


# THE RAPIDO GP38 LOCOMOTIVE



**Rapido Trains**  
Markham, Ontario

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MODEL GP38 SERIAL 1ST RUN





The GP38. That "other" Geep you've been waiting for! At long last there is a proto-specific, dynamically detailed, Electro-Motive General Purpose "38" class locomotive. And it only took 50 years since the last straight 38 rolled out of La Grange, Illinois. This venerable locomotive packed 2,000 hp, low or high short hoods and paved the way for future "GP" models to follow. 706 of these four-axle beasts were manufactured at EMD's La Grange Plant, at the heart of railroad world. Of the 706 built, Penn Central, B&O and Southern were the largest purchasers of this model. Southern's were unique in that they continued an age-old tradition of ordering high short hoods for added crew safety. Their eye-pleasing black, white and gold striping along with their harmonious Nathan P horns certainly made them fan favorites.

By the 90s, many GP38s were worn down and ready for a rebuild. Many roads either sold them to leasing companies or elected to rebuild them to Dash 2 standards, some chopping the high hoods down. With the reduction of many four-axle locomotives on class one rosters, many of these locomotives can still be found racking up miles on regional roads and shortlines. In fact, even some tourist and museums have GP38s!

### That "other" GP38 Locomotive features:

- Measured from a living GP38
- High short hood
- Road-specific details for each model
- Separately applied wire grabs
- Rapido's innovative dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- Appropriate cab or nose headlights
- Incredible underframe detail including traction motor cables, air filters and a silly number of separately-applied parts
- Multiple truck sideframes tooled
- Road-specific battery box doors
- Multiple dynamic-brake hatches and air filters
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- And much, much more!
- Operating headlights, rear lights, tri-colour class lights AND ditch lights and beacons (where appropriate).
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/ESU LokSound
- Highly detailed cab interior
- Correct fuel tank sizes per road number
- Multiple styles of stepwells. (ATSF has correct "Switcher-style steps)
- See-through, etched steps

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		w/Sound	<b>\$349.95</b>	USD
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**HO SCALE**

DEALER NAME:



## Santa Fe (Yellow Warbonnet - w/ Class Lights)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2321	38001 <input type="text"/>	38501 <input type="text"/>
2337	38002 <input type="text"/>	38502 <input type="text"/>



## Santa Fe (Yellow Warbonnet - w/o Class Lights)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2329	38003 <input type="text"/>	38503 <input type="text"/>
2346	38004 <input type="text"/>	38504 <input type="text"/>



## Baltimore & Ohio

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3801	38005 <input type="text"/>	38505 <input type="text"/>
3817	38006 <input type="text"/>	38506 <input type="text"/>
3824	38007 <input type="text"/>	38507 <input type="text"/>
3840	38008 <input type="text"/>	38508 <input type="text"/>



## CSX (Grey / "g" Scheme)

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2015	38009 <input type="text"/>	38509 <input type="text"/>
2039	38010 <input type="text"/>	38510 <input type="text"/>



## CSX (Grey & Blue / "b" Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2013	38011 <input type="text"/>	38511 <input type="text"/>



## CSX (Grey, Blue & Black / "s" Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2046	38012 <input type="text"/>	38512 <input type="text"/>



## Southern (High Nose)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2754	38013 <input type="text"/>	38513 <input type="text"/>
2771	38014 <input type="text"/>	38514 <input type="text"/>
2785	38015 <input type="text"/>	38515 <input type="text"/>
2797	38016 <input type="text"/>	38516 <input type="text"/>



## Norfolk Southern (High Nose w/Ditch Lights)

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2783	38019 <input type="text"/>	38519 <input type="text"/>
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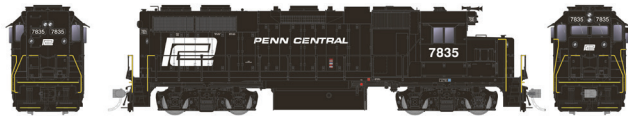
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## Penn Central

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

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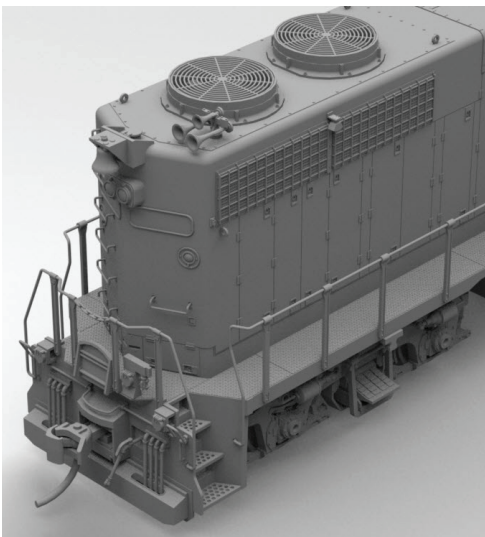
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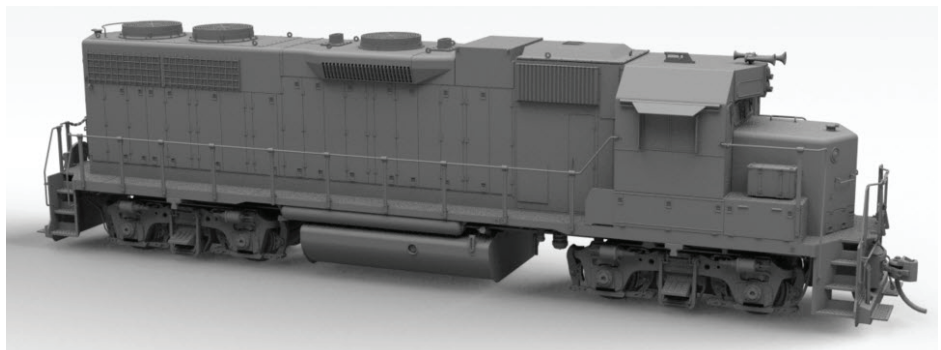


## BNSF (H1 Scheme)

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*Penn Central 3D render.*



*Southern 3D render.*

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# ACF PD3500 FLEXI FLO HOPPER BY RAPIDO



H. E. BROUSE PHOTO (RUDY GARBELY COLLECTION)

**MSRP**

2-Pack	\$89.90 US	\$109.90 CAD
3-Pack	\$134.85 US	\$164.85 CAD
6-Pack	\$269.70 US	\$329.70 CAD
Single Car	\$44.95 US	\$54.95 CAD

Built between August 1964 and June 1966 the American Car & Foundry (ACF) 3500 cu. ft. covered hopper was an early innovator in pressure differential unloading and a marketing masterclass thanks to the "Flexi Flo" tag coined by the car's biggest customer, the New York Central railroad.

Other than seven cars built for Shippers Car Line (SHPX), a subsidiary of ACF, the NYC was the only purchaser of the PD3500. They made up for it in quantities, with a total of 220 cars rolling off the Milton, Pennsylvania, production line over three subtly different batches.

Through the Penn Central years, plenty made it through with their full NYC paint continuing to be exposed to the elements with nothing more than reporting mark and number patches. The Conrail era meant many cars were repatched again, making them rolling billboards in north-eastern railroad history! Many others were fully repainted, with Conrail applying at least three different schemes.

By the 1980s and 1990s, most remaining cars would be transferred to Conrail's Merchants Despatch Transportation Co. (MDTX) subsidiary, and then the later sale of cars to NAHX (for Lafarge), gaining new full paint schemes and being seen throughout North America. By the 2000s, patchouts were the norm with a plethora of different reporting marks popping up and no part of the USA or Canada was off limits to seeing these unique cars continue to earn their keep.

Many cars were still in use well into the mid 2010s, only being ultimately retired due to rules regarding age of cars used in interchange service.

**The Rapido N Scale Flexi Flo Hopper includes:**

- Two uniquely-different body styles - Early and Late
- Unique 125-Ton Barber S-2 trucks
- Etched metal running boards
- Injection-moulded grab irons
- Fully detailed underbody with full discharge piping and brake equipment
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ACF PD3500

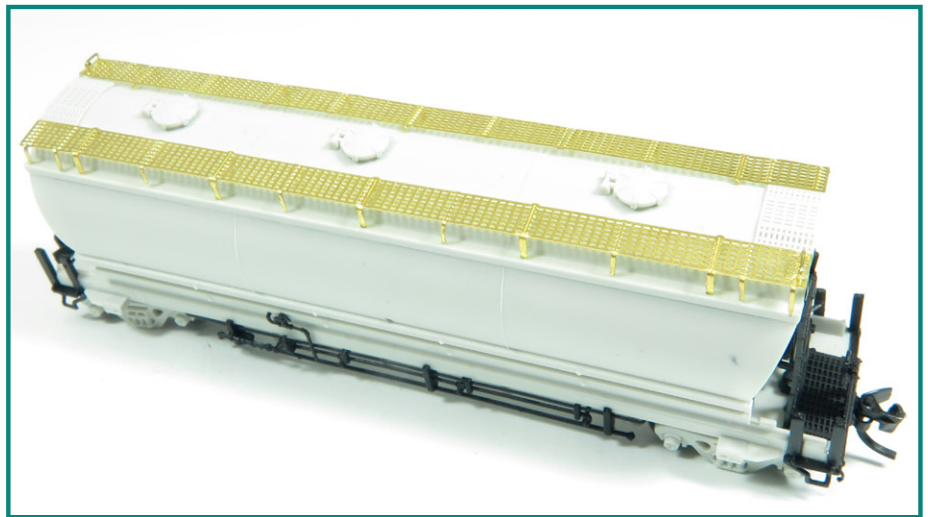
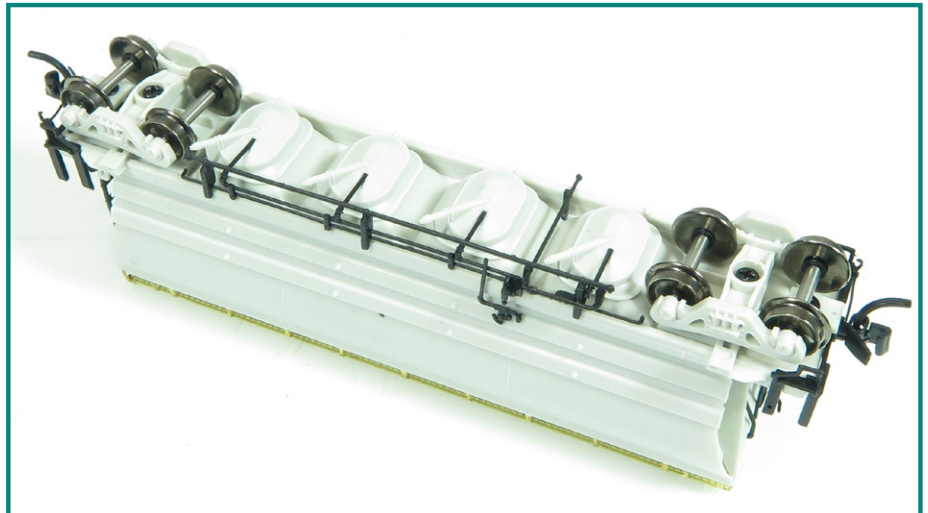
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# ACF PD3500 FLEXI FLO HOPPER

DEALER  
NAME

## FMC CHEMICALS (SHPX)



Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533001A  
Item #  
3-PACK  533001  
Car Numbers:  
76002, 76004, 76006  
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

## NEW YORK CENTRAL (EARLY)



Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533002A  
Item #  
6-PACK  533002  
Car Numbers:  
885800, 885804, 885809, 885811, 885818, 885823  
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

## NEW YORK CENTRAL (LATE)



Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533003A  
Item #  
6-PACK  533003  
Car Numbers:  
885685, 885702, 885719, 885733, 885760, 885774  
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## PENN CENTRAL (FLEXI-FLO REPAINT)



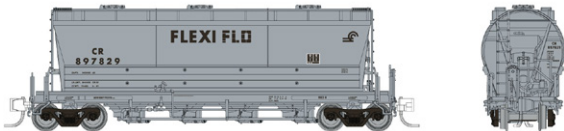
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6-PACK  533004  
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## PENN CENTRAL (EX NYC PATCH)



Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533005A  
Item #  
6-PACK  533005  
Car Numbers:  
897802, 897808, 897812, 897813, 897815, 897823  
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

## CONRAIL (FLEXI-FLO REPAINT)



Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533006A  
Item #  
6-PACK  533006  
Car Numbers:  
897829, 897838, 897848, 897865, 897871, 897894  
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

## CONRAIL (BILLBOARD REPAINT)



Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533007A  
Item #  
2-PACK  533007  
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## CONRAIL (REPAINT)



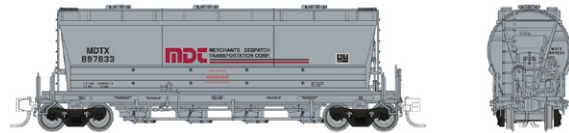
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Item #  
6-PACK  533008  
Car Numbers:  
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## SCALE TEST CARS (PENN CENTRAL, CONRAIL)



Item #  
2-PACK  533009  
Car Numbers:  
Penn Central 80019, Conrail 80027

## MERCHANTS DESPATCH (MDTX)



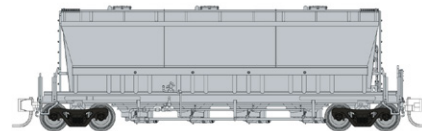
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6-PACK  533010  
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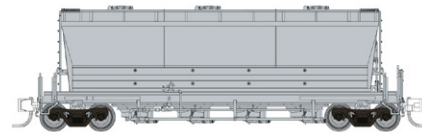


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Item #  
6-PACK  533011  
Car Numbers:  
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(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

## PAINTED, UNLETTERED



Early Style



Late Style

Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533098  
Item #  
SINGLE CAR  533099  
Early Style  
Late Style

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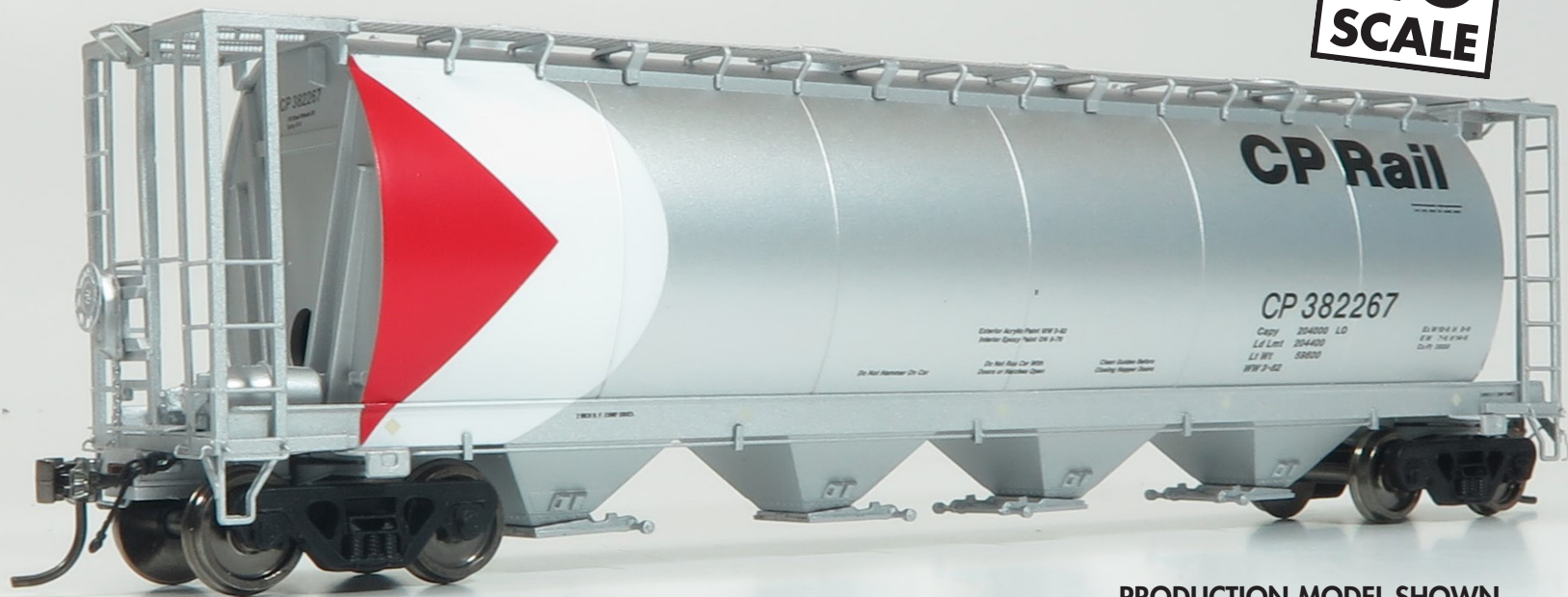


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# 3800 CU FT COVERED HOPPER

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## BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

They're back, again! The famous Rapido 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers make a triumphant ~THIRD~ return with new road numbers and paint schemes!

Once again Rapido aims to rid layouts and displays of the multitudes of 4550 cu.ft. covered hopper car models incorrectly decorated to represent this true Canuck classic! And best of all, it features all of the same great features from our last run, including crisp lettering and laser-straight etched roofwalks.

The prototype cars were designed for carrying bulk commodities like powdered minerals and industrial chemicals, including cement and potash. They are 100-tons in capacity with four hopper compartments totaling 3800-3850 cubic feet and are fitted with either round or trough hatches. Examples were built by all three of the major car builders in

Canada – Marine Industries, Hawker-Siddeley and National Steel Car – and they have traveled to every corner of Canada and the contiguous United States.

Apart from the main carriers such as Canadian National and Canadian Pacific - which together acquired over 4,500 cars between 1965 and 1975 - close to a thousand cars were built for leasing companies, including North American Car Canada (NCHX), Canpotex (PTEX) and Procor (UNPX), while CGLX, NAHX, and more recently WREX, later acquired fleets secondhand. Many of these are still in service today.

The Rapido model has been scaled from manufacturer drawings and includes alternative parts allowing us to represent the majority of differences between the Marine Industries (MIL) and National Steel Car (NSC) constructed cars.

### Features include:

- Round-hatch or Trough-hatch design
- Correct Dofasco S-2 100-ton trucks
- Two body variations with 6- or 11-side panels
- Three brake equipment variations and optional additional air reservoir on NSC cars (if applicable)
- Etched running boards and brake changeover platform
- Factory-installed air pipes and coupler cut levers
- Finely moulded plastic walkway supports and end cages
- Full separate air piping and brake equipment details

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### Canadian National - Delivery Scheme

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #3	369404, 369461,	Single Car	Road #
127023	369490, 369522,	127023A	Randomly Selected
	369572, 369610		



### Canadian National - Noodle (White)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #2	369376, 369504,	Single Car	Road #
127024	369807, 371673,	127024A	Randomly Selected
	371767, 371946		



### Canadian National - CNLX

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
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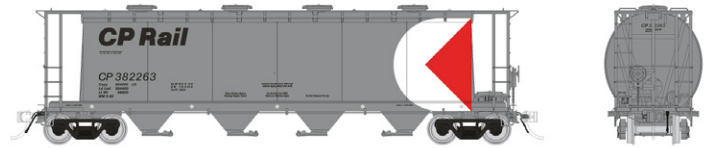
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6-Pack #4	382509, 382521,	Single Car	Road #
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	382637, 382676		



### Canadian Pacific - Multimark

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
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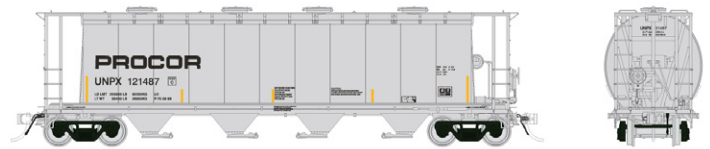
### Canadian Pacific - Multimark (Silver Repaint)

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	382336, 382416		



### TH&B - Delivery Scheme

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #2	1501, 1508,	Single Car	Road #
127029	1515, 1520,	127029A	Randomly Selected
	1537, 1547		



### Procor - Black Logo

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #1	121423, 121428,	Single Car	Road #
127030	121459, 121466,	127030A	Randomly Selected
	121475, 121487		



### Potash Corp (Orange)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #2	1007, 1013,	Single Car	Road #
127031	1018, 1028,	127031A	Randomly Selected
	1039, 1044		



### Canpotex (Grey)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #2	38211, 38232,	Single Car	Road #
127032	38240, 38259,	127032A	Randomly Selected
	38277, 38285		



### Cementos Anahuac del Golfo

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #1	71, 78, 83, 89,	Single Car	Road #
127033	94, 100	127033A	Randomly Selected

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Dear Rapido Customer,

Apparently, it's hot outside. But guess what? The August newsletter is packed full of hot information, too! So, without wasting any more time, Rapido News 155...starts...right...**NOW!**

### **Rapido Open House - Illinois Railway Museum, October 2022**

- Your Second Reminder... We Really Want to See You!

### **New Announcements!**

- NEW! HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hopper
- NEW! N Scale ACF Flexi Flo Covered Hopper
- New GP38 Sample Photos!

### **Second Section**

- New Procor 5820 Hopper Production Samples!
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  - Time to Ride the Rails - Jason's Travelog
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*Ready to enjoy a day at the IRM? Photo courtesy of Drew Hartmann.*

## **Rapido Open House - Illinois Railway Museum!**

Have you booked your trip to the [Illinois Railway Museum](#), yet? Don't forget on Sunday, October 2nd, and Monday, October 3rd, we will be hosting our public and dealer open houses! Mark your calendars now!

- Sunday, October 2nd is our general public **Rapido Meet and Greet**. We will have a display set up with all our latest samples, and you can come meet members of the Rapido team to talk trains. We come free with the price of admission! So, all the regular activities of the museum will be at your disposal as well. We'll be there for the regular museum hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please join us!
- Monday, October 3rd is our **US Dealer Open House**. Dealers - please come and bring your families to take part in a fun Rapido day out. We have exclusive use of the museum, we'll have trolley rides, and of course our delicious hot kosher lunch. We'll be announcing new products in a live stream from the open house, and we will give all visitors 5% off preorders for new products and 10% off our available stock list. We also offer travel credits for those of you coming from away.
- **Dealers:** you should have received an email from us with more details. If you never received one, please feel free to email us and we'll add you to the list. Once you have received your email, please let our order team know you're coming! Because it is a catered event, RSVPs are essential.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the IRM in October!



## Re-Run! HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hopper

The [HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers](#) are back! And they return **READY TO BUY!** This is a surprise run and are currently in transit to the warehouse as you read this. This means: get your orders in **ASAP!** Limited edition, available first-come, first-served - this is not a pre-order announcement!

We even have a video for these cars. [Click here](#) or the photo below to watch!

# 3800 HOPPERS 3RD RUN



WATCH THE  
VIDEO ON  
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*Click on the image above to watch the video!*



*This view of the [Credit Valley Railway](#) exclusive patched TH&B hopper shows off all of that great detail.*



*New paint scheme! CP silver!*



*A CP hopper with the classic Multimark design.*

The prototype [3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers](#) were designed for carrying bulk commodities like powdered minerals and industrial chemicals, including cement and potash. They are 100-tons in capacity with four hopper compartments totaling 3800-3850 cubic feet and are fitted with either round or

trough hatches. These cars have travelled to every corner of Canada and the United States. (Alaska, too!)



*Salmon red, a staple of Potash hoppers.*



*A later Procor version. You can never have too many!*



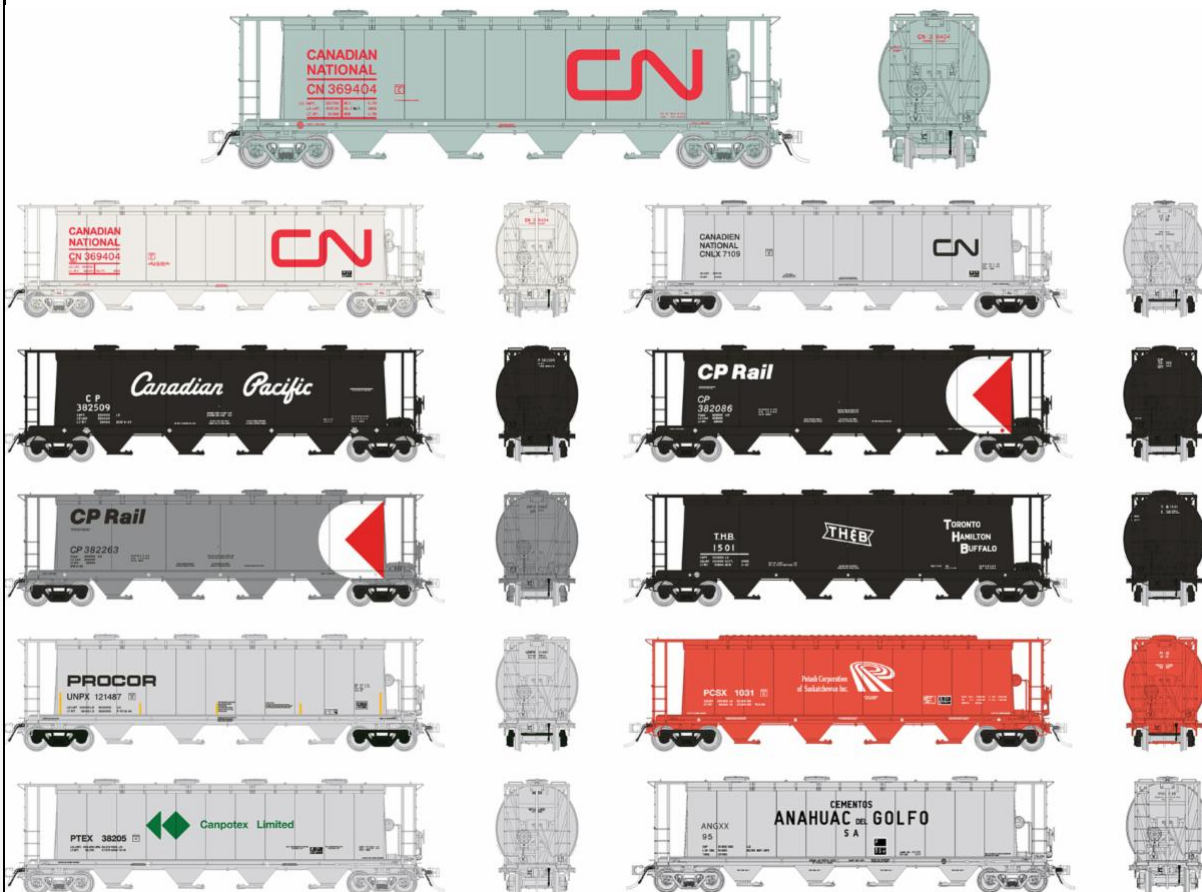
¿Qué es esto?

Our [HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hopper](#) model features:

- Marine Industries or National Steel Car prototype, as per roadname
- Round hatches or trough hatches
- Correct Dofasco S-2 100-ton trucks
- Three brake equipment variations and additional air reservoir on NSC cars (if applicable)
- Etched-metal running boards and brake changeover platform
- Factory-installed air pipes and coupler cut levers
- Finely moulded plastic walkway supports (two styles) and end cages

As mentioned above, Credit Valley Railway is doing an exclusive version of the TH&B patched scheme. [Click here](#) to visit their website.

Ready to check out the 3800 Hopper Car schemes? Scroll down, you'll recognize the ones returning, but we've added a few new ones, too!



Of course, you need to look through the 3800 Hopper catalogue! Click the photo below to open the PDF.

## 3800 CU FT COVERED HOPPER

**HO  
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PRODUCTION MODEL SHOWN

### BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

They're back, again! The famous Rapido 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers make a triumphant return with new road numbers and paint schemes!

Once again Rapido aims to rid layouts and displays of the multitudes of 4550 cu.ft. covered hopper car models incorrectly decorated to represent this true Canuck classic! And best of all, it features all of the same great features from our last run, including crisp lettering and laser-etched roofwalks.

The prototype cars were designed for carrying bulk commodities like powdered minerals and industrial chemicals, including cement and potash. They are 100 tons in capacity with four hopper compartments totaling 3800-3850 cubic feet and are fitted with either round or trough hatches. Examples were built by all three of the major car builders in

Canada - Marine Industries, Hawker Siddley and National Steel Car - and they have travelled to every corner of Canada and the contiguous United States.

Apart from the main carriers such as Canadian National and Canadian Pacific which together acquired over 4,500 cars between 1965 and 1975 - close to a thousand cars - were built for leasing companies, including North American Car Canada (NCHX), Canpotex (PTX) and Procor (UNPX), while CGLX, NAHX and more recently WREX, later acquired fleets secondhand. Many of these are still in service today.

The Rapido model has been scaled from manufacturer drawings and includes alternative parts allowing us to represent the majority of differences between the Marine Industries (MI), and National Steel Car (NSC) constructed cars.

#### Features include:

- Roundhatch or Troughhatch design
- Correct Dofasco S-2 100-ton trucks
- Two body variations with 6- or 11-side panels
- Three brake equipment variations and optional additional air reservoir on NSC cars (if applicable)
- Etched running boards and brake changeover platform
- Factory-installed air pipes and coupler cut levers
- Finely moulded plastic walkway supports and end cages
- Full separate air piping and brake equipment details

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The [HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers](#) won't last long on the shelves, so make sure you reserve yours today before they're gone! Head over to our website or order through your favourite dealer today. Remember, quantities will be limited!



*Pre-production samples. Models are subject to revisions.*

## NEW! N Scale ACF Flexi Flo Covered Hopper

Built between August 1964 and June 1966 the American Car & Foundry (ACF) 3500 cu.ft. covered hopper was an early innovator in pressure differential unloading and a marketing masterclass thanks to the "[Flexi Flo](#)" tag coined by the car's biggest customer, the New York Central Railroad. A total of 220 cars were built at Milton, Pennsylvania by ACF.



Want to watch the video about the N Scale Flexi Flo? [Click here](#) or the photo below.

# FLEXI-FLO HOPPERS



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VIDEO ON  
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*Those reporting marks will certainly have you seeing double.*

Still new at the time of the Penn Central merger, many cars were simply patched with PC prefix and logo and renumbered. However, plenty made it

through those turbulent years with their full NYC paint untouched. Under Conrail many cars were patch painted again. Some others were repainted, with Conrail applying at least three different schemes.

In fact, did you know that many of these [Flexi Flo Hoppers](#) were still in use well into the mid 2010s? The reason the majority was retired as the fleet hit the federal age limit for interchange service.



*One of the most detailed cars in N Scale!  
Pre-production samples. Models are subject to revisions.*

Here are the [N Scale Flexi Flo Hopper](#) features:

- Two uniquely-different body styles - Early and Late
- Unique 125-Ton Barber S-2 trucks
- Etched metal running boards
- Injection-molded grab irons
- Fully detailed underbody with full discharge piping and brake equipment
- Factory-installed air pipes and coupler cut levers
- Available in singles and multi-packs

Ready to see **ALL 12** schemes plus two painted, unlettered cars being offered on the initial run? Scroll on down.



PRELIMINARY ARTWORK AND DRAWINGS. SUBJECT TO CHANGES OR REVISIONS BEFORE PRODUCTION.

The super-duper Flexi Flo catalog is here to guide you through the many road and item numbers we are offering. Click the photo below to open the PDF.

**N SCALE** ACF PD3500 **FLEXI FLO** HOPPER BY RAPIDO

**MSRP**

2-Pack	\$89.90 US	\$109.90 CAD
3-Pack	\$134.85 US	\$164.85 CAD
6-Pack	\$269.70 US	\$329.70 CAD
Single Car	\$44.95 US	\$54.95 CAD

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Built between August 1964 and June 1966 the American Car & Foundry (ACF) 3500 cu. ft. covered hopper was an early innovator in pressure differential unloading and a marketing masterclass thanks to the "Flexi Flo" tag coined by the car's biggest customer, the New York Central railroad.

Other than seven cars built for Shippers Car Line (SHPL), a subsidiary of ACF, the NYC was the only purchaser of the PD3500. They made up for it in quantities, with a total of 220 cars rolling off the Milton, Pennsylvania, production line over three subtly different batches.

Through the Penn Central years, plenty made it through with their full NYC paint continuing to be exposed to the elements with nothing more than reporting mark and number patches. The Conrail era meant many cars were repatched again, making them rolling billboards in north-eastern railroad history! Many others were fully repainted, with Conrail applying at least three different schemes.

By the 1980s and 1990s, most remaining cars would be transferred to Conrail's Merchants Despatch Transportation Co. (MDTX) subsidiary, and then the later sale of cars to NAKH (for Lafarge), gaining new full paint schemes and being seen throughout North America. By the 2000s, patchouts were the norm with a plethora of different reporting marks popping up and no part of the USA or Canada was off limits to seeing these unique cars continue to earn their keep.

Many cars were still in use well into the mid 2010s, only being ultimately retired due to rules regarding age of cars used in interchange service.

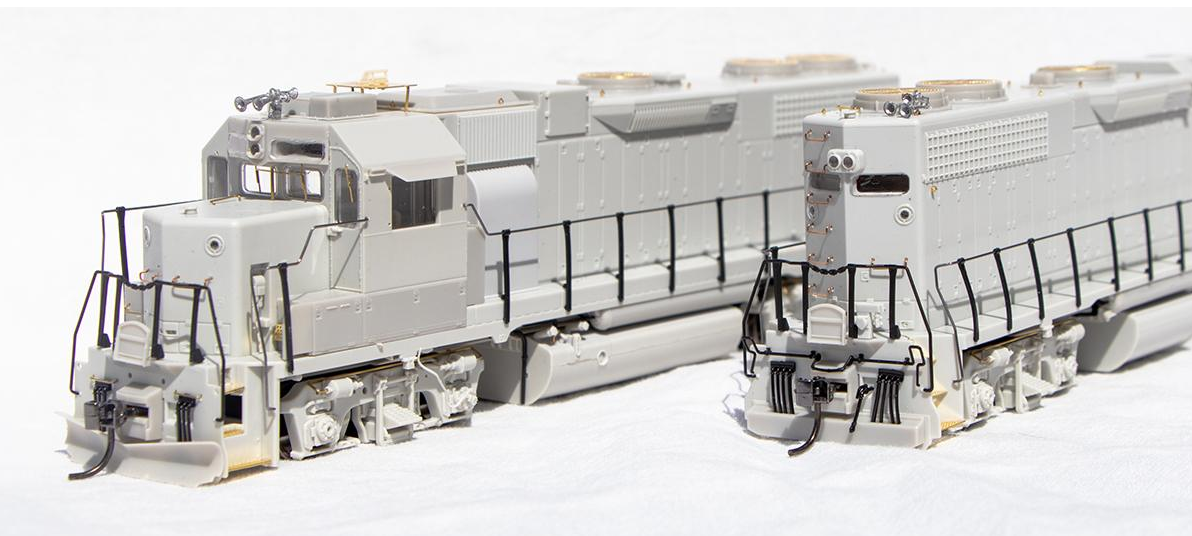
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Ready to start those orders for the [N Scale ACF Flexi Flo Covered Hopper?](#) The order deadline is November 15th, 2022. These samples need very little work done to them so we're just about ready to roll. Please order yours today!



*Beauty new samples! Note the one on the right got squished on the way from the factory. The stanchions will be straight like the one on the left.*

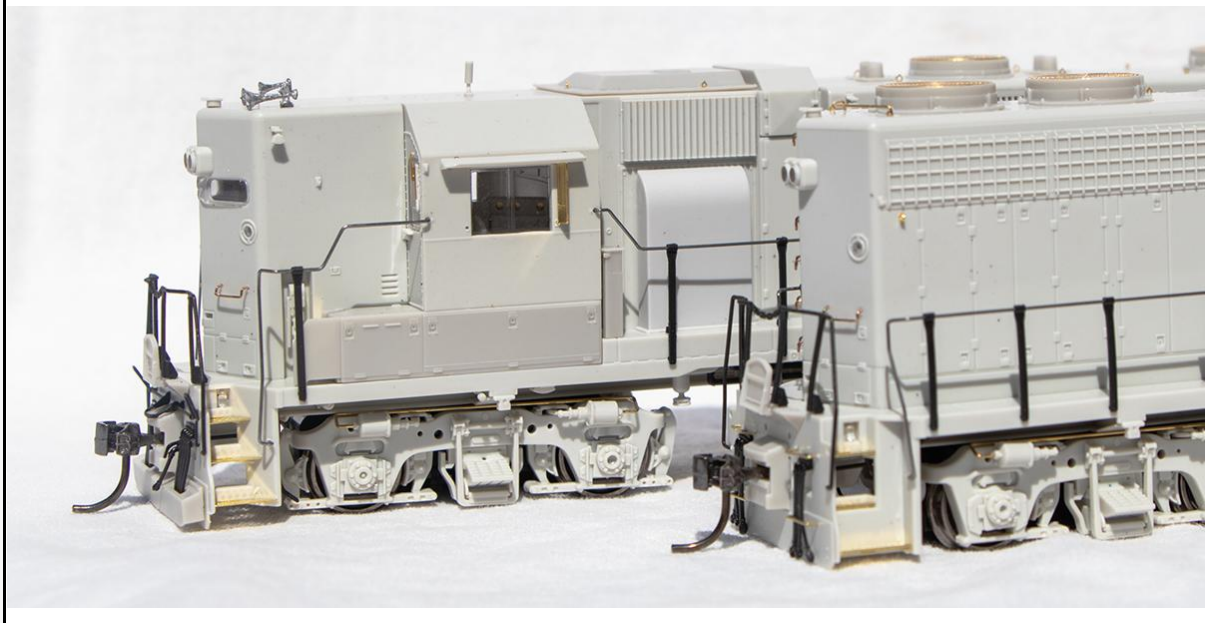
Stop the press! We have BRAND NEW [HO Scale GP38 Locomotive](#) samples to show you! These are **VERY EARLY** production samples, so many things can and will change before final production.



*Pre-production samples. Models are subject to revisions.*

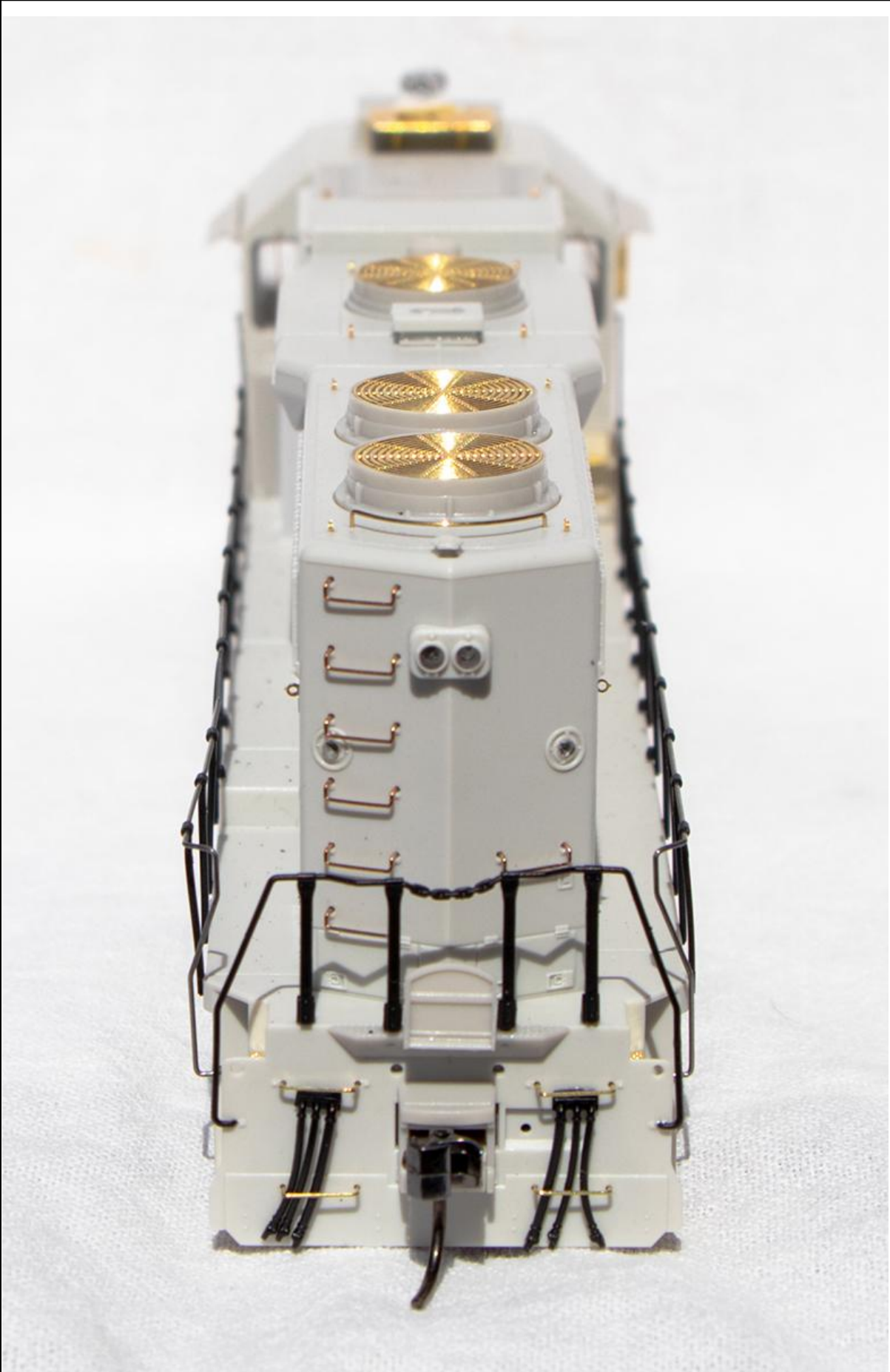


*Note the metal handrails in scale-sized plastic stanchions!*

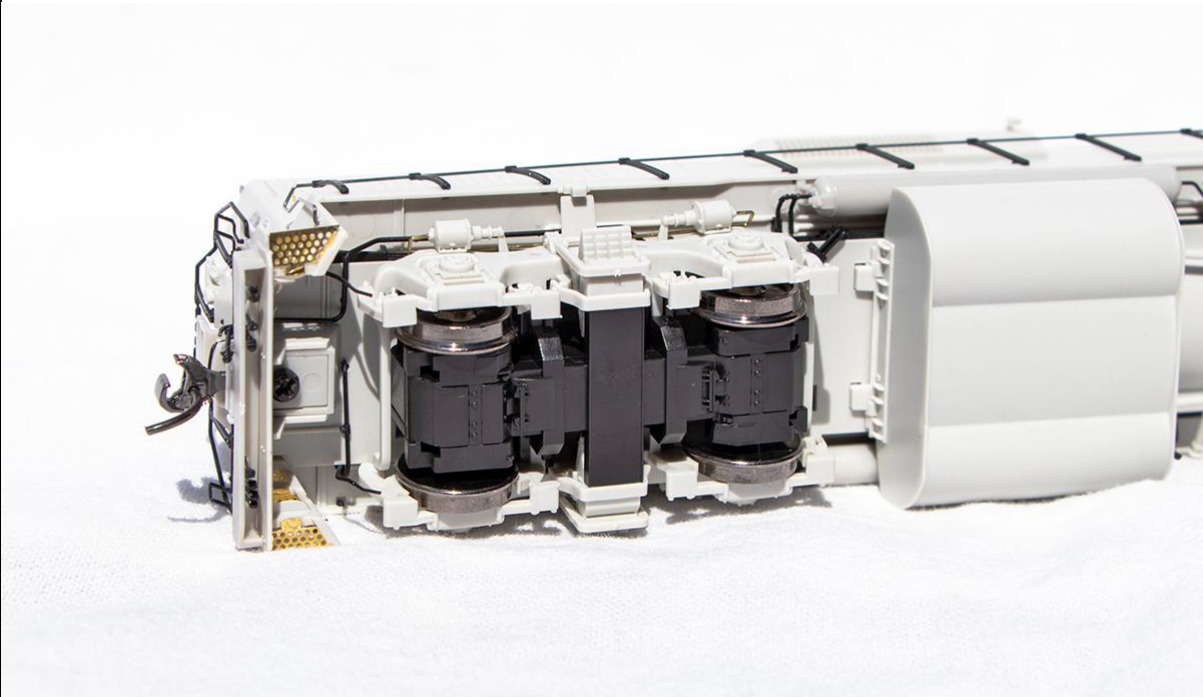
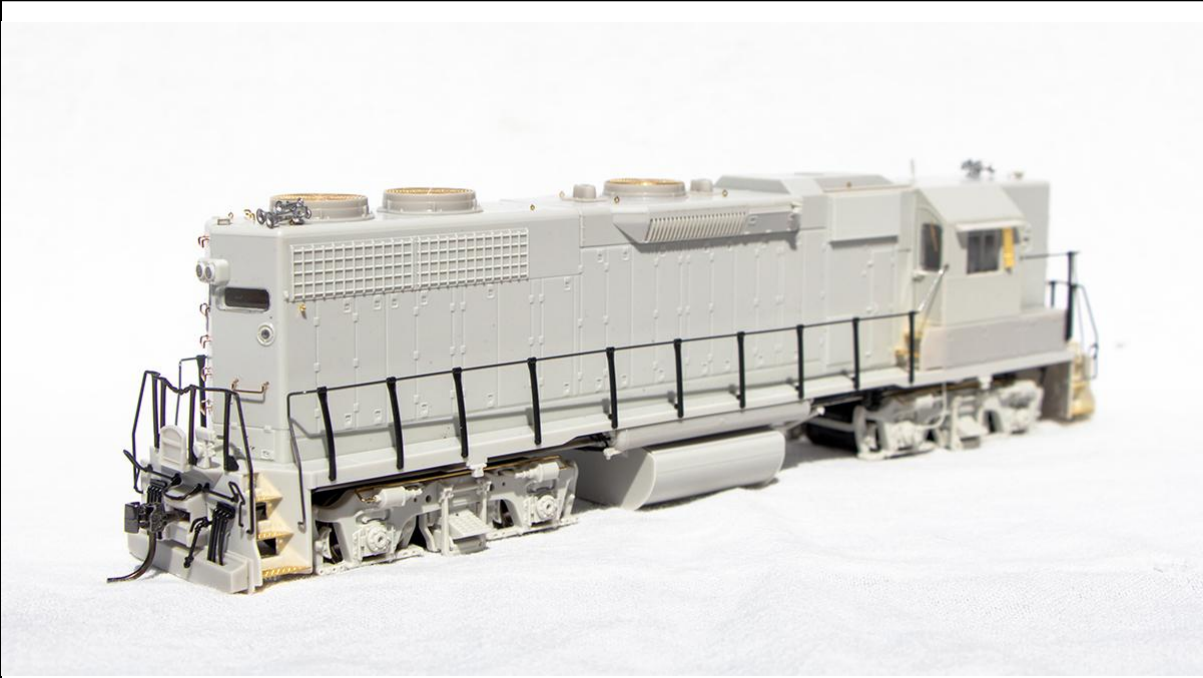


*Pre-production samples. Models are subject to revisions.*





*Pre-production samples. Models are subject to revisions.*



*TRACTION MOTOR DETAIL!!!  
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Need to see the GP38 catalog again? You're in luck! Click the photo below to open the PDF.





The GP38. That "other" Geep you've been waiting for! At long last there is a proto-specific, dynamically detailed, Electro-Motive General Purpose "38" class locomotive. And it only took 50 years since the last straight 38 rolled out of La Grange, Illinois. This venerable locomotive packed 2,000 hp, low or high short hoods and paved the way for future "GP" models to follow. 706 of these four-axle beasts were manufactured at EMD's La Grange Plant, at the heart of railroad world. Of the 706 built, Penn Central, B&O and Southern were the largest purchasers of this model. Southern's were unique in that they continued an age-old tradition of ordering high short hoods for added crew safety. Their eye-pleasing black, white and gold striping along with their harmonious Nathan P horns certainly made them fan favorites.

By the 90s, many GP38s were worn down and ready for a rebuild. Many roads either sold them to leasing companies or elected to rebuild them to Dash 2 standards, some chopping the high hoods down. With the reduction of many four-axle locomotives on class one rosters, many of these locomotives can still be found rocking up miles on regional roads and shortlines. In fact, even some tourist and museums have GP38s!

**That "other" GP38 Locomotive features:**

- Measured from a living GP38
- Road-specific details for each model
- Rapido's innovative dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
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		w/Sound	<b>\$379.95</b> CAD



There's still plenty of time to order the [HO Scale GP38 Locomotive](#) as we have not yet announced the order deadline. But we're getting closer to announcing one! Keep tabs on a future newsletter for that.

# SECOND SECTION



## Second Section - August 2022

Lots of new videos, a show report and a surprise! Let's go!



# July 29-30!

## ST. LOUIS RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET

Now let's hand it over to Matt for a quick review on the [St. Louis RPM](#) he attended with Dan Darnell in July.

**MATT:** Thanks Bobby!

What to say about the 2022 St. Louis RPM meet? I honestly don't remember the St. Louis RPM ever being so well attended. This year the hall had been expanded for more room from previous years and, from what I saw, the space was filled! Why don't I know for sure? Because you, the modelers, came out in force so neither Dan Darnell nor I could get away long enough to check out the whole show. *And that's the way we likes it!*

As usual we had our tables chock full of new product which always leads to great conversations. The new [GP38 Locomotive](#) and [NSC Centerbeam](#) samples had arrived, quite literally, 20 minutes before I departed for Collinsville. So those models were a surprise for the meet.

Many attendees continue to offer their expertise on prototypes and the usual product suggestions. I know I have already been in contact with a few of these people for future product releases! Without them, our models would be good but not as good as they are. And for that, we thank you!

Back to you, Bobby!

**BOBBY:** Thanks, Matt! Good to know the show went well!

## Procor 5820 Hoppers - Production Samples!



Did anyone notice those [HO Scale Procor 5820 Hoppers](#) in the photos above? Let's take a closer look at these beauties!



*Here's the BF Goodrich scheme. That red and blue logo contrasts nicely on the gray.*



*The black Procor hopper.*



*Check out all of the detail the Procor 5820 hopper has to offer!*



*You'll need many of these cars to depict accurate plastics operations.*



*Those Procor hoppers look great!*



Most of the [Procor 5820 Hoppers](#) are sold out, but we have a few left. Please visit our website or speak to your dealer before they are all gone!

# H16-44 3D SCANNING



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**New Videos!**

Want to see what was involved with the [HO Scale H16-44 3D](#) scan? Everything you need to know is in the video!

[Click Here](#) or the photo above to watch.



The [HO Scale Bilevels](#) are here! That means a brand-new unboxing video is in-store for you. Watch as Josh points out all of the features of this awesome car.

[Click Here](#) or the photo above to watch.



Ever wonder how to properly display your prized possessions in a display case? We didn't think so, but just in case you were wondering, Jeremy highlights everything you need to know about the **NEW AND IMPROVED**, more versatile [Long Display Case](#)!

[Click Here](#) or the photo above to watch.



How it all started for the creation of our very own book, [People Moving People: The History of VIA Rail Canada](#). Ride along with Jason and Jordan, aptly on board *The Ocean*, as they attempt to make a video about the new book. They failed miserably, but we think you will be entertained.

[Click Here](#) or the photo above to watch.





*Cargo Bay One, after the PAs arrived last week...*

## Shipping and Arrival Updates

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

- [N Scale B-100 Boxcars](#) - **Shipping NOW!**
- [HO Scale PA/PB Locomotives](#) - **Shipping NOW!**
- [HO Scale AutoFlood Hoppers](#) - **En route, arriving August**
- [HO Scale Amtrak E8 #4316](#) - **En route, arriving September**
- [HO Scale USRA Single-Sheathed Boxcar](#) - **En route, arriving September**
- [HO Scale CP Clone USRA Boxcar](#) - **En route, arriving September**
- [HO Scale 3800 Hoppers](#) - **En route, arriving September**
- [HO Scale Procor 5820 Hoppers](#) - **En route, arriving October**

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*As we mentioned last newsletter and the one before that...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.*

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## Factory and Tooling Updates

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





*[E8s](#) aplenty! The first shipment is leaving around August 20th, arriving here in late October or early November.*



*Ready to power your City of LA? These [UP E8s](#) are hopping to go!*



Check out that Trainphone antenna on the [PRR E8s!](#)



Nothing looks better than a green [Southern E8](#) pulling the Crescent!



The IC scheme really was a beauty! Even better on an [E8 Locomotive](#).



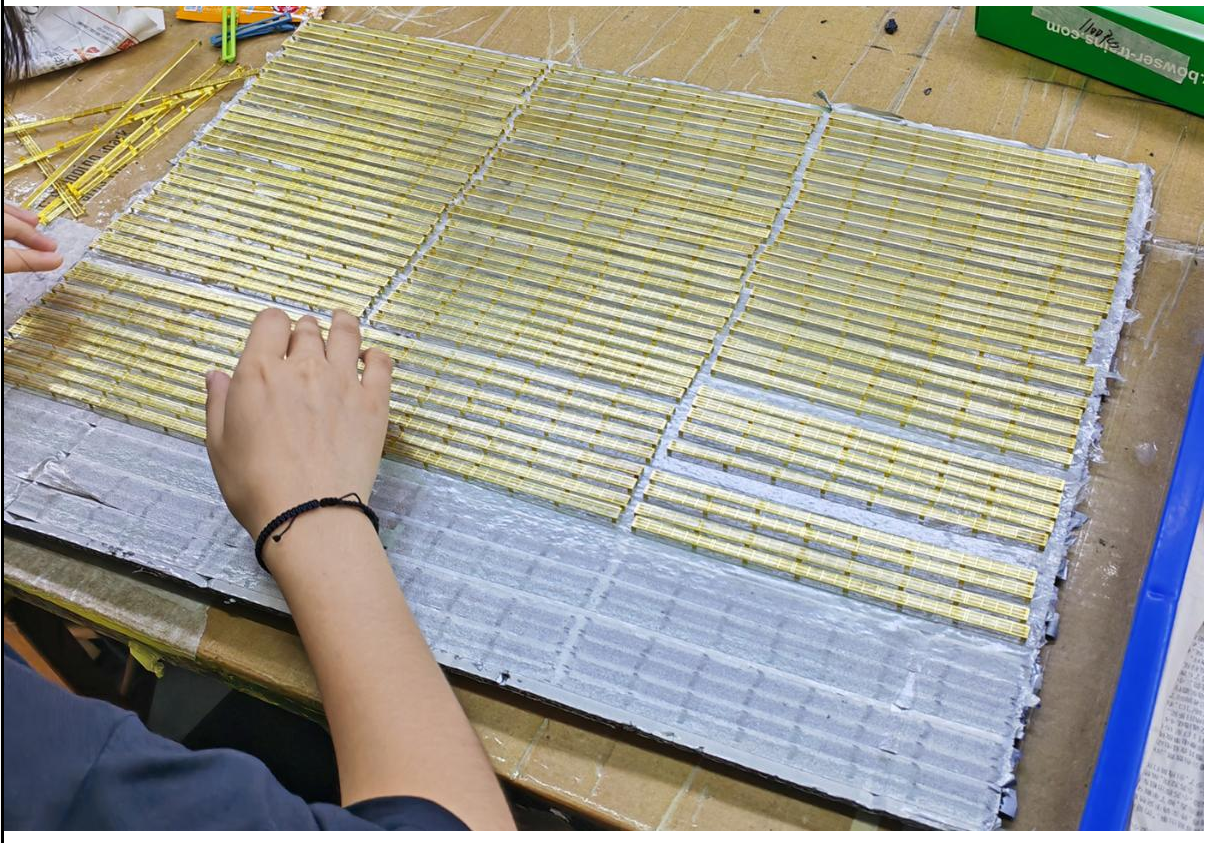
Lots of [E8 internal guts](#) and chassis here.



Here is a batch of [VIA Rails](#) being painted.



A [UP E8](#) gets some finer details applied.



E8 Loco GRILLES! They are being prepped for painting.



Classic Southern Pacific PAs!



The lightning stripe looks excellent on the sleek PA Locomotive lines.



The Rio Grande yellow really stands out on these PA Locomotives.



A contemporary New Haven [PA Locomotive](#).



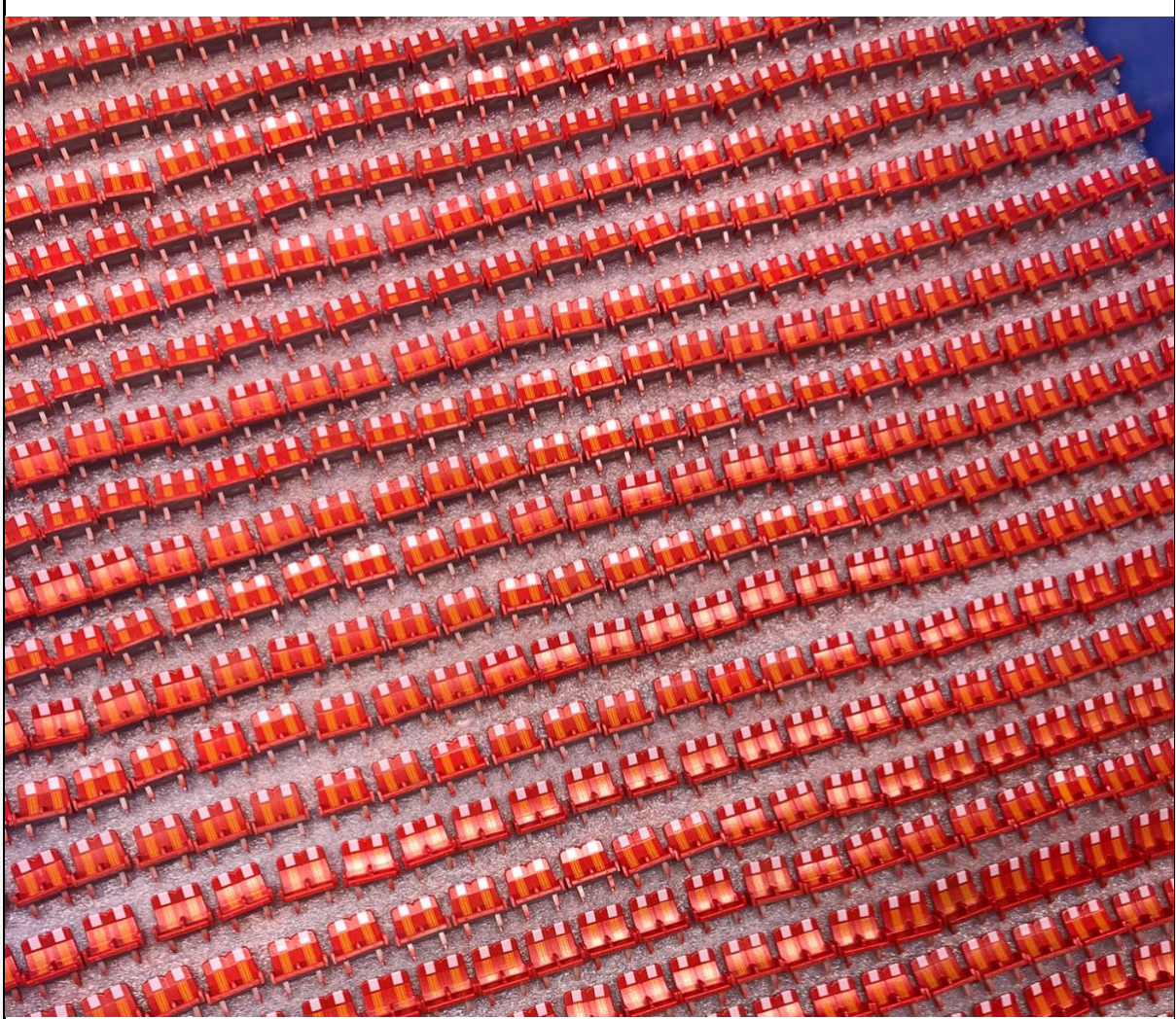
Check out this [Seaboard Manor Sleeper!](#)  
They should leave the factory by the end of the month.



A closer look at the detail on the [Manor Sleeper](#).

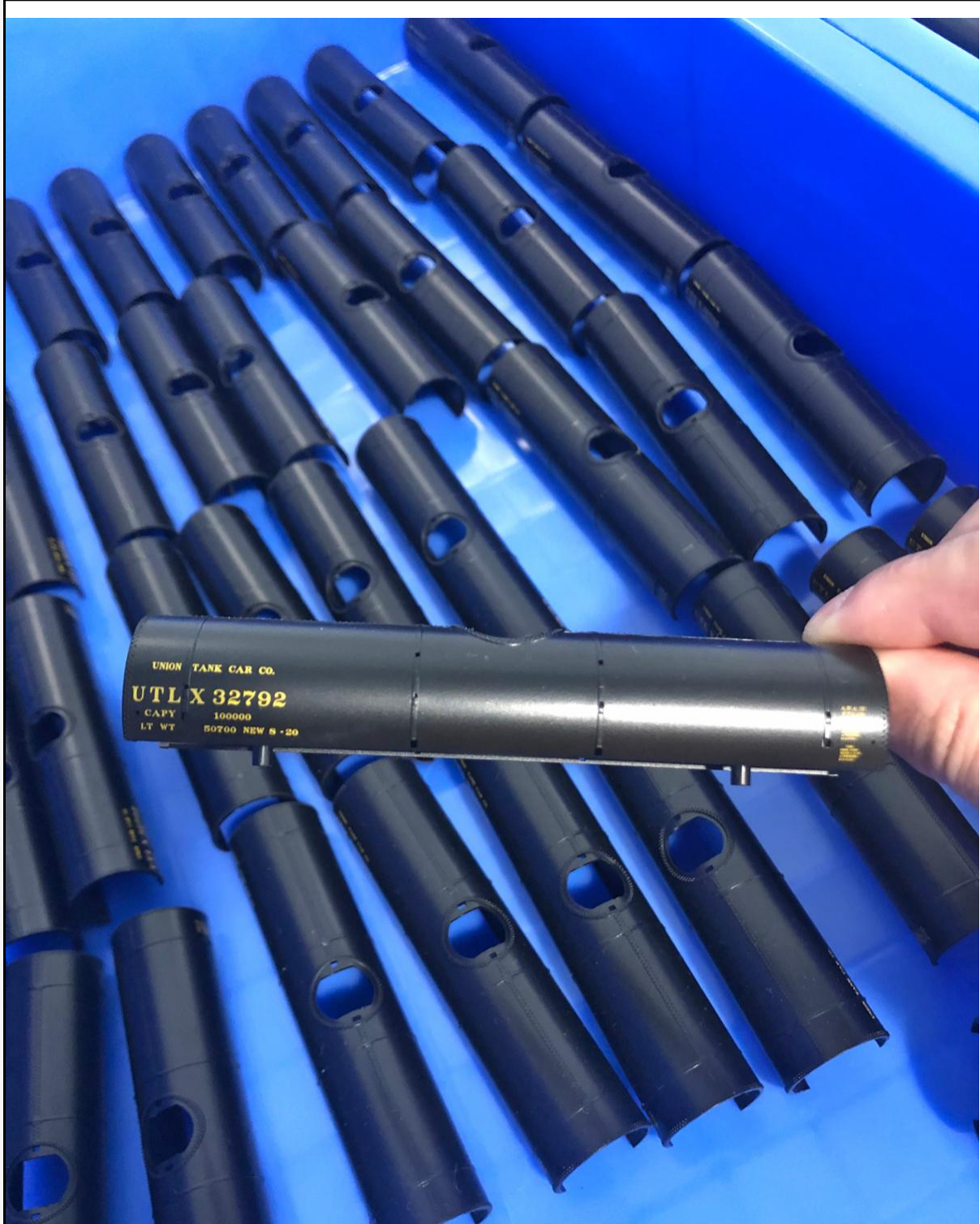


*It's the [RTL Turboliner](#)! It's about time! Jordan will be really happy!*



Check out all these [RTL Turboliner](#) seats! How many other manufacturers replicate the upholstery patterns on their models? Not many!





Ready to see the [UTLX X-3](#) Tank car? These are in the printing room.



Whoa, that's a lot of [X-3](#) end caps!



Jason's favorite [Budd Baggage-Dorm](#).



This [Budd Baggage-Dorm](#) means business.



An ACL [Budd Baggage-Dorm](#).



A Seaboard [Budd Baggage-Dorm](#).



And here are the first of the [Budd Baggage-Dorm Cars](#) all packed up and ready to be picked up!



## **Time to Ride The Rails**

**By Jason Shron**

I have a monthly column in [Railroad Model Craftsman](#), and I wrote the September article while on the train from Montreal to Toronto. I have to tell you - I was in the zone. It was a gorgeous day, the sun was behind me, and I was really caught up in the moment of riding one of my favourite trains on my favourite route.



*I've just gotten off my train from Montreal. That Samsonite suitcase is "ideally suited" for train travel...*

It got me thinking about train travel. Did you know that a lot of Canadian model railroaders have never been on a [VIA](#) train? Or that a lot of American model railroaders have never been on an [Amtrak](#) train? In my column, I urge my fellow modellers to make train travel a part of your vacation plans, even if there is no convenient train service in your state or province.



*The kids chill out in the drawing room on board The Ocean to Halifax.*

In February 2020, the kids and I had a reservation on [The Ocean](#) between Montreal and Halifax. Our train from Toronto was cancelled due to the tracks being blocked, so I got a one-way car rental and drove to Montreal. We managed to ride The Ocean, and I'm glad we did! COVID shut everything down the next month, and it was the last train we took for a long time! The only reason for our travel was to ride the train.





*Not many people were travelling in February 2020. We took over the Bullet Lounge in the Park Car and drew a city on construction paper. This was One. Awesome. Playroom.*

Over the last few weeks some of the [Rapido](#) crew have done the same thing - travel for the sake of taking the train. First Mohan, Jordan, Josh, My Two Dans and I went to Moncton to visit a friend who was retiring from a 45-year career at VIA Rail Canada.



*What a bunch of hosers!!!*

We rode home on [The Ocean](#), and we were very fortunate to be able to sleep in a Chateau sleeper, built in 1955 by Budd for [Canadian Pacific](#). I absolutely love Chateau sleepers. Riding in one of these is riding in history, and the upper roomette in a Chateau is my favourite sleeping accommodation in North America. It's just so cozy, and the ride quality is excellent.



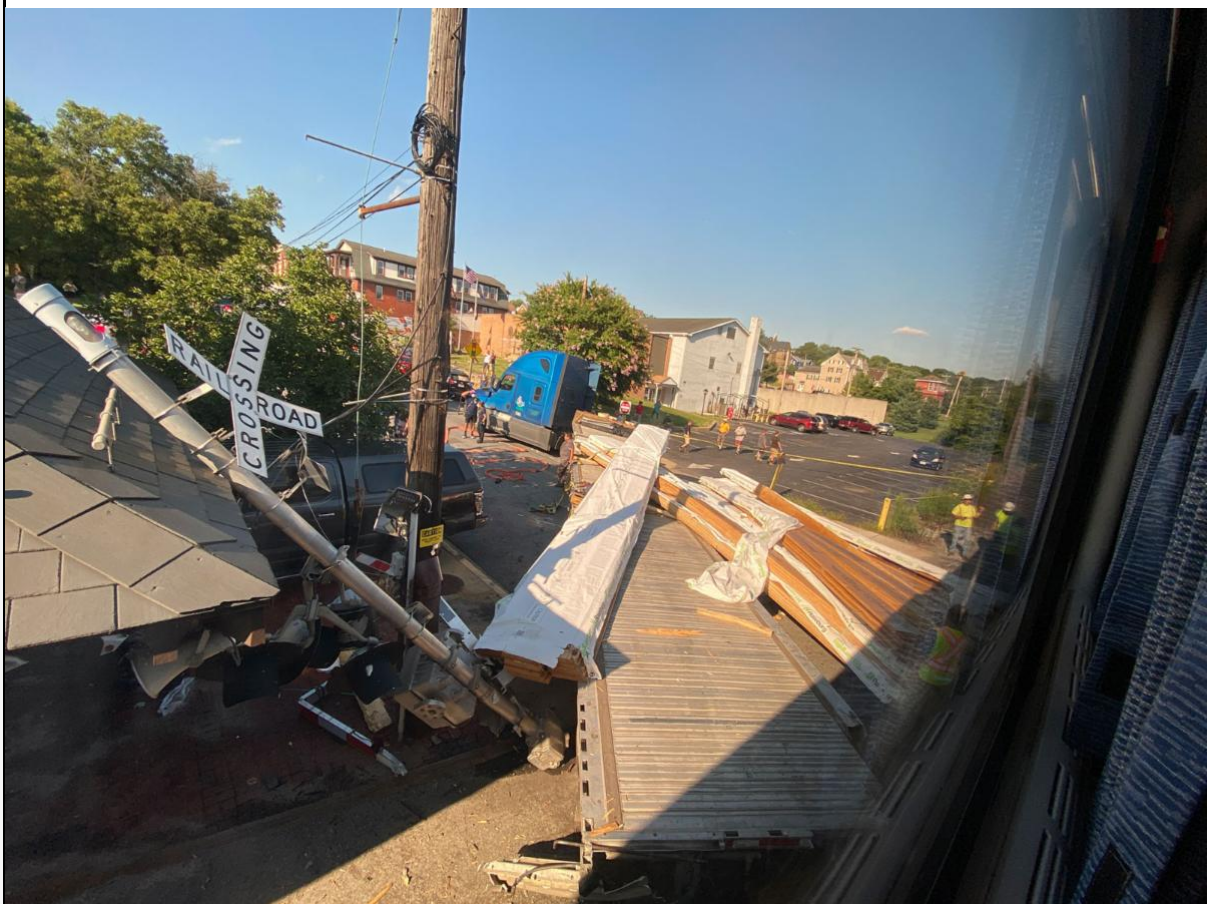
*Boaz and I are about to depart on the Acela from South Station.  
Yes, he's taller than I am now!*

At the end of July, I had to fly to Boston to pick up my son, Boaz, who was doing a summer program there. Obviously, the logical way to get home from Boston was to take the train to New York, then Washington, and then Chicago! This was an adventure! We took two trips in Acela, something I'd only done once before. [Rapido's](#) own Paul Cutler III managed to catch our train racing through Mansfield, MA at about 130 MPH:



*Our Acela roars through Mansfield. Photo by Paul Cutler III.*

Our trip on the [Capitol Limited](#) was my first on this train in 16 years, and my first time ever in a Superliner bedroom. I'd only travelled in roomettes and the family bedroom before. This was an exciting trip, not only for the great scenery and great people, but also because... we hit a truck!



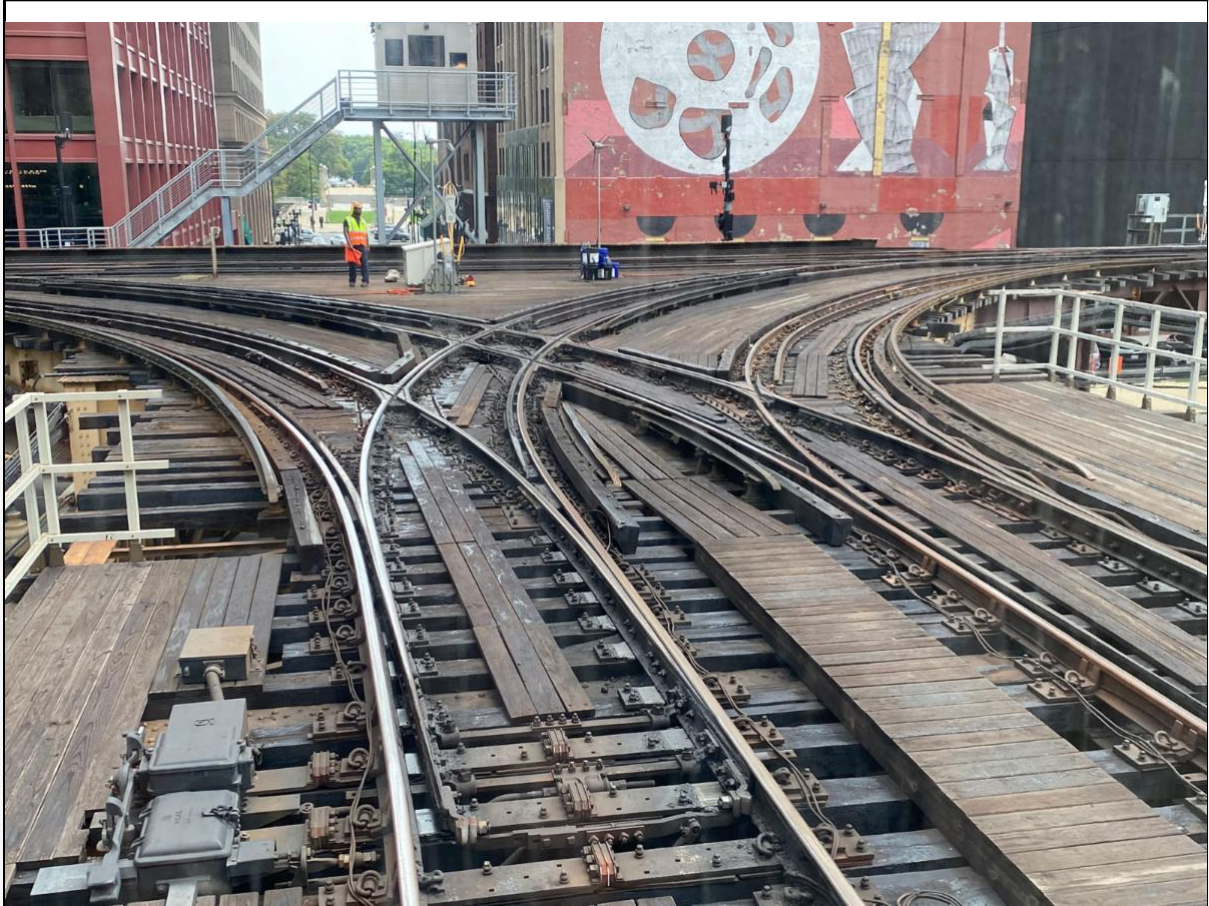
*Our train hit a flatbed in Brunswick, MD. The driver should not have crossed the tracks if there was not enough room for his truck on the other side.*

I've ridden hundreds of trains in my lifetime, and I have never had to say these words to my travelling companion: "What did we just hit?" Boaz watched it happen from our bedroom window. Thankfully, there was only one minor injury. Hats off to [Amtrak](#): we were only delayed by an hour and ten minutes. Once the emergency crews were satisfied that nobody on board was injured and the train crews were satisfied that the train wasn't damaged, we were off.



*Boaz enjoys the beautiful West Virginia landscape from our bedroom window.*

Do you know that in all the times I've been to the Chicago area, I've never actually toured around Chicago proper? The "L" is fantastic! There are only a handful of places in the world where can you go around ridiculous trainset curves, elevated above downtown streets. It's a cheap tour of a gorgeous city!



*The "L" tracks in Chicago are just madness!*



*The view from the El as it crosses the Chicago River on West Lake Street. Beautiful!*

As I'm writing this, the Shron family is packing for a trip on [The Canadian](#). We travel to Winnipeg several times a year and The Canadian is the travel method of choice for the kids and me, at least one way. This time we've actually booked both ways on #1 and #2. When Sidura's flights were arbitrarily cancelled by Air Canada and she was rebooked on flights at 5:30 in the morning, she turned to me and said, "Call VIA and get me a roomette." Maybe the train isn't so convenient for you. Maybe it doesn't go through your hometown or it takes longer than flying. As I hope you can see from this brief travelog, it is an absolutely wonderful way to travel. Please consider making travel on [VIA](#) or [Amtrak](#) a part of your next vacation or business trip. There is no better way to go.

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Thanks, Jason! Sounds like everyone had a good time aboard The Ocean. September is almost here, so we'll see you again soon!

Until then,

Bobby

**Bobby Allard**  
**The Grand Poohbah of Newsletter**  
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