack at replicating it onto our upcoming O1, and in keeping with the railway's fleet of flora and fauna-based loco names we would pick an appropriate shrubbery (cue a few moments of Monty Python quotes in the office) to name it. With the various extensions the railway has seen over the years, we are sure the staff are very familiar with brambles.



The community reaction to this was unexpected: you absolutely loved it! We mulled it over and had a word with the folks at the <u>Bluebell Railway</u>. <u>Preservation Society</u> to ensure we could reproduce their crest on the side of the loco. We are pleased to say they agreed, and we are excited to announce that SECR O1 No.65 *Bramble* in 'what if' Bluebell Railway blue livery is now available to pre-order.



This livery will be a conditional release and will be only possible if we are able to achieve sufficient pre-orders. So, if you are keen to add *Bramble* to your collection, get your pre-order in now!

ORDER BRAMBLE NOW

Blue-min Brilliant Bagnall

Having seen our upcoming <u>Port of Par Bagnall Tanks</u> our friends at World of Railways got in touch with us with an idea. How about doing a National Coal Board version in blue? And if the answer is yes, can we have it?



What a great idea, and we couldn't possibly decline! So, we set to work on creating the most eye-catching 'what if' NCB livery we could.

There are two main tooling versions of our <u>Port of Par Bagnall</u> and we have settled on using the same welded tank style as the 1953-built locomotive for this project. For its livery we thought it would be sensible to match it to an NCB loco from our existing range, so have settled on the delightful livery that features on 16in Hunslet 0-6-0 *Hollybank:* Oxford Blue with lining and lettering, which is then offset with bright red connecting rods.



The NCB Port of Par Bagnall in Oxford Blue will be available as an exclusive release through World of Railways. You can find out more and pre-order yours by clicking the button below:

ORDER YOUR BLUE BAGNALL HERE



Complimenting this blue Bagnall, World of Railways also has a range of exclusive Rapido Trains UK <u>RCH 1907 Private Owner Wagons</u> in NCB livery, which are available to pre-order now.

ORDER YOUR NCB WAGONS HERE

Model Rail Awards 2023

It's that time of year again: time to vote on what models and manufacturers you loved the most in 2023. Voting for the <u>Model Rail Awards for 2023</u> has opened, and we are very proud to feature heavily in several categories with a multitude of this year's releases being shortlisted, such as OO Gauge Steam Locomotive of the Year, and OO Gauge Freight Stock of the Year.



What a selection - its crazy to think all of these new models were delivered in 2023.

Every model we have released during 2023 has been shortlisted in their respective categories, along with Rapido Trains UK being in the running for OO Gauge Manufacturer of The Year, N Gauge Manufacturer of The Year, and Overall Manufacturer of The Year.

Model Rail has even got an awesome prize for one lucky voter, so cast your vote now, as you might even get some cool model railway swag!

You can vote for your favourite Rapido Trains UK release of 2023 HERE.

Voting closes on the 15th of February, so please vote Rapido!

Didn't Catch the Cowcatcher

Just before Christmas the gorgeous <u>Wisbech and Upwell Train Packs</u> arrived and we sent them out with glee, having checked they were intact and ran like a dream, however, it has come to our attention that we forgot to check the detailing pack. And typically, something was missing.

Within the instruction manual, we included details of an alternative Cowcatcher that can be fitted to either end of the C53 tram locomotive. This is to enable people who wish to use scale screw or 3-link couplings, display their model as designed, or run their locos in a single direction with one end as designed not to have a hole where the tension lock coupling had been removed.



This C53 has had all its detailing bits added - including a cowcatcher without a hole in the front. Courtesy of Tony Wright / BRM.

We are sorry we missed these out of your detailing bags, however, we do have the parts.

So, if you have ordered a Wisbech and Upwell Train Pack and would like these Cowcatchers, don't hesitate to contact us. Please complete our Warranty form **HERE** and we will get a pair of Cowcatchers sent out to you.

That's Not a Graphic Artist. That's a Graphic Artist!

Crickey us Limeys better stick a shrimp on the barbie, we've got a true-blue Aussie in the house.

We are pleased to say the Rapido family is expanding and we've plucked the best we could find from another of the ex-colonies.



The team have known Mark for some time and we enjoy quite a bit of two-way banter. We couldn't resist carrying it over into the newsletter...

This is the Wonder from Downunder, Bruce Mark. He is joining us as our new Technical Graphic Artist. Mark's a keen railwayman, having worked on both British and Aussie railways over the years. Many of you may also recognise his smiling face as the face of The Wagon Yard, where he honed his eye for wagon art.

As he will be working with a bunch of shameless Simpsons fans, his first assignment will be to watch one of the greatest episodes ever to air (Bart vs Australia), otherwise he won't appreciate how hilarious we are!

G'day Mark, and welcome aboard.

JASON: Mark's also very strong, so for your own safety don't approach him at shows with a fake Australian accent or ask him for a bottle of "Cuivre Reservé Château Bottled Nuit Saint Wogga Wogga". As his boss, only I'm allowed to do that. Hey Mark - pass me a glass of your famous "Château Chunder" would you?

MARK: Jason! You, me, Aussie Rules, carpark. I just need two minutes.

RAPIDO UK: Jason has thankfully now run away. Back to the newsletter...

Model Rail Scotland

This is a show we've wanted to do for years and being at the opposite end of the country it presents some logistical challenges that we weren't able to overcome. Thanks to the influx of new Rapido staff over the last year we now have the manpower to attend and we are pleased that the lovely folks who organise the event have asked us if we would like a stand.

We will have plenty for you to see including the lovely running sample of the highly anticipated <u>Highland Railway Jones Goods</u> - and maybe a secret surprise or two.



The three-day event is at the Scottish Event Campus in Glasgow and is from Fri 23rd to Sun 25th of February. You will find us at stand **No.A35.** You can find out more about the event and grab your tickets **HERE**.

We look forward to seeing you in Scotland!



Thought of the Month - Does anything stay the same forever?

Well, it's fair to say that this month the British model railway world was turned on its head.

We did have a lovely New Year new project piece we were going to put as Thought of the Month, but due to the events of the last few weeks, we felt that it was important to cover our thoughts on the shifting tides.

So, in case you have missed the news, our friends at <u>Hattons Model Railways</u> have chosen to stop trading after 77 years of operating, and the folks at the <u>Warley Model Railway Club</u> have chosen to cease holding an exhibition at the

NEC for the foreseeable future. Let's face it, they are both massive pieces of news associated with our hobby and business. Losing the biggest show and one of the biggest retailers within a week was quite the unexpected start to 2024.



Hattons on Smithdown Road - a happy place for many modellers.

The announcement that the Warley Model Railway Exhibition would cease was quite a blow. We understand that in the model railway world we are quite fresh faces and that the Warley Club, through their show, has been instrumental in Rapido Trains UK building a name for itself. We would like to thank the club for including us in their annual proceedings for the last nine years or so (it started with Jason and Bill back in 2014) and welcoming our unique and often comical way of getting people to come and visit our stall. Remember all those 1:1 scale Brummie buses?

Because of the show, thousands of people now know who we are. So, from our perspective, if it is the right thing to do to preserve the club for many years to come, we cannot fault the club's decision to scale things back and let someone else plan the big shows.



Unfortunately, both of these changes have sparked a lot of debate, conjecture, and fear in the community, which in turn has been stoked by the national press, who have farmed out poorly thought-through doom and gloom articles about a hobby they know little or nothing about.

The harsh truth of the situation is that nothing stays the same forever! Now, that seems like quite the inflammatory statement, but we don't see this as the hobby-ending death knell some have predicted. Despite the average age of our staff being 36, most of us remember staples of the model railway industry

that have disappeared from the community. Many will remember the model railway retail powerhouses of Beatties and the Signal Box, both sadly no more. Even in more recent years, the likes of Modelzone have sadly met the sword.

We would be naïve if we said that these things happening have zero impact on the hobby and its affiliated businesses. Let us assure you, they most certainly have. Our friends and colleagues within the industry lose their jobs, other businesses are negatively impacted, projects are dropped, and customers are lost. Things have changed, and in the short term it's not pleasant, but we feel in the grand scheme of things, the hobby will certainly prevail.



Who shopped at Beatties?

To give you a little more insight, let's look at some of the changing tastes and preferences of the hobby throughout the last few years and you can come to your own conclusions.

Overall tastes in how we partake in our hobby have changed, and this isn't just model railways; the influx of diesel galas is a testament to this. But let's focus on the model side. Thinking back 10 years ago how many of you got your model railway news and reviews from YouTube? We think it is significantly fewer than the thousands of you who currently tune in to watch Jenny Kirk, Sam's Trains and a plethora of other like-minded influencers broadcast their thoughts and reviews on products and companies.

Coupling this with the highly talented individuals who take their time to share their creative hobby skills and knowledge with us via social media, personal hobby development is no longer a closely guarded secret, passed on from member to member of your local basement club, and reviews aren't restricted to a limited number (at the time) of print media sources. If you wish, you can enjoy the hobby from the comfort of your own home with greater ease than ever before, and develop your skills without fear of judgement.



A magazine cover with a fictional-livered early loco, a modern diesel, three modern wagons and an 009 locomotive on the front cover - would this have happened a decade ago?

This has in turn impacted the buying habits of the average hobbyist. Many moons ago it was rare to see a pre-grouping or modern image layout plastered over the front cover of your favourite model railway mag. Today, the story couldn't be further from the truth. This is due to the buying habits and availability of models and is a waterfall effect. When model types sell well, manufacturers choose to make more of that type, more people make layouts, and then they appear in mags, which generates interest, and the cycle continues. We think this is awesome!

Tastes change, models change, shows change, and your favourite retailers change, but our wonderful hobby finds the path of least resistance and

perpetuates, bringing in new people with exciting new interests.

So, we reflect on this difficult month as something to learn from and to adapt our business around. But, more importantly, we can look to the future of what awesome changes we can make to the hobby, rather than dwelling on the negatives.

Well that's all for this month. Now its time to get back to work finalising our secret Model Rail Scotland plans. We hope to see some of you there.

Happy modelling!

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