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Dear Rapido Customer,

It was the Southern Railway's proud boast that you had to head 'south for sunshine'.

Well, seeing that the sun is shining – for how long remains to be seen – we decided to give this newsletter a bit of a Southern theme.

So, what Southerny treats do we have for you? Only ALL this!

- 'OO' gauge new tooling announcement
- 'N' gauge new tooling announcement
- 'E1' update
- · SECR brake van update

And that's not all!

- '15XX' video
- Order deadline reminder... and video!
- Last few APT-Es available
- Buy some North American goodies
- Some Shron-based inspiration

Let's kick off now, shall we?



Here are the first EPs of our new SR eight-plank open wagons. These have been designed by our UK design team and they're <u>available to order now</u>.

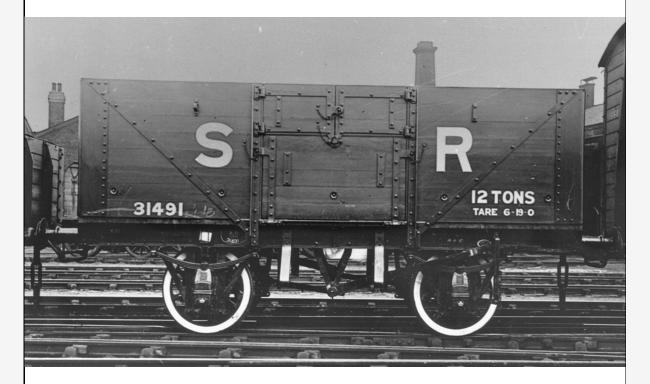
New tooling announcement: Southern Railway eight-plank open

Say 'hello' to our new 'OO' gauge Southern Railway eight-plank open wagon.

Choosing an eight plank design set the Southern apart from most other railway companies and this distinctive design actually became the SR's most numerous wagon.



The Diagram 1379 was the first eight-plank design to be introduced and 7,950 were built between 1926 and 1933. In 1935, the SR increased the wheelbase to 10ft. The first wagons with this wheelbase were fitted with vacuum brakes. However, two batches of unfitted 10ft wagons were built during 1936 and 1937. These 1,400 vehicles were, fittingly, given the diagram number 1400.



The Dia. 1379s featured a standard RCH underframe with 9ft wheelbase and, originally, all were unfitted. The first 3,000 were built with Morton brakes but this was subsequently changed to a design that the SR called 'Freighter' brakes.

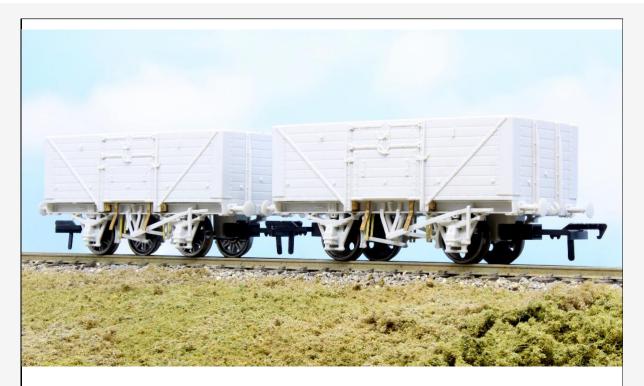
The beauty of the Southern Railway eight-planks is that they could be found all over the Southern's network, including the Isle of Wight, where they ran with 'E1s'...

ANDY: See, this range isn't just thrown together, you know?

RICHARD: Absolutely!

We're producing two types of eight-plank: the unfitted 9ft wheelbase Diagram 1379 and the 10ft wheelbase unfitted Diagram 1400.

You can see the detail differences below:



Here are EPs of the Dia. 1379 eight-plank. They both have Freighter brakes but one has split-spoke wheels whilst the other has discs.



So what's the difference between these EPs? Well, they are both Dia. 1379s fitted with Morton brakes and, as you can see, there are split-spoke and disc wheels variants.



JASON: And these two? They all look the same to me!

RICHARD: These are the Dia. 1400s. They both have Freighter brakes but there's

a choice of wheels. Did you not notice the longer wheelbase? **JASON:** Yes, that 4mm difference really jumps from the screen....

We're simply delighted with the six samples that we received. They're absolutely exquisite and we think that they're very slightly better than the SECR opens. And they're designed in the UK too.

More importantly, they're <u>available to order now</u>. RRP is £32.95 and you've got until **October 1st** to get your order in.



Just look at that chain detail on the bodyside! The tool-makers have excelled themselves this time. Incredible, isn't it?

Take a deep breath because there are 31 eight-planks to choose from.

Here they are:

- **940001:** D1379 No.29306, SR brown (pre-1936)
- 940002: D1379 No.30601, SR brown (pre-1936)
- **940003:** D1379 No.31458, SR brown (pre-1936)
- **940004**: D1379 No.31372, SR brown (pre-1936)
- **940005**: D1379 No.32565, SR brown (pre-1936)
- **940006:** D1379 No.33333, SR brown (pre-1936)
- 940007: D1379 No.36485, SR brown (pre-1936)
- **940008**: D1379 No.36759, SR brown (pre-1936)
- 24000 D4070 N 00004 OD 1 (pro 1000)
- **940009**: D1379 No.30004, SR brown (pre-1936)
- **940010:** D1379 No.29898, SR brown (post-1936)
- 940011: D1379 No.29427, SR brown (post-1936)
- **940012:** D1379 No.31364, SR brown (post-1936)
- **940013**: D1379 No.31421, SR brown (post-1936)
- **940014**: D1379 No.33255, SR brown (post-1936)
- **940015**: D1379 No.33730, SR brown (post-1936)
- **940016:** D1379 No.36359, SR brown (post-1936)
- 940017: D1379 No.36871, SR brown (post-1936)
 940018: D1400 No.10939, SR brown (post-1936)
- 040010. D 1400 No. 10000, OR brown (post 1000)
- 940019: D1400 No.11783, SR brown (post-1936)
 940020: D1400 No.27363, SR brown (post-1936)
- **940021:** D1379 No.S30215, BR grey
- 940022: D1379 No.S27915, BR grey

- **940023**: D1379 No.S27930, BR grey
- **940024:** D1379 No.S31472, BR grey
- 940025: D1379 No.S34301, BR grey
- 940026: D1379 No.S36194, SR brown with BR lettering
- 940027: D1379 No.S34745, BR grey
- 940028: D1400 No.S10953, SR brown with BR lettering
- **940029:** D1400 No.S26782, BR grey
- **940030**: D1400 No.S11530, BR grey
- 940031: D1379 No.DS719, Motive Power Department black

Phew! You can place your order <u>direct with ourselves</u> or with your <u>local Rapido UK stockist</u>. Remember, the order book closes on October 1st.



We'll leave you with look at the eight-plank's underframe. It's a work of art and, you'll note, the brake hangers are now a folded metal part rather than the solid moulding that's on our SECR open wagons. These wagons are available to order now.



Here's a 3D render of our new 'N' gauge SECR wagon four pack. Scroll down to find out more. Please note that all subsequent images are 3D renders taken from the 'N' gauge wagon CAD files.

New tooling announcement: SECR wagons in 'N'

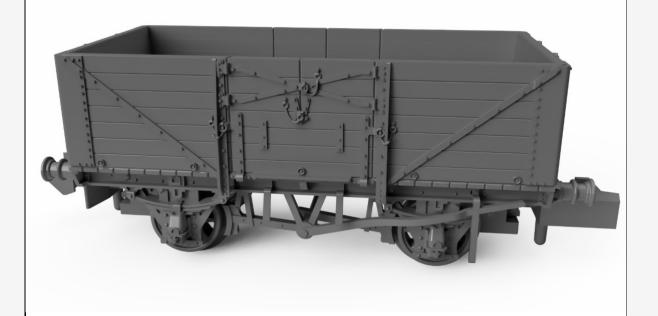
One common question that we get asked is: when are you going to produce your SECR wagons in 'N'?

We can answer that one right now: we are!

We've got the factory to not only scale down our Dia. 1349 five-plank open, our Dia. 1355 seven-plank open and our Dia. 1426 van but also the six-wheel dual-veranda brake van too.



An 'N' gauge version of the Dia. 1349 five-plank open.



The Dia. 1355 seven-plank open.



The Dia. 1426 10t van.



The 'N' gauge version of the dual-veranda six-wheel brake van. This will not be available individually - read on to find out more!

Now, we're going to do things a little differently with these models than perhaps you're used to from other manufacturers. These 'N' gauge wagons will only be available in multi-packs.

ANDY: N gaugers, please pay attention for this is where it gets a bit complicated...

RICHARD: The starting point is the 'Freight Train Pack'. This contains

1x Dia. 1349 five-plank, 1x Dia. 1355 seven-plank, 1x Dia. 1426 van and 1x dual veranda brake van. **RRP:** £99.95 each.

There are four 'Freight Train Packs' to choose from:

942001: SECR Freight Train Pack (all wagons in SECR grey)

942005: Southern Railway Freight Train Pack (all wagons in SR pre-1936

brown)

924009: Southern Railway Freight Train Pack (all wagons in SR post-1936

brown)

942013: BR Freight Train Pack (all wagons in BR grey).

We've then grouped the five-plank, the seven-plank and the 10t van into triple packs. This means that you can increase the length of your goods train at a stroke. We've called these 'Top Up' packs and they're available in the main livery options (please note that each wagon will have its own unique running number).

Here are the SECR packs:

942002: 3x Dia. 1349 five-planks in SECR grey **942003**: 3x Dia. 1355 seven-planks in SECR grey **942004**: 3x Dia. 1426 10t vans in SECR grey

RRP: £69.95 each



You can now order triple packs of the Dia. 1349 five-plank opens in SECR, SR and BR liveries.

Here are the pre-1936 Southern Railway packs:

942006: 3x Dia. 1349 five-planks in SR pre-1936 brown livery **942007:** 3x Dia. 1355 seven-planks in SR pre-1936 brown livery **942008:** 3x Dia. 1426 10t vans in SR pre-1936 brown livery

RRP: £69.95 each.



The Dia. 1355 seven-planks will be available in SECR, SR and BR-themed livery triple packs.

The post-1936 Southern Railway packs:

942010: 3x Dia. 1349 five-planks in SR post-1936 brown livery **942011:** 3x Dia. 1355 seven-planks in SR post-1936 brown livery **942012:** 3x Dia. 1426 10t vans in SR post-1936 brown livery

RRP: £69.95 each.



And, finally, the 10t van will also be available in triple packs covering the main livery versions: SECR grey, SR brown (pre- and post-1936 styles) and BR grey. All packs are available to order now.

And, finally, here are the BR packs.

942014: 3x Dia. 1349 five-planks in BR grey **942015:** 3x Dia. 1355 seven-planks in BR grey **942016:** 3x Dia. 1426 10t vans in BR grey

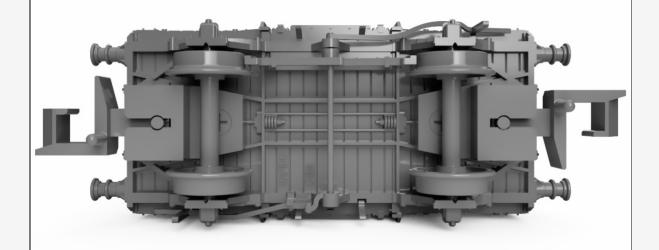
RRP: £69.95

ANDY: This is a bit of a different approach than most other manufacturers take but we think that it's the simplest way to build up accurate SECR and Southern Region goods trains in 'N'.

RICHARD: Indeed, and it opens the door for us to offer more of our 'OO' gauge wagon models in 'N'. With the 'Iron Mink', GWR four-plank and Dia. AA20 'Toad', we've already got the makings of GWR-themed packs!

ANDY: But, as with all these things, we will only consider doing more if this first experiment is successful. And by successful, we mean getting lots of orders!

RICHARD: That's right. The order book is now open and you can pick these little beauties up either <u>direct from ourselves</u> or from your <u>local Rapido UK</u> stockist.



The two open wagons and the Dia. 1426 van share the same underframe and, as you can see, just because these are 'N' gauge doesn't mean that we've skimped on the detail! Want to see more 'N' gauge wagons to this level of detail? Then you need to place an order!



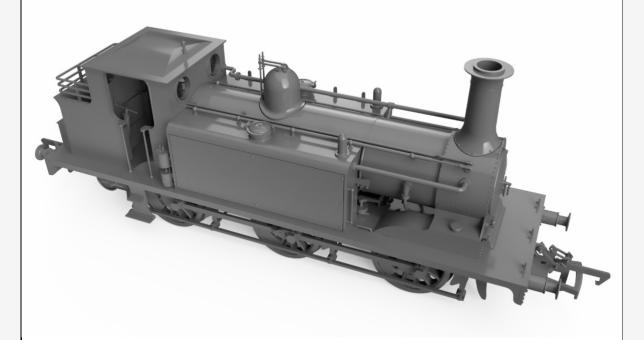
Here are 3D renders taken from the 'E1' CAD file. They're a work in progress so please ignore the combination of different parts from different eras. But they show that we're making some progress!

'E1' update

Something else we've asked in recent weeks is 'what's happening with the 'E1'; you promised us an update!'

You're right, we did.

I had a free couple of days just before the Jubilee weekend and was able to make some great progress on the 'E1'.



This is loosely the 'original' version with original chimney and dome and condensing pipes.

The factory has devised a very clever modular system so that we have the capacity to offer the Stroudley, Billinton and Marsh dome positions. We have also been able to tool myriad different detail configurations, so we're confident that this will be the definitive take on the 'E1'.

Here are some 3D renders from the latest CAD files. There are still a few things to iron out but the bulk of the design is very close to completion. As soon as the design work is finished, we'll announce what versions we're doing and the order book will open.



Here's a rear 3/4 view of a "sort of" Isle of Wight 'E1'. It's got extended coal rails, extra steps, different chimney and additional sand boxes.



The 'E1's' face is starting to look very convincing!



Here are the artwork files for our forthcoming <u>SECR six-wheel brake van</u>, to whet your appetite. This is SKU931001, No. 2033 in SECR grey.

Six-wheel brake vans... in colour!

We conclude our little Southern section with an update on the SECR six-wheel brake van.

We had to launch this project with just the 3D CAD renders to show what it will look like. We've now finished the artwork files and we thought that you'd like to see what these brake vans will look like in colour, so to speak. We are expecting our first samples next month, all going well.



SKU931002 is another SECR grey 'van, in this case No. 2036.



SKU931003: No. 55382 in Southern Railway brown with red ends and large lettering.



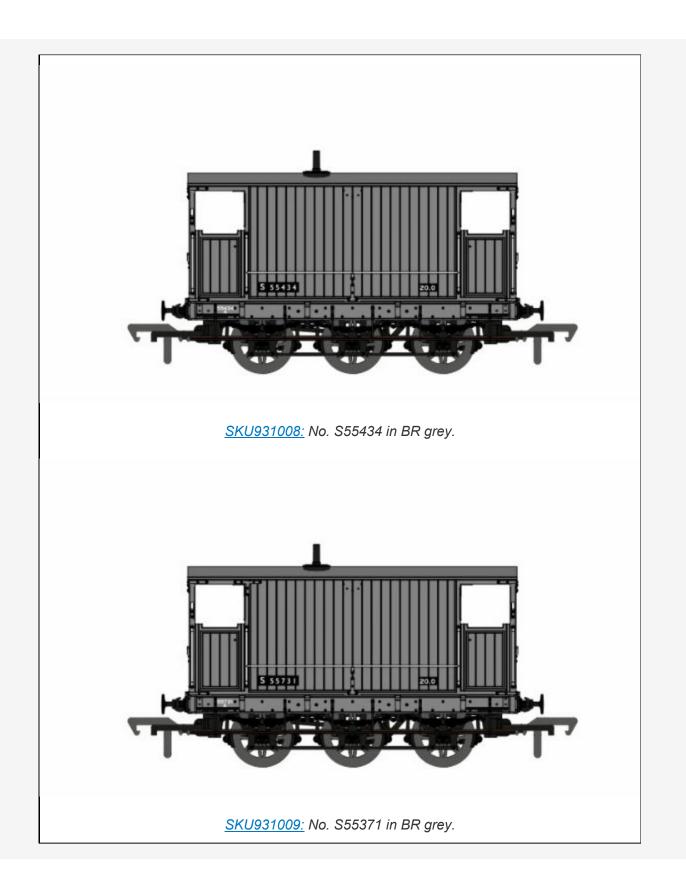
SKU931005: No. 55384 in post-1936 livery (SR brown with red ends but small lettering).



SKU931006: No. 55366 in post-1936 livery (SR brown with red ends but small lettering).



<u>SKU931007:</u> No. S55429 in SR post-1936 livery but with British Railways lettering.





SKU931010: No. 80383 in BR Engineer's black.

Don't they look great? They're available now (RRP is £39.95) and you can order direct from ourselves or from your local Rapido UK stockist.

JASON: Wait... I think you're missing one. Honestly, I can't leave you guys alone with a newsletter for five minutes!

RICHARD: I, er, um... Andy, do you want to handle this one?

ANDY: Yeah, sorry everyone. I made a very tiny mistake with SKU931004. Turns out that the running number I chose for SKU931004 isn't actually correct for the veranda style that awe're producing.

RICHARD: Never mind, these things do happen. Could you all please make a note that <u>SKU931004's running number</u> is now 55409 and NOT 55389 as previously advertised. The livery (SR pre-1936 brown with red ends) is still correct.



This is <u>SKU931004</u> in SR pre-1936 brown but with the new (and correct) running number of 55409.



This is Train Times Model Shop's exclusive SECR six-wheel brake van.

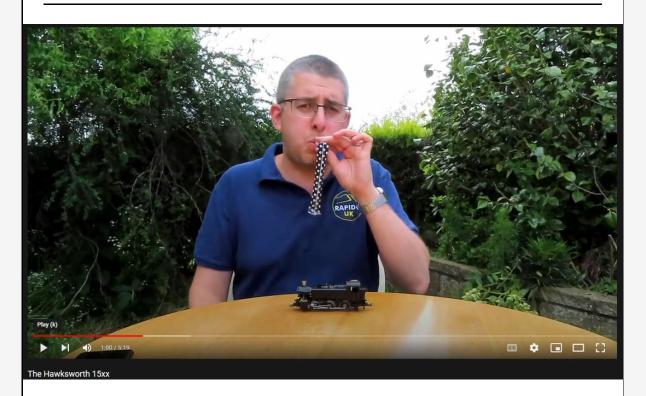
Exclusive SECR brake van revealed

Our friends at <u>Train Times in Eastbourne</u> have commissioned an exclusive SECR six-wheel brake van from us. This is the <u>Kent & East Sussex Railway's No. 2010</u> as preserved in SECR grey livery. <u>You can order yours here.</u>

ANDY: Now, the interesting thing about this brake van...

RICHARD & JASON: Yawn!

And now for some non-Southern Railway stuff!



ANDY: <u>Click here</u> or on the above image to see some cringe-worthy acting... and <u>the</u> '15XX'.

'15XX' video!

We showed off the '15XX' last issue but, with a little more time available, we've put together a video too. It's the usual high quality, refined affair that you've come to expect from Rapido Trains UK. You can click here to watch it.

It's worth watching just to get a better look at the '15XX', especially as you can see how well it performs.

ANDY: Sadly, that's the only decent performance in the whole thing. The presenter seems to have had an off-day...

RICHARD: Oi!

ANDY: Serves you right. The KESR's SECR brake van does have an interesting story to tell!

JASON: Stop bickering you two and use this space constructively. How about showing off more '15XX' images?



It might have taken a while to reach this stage but the '15XX' has been worth the wait! It looks great, although it is a first EP so there are a few areas that need attention and it has been bashed about a bit in transit.



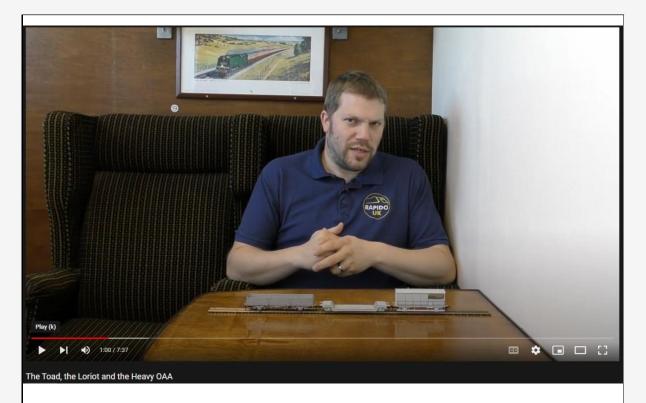
The cab side shutters move which, we think, is a first for a 'OO' gauge outline Western Region model.



The model really captures the utilitarian look of the real thing with big chunky outside cylinders and no running plates.



There are six '15XXs' to choose from and you can <u>order yours today from ourselves</u> or from <u>your local Rapido UK stockist</u>. DC/Silent models retail for £149.95 whilst the RRP for a sound-fitted model is £249.95.



<u>Click here</u> or on the above image to view our video showcasing <u>the OOA open</u>, <u>the Loriot Y</u> and <u>the Dia. AA20 'Toad'</u>. All three are available to order now, either direct from ourselves or from your <u>local Rapido UK stockist</u>. But, of course, you know all that already!

OOA order deadline reminder

Another month has flown by which means that another order deadline is rapidly approaching. This time, it's for the OAA open wagon.

There are 17 superb versions to choose from but you've only got until July 1st to secure the one you want. Need to remind yourself of what's available? Click here to take a look... and then hurry back here to carry on reading!

We couldn't let the OAA order deadline pass without bringing you a video. In fact, while we were talking about videos, we realised that we hadn't actually produced one for the Loriot Y or the Dia. AA20 'Toad'.

Andy, therefore, decided to kill three proverbial birds with one stone. <u>Click here</u> or on the above image to watch the video.



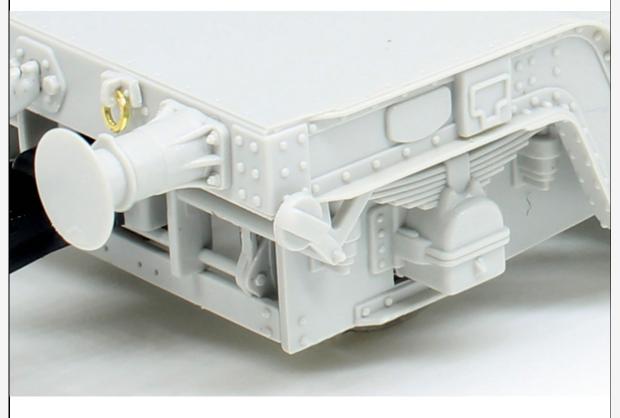
We couldn't leave this segment without another look at the OAA...



Here's a final look at it. Remember, it's <u>available to order now</u> (RRP £39.95) but you've only got until July 1st to guarantee getting the OAA you want.



We also couldn't resist showing you $\underline{\text{the Loriot Y}}$ again...



...or rather some of the exquisite detail that we've been able to include.



If all that fine and accurate brake gear doesn't get you ordering a Loriot Y, nothing will.

Don't forget that one lasted until the late 1980s so even you modern image modellers can get away with ordering one for your layout!



We have very limited numbers of APT-Es in stock here in the warehouse so if you want one, best get <u>your order in quick</u> before they all disappear. We have original and spoof liveried sets available.

APT-Es - limited stock available!

We've had a couple of cancelled APT-E orders meaning that we have <u>VERY</u> <u>limited numbers</u> of sets AND individual coaches available.

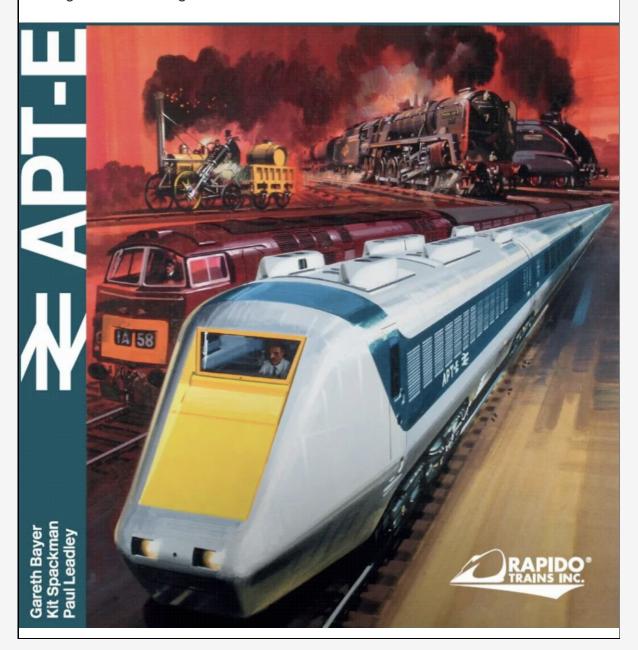
We have the following in stock and ready to order:

924001: APT-E train pack, original livery (DC); RRP £379.95 **924002**: Individual coaches, original livery; RRP £119.95

924501: APT-E train pack, original livery (sound-fitted); RRP £479.95 **924503:** APT-E train pack, InterCity blue/grey livery (sound-fitted); RRP £479.95

924505: APT-E train pack, InterCity 'swallow' livery (sound-fitted); RRP £479.95

Numbers are so limited that these items are only available on a first-come-first-served basis. <u>Click here</u> to place your order. Don't delay as they're not likely to hang around for long.



Copies of the APT-E history book that was included in the first production run back in 2016 are also now available. They're priced £19.99 but shipping is free.

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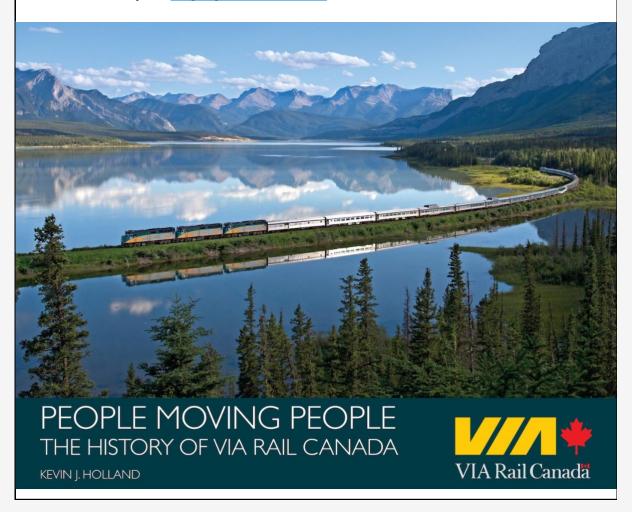
We have a small number of Rapido Trains Inc's 'HO' scale Chevrolet Impala and Caprice cars available. You can only get them <u>direct from ourselves</u>. RRP is £19.99.

Exclusive offer on North American products

We also have limited numbers of some exciting Rapido Trains Inc products in stock. These items are only available direct from Rapido Trains UK. As well as the Chevrolet cars pictured above, we also have:



You can also buy the 'N' gauge 'New Look' bus from us as well. RRP is £28.95.



Also available from Rapido Trains UK is this lovely new coffee-table book about VIA Rail. RRP is £64.95. This beautiful tome really is a must for anyone with an interest in Canadian railways. It was authored by famed Canadian railway historian Kevin J. Holland, with a foreword by former Canadian Transport Minister David Collenette. You can buy your copy now by clicking on the button below.

Scroll down for more on VIA Rail.

Buy Now



Did you know that we also have plenty of BCT 'New Look' Guy Arabs in stock too? Better

get your order in quick before they all disappear...

ANDY: I wish they would disappear!

ANDY: I wish they would disappear!



'The Canadian' was originally Canadian Pacific's Toronto-Chicago service before CPR allocated the name to its Montreal/Toronto-Vancouver service. It's now operated by VIA Rail between Toronto and Vancouver. While the Shrons usually travel between Toronto and Winnipeg, the train continues through the Rockies, where it was photographed near Jasper, Alberta, to Vancouver. Total journey length is 2,775 miles over four days!

Photograph by Timothy Stevens/commons.wikimedia

Thought of the month

Normally at this point in the proceedings, there'd be some thought, comment or analysis from one of us about some aspect of model railway manufacturing or the state of the hobby. But now that the world is opening up again post-Covid and we're able to travel again, we thought we'd share some of our favourite railway journeys in order to get old creative juices flowing again – or to maybe inspire your own travel plans.

We turn to **Jason** to kick us off:

JASON: My best railway journey is one I am fortunate enough to take a couple of times a year: 'The Canadian', VIA Rail Canada's flagship train.

'The Canadian' follows the original route of Canadian National's Super Continental between Toronto and Vancouver, via Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Jasper. My wife, Sidura, is from Winnipeg and most of her family still lives there. My children have grown up taking the 'Canadian' so many times that they know most of the Winnipeg-based train crews. When Isaac was little, the five of us would squeeze into bedrooms E and F in a 'Manor' series sleeping car. The wall between the two bedrooms opens up to make one big room.



All five Shrons board 'The Canadian' in Toronto in August 2018.

The 'Manors' are stainless steel cars built by Budd in 1954/55 for Canadian Pacific and are still used every day in regular service. Bedroom F used to be sold as a compartment so it is 18 inches wider than a standard bedroom. Once Isaac got too big for the floor, we started getting an additional roomette. Sidura uses the roomette so she can take a break from the madness of the family whereas I am the cause of most of the madness so I stay with the kids.

We eat our meals in the dining car, just as people did on streamliners throughout North America in the 1950s. We also enjoy time in the Skyline midtrain dome, as well as the bullet lounge and dome in the Park Car at the rear of the train.

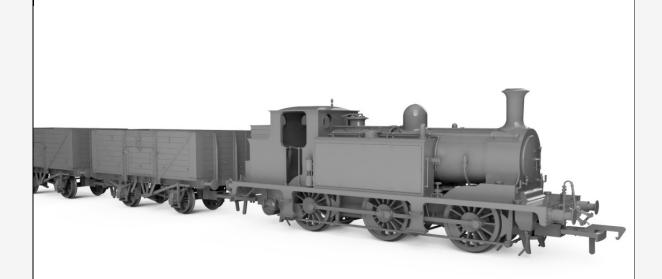


Dad and the kids headed to Winnipeg in October 2021 just so they could ride The Canadian again after a Covid-induced break. Here they are in Capreol, Ontario.

Below the rear dome is a fancy bar. On one trip there was an older gentleman and his even older mother sitting in the bar. They were making disparaging remarks about the train and its service, even though they were travelling in Prestige class, the most expensive accommodation. I wonder if the disparaging remarks were in any way connected to the fact that Isaac and I were sprawled on the floor of the bar playing with Thomas trains in our soft, dulcet tones.

Our next trip will be in August (God willing - there have been so many cancellations due to Covid lately). We can't wait!

RICHARD: Thanks for that Jason. We'll have more favourite and inspirational journeys in future newsletters.



A 3D render of an 'E1' hauling our new SR eight-plank wagons...

And finally...

We couldn't leave this Southern Railway-themed newsletter without sharing this tantalising image with you: it's an Isle of Wight goods train!

We're working as hard as we can to turn this image into physical reality but you can almost hear the collective groan of hundreds of credit cards working out how to eke out a few more pounds before hitting the credit limit!

Thank you for making it to the end of yet another newsletter!

What do we have in store for you next time? Well, all being well, something Titfield related!

Until then, all the best!

Richard

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The M420 was equipped with the ALCO 12V-251c3 prime mover producing 2000 H.P. Most M420 units rode on MLW ZWT (Zero Weight- Transfer) trucks. The only exception to this were the 5 units built for the Providence & Worcester, which rode on ALCO trade-in FA trucks. The P&W required a different bolster design and different truck spacing, making them unique.

MLW constructed 103 M420s between May 1973 and February 1977 for four railways including CN (80), BCR (16 including eight B units), Ferrocarriles del Estado (2), Providence & Worcester (5).

CN would take delivery of the M420s in 3 groups: MR-20a class 2500-2529 (delivered 1973), MR-20b class 2530- 2559 (delivered 1974), and MR-20c class 2560-2579 (delivered 1976).

All of the CN units were retired by 1998 and today many of these locomotives have found second careers on short lines all over North America.

The M420 Locomotive features:

- 3D scanned from an actual M420. This is as close to real as **NEW FEATURES!**
- MR-20b and MR-20c classes available in the first run
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- Two or three panel radiators, louvered or large opening electrical cabinet door, open or closed truck bearings
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Operating headlights, rear lights, tri-colour class lights, and illuminated cab control stand
- Highly detailed cab interior with optional open front door
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/ESU LokSound

- CN 3500s feature rebuilt long hood with knuckle buster door latches, paper air filters, retention tank ditch lights and relocated horn
- BC Rail has correct fuel tank size and location, four rock lights (in nose and pilot) and rebuilt steps
- B-units are part of A/B set, single A units can be purchased separately.
- P&W version has correct AAR-trucks and headlight variation

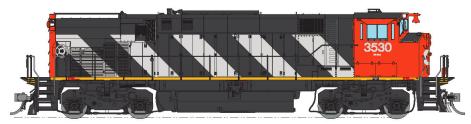
*BC Rail and Providence & Worcester versions are a go! Conditional orders have been met!

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Canadian National (Stripes) MR-20b

Road #	Item # (DC/	Silent)	Item # (DC/	DCC/Sound)
3539	33012		33512	
3542	33013		33513	
3545	33014		33514	
3559	33015		33515	

Canadian National (Stripes) MR-20c

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3560	33016	33516
3568	33017	33517
3572	33018	33518
3579	33019	33519











Canadian National (North America Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3536	33020	33520
3567	33022	33522
3576	33023	33523

Canadian National (95+ Large CN Noodle)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3561	33021	33521











Preliminary artwork.
Subject to change or revisions before production

*Minnesota Commercial Railway

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Road #	Item # (DC/	Silent)	Item # (DC/D	CC/Sound)
35	33038		33538	

Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3568	33039	33539



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 *Minnesota Commercial is a <u>CONDITIONAL</u> <u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u> - <u>UPDATE</u> - This scheme is <u>APPROVED!</u>

CN 3500 M420 ORDER DEADLINE:

MAY 16th, 2022

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*British Columbia (Two-Tone Stripe) - A/B Set

Road #	Item # (DC/Silen	t)	Item # (DC/	DCC/Sound)
641 / 681	33024		33524	
644 / 683	33025		33525	
645 / 687	33026		33526	

*British Columbia (Lightning Stripe) - A/B Set

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
646 / 682	33028	33528
642 / 686	33029	33529
645 / 688	33030	33530

*British Columbia (Two-Tone Stripe) - A ONLY

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Soun	d)
646	33027	33527	

*British Columbia (Lightning Stripe) - A ONLY

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
643	33031	33531







Road #





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*BC Rail (Red/White/Blue - B Unit Hockey Stick) - B/B Set Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 33536

RCL 683 33036 **RCL 685 B-unit 2-pack!**

*BC Rail (Red/White/Blue) - A/B Set

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641 / 681	33032		33532	
644 / 684	33033		33533	
647 / 686	33034		33534	

- B-units sold in A/B Sets.
- Single A-units sold separately (One road number)
- **ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 15TH, 2022**
- **CONDITIONAL MODELS ARE A GO!**

*RC Dail (Dad/White/Rlue) - A ONLY

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Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
642	33035	33535





*Delaware-Lackawanna

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)	
2045	33037	33537	_

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*Providence & Worcester (As Delivered)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2001	33040	33540
2003	33041	33541

P&W M420 ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 15TH, 2022







*Providence & Worcester (90s Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2002	33042	33542
2004	33043	33543





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- All models on this page are a **CONDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT!**
- UPDATE! ALL P&W MODELS ARE A GO!

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In the early 1980s, CN embarked on a rebuild program in their Pointe Ste. Charles shops to extend the operating lives of the GP9s. The "GP-9rm" was the result, which was divided into three groups: The 4000/4100 series were rebuilt as road units, the 7000 series as switchers and the 7200/200 series as "mother" and "slug" pairs. The slugs lacked a prime mover, instead drawing power from the mother to operate the traction motors. The long hoods were cut down and ballast added to help weigh them down.

The GP9rm fleet included a chopped short hood, addition of three coloured marker lights on both ends, the bell moved to the side of the hood and the dynamic brake blister converted to intake filters. Internally, the units had upgraded 16-645C prime movers and improved electrical systems. The 4000/4100 series road units were changed to have the short hood end designated as the front, with the control stand reoriented, while the 7000/7200 switchers retained the long hood designated as the front. As with any rebuild project, there were differences from one loco to the next as well as minor changes over the ten year rebuild program. One could see these locos all across the CN North American system.

The Rapido GP9rm represents the locomotives rebuilt from the original phase II GP9 locomotives, with details corresponding to the earliest rebuilds, right on up to the last, in 1988. The biggest variation of the slug rebuilds was the use of Blomberg and Flexicoil trucks. Both variations are represented! Starting in 1994, CN applied Belt-Pack remote control systems to the 7200/200 series locomotives. Some of these new features included extra antennas and strobe lights – all details that will be featured on the 7200 series from Rapido!

The GP-9rm Locomotive features:

- Heavy diecast frame with super detailed piping and traction cables
- Detailed Blomberg trucks, with and without outside brake shoes
- Traction motor details on gearbox
- Working track lights, class lights, control stand lights and flashing belt pack light on select mother-slug sets (Late sets)
- Multiple battery box styles
- Spark arrestors or open exhaust stacks as appropriate
- Metal side handrails
- Working ditch lights on 4000, 4100 and 7000 series locos
- Front and rear plows or curved plate pilots on appropriate road numbers
- Footboard pilots on mother units
- Detailed walkway tread
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/ESU LokSound

The GP-9rm Slug features:

- Heavy diecast frame with super detailed piping and traction cables
- Detailed Blomberg trucks with outside brake shoes or Flexicoil trucks
- Traction motor details on gearbox
- Detailed walkway tread
- Metal side handrails
- Footboard pilots or curved plate pilots on appropriate road numbers
- Working head lights
- Slug will be powered with DCC/Sound



GMDD GP-9rm / SLUG

DEALER NAME:



GP-9rm Single Locomotive











Canadian National (Stripes) GP-9rm

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4000	41001	41501
4005	41002	41502
4021	41003	41503
4028	41004	41504
4101	41005	41505
4105	41006	41506
4107	41007	41507
4110	41008	41508

Canadian National (Large Noodle) GP-9rm

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
7006	41009	41509
7007	41010	41510
7008	41011	41511
7009	41012	41512

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No Sound **\$239.95** USD **\$239.95** USD **\$349.95** USD

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GP-9rm Single Locomotive

GP-9rm / Slug



















Canadian National (Early) GP-9rm / Slug

Road #	Item # (DC/S	ilent)	Item # (DC/I	DCC/Sound)
7230 / 216	41013		41513	
7236 / 237	41014		41514	
7240 / 241	41015		41515	

Canadian National (Late) GP-9rm / Slug

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)		Item # (DC/I	OCC/Sound)
7203 / 253	41016		41516	
7210 / 254	41017		41517	
7221 / 256	41018		41518	

No Sound **\$489.95** CAD w/Sound **\$709.95** CAD

GP-9rm / SLUG



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:

- · Correct nose and body contours
- 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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DCC/SOUND

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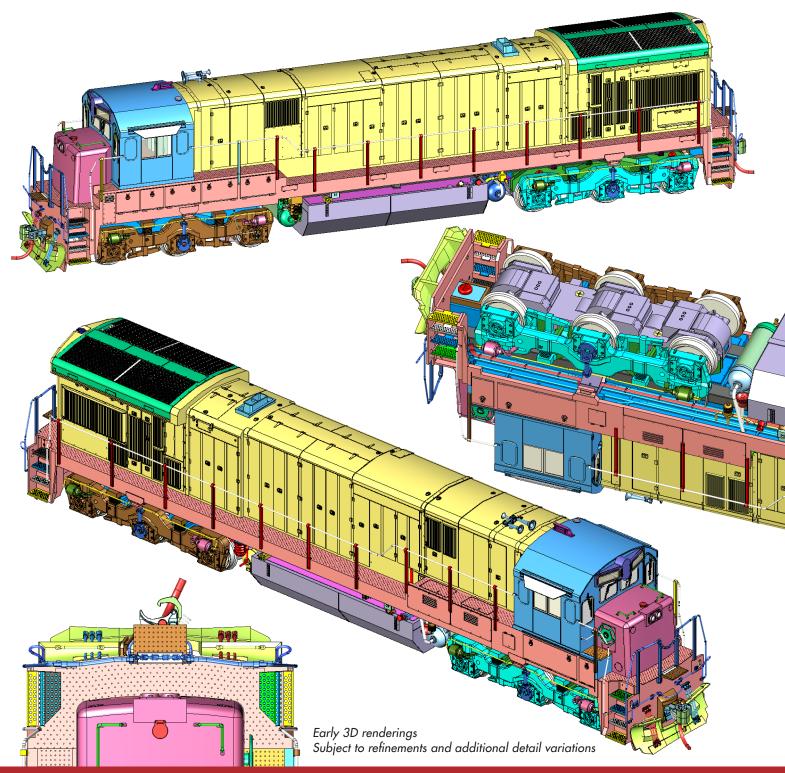
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HO GE C30-7 BY RAPIDO





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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

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





CSX Transportation (YN2)

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

DC/SILENT

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DCC/SOUND

\$349.95 (USD) \$379.95 (CAD)

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PC&F B-70-69/71/75 BOXCAR





Rapido Trains Inc. is proud to announce another essential modern freight car, the Pacific Car & Foundry B-70-69/71/75 class boxcar in HO scale!

As the demand grew in the 70s for larger capacity boxcars, along with the need to replace aging 40' cars, this series of 50' double door boxes were produced by PC&F for the Southern Pacific and it's subsidiary St. Louis Southwestern (SSW). Constructed between 1972 and 1975, these boxcars are 50'-7" in length with a capacity of either 5258 cu ft for standard cars, or 5119 cu ft for those equipped for DF (Damage Free) Loading. All B-70 boxcars feature Hydra-Cushion underframes and were delivered with either Youngstown or Superior doors.

Proving to be a versatile addition to the SP/SSW fleet, these boxcars were later rebuilt for Golden West Service and could be seen carrying goods across the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many can still be seen on the rails today, whether in their original SSW or SP paint, as former Golden West cars stenciled back into SP, or under entirely new ownership. In the 1990s, some cars were also rebuilt with single 10' sliding or 12' plug doors.

The PC&F B-70-69/71/75 Boxcar features:

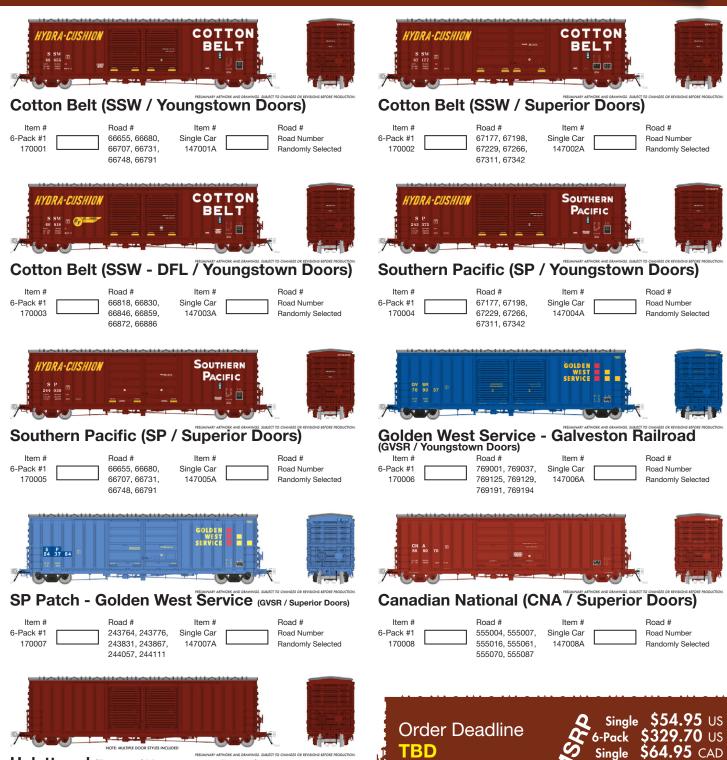
- Separately applied metal grab irons
- Scale sized draft gear with a detailed Hydra-Cushion underframe
- Full underbody brake rigging
- Multiple door styles

- Road number specific number patches
- Separately applied coupler cut levers
- Separate door tracks
- Factory-installed Rapido semi-scale knuckle couplers
- Newly tooled 70T trucks with turned metal 33" wheels



PC&F B-70-69/71/75 BOXCAR





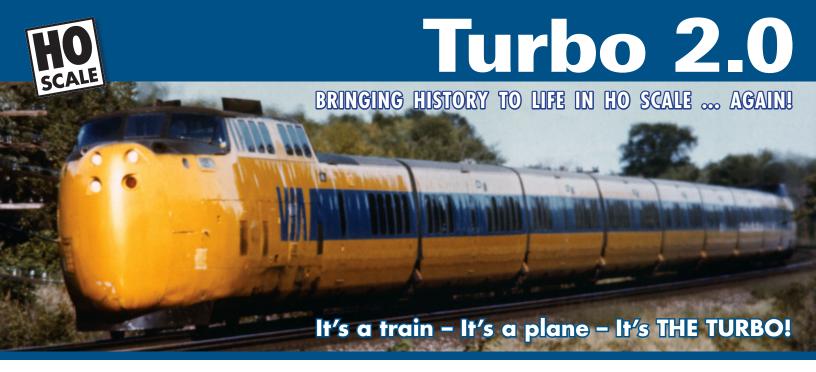


Single Car 170099

Unlettered (Brown / Youngstown Doors)

6-Pack \$389.70 CAD

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On December 20, 1967 the United Aircraft TurboTrain rocketed to an amazing 170.8 MPH on the Pennsylvania Railroad in New Jersey. To this date, this is still the fastest speed ever achieved by a production train in the United States or Canada.

On April 22, 1976 a Canadian National TurboTrain reached a speed of 140.6 MPH between Montreal and Toronto. This is still the Canadian speed record.

Rapido founder Jason Shron had wanted a model of the TurboTrain since he was four years old. He started Rapido back in 2004 so he could one day own an HO scale model of this train.

It was Rapido's first powered model in 2008, and while it looked wonderful, its operational problems reflected the inexperience of Jason and his small team.

In 2022, Rapido Trains Inc. is delighted to announce **Turbo 2.0**. Finally, TurboTrain fans around the world can enjoy a model of their favorite train that runs and sounds as well as it looks. Rapido is also tooling the one car we could not afford to tool back in 2008: IC-34, the Canadian Turbo coach with additional luggage space.

The HO Scale Rapido Turbo 2.0 features:

- Designed from original United Aircraft blueprints
- New, smooth-running drive system with excellent slow-speed performance
- Completely redesigned Single Axle Trucks with free rolling, needlepoint axles
- Every wheel on the train picks up power for rock-solid reliability
- Unique Canadian and American versions
- Accurate colors on Amtrak models approved by Amtrak
- Three different Power Dome Cars and six different Intermediate Cars for total accuracy
- Bright, golden-white LED headlights and redesigned, roof-mounted SMD interior lighting system
- ESU LokSound V5 decoders and high-quality speakers in each Power Dome Car
- The only accurate TurboTrain sounds recorded from the last surviving prototypes in 1982
- Will easily negotiate curves down to 18" radius
- Works on DC or DCC

Available in 3-car and 5-car sets, with 4-car Canadian add-on sets to make the complete 9-car train NOTE: Turbo 2.0 is not compatible with the 2008 model.



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Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance to own a piece of history!

Reserve your Turbo 2.0 today!

RESERVE YOUR TURBO 2.0 TODAY AND BRING THIS UNIQUE PIECE OF NORTH AMERICAN RAILROAD HISTORY TO LIFE ON YOUR MODEL RAILROAD.

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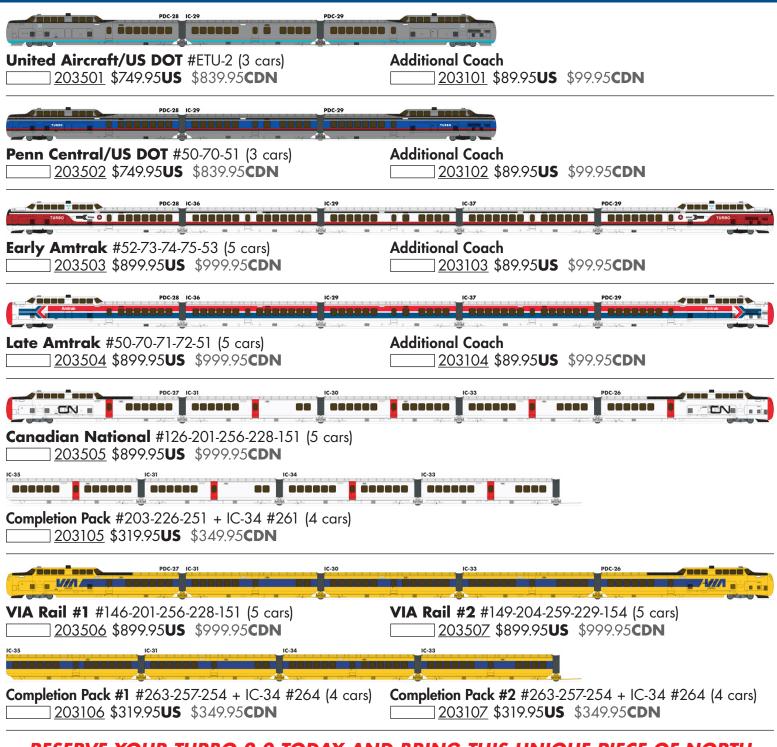
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Turbo 2.0

Power Dome Cars: PDC-26 TurboClub (Canada) – PDC-27 TurboCoach (Canada) – PDC-28/29 TurboCoach (USA) Intermediate Cars: IC-29 TurboCafe (USA) – IC-36/37 TurboCoach (USA) – IC-30/35 TurboCoach (Canada) IC-31 TurboBuffeteria (Canada) – IC-33 TurboClub (Canada) – IC-34 TurboCoach w/ Additional Baggage (Canada)



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Rapido Trains Inc. is pleased to bring speed to the rails with the Amtrak Rohr Turboliner in N Scale!

In the early days of Amtrak, efforts were made to improve passenger services along key corridors. Following the success of the French-built RTG Turboliners in the mid-1970s in the Midwest, Amtrak turned to Rohr Industries in California to build modernized Turboliners for use along the Empire Corridor.

Entering service starting in September 1976, these new RTL Turboliners quickly proved their value, bringing passengers back to the rails. Equipped with third-rail shoes, they operated on electric power through New York's Grand Central Terminal (and later Penn Station), switching to gas-turbine power once out of New York City. Painted in Amtrak's stunning red, white and blue Phase III paint scheme, they operated on most Empire Corridor services, as well as regular appearances on the Adirondack to and from Montreal in the early years. Occasional equipment needs even put the Turbos on other rare adventures outside their normal call of duty, including the Niagara Rainbow to Detroit via Southwestern Ontario, and the Maple Leaf to Toronto via Niagara Falls.

After nearly 20 years of service under their belts, Amtrak selected one RTL set in 1994 to be rebuilt into what would be called the RTL-II, incorporating several improvements including new turbines, a remodelled interior, a striking new demonstrator paint scheme, in addition to extending the lifespan of the set for several more years. While this set continued in service until 2003, no other RTL-II sets were ever commissioned.

Further redevelopments and improvements of the fleet into the RTL-IIIs was never fully realized, and all were retired from active service in 2004. Conventional equipment has since been utilized on the Empire Corridor services in place of the once mighty Turboliners.

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Extra cars

The Rapido N Scale Rohr Turboliner features:

- Accurately designed using original blueprints and field measurements
- Tinted windows, interior details and flicker-free interior lighting
- Separate factory installed grab irons
- Highly-detailed trucks including third-rail shoes
- Working headlights, marker lights and cab-mounted strobe lights
- Both Power Cars come with smooth, reliable drive systems for optimal performance
- DCC models feature sound decoders in each power car with accurate sounds sourced and remastered from original videos
- All wheel electrical pickup. Yes, we mean every ... single ... wheel.

USD MSRP CAD MSRP \$449.95 \$499.95 5-car sets (DC) \$679.95 \$779.95 (DCC)

\$64.95

\$79.95

Amtrak		Amtrak Phase III (Early)			
		Set #1 Set #3	Consist Number 150, 170, 171, 172, 151 154, 176, 177, 178, 155 Additional Cars Coach #182 Coach #184 Food Service Coach #183	DC/Silent 525001 525002 525101 525102 525103	DCC/Sound 525501 525502

Amtrak Phase III (Late)

Consist Number Set #2 152, 173, 174, 175, 153 Set #4 156, 179, 180, 181, 157

Additional Cars

Turbocoach #185 525104 Turbocoach #187 525105 Turbocafe #186 525106

DC/Silent DCC/Sound 525003

525503 525504









525004





Amtrak Phase V

Consist Number 2141, 2288, 2374, 2284, 2162

525005

DC/Silent

DCC/Sound 525505

Additional Cars Coachclass (unnumbered)

525107

Note: Phase V painted models utilize an RTL-I body style

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Dear Rapido Customer,

June is here and we return with a few updates to existing product as well as reminders about closing order deadlines. So, sit back and hop in the pool because, Rapido News 152... starts...right...**NOW**!

New Announcements!

- UPDATE! HO Scale SP PC&F B-70-69/71/75 Boxcar New Road Added!
- NEW! Hobby and Model Display Case Extended Version!

June Order Deadlines - June 15th, 2022

- Watch Our Awesome Order Deadline Video!
- HO Scale MLW M420 Locomotive / CN Rebuilds
- HO Scale UAC TurboTrain "Turbo 2.0"

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- Canadian Dealer Open House Huge Launch!
- Upcoming Shows In Person and Virtual
- New Arrivals
- Factory and Tooling Updates
- Jason's Update on the VIA Historical Association



That's a sharp looking car. Photo courtesy of Chris Van Der Heide.

UPDATE! HO Scale PC&F B-70-69/71/75 Boxcar

Espee time! It's Ontario Northland time! The <u>B-70-69/71/75 class boxcar</u> in HO scale gets a paint scheme addition! Ontario Northland might not be the largest road, but it certainly gets around and the famous yellow chevrons are instantly recognizable.



Another in the series.
Photo courtesy of Chris Van Der Heide.

The ONR would acquire a handful of second-hand cars from the SP in the mid 1990s. These cars had a modified Youngstown-style door and were repainted into the attractive blue and yellow Ontario Northland scheme with the three chevrons. There was no mistaking ownership of these boxcars!

Here's the (single) Ontario Northland scheme we are offering:







Let's go check out the *updated* B-70-69/71/75 sales catalog. Click the photo below to view it in PDF form.



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- Separately applied metal grab irons
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 Multiple door styles
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 Newly tooled 70T trucks with turned metal 33" wheels



There! Now the HO Scale PC&F B-70-69/71/75 Boxcar is set. Then again, if you have a paint scheme you would like to see or have added, you can always inquire about an exclusive production run. In the meantime, place your orders for this venerable car today!



Everyone needs to display something!

NEW! Hobby and Model Display Case - Extended Version!

Do you like to display your trains rather than run them? Neither do I....wait, what? Just kidding! Everyone has that one (or two) (or six) model(s) that they just want to display, whether it's on a desk, mantle or dashboard. But are you having trouble finding a display case big enough? Well, we have you covered! Introducing the Hobby and Model Display Case, the extended version!

(Please note that Rapido Trains Inc. takes no responsibility for dashboard-mounted display cases and the serious injuries they will almost certainly cause.)

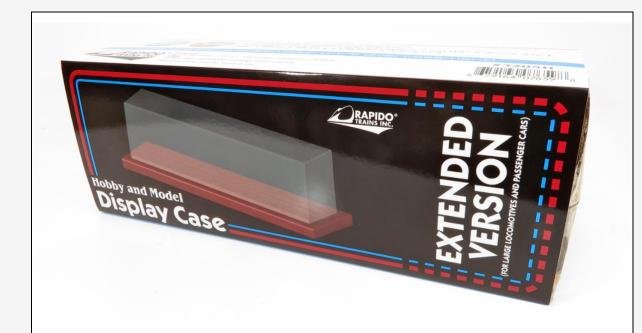


This is the original, shorty display case.



This the new, longer display case. Wow!
A whole passenger car! Or steam engine! Or big diesel!
Or TWO BANANAS!

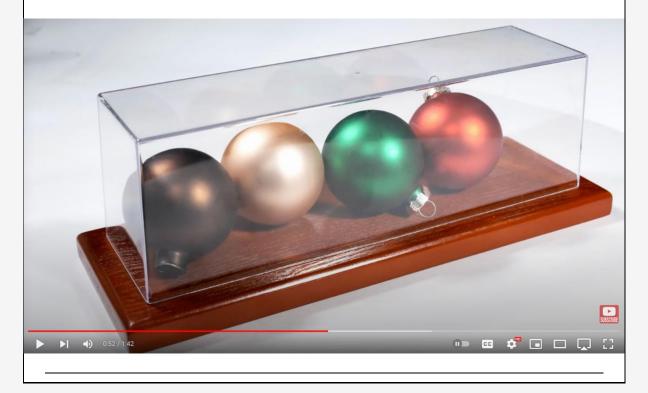
The Extended Version of the Hobby and Model Display Case accommodates one 85' passenger, larger locomotives and 457 cheese doodles. And for an extra bonus, the wood base has two grooves cut down the center, which snugly holds the wheels of the item you want to display. In fact, that means you can *JUST* display wheels if you want!



There's something to be said for displaying the box that the item comes in. Actually that's called you haven't removed the item from the box it came in.

For everyone that wants to proudly display one of their models, the <u>Extended Version of the Hobby and Model Display Case</u> is made just for you! Hurry on over to our website or your favorite hobby shop and order hundreds today!

By the way, if you have never seen Jeremy's Display Case Video, it is one of the funniest... things... ever. Please <u>click here</u> on the image below to watch it.





June 15th, 2022 Order Deadlines

These items are closing out on the 15th of June, 2022: the HO Scale MLW M420 Locomotive (Canadian National versions) and the HO Scale UAC TurboTrain. That's only a few days away, so let's take at the video Jeremy and Jason have put together covering BOTH of these models. Click here or the photo above or below to watch the video.



Jason's got a fever. And the only prescription...





Ditch lights! Remember, this is a pre-production sample, subject to revision.

The factory used on old cab and we Photoshopped out the 2500-series number in the numberboards! Pretty impressive huh?

HO Scale MLW M420 Locomotive - CN Rebuilds

The <u>CN M420 Rebuilds</u> are almost ready to be counted and sent off to the factory. You still have plenty of time to order the BC and P&W versions. June 15th is the grand date for final CN order entries, so let's take one more look at the Canadian National version, starting off with the sample!



Looking great! Remember, this is a pre-production sample, subject to revision.



Note the knuckle buster door latches. Remember, this is a pre-production sample, subject to revision.



Air line from the original bell bracket to just ahead of the exhaust for the relocated horn. A staple of most of the M420 rebuilds. Remember, this is a pre-production sample, subject to revision.

As a helpful reminder, let's go through the new features of the <u>HO Scale M420</u>:

- CN 3500s feature rebuilt long hood with knuckle buster door latches, paper air filters, retention tank ditch lights and relocated horn
- 3D scanned from an actual M420. This is as close to real as it gets!
- MR-20b and MR-20c classes available
- Rapido's innovative dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- Incredible underframe detail including traction motor cables and other piping, rerailer and a silly number of separately applied parts
- Two or three panel radiators, louvered or large opening electrical cabinet door, open or closed truck bearings
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Operating headlights, rear lights, tri-colour class lights and illuminated cab control stand
- Highly detailed cab interior with optional open front door
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/ESU LokSound

CN has three scheme variations plus there's Oil Creek & Titusville. Check them out below:



Here's the M420 sales catalogue. Everything you need to know about item numbers and paint schemes. Click the photo below to check it out.



The <u>HO Scale M420</u> order deadline is just a few days away. It's safe to say that this project has been a success so far. So keep rolling in those orders and the next time we discuss the M420s, it should be an unboxing!







Preliminary artwork.
Subject to change or revisions before production.

STOP PRESS!

Oil Creek and Titusville has just introduced a new paint scheme for their M420 Locomotive. We will be offering this alongside their original paint scheme. You can order these directly from the railroad, from us or from your favorite dealer, but they are being produced in limited quantities so we recommend you order in the next couple of weeks to ensure you get one. Click here to visit our website for more info!



The TurboTrain rips through Brockville.

HO Scale UAC TurboTrain - "Turbo 2.0"

March seemed like yesterday, when we re-announced our iconic, flagship passenger train: the <u>HO Scale UAC TurboTrain</u>. Now we are inching closer to the June 15th 2022, the current order deadline for these fantastic sets.

Make sure you watch the video about this very special train by <u>clicking here</u> or the photo above and below! If you haven't noticed, that's Jason's layout in the videos, looking great.



Have you ever noticed that Jason loves this train so much that it is in our company logo? Didn't notice? Scroll up and have a look!



Late Amtrak TurboTrain on Rick Abramson's gorgeous layout.
Photo courtesy Rick Abramson.

The American TurboTrain operated first for the US DOT on the New Haven and Penn Central, and then toured the United States in 1971 to introduce the nation to Amtrak. The Amtrak Turbo operated mainly between New York and Boston (with a brief assignment to West Virginia!) until 1976. The TurboTrain is still the fastest ever American production train, achieving 170.8 MPH on December 20, 1967. Even Acela couldn't beat it.

That touring train in 1971 had a three-car set, consisting of a power car, coach and power car. This special set is being made available by Heartland Hobby Wholesale through an exclusive deal with Rapido.



This postcard will be included with the Heartland Hobby sets.

Built for speed...

In March 1976, CN painted its Turbo #1 into new "VIA-CN" colours to launch the new brand for its passenger train services. On April 22, 1976, Turbo #1 achieved the Canadian rail speed record of 140.6 MPH on the Kingston Subdivision near Morrisburg, Ontario. That record still stands today.

Otter Valley Railroad is producing an exclusive model of this record-holding train, featuring the bold VIA colours and the CN noodle logo on the nose. They have commissioned both the <u>five-car set</u> and the <u>four-car</u> addition. Click here to order yours today!

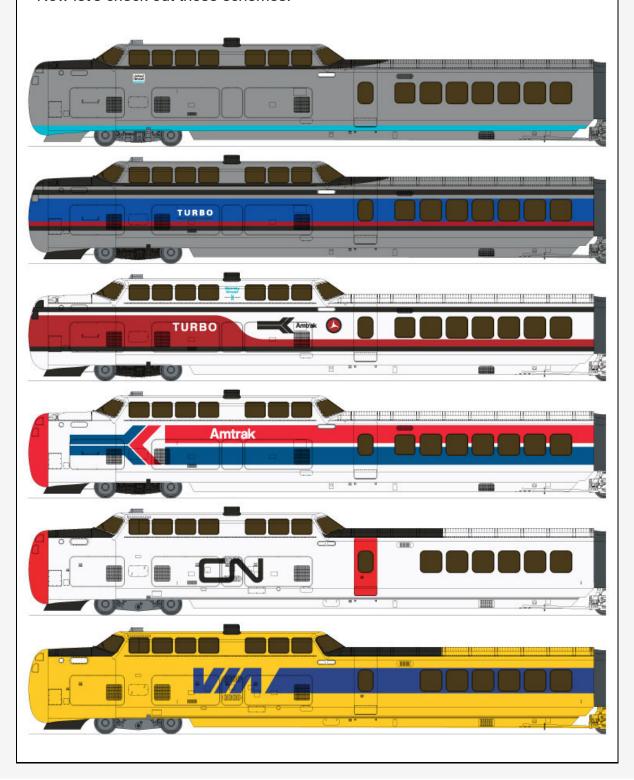


This isn't your 2008 TurboTrain, this is the Turbo 2.0!

- Designed from original United Aircraft <u>blueprints</u>
- New, smooth-running drive system with excellent slow-speed performance
- Completely redesigned single-axle-trucks with free rolling, needlepoint axles
- Every wheel on the train picks up power for rock-solid reliability
- Unique Canadian and American versions
- Accurate colors on Amtrak models approved by Amtrak
- Three different Power Dome Cars and six different Intermediate Cars for total accuracy
- Bright, golden-white LED headlights and redesigned, roofmounted SMD interior lighting system
- ESU LokSound V5 decoders and high-quality speakers in each Power Dome Car
- The only accurate TurboTrain sounds recorded from the last surviving prototypes in 1982

- Will easily negotiate curves down to 18" radius
- Works on DC or DCC
- Available in 3-car and 5-car sets, with 4-car Canadian add-on sets to make the complete 9-car train
- For the UAC/USDOT, PC/USDOT and both Amtrak schemes, we're also offering single coaches so you can lengthen your Turbo's as much as you please!
- NOTE: Turbo 2.0 is not compatible with the 2008 model.

Now let's check out those schemes:



Click on the photo for the PDF catalog/catalogue of the UAC Turbo. Everything you need to know to order one or many or ALL!



The order deadline for the new <u>Turbo 2.0</u> is June 15th, 2022. Order yours directly from Rapido or from your local hobby shop!



Second Section - May 2022

Lot's of new items have just arrived and many more are on they way into the <u>warehouse</u>. Let's have a look at our upcoming live stream, some tooling updates, and arrival updates.



Canadian Dealer Open House - Huge Launch!

Last newsletter we highlighted the return of our annual **Canadian Dealer Open House**, on June 13th, 2022. This event is open to all Rapido **wholesale** customers from the United States, Canada and around the world. (Sorry general public, maybe next time!) What we mean by "Canadian" is it simply takes place in Canada at Rapido HQ.

If you are a dealer and you want to join us, we will be offering travel credits as well as discounts on sales on the day of the event. **Please let us know by Friday** if you will be coming and how many are in your party. For the American dealers, if you don't want the fuss and hassle of the border legalities, don't worry! We will be hosting an **American Open House** for the public and one for dealers on October 2-3 at the <u>Illinois Railway Museum</u>. More info on that in July's newsletter.

During the event we will host a Facebook Live (around 4:30 EDT) in which we will be announcing a bunch of new products in HO and N scales!

Please click here to visit our <u>Facebook</u> page. Jason will also have the bus out if you want to go for a tootle and we'll do our usual awesome kosher BBQ.

If you are a dealer, you should join us in person!



Upcoming Shows

Remember the snippet above where we said we will be hosting another Facebook live? For everyone that cannot make it to the Dealer Open House, which is all non-dealers, you also get to join in on the fun, albeit remotely. Jordan will be joined by a few others to launch the latest projects we've been working on, which just so happens to be *THREE NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS* incorporating four new products. Yes! N Scale, too. We can't forget about the N crowd! See you on June 13th around 4:30 EDT!

If you're reading this after the live event, you can still watch it on our <u>Facebook page</u> and eventually on our <u>YouTube</u>.



The NYO&W might have disappeared over 60 years ago, but it's still going strong on Bill's layout! This is one of many that will be open to the public during the NERPM meet on Sunday, June 12th, 2022.

Yes, Bill started his layout a couple of years ago and has basically finished it. Jason started his layout in 2013 and will be finished in 2070.

NERPM Meet - June 10-11, 2022

Come out to Springfield, Massachusetts this weekend of the 10th and the 1th of June, 2022 to see great modeling, awesome layouts and of course, Rapido Bill's NYO&W layout! The setting is the New England/Northeast Prototype Modeler's annual meet, which is back after a three-year hiatus!

The show is Friday and Saturday, with many clinics and great models on display. You'll also see Rapido's latest samples and converse will Bill about Rapido's latest doings. Then on Sunday, there is the annual open house layout tour. This year Bill will have his NYO&W layout open, so pop on by and say hello!

Check out their website for a list of clinics, events and the layout schedule at: https://nerpm.org/index.html



Shipping and Arrival Updates

LOTS of new items are arriving, both at your dealer or to our warehouse soon! What could they be? Let's find out:

- HO Scale Metrolink Bilevel Cars Metrolink SHIPPING NOW!
- N Scale Procor GP-20 Tank Cars SHIPPING NOW!
- N Scale VIA F40PH-2D Locomotives arriving later this month!
- HO Scale Gondolas arriving later this month!
- HO Scale Bilevel Cars All the others arriving in July!
- N Scale B-100-40 Boxcars arriving in July!
- HO Scale PA-1 A and B Units arriving in August!
- HO Scale AutoFlood III Coal Hoppers arriving in August!

Boiler plate facts: As we mentioned in most of our previous newsletters... all of our shipments that left China recently have been delayed due to closures and port/shipping congestion. We are doing our best to track and corral these shipments, but please be aware some items might arrive a bit later than expected.



The time has come: The <u>Metrolink HO Scale Bilevel Commuter Cars</u> are on their way to a dealer and hobby shop near you!



Get on the GO with these new HO Scale Bilevel Commuter Cars.



Don't <u>mess</u> with Texas! The <u>HO Scale Bilevel cars</u> are almost ready to ship.



Tanks! The N Scale GP-20 tank cars are on their way to YOU!



Finally! The N Scale F40PH-2Ds are almost at the doorstep!



The <u>52'6" Mill Gondolas</u> are almost here and will be "gon" before you know it.



A patriotic <u>PA-1 Locomotive</u>! American Freedom Train stands at the ready.





Does it get any better than the Rio Grande's yellow and silver?



That signature NKP blue sure stands out on the <u>PA-1 Locomotive</u>.



Could SP be the best looking scheme on the <u>PA Locomotives</u>?





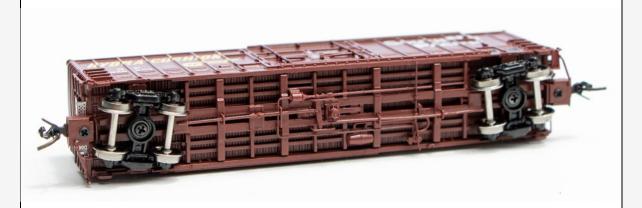
The <u>HO Scale AutoFlood Coal Hoppers</u> look amazing!



The inside and the outside of the <u>HO Scale AutoFlood Hoppers</u>.



The road where it all started for the <u>N Scale B-100-40 Boxcars</u>: Southern Pacific.



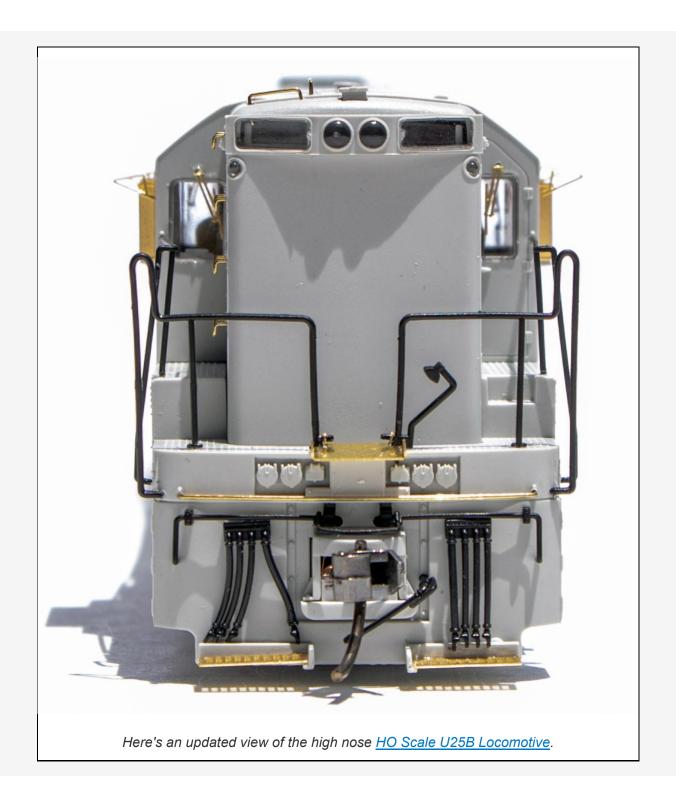
Just look at all of that underbody detail on the N Scale B-100-40 Boxcars.



Those <u>N Scale B-100-40 Boxcars</u> look absolutely gorgeous!

Factory and Tooling Updates

Have a look at some of the latest photos from our factories!





Those <u>HO Scale U25B Locomotives</u> looking good.



The <u>HO Scale U25B Locomotives</u>, side by side - they look GREAT!

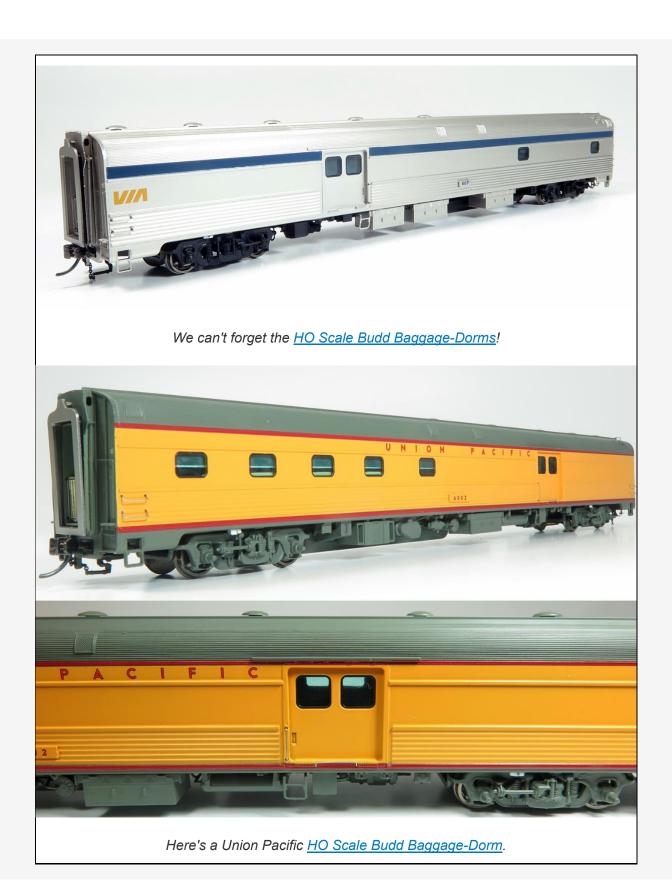








Those <u>Budd Manor cars</u> are looking better and better!





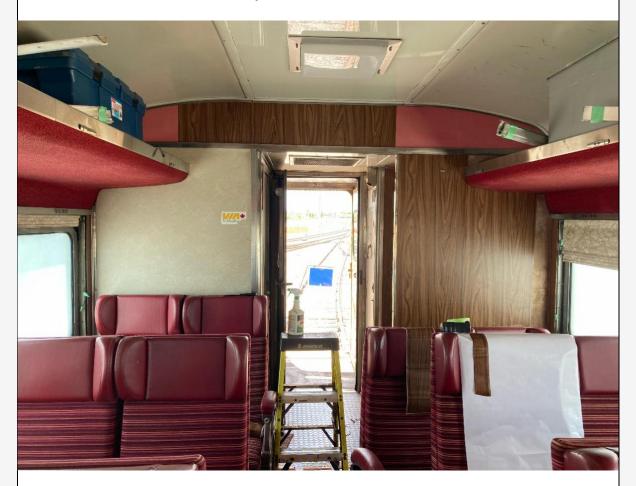
The ends on our <u>HO Scale Budd Baggage-Dorms</u> are pretty, too. Check out the end door lettering!



The VIA Historical Association's <u>latest newsletter</u>

Jason's Update on the VIA Historical Association

Hi guys! The <u>VIA Historical Association</u> volunteers have been busy and here's a quick update. We sent out our first proper newsletter last month that includes project updates and more information about the new VIA book. Please <u>click</u> <u>here to sign up</u> for VHA newsletters. We won't bombard you with emails - we've done two in the last two years!



Installing "new" 1970s MacTac on the bulkheads of RDC 6133.

Chief Mechanical Officer Chris Fox and his team have been very busy cleaning up RDC 6133 for display next week at the <u>TRACCS Rail Day</u> taking place at VIA's Toronto Maintenance Centre. If you are in the rail industry and you will be there, please come and say hello to some of the VHA team.

As always, we're looking for donations to support our restoration efforts. Please click here to donate. Our goal is to have a short heritage train restored in time for VIA's 50th in 2028 and it's gonna be tight...

Back to you, Bobby!

Thanks, Jason.

That's a great way to end this newsletter. Hey everyone - remember our huge announcement coming next week! Stay tuned...

Until then,

Bobby

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