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AMTRAK NPCU "CABBAGE"

MATT DONNELLY PHOTO

Rapido Trains Inc. is pleased to announce the second release of our Amtrak NPCU in HO Scale!

In the mid 1990s, Amtrak began a rebuild program to convert retired F40PH locomotives into Non-Powered Control Units (NPCUs) by removing the prime movers, with many having their now empty engine rooms converted to baggage areas. These NPCUs allow "push-pull" service and eliminated the need to turn trains at terminals or run locomotives at both ends of the train. The locomotive engineer controls the locomotive from the cab in the NPCU, much like purpose-built cab cars found on many commuter trains. Used on regional trains, these "Cabbages" as they have been coined by Railfans can be seen everywhere from California and Washington State to the Mid-west and even as far east as Maine! The majority of the NPCU fleet remains in service today.

In addition to the new road numbers for the first-release paint schemes, we are excited to add the much-requested Amtrak "Veterans" NPCU's #90208 and #90221 for the first time.

The Amtrak NPCU features:

- Fully powered, available in silent DC or DC/DCC/Sound
- DC models are DCC-ready with a 21-pin plug
- Accurate enlarged marker lights, supplementary air reservoirs and K5LA horn
- Operating, flashing ditch lights
- Operating strobe lights, marker lights and number boards
- Etched-metal radiator grilles and windshield wipers
- Separate handrails and grab irons installed at the factory
- Rapido's proven 5-pole, skew-wound motor and silky-smooth drive system
- Metal, magnetic Macdonald-Cartier Couplers

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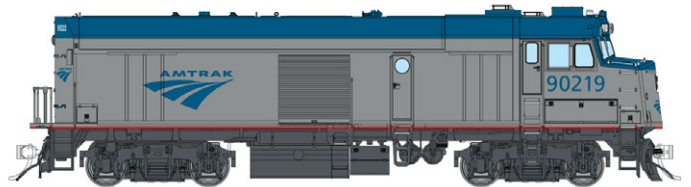


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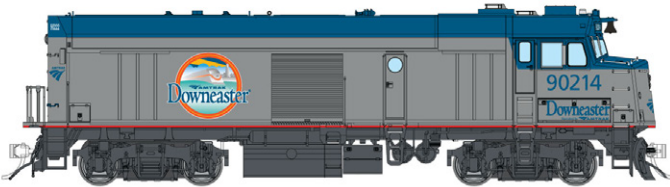
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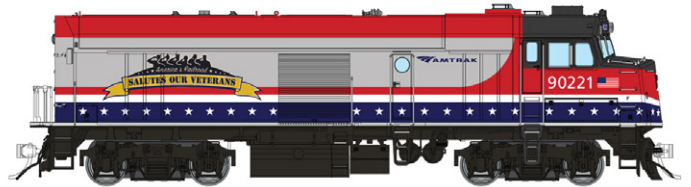
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Amtrak - Phase V "Downeaster"

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Amtrak - "Salutes Our Veterans"

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F40PHM-2 LOCOMOTIVE



Photos courtesy of Bobby Allard

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Ready to fall in love with an F40? Despite sidelining the fan favorite BN E9s, these F40PHM-2s have created a similar iconic look for themselves hauling commuters in the Windy City for the past 30 years. Nicknamed “Winnebagos” for their similar appearance to the RV, these were the last 30 F40PHs that Metra ordered new, in 1991. Towards the end of 2016, the F40PHM-2s were sent out to Progress Rail for rebuilding and application of the new faded scheme that was already applied to the MP36 and 100 series F40PHs. Of the 30 locos, only one has been retired account of a wreck off-line.

The F40PHM-2s were delivered with the standard Metra/RTA features: Nathan P5a horn, dual Gyalite with clear and red targets, ditch lights, dual rooftop air conditioners, Stratolites and pilot plows. The locos that returned from rebuild featured a redesigned cab door window, front snowplow, single rooftop APU strobe, PTC antenna arrays and the new faded scheme. Rapido aims to capture the look and sound of this iconic locomotive that has brought Chicagoans to and from work for the last 30 years! ...wait! We can't forget 211! One F40PHM-2 received a special CB&Q-inspired heritage scheme in 2019, which we are proud to have on the first run!

The F40PHM-2 Locomotive features:

- Correct “Winnebago” style front
- Dual rooftop air conditioners
- Extensive, separate underbody piping, conduit and wire grab irons
- Working head lights, marker lights and backup light
- Working Gyalite
- Stratolite or strobe light where appropriate
- Working ditch lights
- Separate, factory-applied wire grab irons
- PTC Antenna Array where appropriate
- See-through, etched-metal radiator grills and dynamic brake grills
- Full cab interior painted in correct colors
- Accurate fuel tank profile and exhaust silencer
- Correct pilot plow or snow plow per model
- Sound-equipped models feature a custom ESU LokSound V5 decoder
- Will operate smoothly on DC and DCC layouts
- Rapido's improved 5-pole, skew-wound motor and silky-smooth drive



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F40PHM-2 LOCOMOTIVE



F40PHM-2 Names:
(Blue Scheme)

- 186 - "Village of Streamwood"
- 213 - "Village of Franklin Park"

Preliminary artwork, subject to revisions.

Metra (Blue Scheme) Late 90s - Current

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Metra (Blue Scheme / Operation Lifesaver)

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F40PHM-2 Names:
(Fade Scheme)

- 212 - "Village of Buffalo Grove"

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Metra (Fade Scheme) 2017 - Current

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Northeastern Design Caboose

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The so-called Northeastern Design Caboose was one of the first mass-produced all-steel construction cabooses. Originally designed by the Reading Company in the early 1920s, it was based in a proposed USRA design car, although the USRA design called for wood sheathing. The Reading built 285 cars, spread through several classes. The earliest cars had solid underframes, but later cars were equipped with Duryea cushion underframes.

The Reading had such success with these cars that quickly other roads in the Northeast bought copies as well, including the Central Railroad of New Jersey, Lehigh & New England, Lehigh Valley, Pittsburg & West Virginia and the Western Maryland. The Reading built some of these cars while others were built in the various railroad's shops. With production spread out between so many locations and roads, variations were bound to be made to the original design. Different groups of cars were equipped with different trucks, running boards, steps, grabs and end wall windows (or lack thereof).

The cars soldiered on into Conrail and Chessie and saw service right up until the end of caboose operations on those roads. Many were sold second-hand to other railroads - Class I and shortlines alike. Because of their long life span and late service, many of these cabooses have gone on to be preserved either in museums, personal collections or even as part of hotels!

Rapido's all-new HO scale model has been developed from original blueprints, photos and field measurements. We have included several variations and addition details to accurately model these cabooses from the beginning to the end of their service lives.

Rapido's Northeastern Cabooses Feature:

- Three styles of truck: Andrews, Birdsboro and Taylor
- Two different cupola roofs
- Two-tread or three-tread steps
- Two different sides – standard and Lehigh Valley with rain gutters above the windows.
- Three different end walls – Solid (RDG, CNJ), single window (LV) and double window (WM)
- Two running boards: Integral diamond-tread and Alan Wood
- Multiple optional parts including stacks, window blanks, etched window frames and screens, tool boxes and more!
- Full Duryea Cushion underframe details
- Turned metal wheels
- Operating interior lights
- Factory-installed semi-scale couplers



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Central RR of New Jersey - Liberty Scheme

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Central RR of New Jersey - Coast Guard scheme

Item	Road Number
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Lehigh & New England

Item	Road Number
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Lehigh Valley - Tuscan

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Lehigh Valley - Black Diamond

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Reading - Red

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Reading - Green and Yellow

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Western Maryland - Fast Freight

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<input type="checkbox"/> I44024	#1890



Chessie

Item	Road Number
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Western Maryland - Speed Lettering

Item	Road Number
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Conrail

Item	Road Number
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GREAT NORTHERN 40' BOXCARS

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Bob's Photo Collection

The Great Northern Railway built many of its boxcars in its own company shops in Saint Cloud, Minnesota. Included in these were two groups of boxcars in 1953 and 1955. These cars had six-foot doors, diagonal panel roof and twelve-panel riveted sides with straight sills. Between the two groups nearly 1000 cars were built.

The first group, series 21450-21939 built in 1953, utilized the then current early improved dreadnaught end. The later group, series 5000-5499 built in 1955, were built with the updated late improved dreadnaught end – the difference between the two being the main rib shape.

Both groups were delivered in the Great Northern's mineral brown scheme with a large goat herald. Over the years cars from these groups were repainted into the various colorful schemes that the GN developed through the late 1950s and into the 1960s.

Rapido Trains's new model of the GN 12-panel boxcars feature:

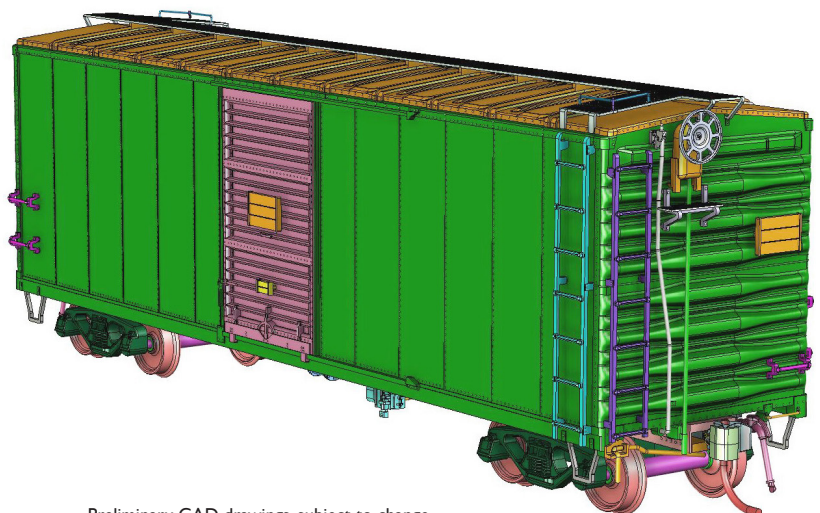
- Accurate 12-panel sides with straight side sill
- Early or late improved dreadnaught ends
- Diagonal panel roofs
- Accurate welded underframes
- Correct 6' Youngstown doors
- Free rolling ASF Ride-Control trucks with metal wheelsets
- Rapido semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers per scheme.

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US	CAD
\$54.95 - SINGLE	\$64.95 - SINGLE
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EARLY IMPROVED DREADNAUGHT ENDS



Great Northern - Mineral Red

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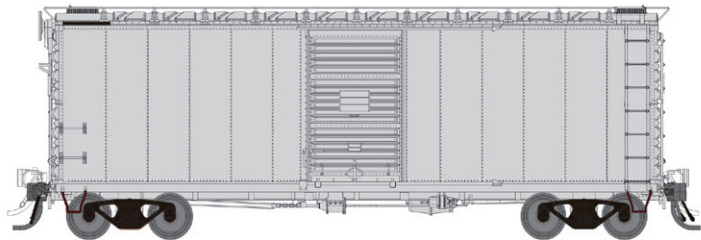
Great Northern - Green & Orange

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Great Northern - Chinese Red

SKU	Description
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Undecorated (Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends)

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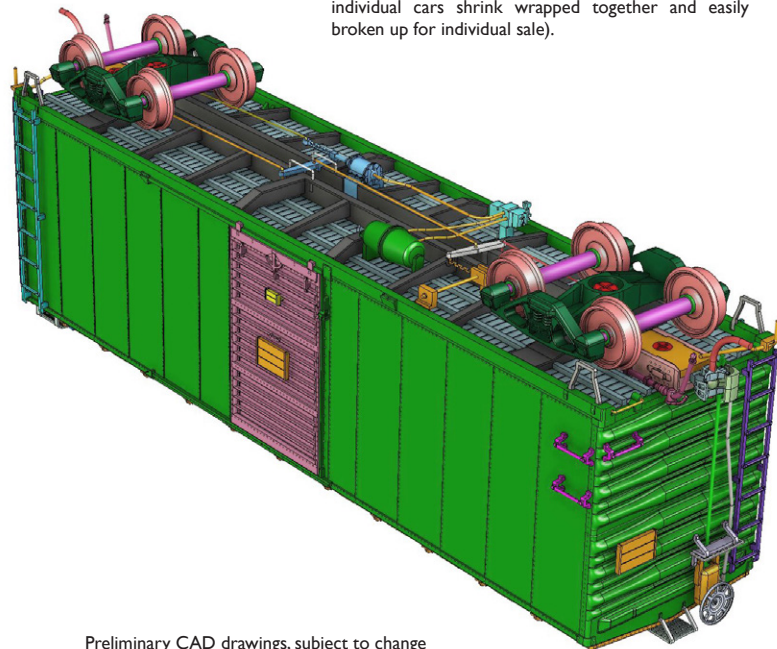


Great Northern - Glacier Green

SKU	Description
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LATE IMPROVED DREADNAUGHT ENDS



Great Northern - Mineral Red

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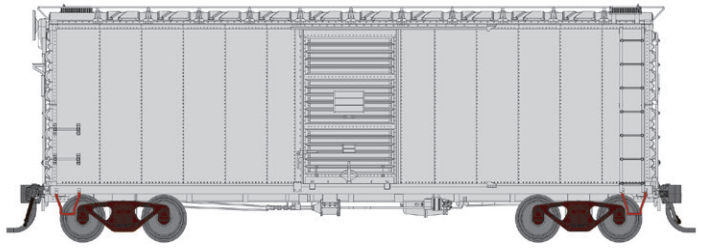
Great Northern - Chinese Red

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Great Northern - Chinese Red (Slanted Lettering)

SKU	Description
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Undecorated (Late Improved Dreadnaught Ends)

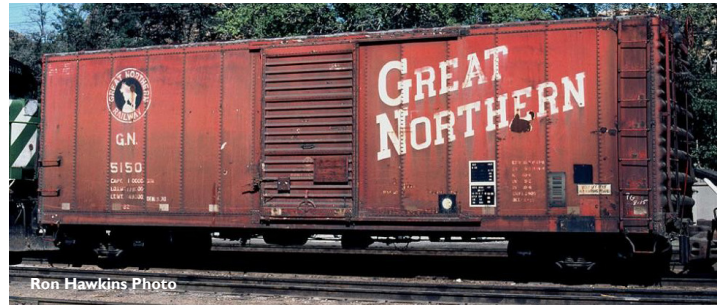
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Great Northern - Big Sky Blue

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155007	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155007A	Single car 5055, 5177, 52498, 5319, 5436, 5481

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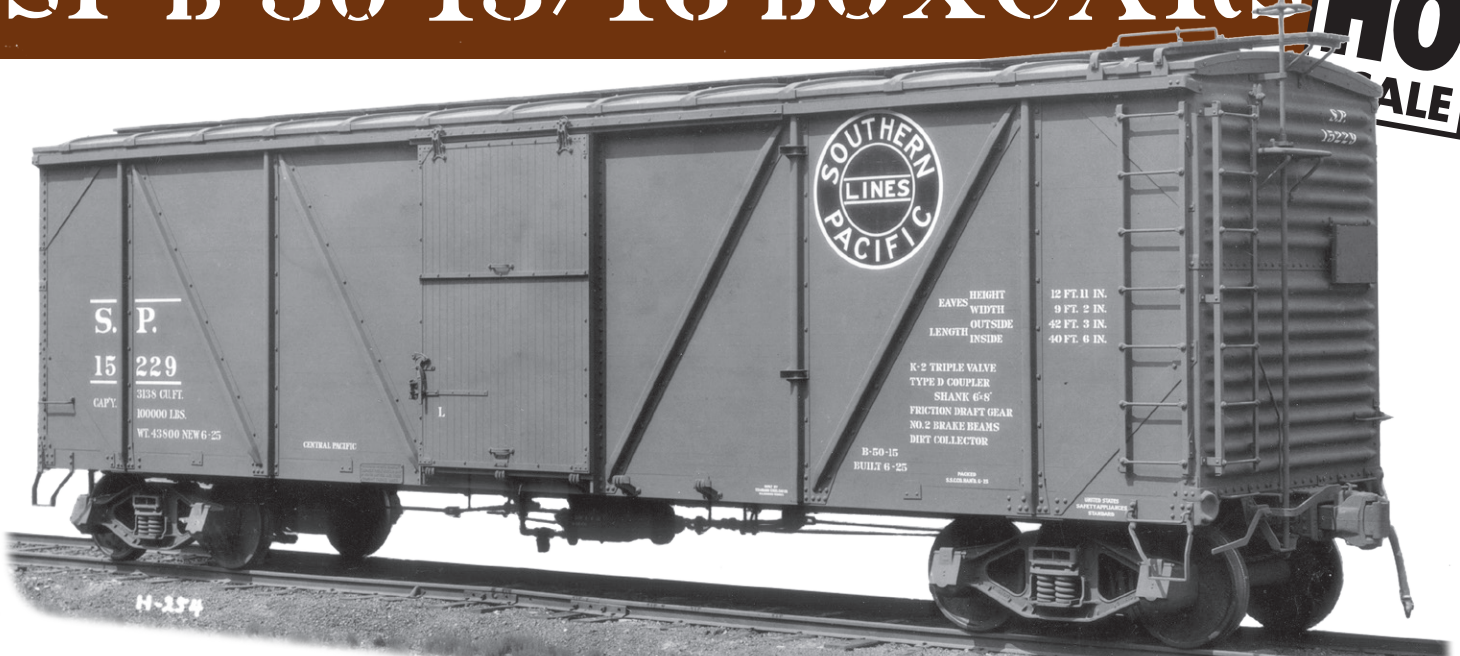
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SP B-50-15/16 BOXCARS

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Beginning in 1925, the Southern Pacific built nearly 5,000 40' outside braced wood boxcars in two classes – B-50-15 and the B-50-16. These cars were built to nearly identical designs, the primary difference being in the ends used. The 3900 cars in the earlier B-50-15 class used corrugated steel ends, while the 1003 cars in class B-50-16 used "Dreadnaught" ends. Both groups of cars used a variety of different roofs, with the Murphy radial roof and the Viking roof being the most common. In fact, nearly all B-50-16 received Viking roofs. Most of these cars were delivered with T-section trucks, though many were later upgraded with "Bettendorf"-style trucks.

Starting in the 1930s the Southern Pacific started a program of re-siding cars in both classes, replacing the wooden sides with steel sheet sides inside of the side bracing. This program continued on and off for many years, and not all cars were rebuilt. The steel sided cars in particular remained in service for many years, with 227 B-50-15 and 25 B-50-16 cars still in revenue service as late as 1970. Because of their antiquated looking construction, they really stood out in a train by that date.

Over the years these cars carried several versions of Southern Pacific paint schemes. Starting in 1955 they were also renumbered into more cohesive groups, the original numbers being in many unrelated groups.

Rapido's new HO scale model of these classic boxcars include a variety of unique details, including:

- Accurate sides in both wood and steel styles
- Viking and Murphy roofs
- Corrugated and Dreadnaught ends
- K- and AB-style brake systems as appropriate
- Separate ladders and grab irons
- All-new T-section trucks
- Free rolling turned metal wheelsets
- Carmer cut levers
- Metal stirrup steps
- Semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering

Each scheme will be available in either three- or six-packs with different numbers on each car. Each pack can be broken up for individual sale.

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B-50-16



B-50-15

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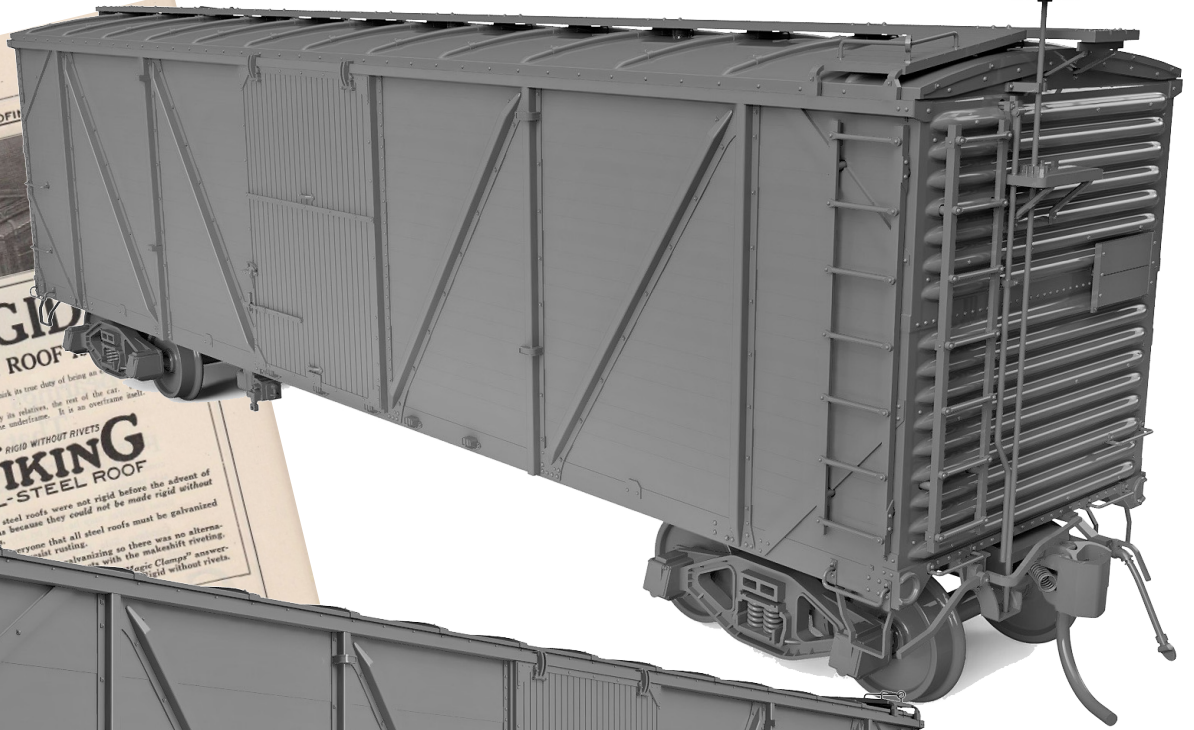
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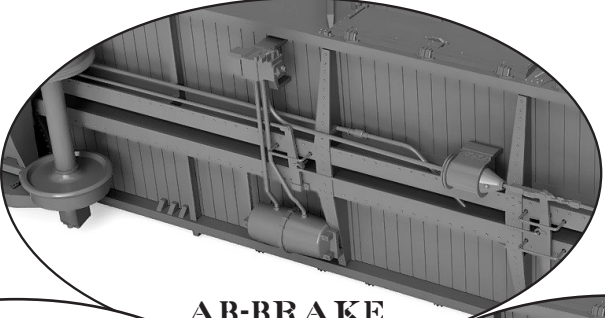


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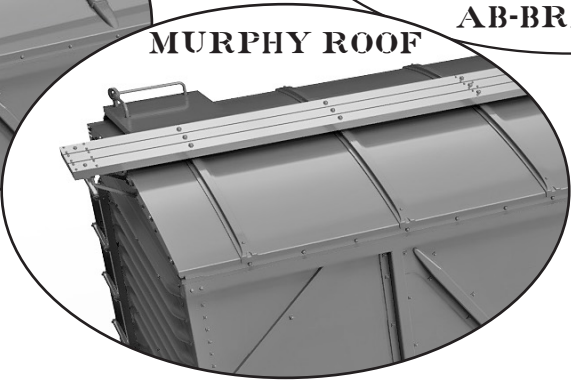
VIKING ROOF



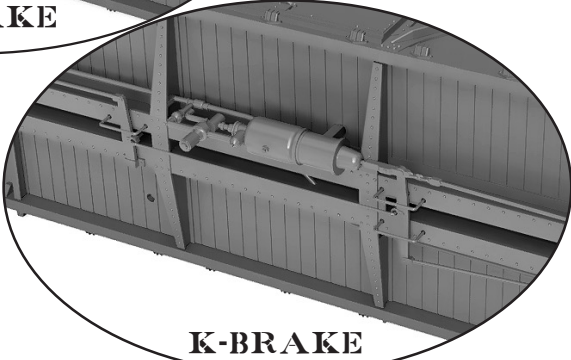
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MURPHY ROOF



K-BRAKE



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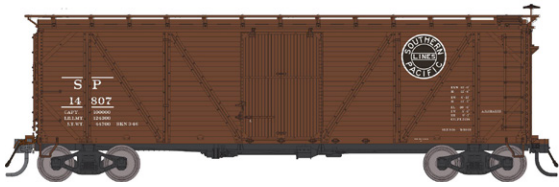
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B-50-15 - ORIGINAL (WOOD SIDES, MURPHY ROOF)



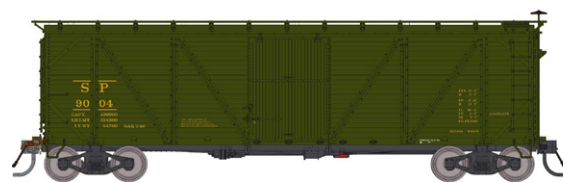
Southern Pacific 1931-1946

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Southern Pacific 1946-1952

Item	Description
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<input type="text"/> 171002A	Single 14478, 14665, 14780, 14928, 15102, 15203

B-50-15 - ORIGINAL (WOOD SIDES, VIKING ROOF)



Southern Pacific 1931-1946

Item	Description
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Southern Pacific Passenger service

Item	Description
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Southern Pacific 1946-1952

Item	Description
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<input type="text"/> 171004A	Single 15242, 15315, 15419, 15469, 15485, 15618

Southern Pacific MOW

Item	Description
<input type="text"/> 171006	Southern Pacific MOW 3 Pack
<input type="text"/> 171006A	Single MW 1126, MW 1128, MW 2622

B-50-15 - REBUILT (STEEL SIDES, VIKING ROOF)



Southern Pacific 1931-191946

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Southern Pacific Overnight (Early)

Item	Description
<input type="text"/> 171008	6 Pack
<input type="text"/> 171008A	Single 9342, 9366, 9372, 9405, 9417, 9420

MSRP

US

\$54.95 (SINGLE)
\$164.85 (3-PACK)
\$329.70 (6-PACK)

CANADIAN

\$64.95 (SINGLE)
\$194.85 (3-PACK)
\$389.70 (6-PACK)

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

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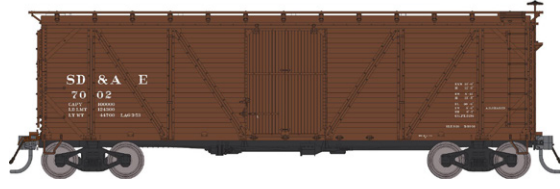
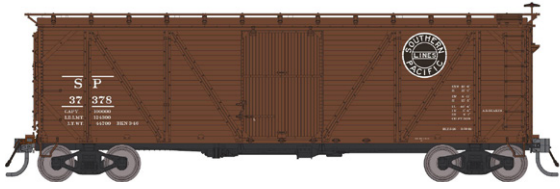
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B-50-16 - ORIGINAL (WOOD SIDES, VIKING ROOF)



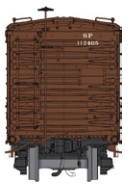
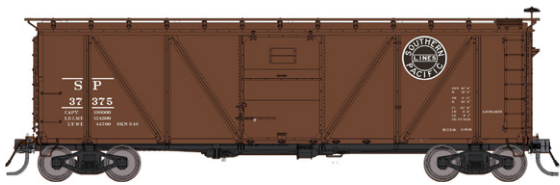
Southern Pacific 1931-1946

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San Diego & Arizona Eastern

Item	Description
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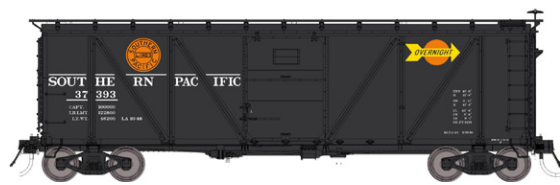


Southern Pacific 1931-1946

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Southern Pacific 1956 +

Item	Description
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Southern Pacific 1946-1952

Item	Description
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Southern Pacific Overnight

Item	Description
<input type="text"/> 171005	6 Pack
<input type="text"/> 171005A	Single 37393, 37498, 37570, 37578, 37749, 37821

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PAINT SCHEME INFORMATION.

These cars were originally painted in SP's standard boxcar scheme which changed very little prior to 1946 – the only significant change being the elimination of periods after the "SP" initials in the reporting marks.

In 1946 the scheme changed to include the "SOUTHERN PACIFIC" road name spelled out in place of the "SP" reporting marks with one-inch thick white lines above the name and below the car number.

In 1952 this scheme was modified by eliminating the one-inch lines.

In 1956 the SP renumbered these cars into a more cohesive series.

These dates are the dates that the lettering diagrams were changed. Obviously not all cars were painted at once, as many wore an earlier scheme for years after the implementation of a newer version.



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Pre-production samples shown, subject to revision.

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6-Pack **\$359.70 / \$419.70** US / CAD
Single Car **\$59.95 / \$69.95** US / CAD

In the early 1980's sodium chlorate began to replace chlorine as a bleaching agent in the paper making process. Historically, sodium chlorate had been transported in solution form in tank cars. With significant increase in demand, a more efficient delivery method was needed. Transportation in crystal form by covered hopper car was a natural solution. However, a means to address the corrosive properties of sodium chlorate was required.

Procor took on the challenge to come up with an alternative and went on to develop an all-aluminum construction covered hopper car. Parallel in concept to the aluminum bodied wheat board covered hopper previously built by National Steel Car (NSC), the Procor engineered car incorporated two fundamental design changes; lower cubic volume, due to higher commodity density (3,000 cu. ft. compared to 4,100 cu. ft.) and upgrade from 70 ton (220,000 lb Gross Rail Load) to 100 ton (263,000 lb Gross Rail Load).

Over the years Procor would assemble a fleet of more than 1,300 aluminum sodium chlorate service covered hopper cars, a portion of which was constructed by NSC and Thrall. The Rapido version is representative of later production cars fitted with steel gull wing end structures.

The Procor 3000cuft Sodium Chlorate Hopper features:

- With or without top handrails
- Sparger outlet gates
- Etched walkways
- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- All-new 100-ton Ride Control trucks with HydraShox hydraulic snubbers
- Etched placards (Side placards packed in polybag)
- Full end cage details
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs (Dealers must order multi-packs)
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale

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



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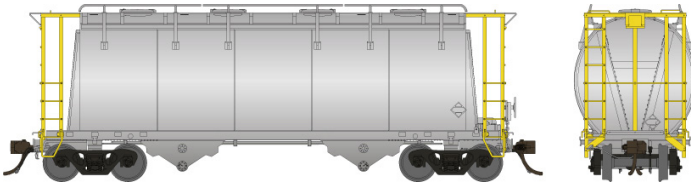
PROCOR - w/Handrails (UNPX / PROCOR Wordmark) 1998+

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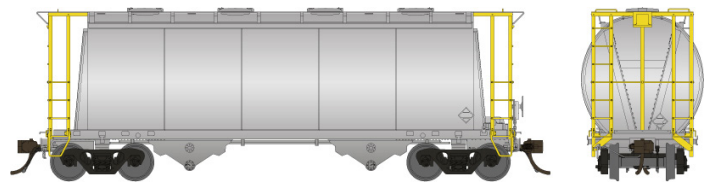
PROCOR - w/o Handrails (UNPX / No Wordmark) 2000+

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Item # 6-Pack #3 172007	Road # 127453, 127459, 127463, 127468, 127471, 127473	Item # Single Car 172007A	Road # Road Number Randomly Selected	Item # 6-Pack #4 172008	Road # 127481, 127483, 127488, 127490, 127495, 127499	Item # Single Car 172008A	Road # Road Number Randomly Selected



Painted / Unlettered - w/Handrails

Item #
172098 Single Car



Painted / Unlettered - w/o Handrails

Item #
172099 Single Car

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ACF PD3500 FLEXI FLO HOPPER

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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
- Factory-installed air pipes and coupler cut levers
- Available in singles and multi-packs

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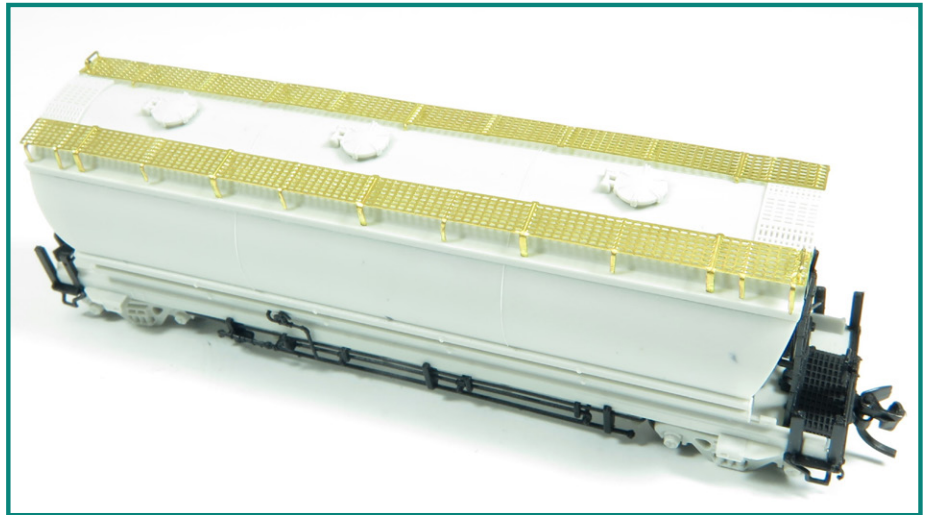
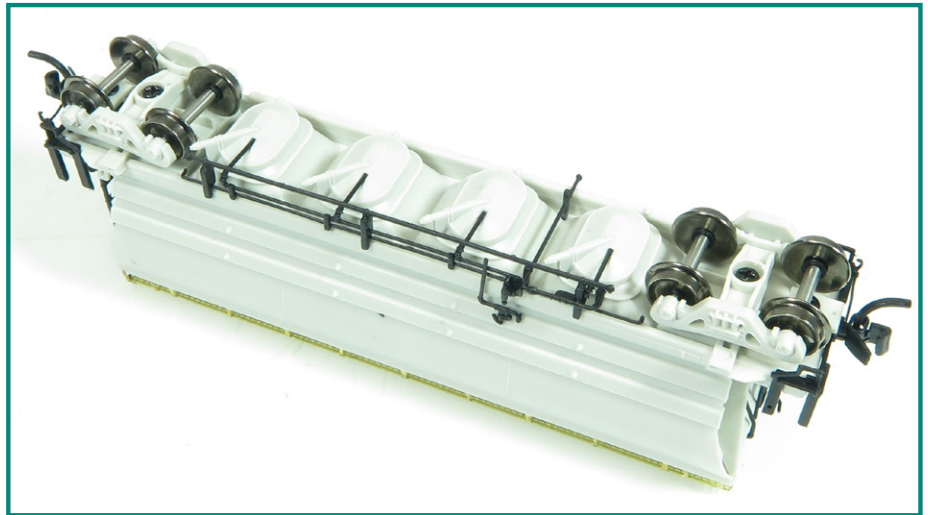
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ACF PD3500 FLEXI FLO HOPPER

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
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

PENN CENTRAL (FLEXI-FLO REPAINT)



Item # SINGLE CAR 533004A
Item # 6-PACK 533004
Car Numbers: 897825, 897840, 897854, 897861, 897887, 897892
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

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)



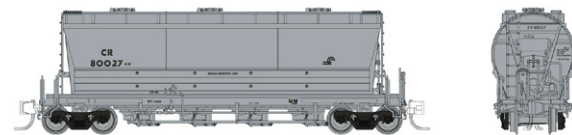
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Car Numbers: 897700, 897777
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

CONRAIL (REPAINT)



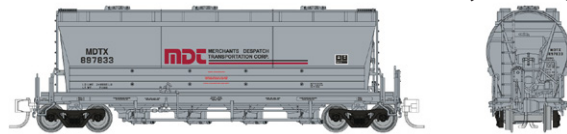
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Item # 6-PACK 533008
Car Numbers: 897684, 897690, 897712, 897761, 897770, 897794
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

SCALE TEST CARS (PENN CENTRAL, CONRAIL)



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

MERCHANTS DESPATCH (MDTX)



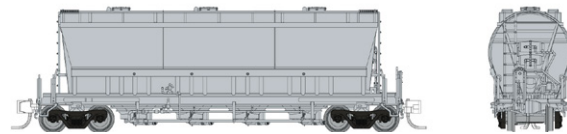
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Item # 6-PACK 533010
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LAFARGE CEMENT (NAHX)

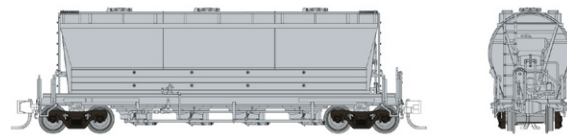


Item # SINGLE CAR 533011A
Item # 6-PACK 533011
Car Numbers: 1004, 1006, 1008, 1009, 1011, 1013
(SINGLE CAR RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THESE NUMBERS)

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Early Style



Late Style

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

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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PROCOR 5820 COVERED HOPPER

Plastic pellets are an often overlooked, but highly important commodity in the manufacturing world. Almost everything you see that's made of plastic was once carried by covered hopper car in pellet form.

Rapido is proud to present the Procor 5820 Covered Hopper car, now in N scale. Designed fully by Procor, this hopper was built in batches from the late 70s all the way up through the early 90s. Around 1500 examples were built for Procor and Dow Chemical in their Oakville, Ontario facility. Essex Hybrid would later receive a handful of cars for seed service. Many of these were ex Procor hoppers patched out.

The Rapido Procor 5820 Covered Hopper car was designed from blue prints, photos and field measurements. Multiple roof hatches, outlet gates cap off this workhorse car. For any layout that needs a fleet of pellet hoppers, the Procor 5820 is a car you won't want to miss!

The Procor 5820 Covered Hopper features:

- Three styles of roof hatches: round, round with ribs and 20" vented cover
- Two styles of outlet gates: pneumatic and Miner
- Etched walkways
- Spare hatches included in polybag to let modeler modify for different era
- Full end cage details
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs (Dealers must order multi-packs)
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale

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MSRP			
Single Car	\$39.95 USD	\$47.95 CAD	
3-Pack	\$119.85 USD	\$143.85 CAD	
6-Pack	\$239.70 USD	\$287.70 CAD	

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PROCOR 5820 COVERED HOPPER

DEALER
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PROCOR - Blue (UNPX stencil)



Era: 1979+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 122250, 122449, 122459, 122696, 122913, 123307
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

PROCOR - Mid Logo (UNPX black)



Era: 1990s+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 122466, 122634, 122769, 122923, 123154, 123258
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

PROCOR - Blue (UNPX solid)



Era: 1984+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 122626, 122686, 122723, 122736, 122770, 122779
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

PROCOR - No Logo (UNPX black)



Era: 1988+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 122250, 122449, 122459, 122696, 122913, 123307
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Union Carbide (UNPX blue)



Era: Nov 1977+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 122023, 122026, 122041, 122044, 122059, 122068
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Dow Chemical - (DLCX)



Era: 1988+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 7194, 7204, 7208, 7214, 7219, 7224
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

BF Goodrich (UNPX blue)



Era: 1978+
Item # Single Car Item # 3-Pack Road # 122146, 122157, 122216
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Essex Hybrid (EHSX)



Era: 2005+
Item # Single Car Item # 3-Pack Road # 122857, 123034, 123054
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

PROCOR - Low Logo (UNPX black)



Era: 1990+
Item # Single Car Item # 6-Pack Road # 122392, 122521, 122670, 122674, 122776, 122954
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

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Single Car	\$39.95 USD	\$47.95 CAD
3-Pack	\$119.85 USD	\$143.85 CAD
6-Pack	\$239.70 USD	\$287.70 CAD

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SANTA FE RR56/60/61 Mechanical Reefer

Rapido is pleased to offer the Santa Fe RR-56/60/61 Mechanical Reefer in N Scale.

In 1955 The Santa Fe Railroad introduced the RR-56 class of Refrigerated boxcars. Based on the previous RR-54 class of Boxcars, the RR-56 Class incorporated lessons learned from the RR-54 cars to build & operate its 1st large fleet of Mechanical Reefers.

The RR-56 were classed as "All Purpose" MTC (Mechanical Temperature Control) cars by the Santa Fe Railroad. The fleet numbered 200 cars numbers 2000 – 2188, 2500 – 2510 in the series. Delivered with SFRD reporting marks, these were changed in 1963 to SFRP but retained their car numbers.

In 1958, Santa Fe built the RR-60 & RR-61 Class of Reefers. These were additional cars built to the same standards as the RR-56 class but carried different insulation & Identified as Super Insulated All Purpose Mechanical Temperature Controlled cars.

The Rapido RR-56/60/61 Boxcar features:

- Drawn from original blueprints and drawings
- Artworks sourced from original design drawings and photos
- Separate door posts, door latches and coupler cut levers
- Fully-detailed underframe including piping and equipment
- Detailed cushion draft gear
- 2 Roof Hatches for either open or closed operation
- See-through side grills
- Trane Diesel Generator included!

MSRP

Single	\$41.95 USD
4-pack	\$167.80 USD
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Single	\$49.95 CAD
4-pack	\$199.80 CAD

Note: All schemes are available in 4-pack cases, as well as single cars. Car numbers for single orders will be randomly selected from the listed road numbers. Unnumbered cars are available by special request only.

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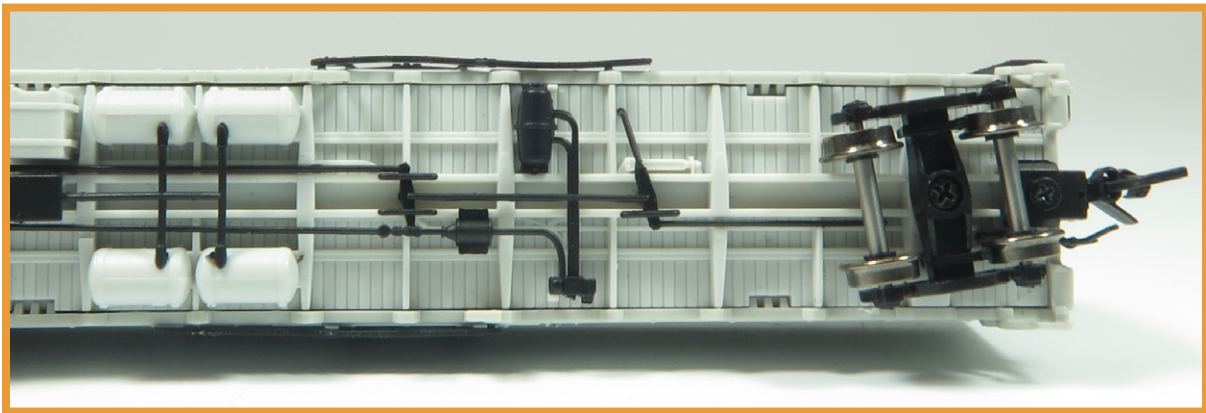
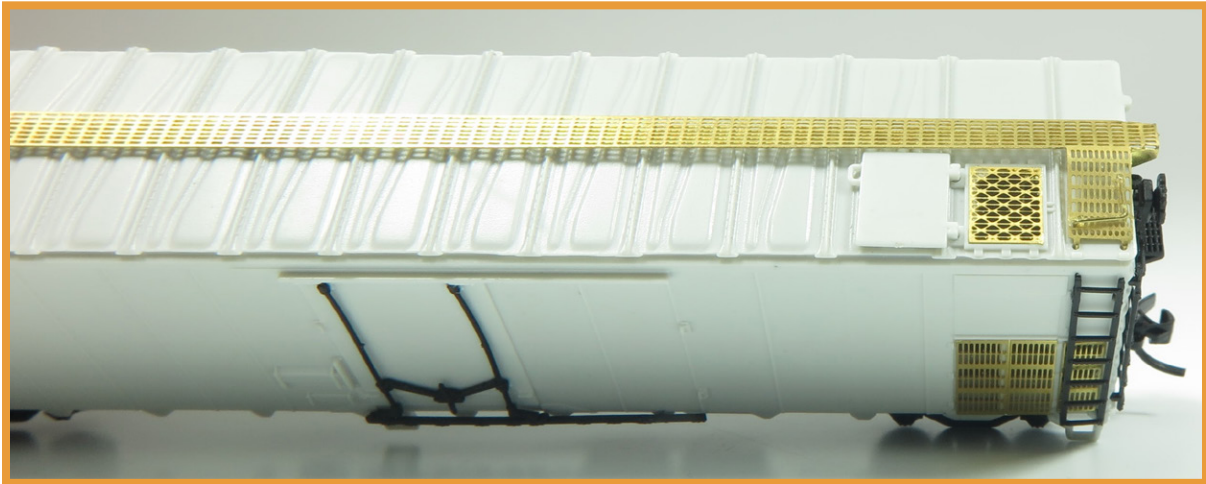
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RR-56 - Super Chief Slogan

Car Numbers: 2000, 2032, 2063, 2064

- Item # 561001 - 4-pack
- Item # 561001A - Single Car



RR-56 - Chief Slogan

Car Numbers: 2142, 2150, 2162, 2164

- Item # 561004 - 4-pack
- Item # 561004A - Single Car



RR-56 - San Francisco Chief Slogan

Car Numbers: 2074, 2075, 2123, 2181

- Item # 561002 - 4-pack
- Item # 561002A - Single Car



RR-56 - El Capitan Slogan

Car Numbers: 2103, 2104, 2138, 2139

- Item # 561005 - 4-pack
- Item # 561005A - Single Car



RR-56 - Texas Chief Slogan

Car Numbers: 2095, 2106, 2154, 2157

- Item # 561003 - 4-pack
- Item # 561003A - Single Car

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Single **\$41.95** USD
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RR-56 - Santa Fe all the way Slogan

Car Numbers: 2005, 2020, 2037, 2177

- Item # 561006 - 4-pack
- Item # 561006A - Single Car



RR-61 - San Francisco Chief Slogan

Car Numbers: 2217, 2219, 2221, 2235

- Item # 561009 - 4-pack
- Item # 561009A - Single Car



RR-60 - San Francisco Chief Slogan

Car Numbers: 2189, 2193, 2195, 2196

- Item # 561007 - 4-pack
- Item # 561007A - Single Car



RR-61 - Santa Fe all the way Slogan

Car Num: 2243, 2247, 2250, 2256

- Item # 561010 - 4-pack
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RR-60 - Santa Fe all the way Slogan

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Dear Rapido Customer,

How is it nearly November already?

Although 2023 may be approaching at an ever increasing rate of knots, we're delighted with the progress that we've made so far this year. We've delivered eight new products already and have an incredible 12 items in production. And that doesn't include all the products we have in various stages of development.

We've also managed to announce one new product every month so far this year.

This far exceeds any expectations we had when we launched the business nearly three years ago.

November is dominated by the [Warley National Model Railway Exhibition](#). We're working hard to get everything ready so we can make a big splash at what will be Rapido UK's first ever Warley appearance.

Consequently, that means that we only have one new announcement to make this time. That doesn't mean that there's nothing in this newsletter. On the contrary, it's positively bursting at the seams!

Here's what we have in store:

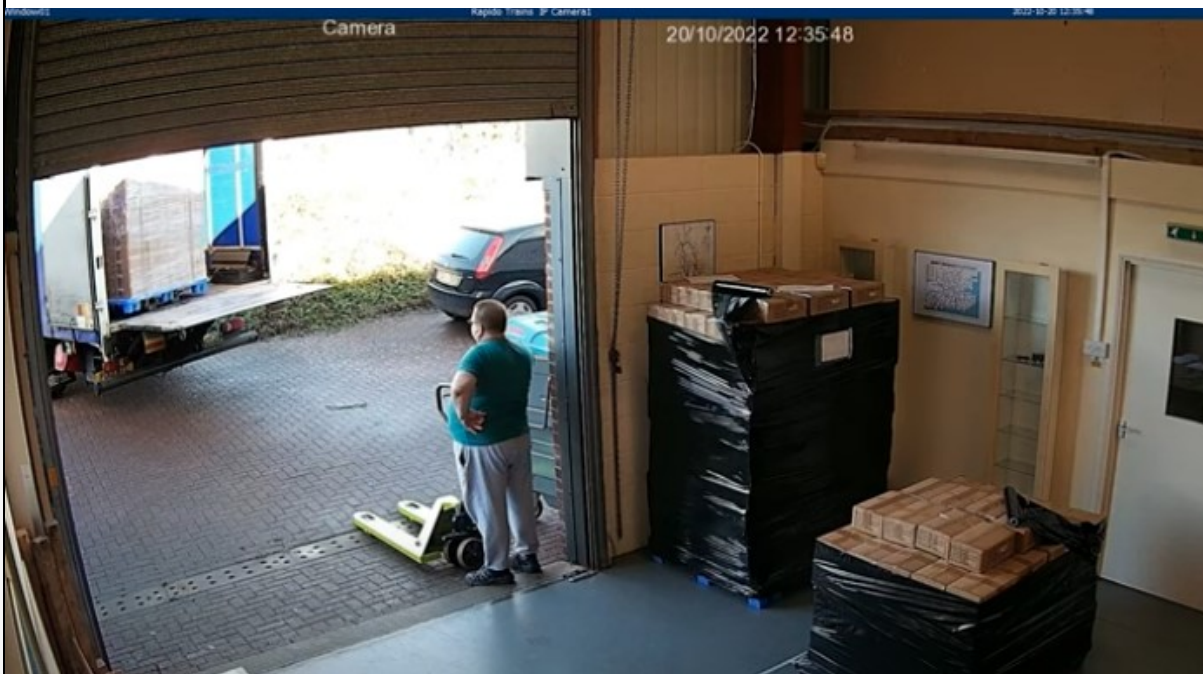
- **New product announcement**
- **Bedford OBs!**
- **Leyland National: first look!**
- **Say hello to our BCT Arab**
- **Meet the W&U coaches**
- **Lion video**
- **A word about Warley**
- **Product update**

Plus:

Get to see what happened when the whole Rapido UK team got together for the first time*

*Except for Warranty Dan, who was ill.

Before we get into all that, unfortunately we need to say this:



Typical: this pallet has travelled thousands of miles around the world unscathed and then 10ft from the door, this happens. [Click here](#) or on the above image to watch.

STOP PRESS: Shipping announcement

It's been a period of mixed emotions here at Rapido UK HQ.

We went from sheer delight at the arrival of [the SECR vans](#) and [ballast wagons](#) to sheer despair when, three days later, we watched an entire pallet of [Dynamometer Cars](#) fall from the back of the lorry while they were being unloaded.

Always quick to spot an opportunity to make the best from a bad situation, Andy put together the above video that you can watch either by [clicking here](#) or on the above image.

Our original plan was to send the SECR wagons and Dynamometer cars together. However, because we had to examine the 846 models that were on that pallet, we decided to despatch all the SECR wagons first. Once this was done, we could then start to assess the damage.

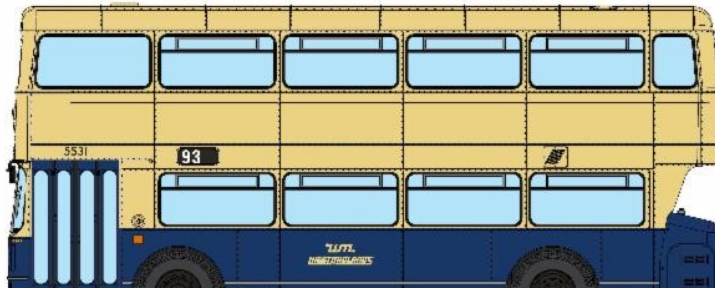
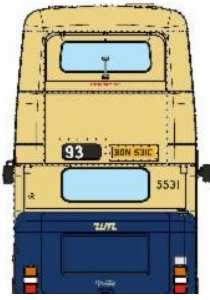
This looked as though it was going to be a mammoth job but after a simply stunning effort by 'Warranty Dan', CAD designer Jamie, Steve and Andy - and Andy's neighbour Chris - to check each model, the first Dynamometer Cars started to ship yesterday.

If you're waiting on a Dynamometer Car, we apologise for any delay in getting yours to you. We trust that you understand the difficult position that we've been in and we thank you for your patience. We also politely ask that you do not phone us to either ask when your order will ship or if it's your order that's affected. Every call that we answer is a model that we're not sending out!

Anyway, now on to the fun stuff!



What was quite incredible about the whole Dynamometer Car incident was just how much impact the boxes absorbed. Very few actual models were affected. We were so surprised by this that we decided to make our own take on an un-boxing video. [Click here](#) or on the above image to watch Sam's Tra- oh wait, it's Dan's Trains...



901027: B0N531C, Route 93 Kingshurst, WMPTE livery.

A 1965 registration? Really? Yes! This 'C' reg bus was involved in an accident and was re-bodied with the standard WMPTE body.

New Fleetlines!

We're delighted to announce a new batch of our critically-acclaimed [WMPTE Fleetlines](#)... and, for the first time, there's something for bus modellers further afield than the West Midlands.

Midland Fox, Andrews, Stotts and A1 Services all bought ex-WMPTE Fleetlines and so, if you model the buses of Leicestershire, South Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and southwestern Scotland, pay attention!

Oh, and we haven't forgotten West Midlands modellers with six new models, including some liveries that we've never produced before.

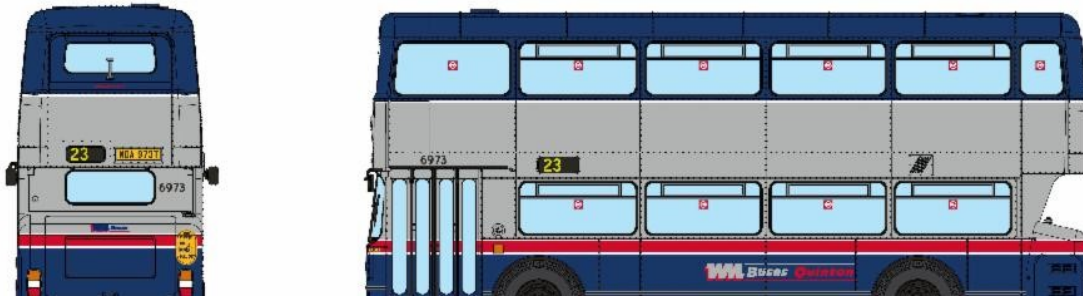
Without further ado, let's meet the [new range of Fleetlines](#):



901028: WDA907T, Route 51/Birmingham, WMPTE livery.



901029: WDA906T, Route 87 Birmingham, West Midlands Buses West Bromwich livery.



901030: WDA973T, Route 23 City Centre, West Midlands Buses Quinton livery.



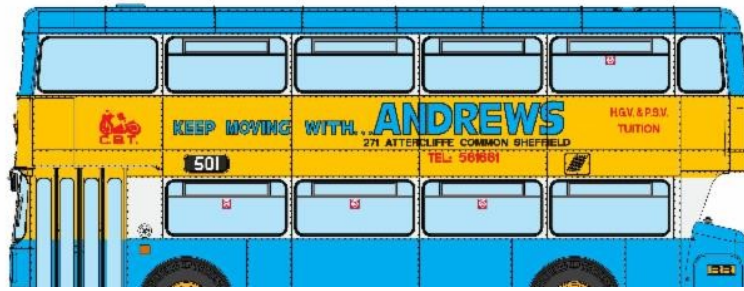
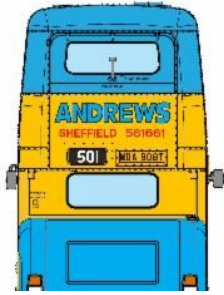
901031: WDA988T, Route 21A Baginton, West Midlands Buses Coventry livery.



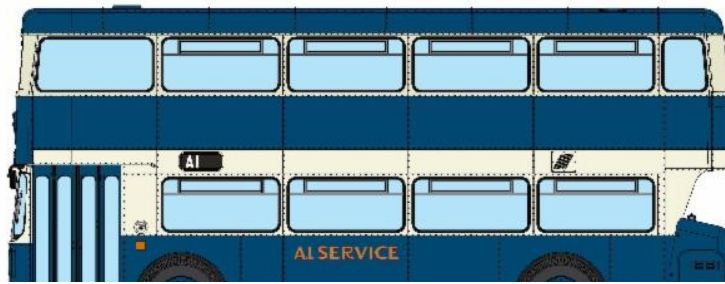
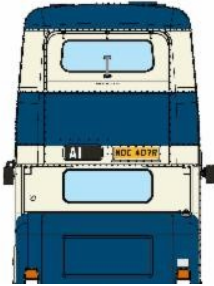
901032: SDA517S, Route 31 Oadby Grange, Midland Fox livery



901033: WDA975T, Route 398 Grotton, Stotts of Oldham livery



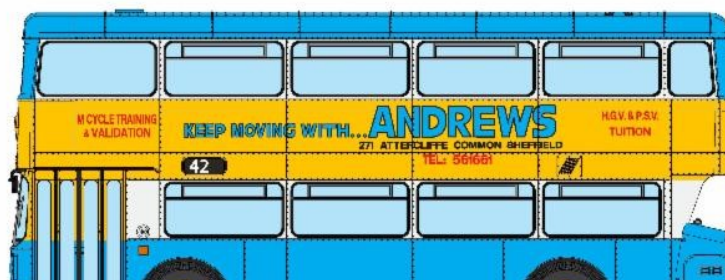
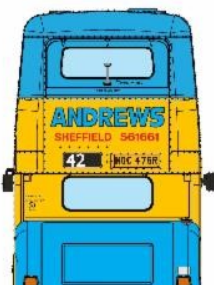
901034: WDA908T 'Duke of Darnell', Route 501 Meadowhall, Andrews of Sheffield livery



901035: NOC407R, Route A1 Kilmarnock, A1 Services livery

These Fleetlines all have working lights and all the same wonderful features and high level of detail as the first run. [We're also offering undecorated models.](#)

RRP is £54.95 (£44.95 for undecorated) and the order deadline is February 1st 2023. You can order yours from [your local Rapido UK stockist](#) or [direct from us.](#)

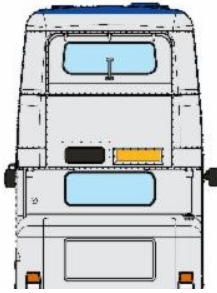


Exclusive to [Rails of Sheffield](#) is ex-WMPTE Fleetline in Andrews of Sheffield livery as NOC476R 'Little John' on Route 42 City (SKU **901037**). You can order yours [by clicking here...](#) but don't take too long because we've got loads more to share with you.

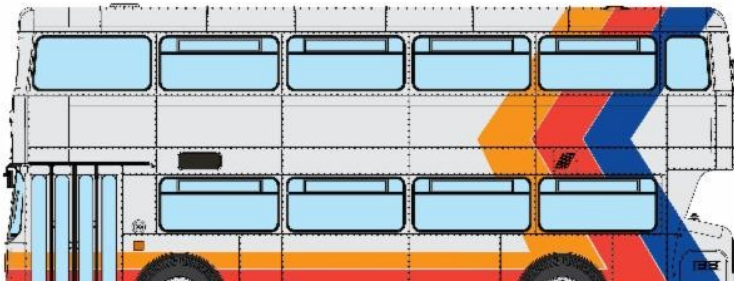
Exclusive Fleetlines

We're not the only ones announcing new ex-WMPTE Fleetline models. Our friends at [Rails of Sheffield](#) and [TTC Diecast](#) have commissioned exclusive versions too.

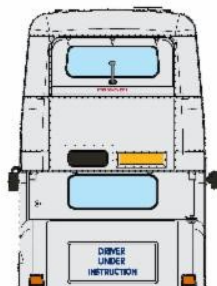
You can see the Rails' one above. TTC has commissioned three versions:



SKU901038: SDA715S, Stagecoach United Counties, Route 8



SKU901039: SDA651S, Stagecoach United Counties



SKU901041: WDA662T, West Midlands Travel driver training vehicle.

All three versions, as well as a plain white Fleetline (**SKU901040**), are available to order direct from TTC Diecast.



[JOJ976](#) poses for its works portrait, complete with new Rapido advert based on a popular tea advert from the 1950s. JOJ976 is now being prepped for its MOT test and should be on the road next year. Keep an eye out for it!

Photograph: JIM MUNRO

A 12in:1ft scale Rapido bus!

We like off-the-wall ideas here at Rapido UK...

Earlier this year, Jim Munro from [Transport Museum Wythall](#) dropped us a line to say that the museum had plans to re-paint [BCT 'New Look' Guy JOJ976](#)... and would we like a Rapido ad on the side?

It took about two minutes for us to say 'Yes'!

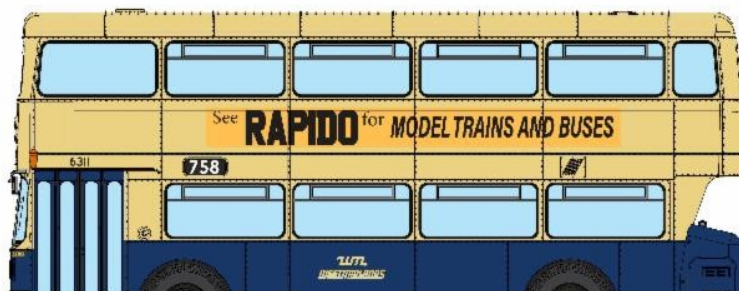
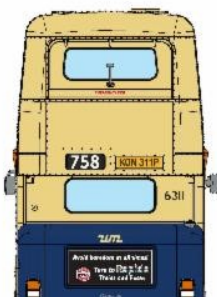
Our new graphic designer Dan Thomas devised a wonderfully retro ad, which was turned into reality by Wythall's master sign-writer Steve Evans.



*This advert is not a decal or a vinyl. It's actually been painted on to the side of the bus. It takes its inspiration from an old advertisement for Typhoo tea.
Photograph: JIM MUNRO*

But the Rapido name isn't just gracing one bus in the Wythall collection.

Adverts are also going onto [WMPTE Fleetline KON311P](#). This bus will be in the paintshop by the time you read this but you can now order a miniature version of its new look.



[901036](#): KON311P in WMPTE blue/cream with Rapido adverts and Wythall Museum Service destination blinds. You can order yours by [clicking here](#).



[Click here](#) or on the above image to view our Bedford OB video.
ANDY: A cracking model... but a low point in Richard's acting career!

Closer look at the Bedford OB

We've been promising you a closer look at our [1:76 scale Bedford OB](#) for a while now but we've been holding off because we needed to correct one of the moulds. That issue has now been solved and a new version is winging its way to us.

We're delighted to be able to show off the OB in more detail. We've also produced a new video to highlight just how [good we think the OB is](#). You can watch it either by [clicking here](#) or on the above image.

ANDY: Are you going to apologise about the video? You know that the Wulfrunian was made by Guy, not Gulf!

RICHARD: I know. It was a slip of the tongue that I didn't spot until after we finished editing it. And I also apologise to anyone who is offended by the fact that I called the OB a 'bus' and not a 'coach'.

ANDY: Schoolboy error! You really can't get the staff these days...

RICHARD: Hopefully you'll be too dazzled by the awesomeness of our OBs that you won't notice! [Once you've watched](#) (**ANDY:** And cringed...), you can scroll down to feast your eyes on some fabulous photographs.



This is the classic Duple Vista body, introduced in the autumn of 1949. You can really see the benefits of laser scanning because all the swoops and curves have been beautifully captured.



We believe that we're the first manufacturer to offer a 1:76 scale version of the 1946-1949 version of the Vista body. It's got the circular rear lights and a shallow rear section under the boot doors. We can offer original boot lock as well as the handle. This sample does not reflect the final production version.



The post-1949 Vista body was also offered with roof windows. [We've tooled this version too](#), even down to the different luggage racks inside.



These samples look a bit odd because the headlamps haven't been fitted. We're offering the original 8in lamps and the later Lucas 7in lamps. Other detail changes include the front bumper extension pieces, side indicators or trafficators and aftermarket rear wheel trims.



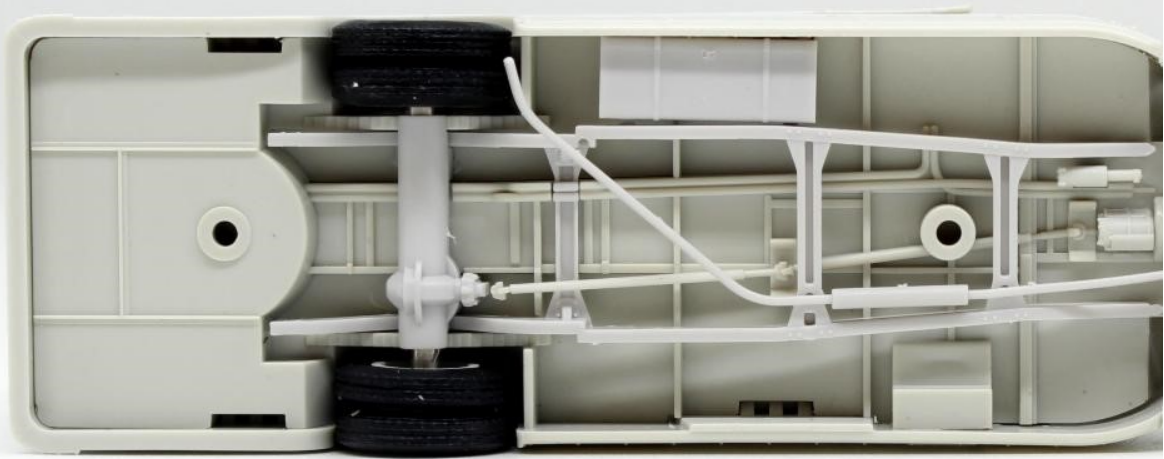
One of the big problems with OB is that so many preserved examples have been fitted with aftermarket parts. We'll offer a pack of mirrors and rear lights with each OB so you can accurately re-create your chosen prototype.



We know that the OB has been done before in 1:76 scale - but never by Rapido! We couldn't include lights this time and so we made the roof slide open instead.



Just look at all that detail inside! What you can't see in this photograph is that there's a heater under one of the seats. Yes, really!



And because it's a Rapido model, you get full chassis detail and front wheels with working steering!



Remember that these are prototypes so don't judge the fit and finish of all the parts too harshly! These will be produced to the same high standard as our BCT Guys and WMPTE Fleetlines. [There are ten OBs to choose from:](#)



[SKU920001](#): GAM338, Pearce & Crump livery



[SKU920002](#): LKM55, East Kent livery



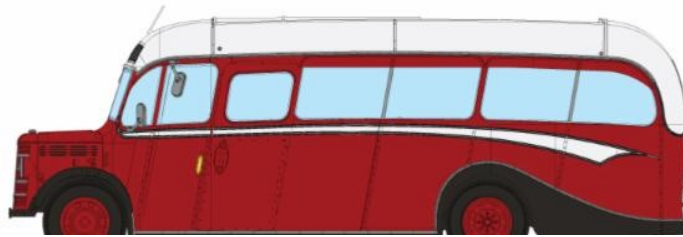
SKU920003: HOD75, Western National livery



SKU920004: LTA750, Royal Blue livery



SKU920005: EDL638, Southern Vectis livery



SKU920006: GWS468, Edinburgh Corporation livery



SKU920007: FWO615, British Railways crimson/cream



[SKU920008](#): HAA874, Hants & Sussex livery



[SKU920009](#): FWW596, West Yorkshire livery



[SKU920010](#): LRO296, Mountain Goat livery

Please remember that all artworks are provisional and the finished version may differ!

All ten are available to order now (plus [Southdown](#) and [East Yorkshire](#) exclusively commissioned by TTC Diecast) but you only have until January 16th 2023 to secure the OB you really want. RRP is £44.95.

You can order from [your local Rapido UK](#) stockist [or direct from us](#).



It's a Leyland National! This 3D render was taken from the CAD design file. Looking good, isn't it? Again, you can see the benefits of laser scanning a real bus.

First look at the National

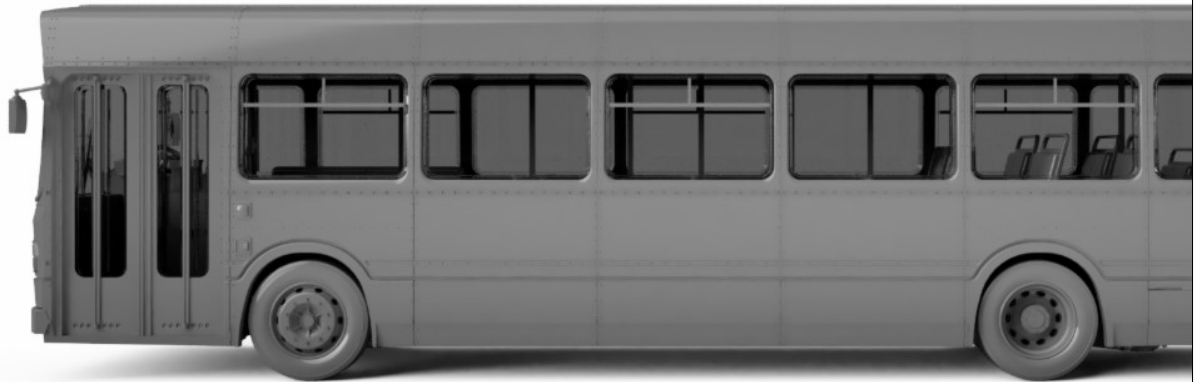
We're thrilled to be able to show you the first CAD images of our forthcoming [1:76 scale Leyland National Mk 1](#).

This is the first draft, so to speak, and there are a couple of areas that need tweaking (though they took some spotting, I can tell you!). Needless to say, we're really pleased with the progress so far!

We'll announce what liveries we're doing next month... until then, here are some more images to whet your appetite!



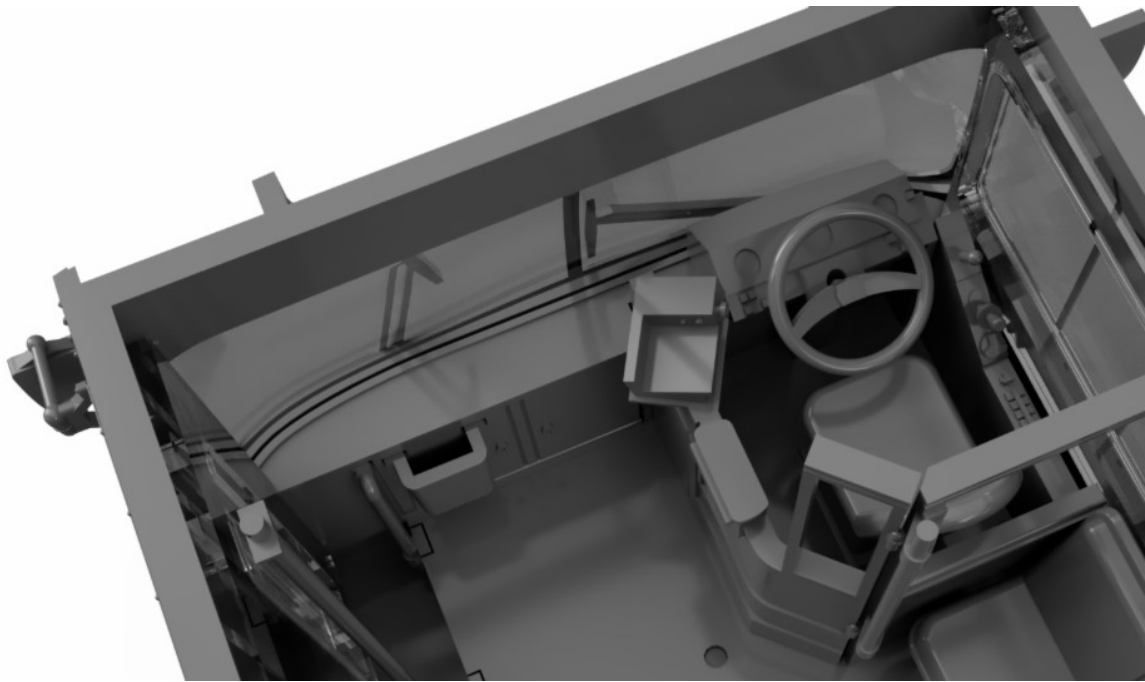
Our designers have really captured the National Mk 1's face. The position of the wipers needs sorting...



So far, we've only designed the 1151/1R version (that's a long, single-door National). Once we've approved the shape, we'll start work on the other versions [we have planned...](#) and then the Mk 2.



Looking good from every angle...



...including the inside!



*We produce railway models too, in case you'd forgotten!
Here's the first look at our [The Titfield Thunderbolt bar car](#). Should we dig out the 'Oh, Sam, what a beauty' film quote again? Oh yes, definitely!*

W&U coach in detail

Here's a first in-depth look the first samples of our [Wisbech & Upwell tram cars](#).

Given the work that CAD designer Linny had put into them, we knew that they would be good... but we weren't prepared for how good they look in the flesh!

Don't believe me? Well, feast your eyes...



This is the first Engineering Prototype of our Wisbech & Upwell tram car and, needless to say, we're delighted with it. There are a few niggling issues that need fixing but it really looks the bee's knees.



There was a little confusion as to whether the roof would be removable. We'd originally specified it but the factory then told us that it would be too difficult. Imagine our surprise when the sample arrived... with a removable roof! There's just the right amount of room for a 1:76 scale Mr Valentine...



And here's what the W&U tram cars look like when paired with a 'J70' 0-6-0T.

The arrival of the factory samples means that we can announce the order deadline.

Calendars ready? It's January 16th 2023.

Can't remember which tramcars we're doing?

Here's a reminder:



[SKU919001](#): 60461, LNER brown



[SKU919002](#): 60462, LNER brown



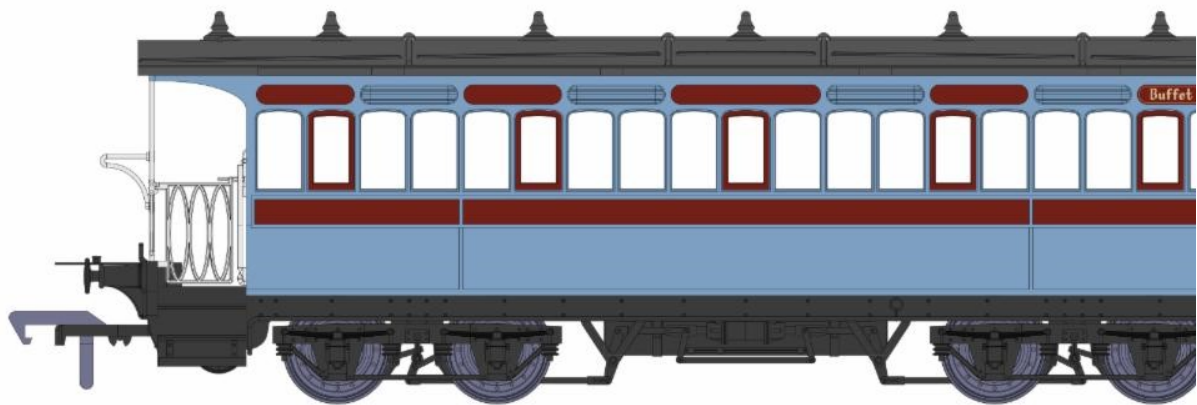
[SKU919003](#): No. E60461, BR livery



[SKU919004](#): No. E60462, BR livery



[SKU919005](#): No. 7, Great Eastern Railway livery (as preserved)



[SKU922003](#): The Titfield Thunderbolt *bar car*



[SKU919006](#): No. E60461, BR lined crimson (expression of interest only. [Click here to register yours](#))



SKU919007: No. E60462, BR lined crimson (expression of interest only. [Click here to register yours](#))

RRP is £74.95 and you can order from [your local Rapido UK](#) stockist or [direct from us](#).



A mock up of GER Tram Pack No. 2 ([SKU953002](#)) using a hand-painted 'J70' in GER post-1919 livery. You've only got until January 16th 2023 to order your tram pack.

We're also pleased to announce that January 16th 2023 is also the order deadline for our [two Wisbech & Upwell Train Packs](#).

RRP is £296.95 (£396.95 with sound) and, again, you can either order [through your local stockist](#) or [direct from us](#).



[Click here](#) or on the above image to see just sample of *Lion* in action. Prepare to be amazed...

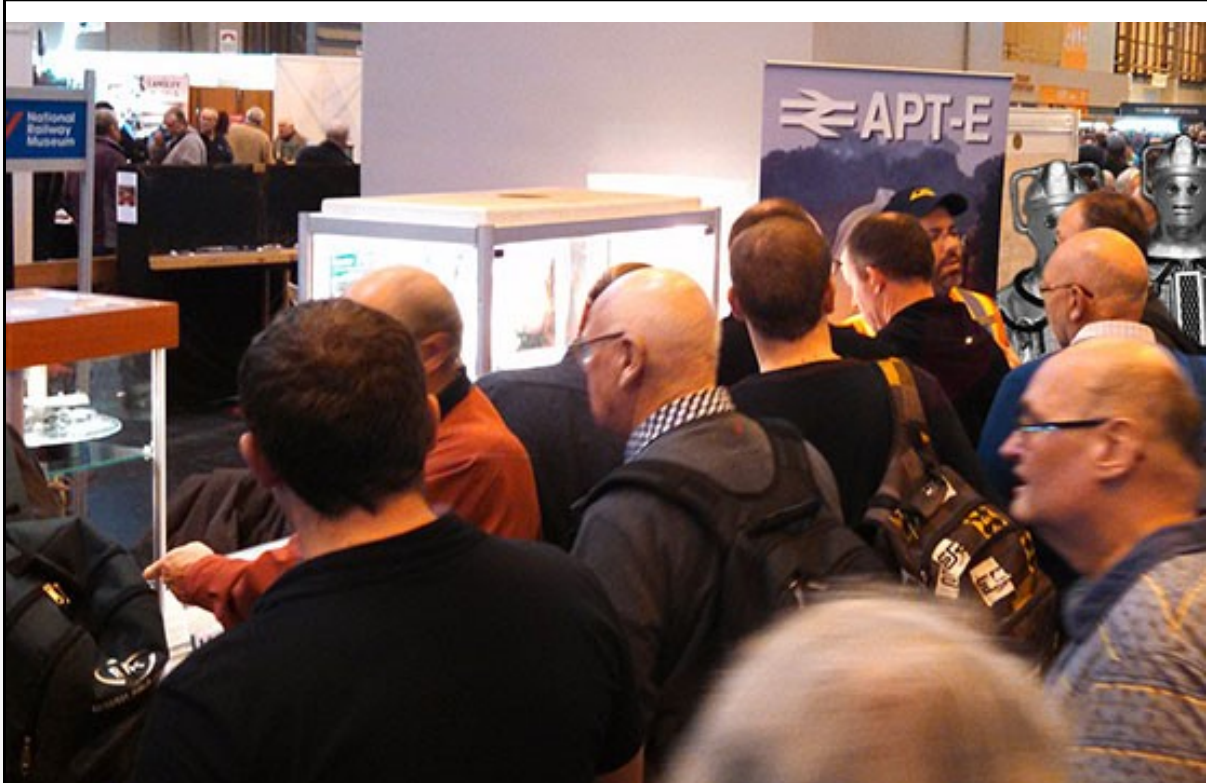
How strong is *Lion*?

We know it sounds a bit big-headed but we knew that our forthcoming [‘OO’ gauge model of *Lion*](#) is a good 'un. But we were given a confidence boost when Bill Schneider, Rapido Inc's very experienced product designer, took a look at it and gave it his seal of approval.

What surprised Bill was just how good our samples ran given how small they are.

That led us to wonder just how much our *Lion* could pull. We decided to find out... and you can watch the results by [clicking here](#) or on the image above.

Not a lot more to say, is there?



*Come and see us at Stands A58A and E9 over the weekend of November 26th/27th.
The photo above is from Rapido's first Warley exhibition back in 2014!*

A word about Warley!

I know that it's hard to believe but the countdown to [Warley National Model Railway Exhibition](#) has started. Yes, there's less than a month to go!

It's also hard to believe but this is the first Warley show since 2019.

More importantly, it's Rapido Trains UK's first ever Warley show... and we're preparing a big splash!

We're planning to unveil two new locomotives, two new coaches and two new wagons... plus the guises of our new Leyland National.

Visit [Stand A58A](#) and you'll be able to meet the Rapido UK team as well as inspect the latest samples. You'll also be able to buy models (there might be the odd show special price too!) and collect goody bags.



Excited by the CAD renders of our forthcoming Leyland National Mk 1? You should be able to get up close and personal with a National Mk 1 at this year's Warley show.

You can then head over to [Stand E9](#) where our friends at [Transport Museum Wythall](#) will have a bus on display. At the moment, it's expected that Midland Red Leyland [National Mk 1 NOE544R](#) will be taking centre stage (depending on its availability). There will be more team members here to chat too as well as information and samples of our range of buses and coaches.

Sounds exciting, doesn't it? We'll see you there!



Production samples of the VIX ferry van have now landed at Rapido UK HQ. We were able to take this picture in time for this newsletter but the rest are images supplied by the factory, prior to their despatch. This is No. B787252 in Railfreight red/grey ([SKU910005](#))...

The latest news from the factories

We recognise that it's all very well making announcements but we actually need to make the stuff. So, what's happening with everything?

Let's start with the good news: the ['OO' gauge VIX ferry vans](#), the [GWR 'Iron Mink'](#) and [the GWR four-plank open](#) wagons are due to ship imminently.

Production is also well underway on the ['OO' gauge '15XX'](#), [Liverpool & Manchester Lion](#), [the 'OAA' wagon](#), [the 'Loriot Y' machinery truck](#), [the 'Toad' brakevan](#), [the SECR six-wheel brakevan](#), [the Southern Railway eight-plank open](#) and [The Titfield Thunderbolt Train Packs](#).

All should appear during 2023. Is there enough room in the warehouse?

ANDY: It's going to be a little tight, I have to say!

RICHARD: Now for the slightly less good news.

The global shortage of electrical components is affecting model railways and, in particular, the supply of Next18 DCC decoders. Apparently, one component used in these small decoders is in very short supply. That means that both [the Class 28s](#) and the ['OO' gauge Hunslet 0-6-0STs](#) have been sat in the factory waiting for decoders.

We know that you have been waiting patiently for these models. We've been assured that decoders for the Hunslets will arrive in the next few weeks, with Class 28 decoders to follow. Production should re-commence soon and we're

keeping everything crossed that both will land in the UK before the end of the year.



...followed by No. B787298 in BR bauxite ([SKU910002](#))...



...followed by my personal favourite, No. KDB787210 in Satlink red and yellow ([SKU910012](#)).



Also fresh from the factory are the first images of decorated ['Conflat P'](#) parts. Production is nearly finished but we plan to hold on to these models until the 'N' gauge Class 28s are ready and we'll ship them together.



Speaking of the ['N' gauge Class 28](#), feast your eyes on this! Production is making good progress, except for a slight snag regarding the DCC decoders.



We apologise for the delay in bringing you the [Hunslet 16in 0-6-0ST](#) but it's completely beyond our control. However, judging by this image, the Hunslets will be worth the wait!



Together for the very first time, here's the Rapido Trains UK team: Sam Sanders, Bill Schneider, Corwin Bainbridge, Dan Thomas, Jamie Patterson, Linny Linehan, Tom Hyde, Steve Hardy and Richard Foster. Kneeling: Andy Hardy, Ernie the dog and Jason Shron. Sadly, Dan Hull sadly missed the event due to illness.

The first Rapido UK team building day

It's hard thinking back to December 2020 when we launched Rapido Trains UK with just the four of us (Andy, Bill, Jason and Richard).

The Rapido UK team now comprises 12 people, including full-time staff and freelance contractors and, of course, Bill and Jason. We're widely distributed too, with Dan T in South Wales, for example, Linny in Scotland, me in-

ANDY: The swamps? The back of beyond? Do you have 'Here be monsters' on local maps?

RICHARD: Ahem. Anyway, because we've never all met as a team, we thought it would be a good idea to do so.

Andy, therefore, hired the absolutely wonderful [Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway](#) for the day and we all made our way to sunny Kent in September for a day playing with 2ft gauge trains and getting to know one another.

Here's what happened...



The Tea Room: the starting point for any railway day! The Bredgar & Wormshill Railway was built in the early 1970s on a farm. It has remained a private railway ever since, opening to the public on high days and holidays. [The Tea Room](#) is open most days whilst a charitable trust is being formed in order to secure the railway's long-term future.

Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



Behind the Tea Room is [Warren Wood station](#), photographed during a quiet spot from the signalbox steps. To the left is a two road shed, which obscures the main workshops and sheds. Housed inside is a fantastic collection of narrow gauge railway equipment, road engines and vintage vehicles. A visit to the railway is a must for anyone with an interest in anything old and with wheels!

Photograph: BILL SCHNEIDER



The railway steamed two locomotives for us. [O&K 0-4-0WT No. 8 Helga](#) (No. 12722/1936) crosses the approach road as it climbs uphill to the western terminus at Swanton Crossing. Much of the goods stock comprises home-built bodies on ex-MOD underframes.
Photograph: CORWIN BAINBRIDGE



There's no run-round loop at Swanton Crossing and so 'shunt release' is the order of the day. Waiting patiently for its next duty is the other locomotive that the BWLR steamed for us: Fowler 0-4-2T No. 13573/1912, today known [as No. 10 Zambezi](#).
Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



Heading south-east from Warren Wood, the line drops downhill into a wood. The Great Storm of 1987 not only removed enough trees for the line to be extended here but it also provided enough timber for the construction of the line's rolling stock. Helga passes Chalkhole Fall halt as it climbs through the woods to Warren Wood.

Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



Stony Shaw station is an idyllic spot, deep in the woods. Again, it features an impressive array of signals and the run-round loop and sidings offers plenty of shunting opportunities! Helga backs down on to its train. To the left is more rolling stock, built on ex-MOD underframes, including a flat wagon carrying what we hope was a fake 1,000lb bomb.

Photograph: CORWIN BAINBRIDGE



*Jason tried his hand at firing Helga...
Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER*



...before he took up residence in Baguley-Drewry 4wDH [No. 5 Bredgar](#) (No. 3775/1983).

And yes, he was allowed to drive it by himself... eek!

JASON: *I spent the whole day driving diesels. It was heaven! None of those smoky, smelly steam engines for me!*

Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



*CAD designer Jamie hands over the token for the western section of the BWLR. While both Warren Wood and Stony Shaw stations have their own signalboxes, train movements to [Swanton Crossing](#) are controlled by flags and radio.
Photograph: BILL SCHNEIDER*



Graphic artist Dan is another narrow gauge fanatic and spent the day wearing a very big grin!

Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



Systems Manager Steve looks suitably impressed at the prospect of yet another day out at a railway...

Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



*A quick glimpse inside the main shed reveals Garrett traction engine Caroline, Aveling-Barford roller Omega (built for British Railways in 1948), ex-Penrhyn Quarry Q&K 0-4-0WT No. 5668/1912 Eigiau, Arn Jung 0-6-0WT No. 3872/1931 Katie and ex-Dinorwic 'Late Port Class' 0-4-0ST Lady Joan. The eagle-eyed might be able to make out Decauville 0-4-2T No. 246/1897 Victory.
Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER*



*Next door was an enviable collection of tractors, including several Fordsons, a Ford 3600, Ferguson TE20 and a Field Marshall Series 3A. Behind are several more of the line's beautiful bogie coaches, built from locally reclaimed timber and ex-South African bogies.
Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER*



I was disappointed that Lady Joan wasn't in steam for the day but I very much enjoyed driving Helga.

Photograph: BILL SCHNEIDER



CAD designer Linny left the driving to others and took up working both Stony Shaw and Warren Wood 'boxes. Photograph: CORWIN BAINBRIDGE



*"Wanna buy a model bus, mate?"
Railway cat Bobby put in appearance for the Rapido UK team... but couldn't put on a sad
enough face to convince anyone to buy a [BCT 'New Look' Guy model](#).
Photograph: CORWIN BAINBRIDGE*



*Easy does it! CAD designer Tom backs down on to the train at Stony Shaw.
Photograph: CORWIN BAINBRIDGE*



Portrait of a happy man! Andy enjoys himself on Zambezi. BWLR Chief Engineer Tony explained that this locomotive was a remarkable survivor: it was covered in a thick coat of green paint when it was stored and thus survived years of civil war intact when other locomotives were robbed of precious metals. The restoration team was surprised to find that the original worksplates were still attached!

Photograph: LINNY LINEHAN



*Bill Schneider: too cool for school! Unlike the guy standing next to him...
Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER*



Graphic artist Corwin takes a breather... and tries to out-pose Bill!
Photograph: LINNY LINEHAN



*Book-keeper Sam spent the day in the happy knowledge that she was the coolest one out of the lot of us! Sam runs-round at Stony Shaw station.
Photograph: STEVE HARDY*



To finish off a perfect day, we got a fly-past from a Spitfire, most likely Mk XI [NH341](#) from Headcorn Aerodrome.

Photograph: RICHARD FOSTER



Ready for bed: Zambezi is almost hidden in clouds of its own steam as it prepares to back off the turntable and into the shed after a very busy and fun-filled day. We'd like to thank Dave and everyone at the BWLR who made the day such a success. If you've never visited [this narrow gauge gem](#), add it to your 2023 'To Do' list.

Photograph: BILL SCHNEIDER



Corwin uses everything at his disposal to try to work out just what this strange looking model actually is... [Click here](#) or on the above image to see more.

And finally...

Bill and Jason took the opportunity of the Rapido UK Team Building Day to film a video for Rapido Inc's new 'HO' Southern Pacific 'B50-15/16' box cars. [Click here](#) or on the above image to watch.

For what was supposed to be a fairly quiet, pre-Warley newsletter, that was pretty packed, wasn't it?

Thank you for making it through to the end.

Now we've got to get everything ready to see you at the NEC on November 26th/27th.

See you then!

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