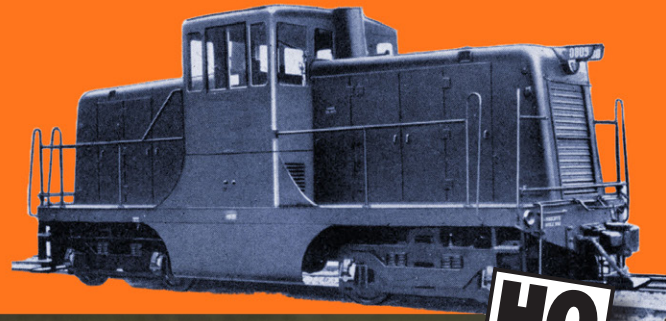


# 44 TONS of Railroad Motive Power

*The Lightweight Champion*



Rapido Trains is pleased to announce an all-new group of HO scale locomotives – the General Electric 44-Ton diesel.

Also commonly called “44-tonners,” these locomotive’s compact design was driven by a 1937 labor agreement with the railroad unions that specified that all locomotives over 90,000 pounds required the use of a fireman. At a target weight of 44-tons (88,000 pounds), these diesels allowed the railroads to use only an engineer, thus saving crew costs. They were perfect for light switching, industrial and shop use.

Built in several variations between 1940 and 1956, more than 300 GE 44-ton locomotives were produced. The 44-tonners saw service throughout North America (Canada, USA and México), as well in Australia, Cuba, India, France, Saudi Arabia, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay. The United States Navy and Air Force also owned a number of these locos. Many continued in operation with successive owners in industrial and shortline service. Numerous examples have been preserved.

Rapido’s HO model features all-new tooling and represents units from Phase Ic, Phase III and Phase IV, most never offered before in a plastic ready-to-run model.

The Rapido Trains HO scale GE 44-Tonner locomotive features:

- Multiple phases and detail variations
- Phase Ic (never offered before in plastic) both with and without lighted hood side number boards
- Phase III with positionable top hood hatches
- Phase IV
- Heavy, die-cast chassis and fuel tank
- Correct fuel tank skirting in two styles
- Separately-applied door latches
- Full cab interior
- Photo-etched cab steps
- Smooth running, strong coreless motor with dual flywheels
- DC models are DCC ready with NEXT-18 decoder socket and speakers
- DCC models are sound equipped with ESU decoders and sounds and include our own “Mo-Power” power capacitor



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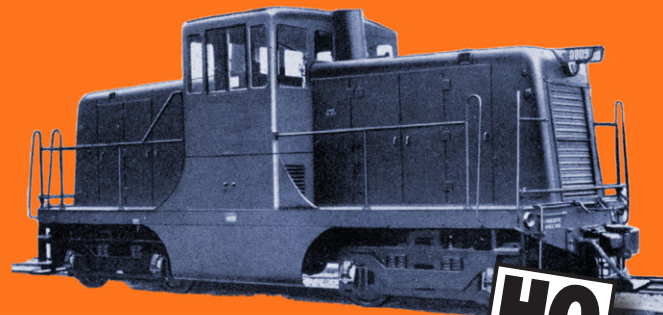
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## Sante Fe - Zebra Stripe Phase III

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #	
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## Rio Grande - Black & Yellow Phase Ic

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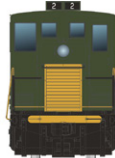


## Boston & Maine - Minuteman Phase Ic

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## New Haven - Warm Orange Phase Ic

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## Canadian National - Green Phase IV

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## New York, Ontario & Western - Grey Phase Ic

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<input type="text"/>	48018	<input type="text"/> 48518	#103
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## Milwaukee Road Phase Ic

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #	
<input type="text"/>	48009	<input type="text"/> 48509	#991
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The Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society owns ex-NYO&W 44-tonner #105. A group of volunteers from the society are currently restoring it back to operating condition at the Steamtown shops in Scranton PA.

Rapido is pleased to support their efforts by donating 5% of the sales of all O&W 44-tonner models to the O&WRHS to be used in this restoration effort.

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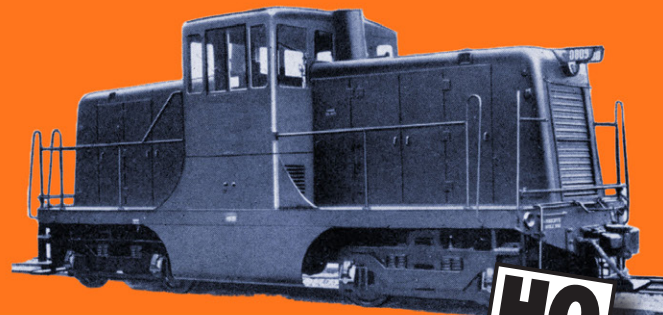
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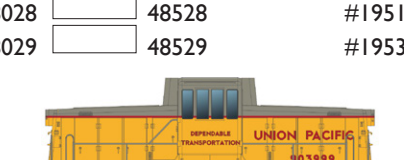
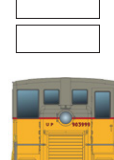


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### Southern Pacific - Tiger Stripe Phase Ic

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### Southern - Tuxedo Phase III

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### Union Pacific Phase IV

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #
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	48530	#903999

### Looking for Un-Numbered units?

Rapido will produce special runs of un-numbered units (no decals included) in groups of six or more. Get together with friends and place your special order directly with us! Contact us at the addresses below for more details.

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Phase Ic



Phase III

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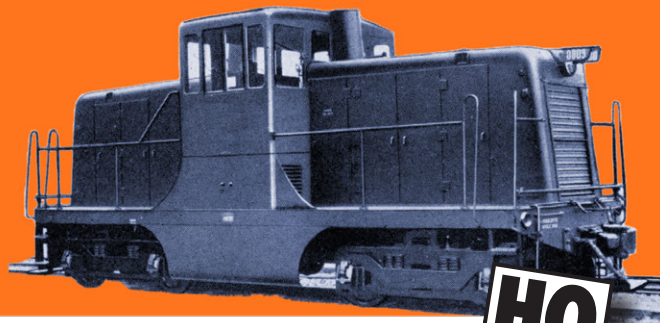
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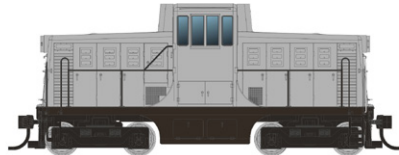
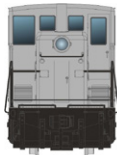
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### Industrial - Yellow

### Undecorated

DC

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Body Style

DC

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Body Style

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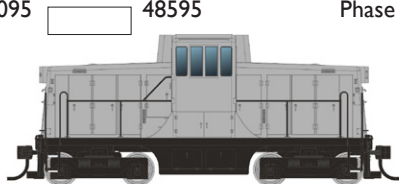
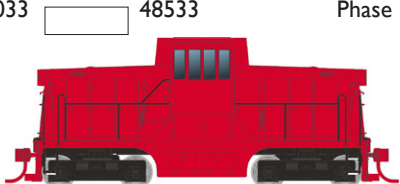
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Phase Ic Body

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Phase Ic Body



### Industrial - Red

### Undecorated

DC

DC/DCC/Sound

Body Style

DC

DC/DCC/Sound

Body Style

48034

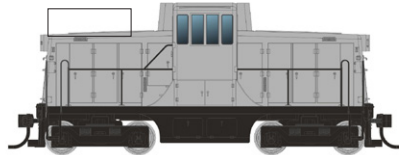
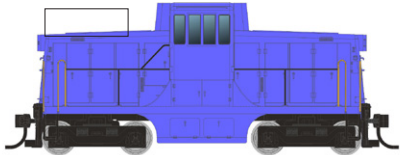
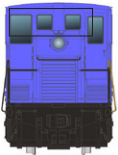
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Phase III Body

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Phase III Body



### Industrial - Blue

### Undecorated

DC

DC/DCC/Sound

Body Style

DC

DC/DCC/Sound

Body Style

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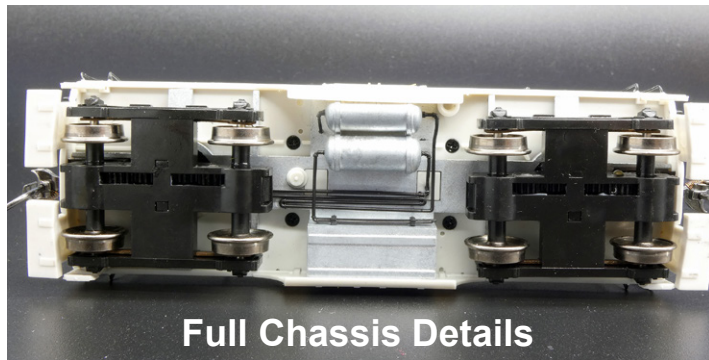
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Phase IV Body

48098

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Phase IV Body



Full Chassis Details



Phase IV

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# DASH 8-40CM

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It's back! And this time, better than ever! The Dash 8-40CM (also known as the C40-8M or "Dash 8") returns, but now with **UPDATED DETAILS!** The Dash 8 has been fully redesigned, from the ground up and now features full underbody details, roadname-specific detail placements, operating ditch lights (double for BC Rail), class lights, optional split-cooling radiators and much, much more! Now for some quick history...

The Dash 8 was introduced in 1990 with a total of 55 units for Canadian National (2400-2454) and 26 units for BC Rail (4601-4626). A further three locomotives (401-403) were built for the QNSL in March 1994. With CN's purchase of BC Rail came the fleet of Dash 8s, which would see them released into general service across North America. It was not uncommon to see BC Rail Dash 8s in Alberta, all the way to Florida.

## Our HO Scale Dash 8-40CM model features:

- Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints
- Roadname-specific details including bell position, single or double rear headlights, with or without battery boxes behind cab, horns, CN or BCOL style ditch lights and more!
- An insane amount of detail with air filters, many separate pipes and moulded traction motor cabling and air/control pipe runs.
- Optional split cooling radiator for CN versions. (Polybag Kit)
- Heavy, die-cast chassis with a powerful motor and dual flywheels
- Etched metal, see-through steps
- Operating headlights, ditch lights and rear lights
- Operating factory-installed rock lights on BCOL locomotives
- Operational white class lights
- Operational sidestep lights, with track lights
- Newly tooled accurate cab interior
- Newly tooled fuel tank and trucks
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
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### Canadian National (Stripes Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2401	24001 <input type="text"/>	24501 <input type="text"/>
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2417	24003 <input type="text"/>	24503 <input type="text"/>
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2423	24005 <input type="text"/>	24505 <input type="text"/>
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### Canadian National (Website Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2400	24007 <input type="text"/>	24507 <input type="text"/>
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### Canadian National (Large Noodle)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2415	24009 <input type="text"/>	24509 <input type="text"/>
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### Canadian National (North America Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2437	24011 <input type="text"/>	24511 <input type="text"/>
2440	24012 <input type="text"/>	24512 <input type="text"/>
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### BC Rail (Red/White/Blue)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4604	24014 <input type="text"/>	24514 <input type="text"/>
4607	24015 <input type="text"/>	24515 <input type="text"/>
4617	24016 <input type="text"/>	24516 <input type="text"/>



### BC Rail (Red/White/Blue w/Frame Stripe)

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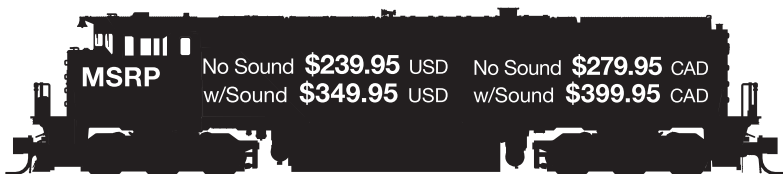
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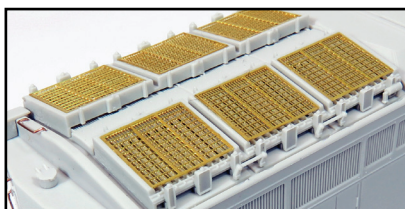


### Quebec North Shore & Labrador (QNSL)

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403	24025 <input type="text"/>	24525 <input type="text"/>



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# NSC 73' CENTERBEAM



**MSRP** 6-PACK **\$359.70 / \$419.70** US / CAD  
SINGLE CAR **\$59.95 / \$69.95** US / CAD

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One of the most overlooked, yet common loads carried by North American railroads is finished wood products. This is where we are proud to introduce the HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car! Over 20,000 examples of this car were produced by National Steel Car, between 1987 through the mid 2000s, with some car variations along the way.

Whenever you see a general merchandise freight pass by you, there's a high probability that you will see at least four or more centerbeams mixed in. But have you taken notice of the roadnames/ownership of those cars? Centerbeams are unique in that they are owned by large class I railroads, leasing companies and smaller shortlines. The wood industry is that lucrative and our HO Scale 73' NSC Centerbeam is no stranger to a wide variety of roadnames!

## The HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam features:

- Multiple Side Sill variations with different winch and ratchet configurations
- Multiple top truss configurations; early Z pattern and standard closed pattern with and without tie-down brackets
- Two deck configurations; early with risers and mid without risers
- Two underbody configurations
- Multiple end cage variants
- Multiple brake stand options
- Multiple truck types (six to be exact!)
- Factory-installed rubber airhoses
- See through eroded metal crossover platforms
- Fully detailed underbodies with brake piping
- Factory-installed metal grab irons and coupler lift bars
- Free rolling, metal wheelsets

\* 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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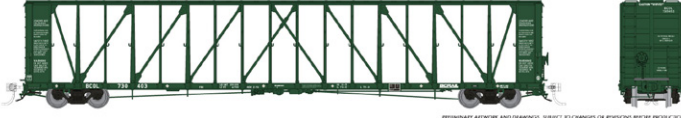
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## BC Rail (Green)



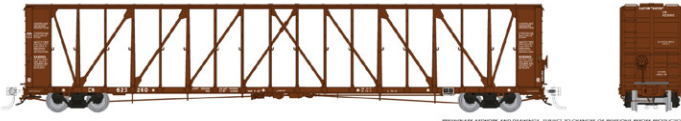
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*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## BNSF (Brown)



Item #  Road #   
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## Canadian National (Brown)



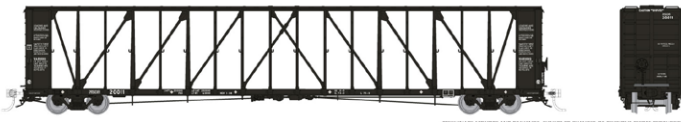
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## CP Rail (Red)



Item #  Road #   
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## Mississippi Delta - MSDR (Black)



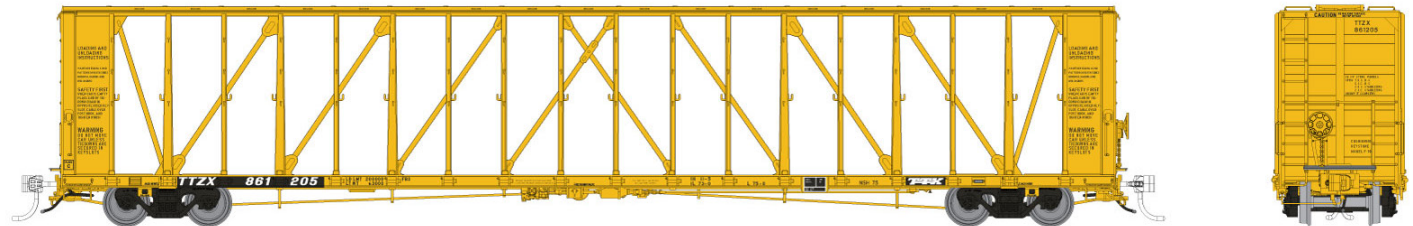
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## Northwestern Oklahoma - NOKL (Brown)



Item #  Road #   
Single Car 174006A 6-Pack 174006  
734310, 734322, 734343, 734361, 734368, 734377  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Trailer Train - TTX (Yellow)



Item #  Road #   
Single Car 174007A 6-Pack 174007  
861205, 861241, 861276, 861294, 861209, 861322  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

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# UNION PACIFIC 40' "ACR" BOXCARS

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"Alternating Center Rivet" (or "ACR"). Fans of freight cars have used these terms to describe boxcars built with a unique side construction. Because these cars were built using thinner side sheeting to save unladen weight, they required additional support posts behind the sides requiring an additional row of rivets down the middle of each side panel. These added vertical rows of rivets were generally spaced twice as far as the rivets along the panel edges, giving an alternating pattern and a unique appearance.

The railroad which had the most boxcars built with lightweight "ACR" construction was the Union Pacific. In the years just before and immediately following World War II the UP built numerous classes of forty- and fifty-foot boxcars using this lightweight design. The postwar cars make up a particularly interesting group for historians and modelers. They span a period when standard boxcar ends and roofs were undergoing design changes, as were the UP's paint and lettering practices, creating interesting variations from one group to the next.

Rapido Trains is proud to release a series of these postwar Union Pacific "ACR" 40' boxcars in classes B-50-39, -41 and -42. Featuring all-new tooling developed with the aid of UP freight car experts, this is the first time that these important classes have been available in HO plastic. Each group of cars offers unique components and/or lettering that showcases the changes that occurred on the prototypes over just a few years. We have designed two styles of roof, two styles of end, four styles of brake wheel (with the correct corresponding housings) and two varieties of etched metal running board and brake platform.

#### Features of Rapido's model include:

- Designed from original blueprints
- Early or late improved dreadnaught ends (depending on class)
- Straight or diagonal panel roof (depending on class)
- Correct handbrake styles and housings
- ASF Ride Control or Barber S-2 cast steel trucks
- Full underbody detailing
- Correct brake platforms and running boards
- Semi-scale couplers and coupler boxes
- Free-rolling turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available per scheme.

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

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**US**  
\$54.95 (SINGLE)  
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## 40' "ACR" BOXCARS

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**B-50-39**  
1947

### **B-50-39 Boxcar: Union Pacific (delivery)**

"Road of the Streamliners" + "Serves All the West"  
4/4 Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends, straight panel roof

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 154001	6-Pack #1
<input type="checkbox"/> 154001A	Single Car Car #197006, 197184, 197899, 198015, 198437, 198576
<input type="checkbox"/> 154002	6-Pack #2
<input type="checkbox"/> 154002A	Single Car Car #197027, 197132, 197281, 197153, 198264, 198902



**B-50-42**  
1951

### **B-50-42 Boxcar: Union Pacific (delivery)**

"Road of the Streamliners" + "Be Specific..."  
R+3/4 Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends, Diagonal panel roof

Item	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/> 154005A	Single Car Car #105106, 105135, 105478, 105643, 105924, 106021
<input type="checkbox"/> 154006	6-Pack #2
<input type="checkbox"/> 154006A	Single Car Car #105142, 105171, 105318, 105436, 105619, 106007



**B-50-41**  
1950

### **B-50-41 Boxcar: Union Pacific (delivery)**

"Road of the Streamliners" + "Be Specific..." black ends & roof  
R+3/4 Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends, Diagonal panel roof

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 154003	6-Pack #1
<input type="checkbox"/> 154003A	Single Car Car #101607, 101618, 102381, 102489, 102925, 103053
<input type="checkbox"/> 154004	6-Pack #2
<input type="checkbox"/> 154004A	Single Car Car #101612, 101624, 102352, 102473, 102948, 103187

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**B-50-39**  
1956+  
REPAINT

### **B-50-39 Boxcar: Union Pacific (large name)**

"Be Specific..." + "Be Specific..."  
4/4 Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends, straight panel roof

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 154007	6-Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 154007A	Single Car Car #197051, 197682, 197962, 197835, 198330, 198723



**B-50-41**  
1956+  
REPAINT

### **B-50-41 Boxcar: Union Pacific (large name)**

"Be Specific..." + "Be Specific..."  
R+3/4 Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends, Diagonal panel roof

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 154008	6-Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 154008A	Single Car Car #101609, 101613, 102375, 102426, 102907, 103024



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# GREAT NORTHERN 40' BOXCARS

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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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## EARLY IMPROVED DREADNAUGHT ENDS



### Great Northern - Mineral Red

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155001	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155001A	Single car 21483, 21492, 21573, 21584, 21791, 21850



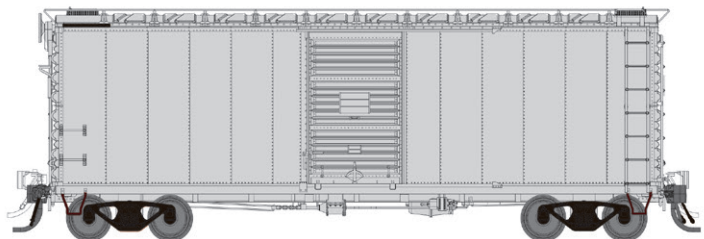
### Great Northern - Green & Orange

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155004	3 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155004A	Single car 39395, 39397, 39398



### Great Northern - Vermilion

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155002	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155002A	Single car 21475, 21517, 21536, 21654, 21682, 21799



### Undecorated

#### (Early Improved Dreadnaught Ends)

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155098	Undecorated - single car

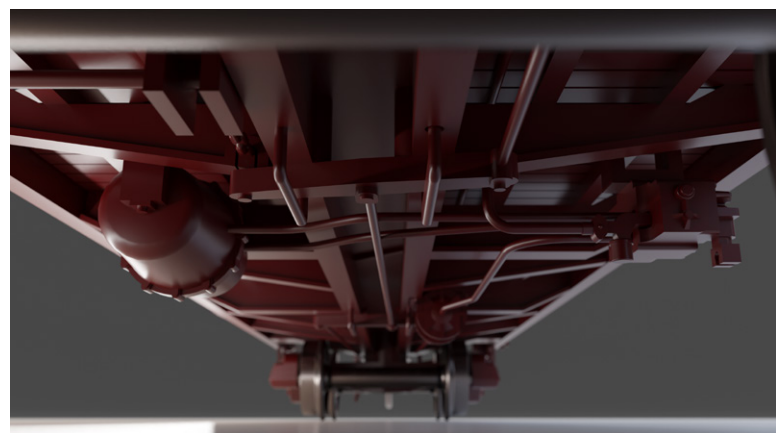
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### Great Northern - Glacier Green

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155003	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155003A	Single car 21483, 21524, 21581, 21626, 21703, 21767

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## LATE IMPROVED DREADNAUGHT ENDS



### Great Northern - Mineral Red

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155005	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155005A	Single car 5004, 5012, 5077, 5085, 5108, 5242



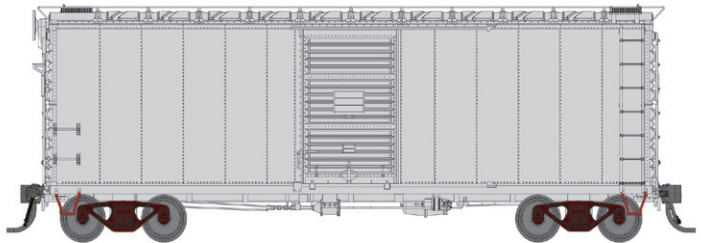
### Great Northern - Vermilion

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155008	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155008A	Single car 5307, 5144, 5212, 5283, 5316, 5453



### Great Northern - Vermilion (Slanted Lettering)

SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155006	6 Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 155006A	Single Car 5091, 5150, 5200, 5231, 5362, 5415



### Undecorated (Late Improved Dreadnaught Ends)

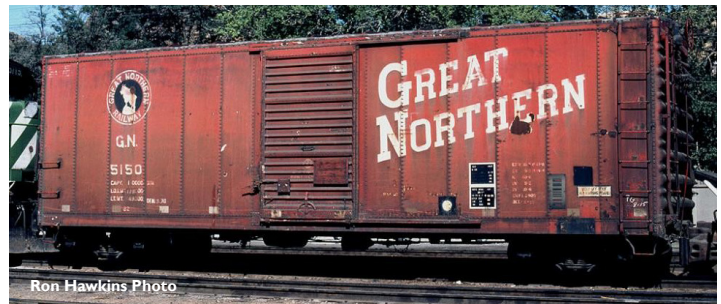
SKU	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 155099	Undecorated - single car Decorated cars have six individual car numbers per paint scheme. These will be available as a six pack (six individual cars shrink wrapped together and easily broken up for individual sale).



### 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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# NSC 73' CENTERBEAM



**MSRP** 6-PACK **\$269.70 / \$329.70** US / CAD  
SINGLE CAR **\$44.95 / \$54.95** US / CAD

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One of the most overlooked, yet common loads carried by North American railroads is finished wood products. This is where we are proud to introduce the HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car! Over 20,000 examples of this car were produced by National Steel Car, between 1987 through the mid 2000s, with some car variations along the way.

Whenever you see a general merchandise freight pass by you, there's a high probability that you will see at least four or more centerbeams mixed in. But have you taken notice of the roadnames/ownership of those cars? Centerbeams are unique in that they are owned by large class I railroads, leasing companies and smaller shortlines. The wood industry is that lucrative and our N Scale 73' NSC Centerbeam is no stranger to a wide variety of roadnames!

## The N Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam features:

- Two top truss configurations; early Z pattern and standard closed pattern with tie-down brackets
- Two deck configurations; early with risers and mid without risers
- Two underbody configurations
- Multiple brake stand options
- Multiple truck types
- Fully detailed underbodies with brake piping
- Free rolling, metal wheelsets
- Multiple end cage variants

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# NSC 73' CENTERBEAM

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## BC Rail (Green)



Item # Single Car  Item # 6-Pack  Road # 730403, 730420, 730436, 730447, 730471, 730489  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## BNSF (Brown)



Item # Single Car  Item # 6-Pack  Road # 562878, 562935, 562960, 563003, 563114, 563181  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Canadian National (Brown)



Item # Single Car  Item # 6-Pack  Road # 623260, 623272, 623279, 623285, 623290, 623298  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## CP Rail (Red)



Item # Single Car  Item # 6-Pack  Road # 318009, 318034, 318051, 318086, 318107, 318145  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Mississippi Delta - MS DR (Black)



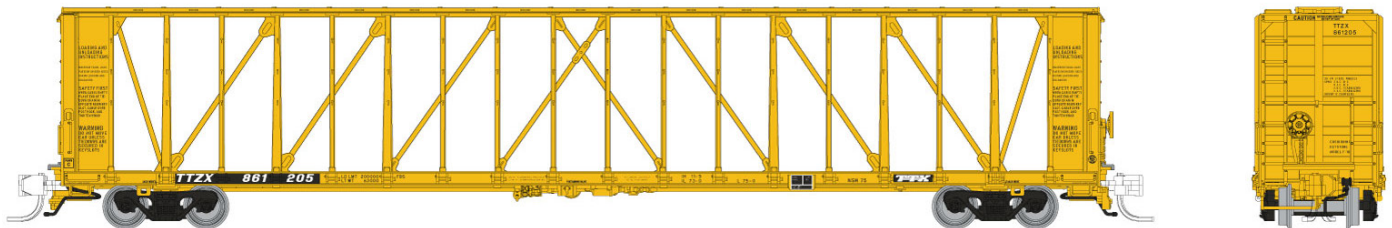
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*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Northwestern Oklahoma - NOKL (Brown)



Item # Single Car  Item # 6-Pack  Road # 734310, 734322, 734343, 734361, 734368, 734377  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Trailer Train - TTX (Yellow)



Item # Single Car  Item # 6-Pack  Road # 861205, 861241, 861276, 861294, 861209, 861322  
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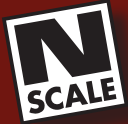
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# BARREL ORE HOPPER

CANADIAN NATIONAL - ONTARIO NORTHLAND



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If you stood anywhere between the CN Newmarket Sub and Bayview Jct, just east of Hamilton in the late 60s through the early 90s, you probably saw one of the most unique trains to run the line: The Ore Train. Rapido is pleased to announce the N Scale CN/ONR NSC-built Barrel Ore Hoppers!

This train plied the rails from two mines owned by Dofasco in Northern Ontario to their facility in Hamilton, Ontario. At first glance the cars look like a shrunken cylindrical hopper. The reason for the round shape and covered hatches was to keep the processed iron-ore pellets from becoming frozen or damp with moisture, which would aide in a quicker unloading process. They also came in two varieties: A 35' "Short" version (Built in 1967) and a 42' "Long" version (Delivered in two batches in 1973 and 1975). The later cars were designed with a longer wheelbase, as the original 35' cars spanned the same length as the stick rail underneath, causing undue wear. Also unique is the "tire" that sits on top of the hatches. At the loadout, the tire comes into contact with a "scroll" that forces the hatches to open - taking two minutes to cycle a car or roughly an hour and twenty minutes for a unit train of 40 cars. Most times one would see CN and ONR cars mixed in each consist.

### The Barrel Ore Hopper features:

- Two carbodies representing short and long Barrel hoppers
- Super-detailed underbody including all separate airline piping
- Barber S-2 100-ton Trucks with metal wheels
- Hopper bays feature highly detailed gates
- See-through, etched metal end platforms

**Order Deadline - February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Single Car	\$42.95 US / \$49.95 CAD
3-Pack	\$128.85 US / \$149.85 CAD
6-Pack	\$257.70 US / \$299.70 CAD

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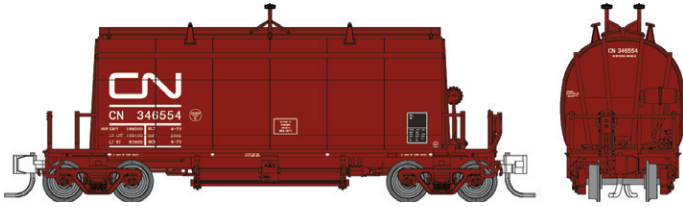
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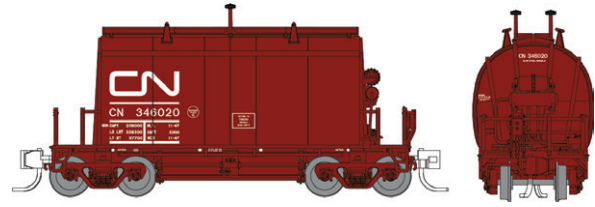
# BARREL ORE HOPPER

## CANADIAN NATIONAL - ONTARIO NORTHLAND



### CN Mineral Brown (Long Barrel)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #1	346554, 346562, 346598, 346623, 346661, 646690	6-Pack #2	346558, 346574, 346583, 346615, 346629, 346681
543001	<input type="text"/>	543002	<input type="text"/>
Single Car	Road Number	Single Car	Road Number
543001A	Randomly Selected	543002A	Randomly Selected



### CN Mineral Brown (Short Barrel)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #1	346020, 346025, 346029, 346032, 346036, 346043	6-Pack #2	346045, 346051, 346054, 346062, 346067, 346084
543003	<input type="text"/>	543004	<input type="text"/>
Single Car	Road Number	Single Car	Road Number
543003A	Randomly Selected	543004A	Randomly Selected



### CN Scale Test Car (Short Barrel)

Item #	Road #
3-Pack #1	52283, 52284, 52285
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Single Car	Road Number
543005A	Randomly Selected



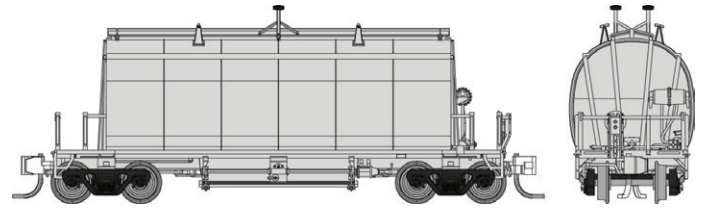
### ONR Progressive Green (Short Barrel)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #1	6501, 6505, 6508, 6512, 6517, 6520	6-Pack #2	6524, 6527, 6529, 6530, 6531, 6534
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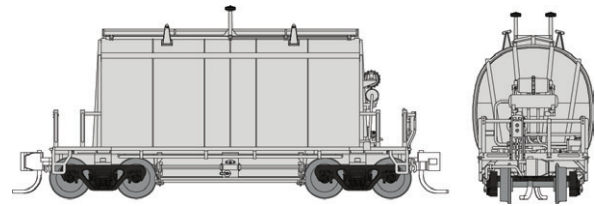
### ONR Chevron Scheme (Long Barrel)

Item #	Road #	Item #	Road #
6-Pack #1	6605, 6609, 6612, 6618, 6621, 6624	6-Pack #2	6629, 6630, 6633, 6636, 6638, 6639
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Single Car	Road Number	Single Car	Road Number
543008A	Randomly Selected	543009A	Randomly Selected



### Undecorated (Long Barrel)

Item #	Car Type
Single Car	Long Barrel
143098	<input type="text"/>



### Undecorated Kit (Short Barrel)

Item #	Car Type
Single Car	Short Barrel
143099	<input type="text"/>

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Dear Rapido Customer,

We have some important updates as well as the January 16th, 2023 order deadlines to discuss. Let's get right to them.

### **Product Updates from Jason**

- HO Scale Budd Manor and Baggage Dorm Cars
- HO Scale Union Pacific E8 Locomotive
- HO Scale Dash 8 Update

### **January Order Deadlines - January 16th, 2023**

- HO Scale BART Trains - Early-Bird Discount!
- HO Scale Canadian Piggyback Flatcar
- HO Scale Canadian 26' Can-Car and 45' Trailmobile Trailers

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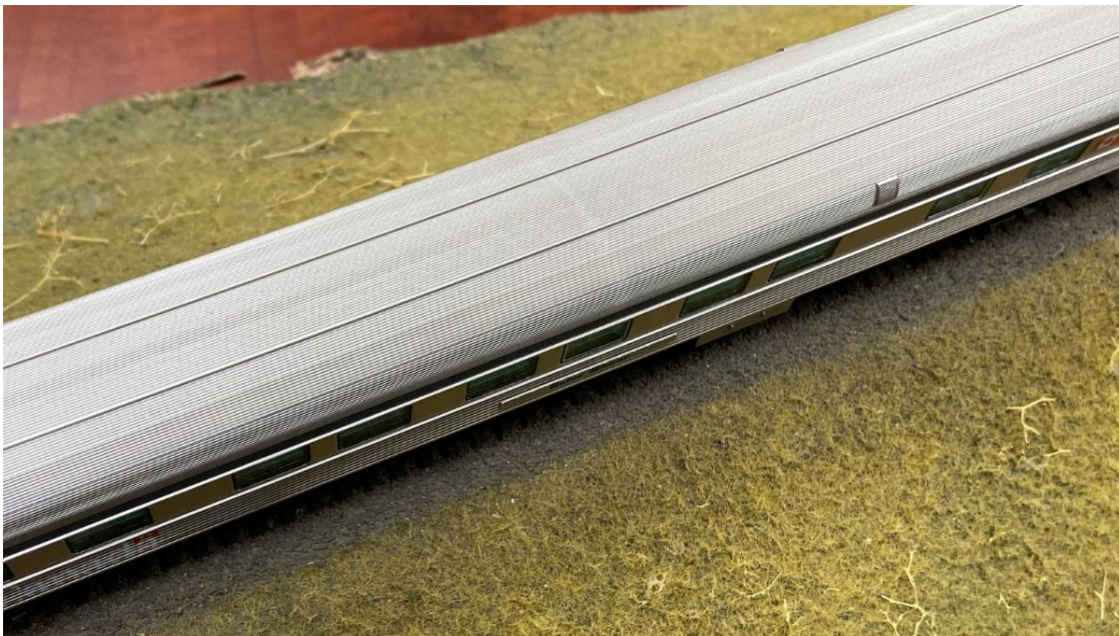
Jason here. I've asked Bobby if I could have the first part of this special newsletter so I can provide an update on a few projects. Before I do, I want to remind you that we have an order deadline coming up next Monday, and Bobby will include links to those products at the bottom of this email. Please [click here](#) to watch our new order deadline video.



*A Seaboard sleeper from the most recent run.*

Since the release of the [HO Scale Manor Sleeper](#) late in 2022, a number of our customers have justifiably raised concerns about discolouration on the roofs of some cars. While this issue is not prevalent on all cars, there are a large enough number that exhibit this issue to varying degrees. This discolouration occurs where the molten plastic flowing from either end of the car shell intersects.

When the original models were produced for our Canadian sets back in 2012, the base models were injected using opaque black plastic. When the models were then painted with our stainless steel finish, this discolouration was barely noticeable. All runs of stainless steel cars since then have been produced in black plastic with a similarly negligible discolouration.



*The latest run, showing the discolouration across the roof.*

Fast forward to 2022 and these newer models were not made using the same black plastic as the originals. The factory making these cars informed us that the black plastic they are receiving now from their suppliers has a high recycled content and cannot flow properly, especially in the fine roof fluting, so they used grey plastic instead.

The lighter plastic is allowing the discolouration to show through the stainless steel paint much more than before. It's still the exact same tooling, but it's amazing how such little details can be highlighted with a different base colour.

We've already begun discussions with the factory on how to correct this issue and they have performed a few comparison tests using different base colours. The factory is closed now for Chinese New Year but we'll continue working with them when they reopen next month.

If your model has a significant roof discolouration and you would like a replacement shell, please contact us by March 31st and we will add you to the list for new shells, which the factory has offered to produce for us. Unfortunately they can't just stop all current production so the new shells will take a few months to arrive.

To be added to the list, you can simply reply to this email but change the subject to "Replacement Manor Shells." Please include a photo of the affected cars as well as your full contact info. Please note that we will need the old shells back when the new ones arrive and we will send you a prepaid mailing label.



*This is one of my own Manor Sleepers from The Canadian set in 2012. As you can see, the slight discolouration has been there all along, just not nearly as bad as on some of the cars we're seeing now. There is no way for us to remove it completely.*

If the discolouration on your model is very faint, it is likely that our replacement shells will be no better. If you look at all our stainless steel cars delivered from 2012 to 2021, you will see a similar slight discolouration as it is part of the manufacturing process. Unfortunately there is no way for us to remove it entirely. Our replacement shells will match the quality of our previous runs of

stainless steel cars, like the photo above of one of my 2012-era Manor sleepers.

This project seems to be a bit cursed. In addition to the discolouration on the roofs, and the fact that production took a year longer than it should have, the CP Action Red "Manor" names were shifted on our artwork. This means that the arrangement of the car names did not match the order which was advertised. Our warehouse was so jammed with shipments in the fall that we did not do a thorough enough check of the models before they left. Had we done so, we could have just printed new labels and solved the issue in one day. We're expanding our warehouse space soon and we've already changed some of our practices at Rapido HQ to prevent this sort of mistake happening in the future.

If you did not receive the CP Action Red Manor sleeper you requested and you specifically wanted that particular car, please reply to this email and change the subject to "CP Action Red Manor Mix-Up." We'll do our best to get you the correctly named car.

I am very sorry for both of these issues. I doubt we could have found the first issue as we spot checked several dozen models and none of them had it. The second issue was just carelessness on our part and we'll work hard to ensure that mistakes like that don't happen again.



*Note the double steam generator hatch. We'll have replacements available.*

Delivering so many different prototypes lately, we were bound to screw up a detail or two. It was recently brought to our attention that our [HO Scale UP E-units](#) should have a single steam generator, rather than the double steam generator visible in the rear hatch of the photo above. Due to an artwork error which was not caught, our units were fitted with a dual steam generator hatch.

We have made replacement hatches which are available to anybody who owns a Rapido UP E8A. Installation is simple! They just clip in, and full instructions will be included with the hatches.

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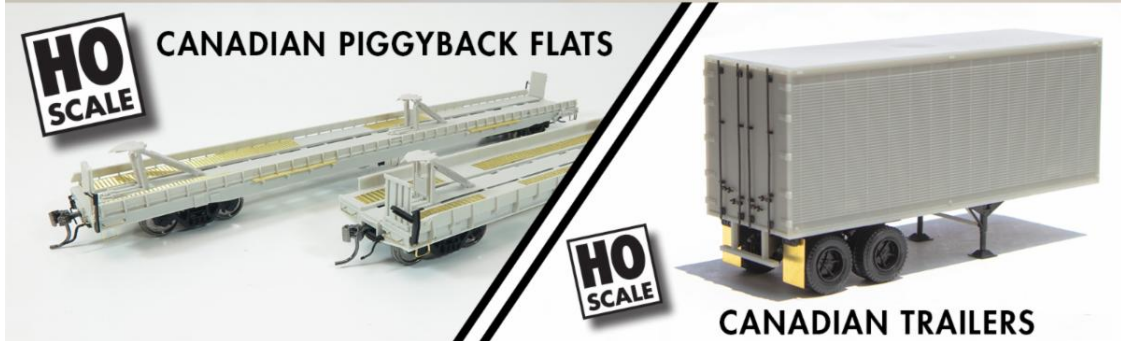
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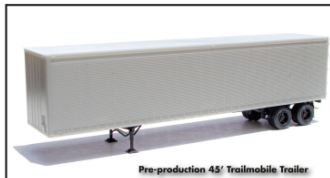
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The 45' Trailmobile trailers arrived in Canada in the mid-1970s, almost a full decade before they launched in the US. These venerable trailers also had the option for side doors, for easier access. Much like the 26' trailers, CN and CP both had good quantities as well as small and large trucking services. Many wore a variety of colourful schemes, so crank up that memory machine and grab a few of these neat trailers today!

**The Canadian Piggyback Trailer features:**

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- Separately-applied mudflaps
- Highly detailed wheel and axle area
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- Three individual numbers per scheme



Pre-production 45' Trailmobile Trailer



Please order your [HO Scale Canadian Trailers](#) today!

This has been a brief but (we hope) informative look into some of our recent changes and goings on over here. We'll be back later this month with a full newsletter for January.

Thanks for reading!

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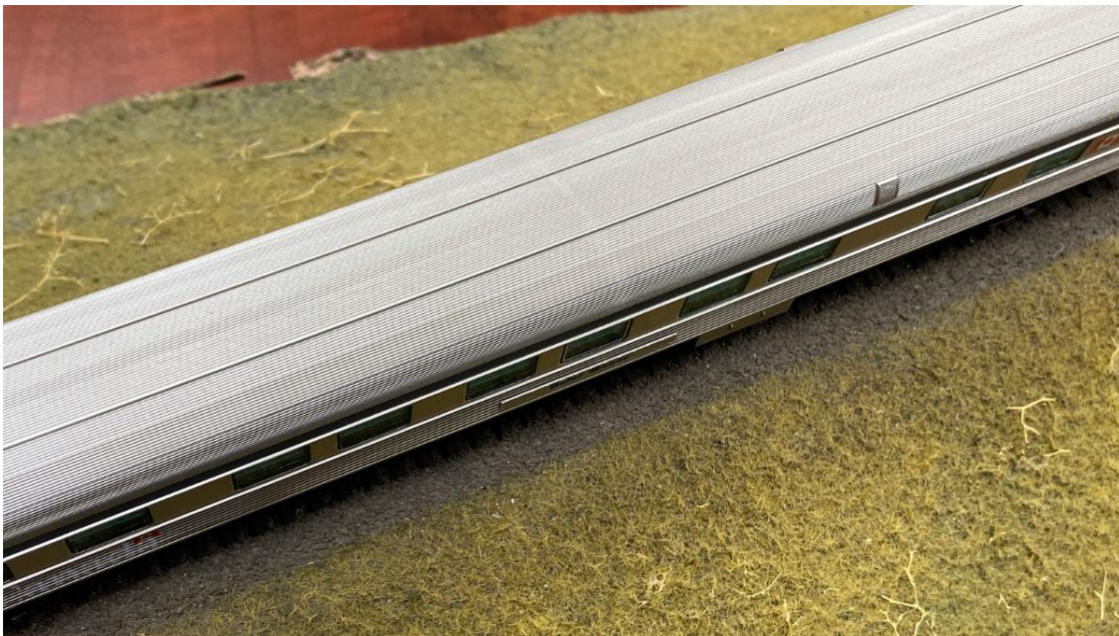
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*A Seaboard sleeper from the most recent run.*

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*The latest run, showing the discolouration across the roof.*

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The lighter plastic is allowing the discolouration to show through the stainless steel paint much more than before. It's still the exact same tooling, but it's amazing how such little details can be highlighted with a different base colour.

We've already begun discussions with the factory on how to correct this issue and they have performed a few comparison tests using different base colours. The factory is closed now for Chinese New Year but we'll continue working with them when they reopen next month.

If your model has a significant roof discolouration and you would like a replacement shell, please contact us by March 31st and we will add you to the list for new shells, which the factory has offered to produce for us. Unfortunately they can't just stop all current production so the new shells will take a few months to arrive.

To be added to the list, you can simply reply to this email but change the subject to "Replacement Manor Shells." Please include a photo of the affected cars as well as your full contact info. Please note that we will need the old shells back when the new ones arrive and we will send you a prepaid mailing label.



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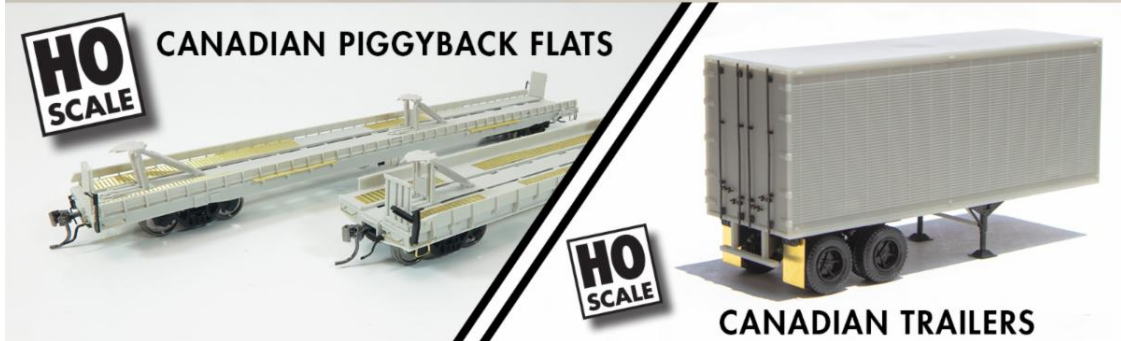
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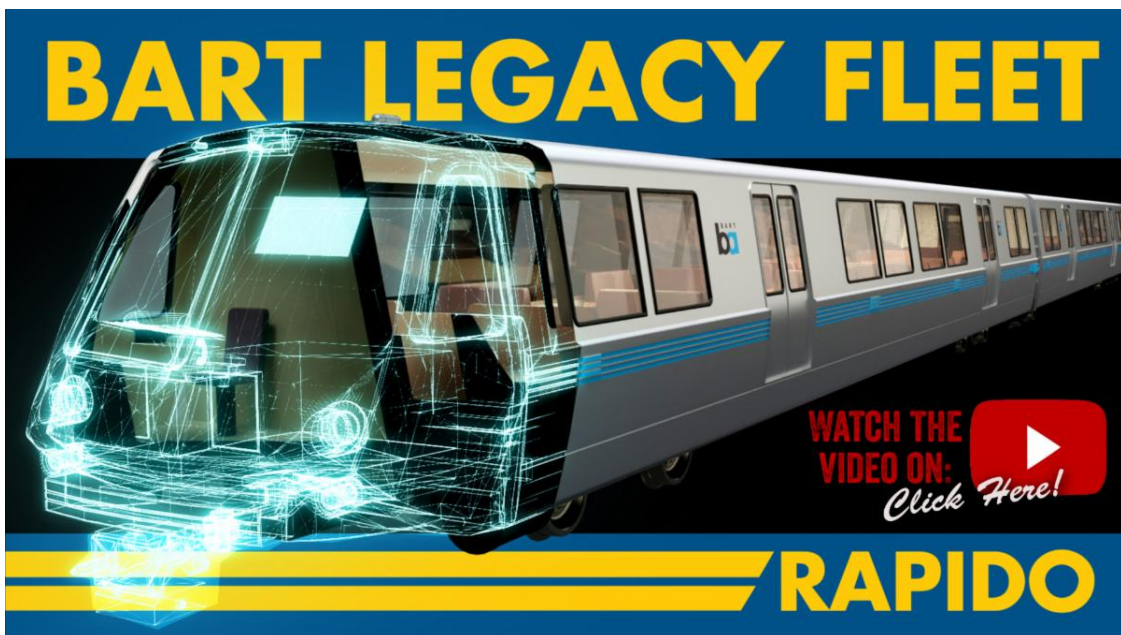
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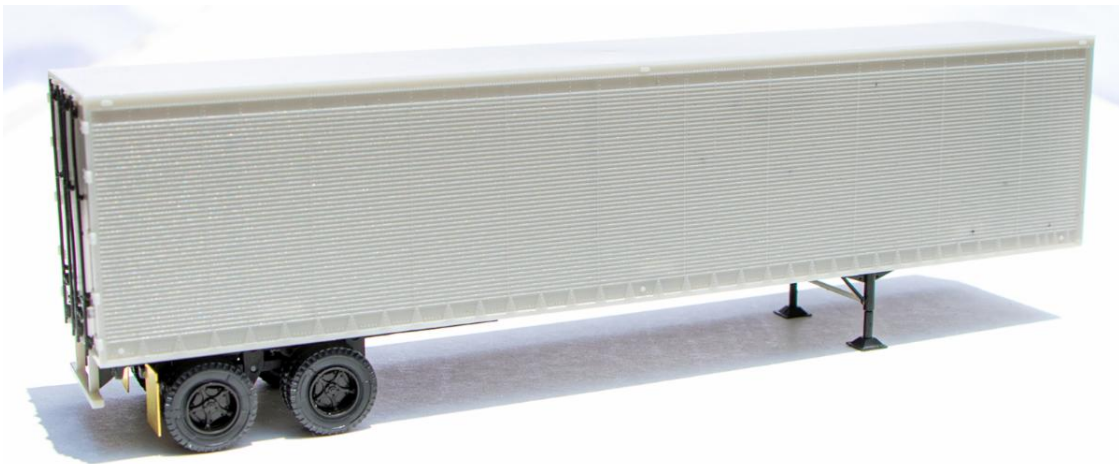
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These [HO Scale Canadian Piggyback Flatcars](#) will look great on your layout, so please get your orders in ASAP!



## HO Scale Canadian 26' Can-Car and 45' Trailmobile Trailers

What better way to complement your flatcars than with the [HO Scale Canadian Trailers](#)? These are the 26' Can-Car Industries Dry-Vans with and without side doors and the 45' Trailmobile design trailers, also with and without side doors. And, just like the flatcars, these also close out on the 16th of January.

We have also included these trailers in the new video. [Click here](#) to watch, if you haven't already.

Check out the catalogue for the HO Scale Canadian Trailers by clicking the photo below.



\$31.95 USD    ORDER DEADLINE:  
\$37.95 CAD    JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Rapido Trains Inc. is proud to offer not one, but two styles of Canadian piggyback trailers! A first for the industry!

The two trailers are the 26' Con-Car Industries Dry-Vans with and without side doors and the 45' Trailmobile design trailers, also with and without side doors. The 26' trailers were widely used by Canadian National and Canadian Pacific for package delivery services, as well as trucking services and retail store owners. These unique trailers have the iconic ribbed sides with catchy graphics. Eventually they were phased out of service in the 1980s.

The 45' Trailmobile trailers arrived in Canada in the mid-1970s, almost a full decade before they launched in the US. These venerable trailers also had the option for side doors, for easier access. Much like the 26' trailers, CN and CP both had good quantities as well as small and large trucking services. Many wore a variety of colourful schemes, so crank up that memory machine and grab a few of these neat trailers today!

**The Canadian Piggyback Trailer features:**

- Landing gear has two separate pieces to create in-motion or parked positions
- Separately-applied mudflaps
- Highly detailed wheel and axle area
- 26' trailers have two styles of front stabilizing bars to create in-motion or parked positions
- Three individual numbers per scheme



Pre-production 45' Trailmobile Trailer



Please order your [HO Scale Canadian Trailers](#) today!

This has been a brief but (we hope) informative look into some of our recent changes and goings on over here. We'll be back later this month with a full newsletter for January.

Thanks for reading!

Bobby

**Bobby Allard**  
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Dear Rapido Customer,

It's time for another newsletter! This month we bring you a small critter locomotive and plenty of photos. So, without further ado, Rapido News 164...starts...right...**NOW!**

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## NEW! HO Scale GE 44-Tonner Locomotive

The little engine that could! Rapido Trains is proud to present the [GE 44-Tonner Locomotive](#), all tricked-out! Ever have loaded baked potato? Well this is a lot like it! The Rapido-ized version of the 44-Tonner has all of the bells and whistles, including a bell and whistle. But before we dive into the details, let's take a quick look at the history.





*YES! That's a Slumbercoach tucked in behind that 44-Tonner. A little cross-marketing and we would like to thank DRGW for doing this for us. Don Swanson photo, courtesy of the Kevin EuDaly collection.*

Commonly called **"44-Tonnors,"** these locomotives' compact design was driven by a 1937 labor agreement with the railroad unions that specified that all locomotives over 90,000 pounds required the use of a fireman. So, in true slight-of-hand railroad fashion, GE engineers designed these locos with a target weight of 44-tons (88,000 pounds). The end result allowed the railroads to only use an engineer, thus saving crew costs. They were perfect for light switching, industrial and shop use.



*Looks good in stripes! Stuart J. Sutton photo, courtesy of the Kevin EuDaly collection.*

Built in several variations between 1940 and 1956, more than 300 **GE 44-ton locomotives** were produced. The 44-Tonnors saw service throughout North America (Canada, USA and Mexico), as well in Australia, Cuba, India, France, Saudi Arabia, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay. The United States Navy and Air Force also owned a number of these locos. Many continued in operation with successive owners in industrial and shortline service. Numerous examples have been preserved.

OK, enough jibber-jabber. Let's quickly go over the phases we are offering on the initial run.

- Phase Ic - Flat ends, side mounted radiator shutters.
- Phase III - Radiator shutters on end, longitudinal hood-top hatches.
- Phase IV - Radiator shutters on end, longitudinal opening on hood-tops.

**NOTE: Phases I and III have never been offered in plastic before!**



*These are the Phase Ic 44-Tonners.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*A side angle view of the Phase Ic.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



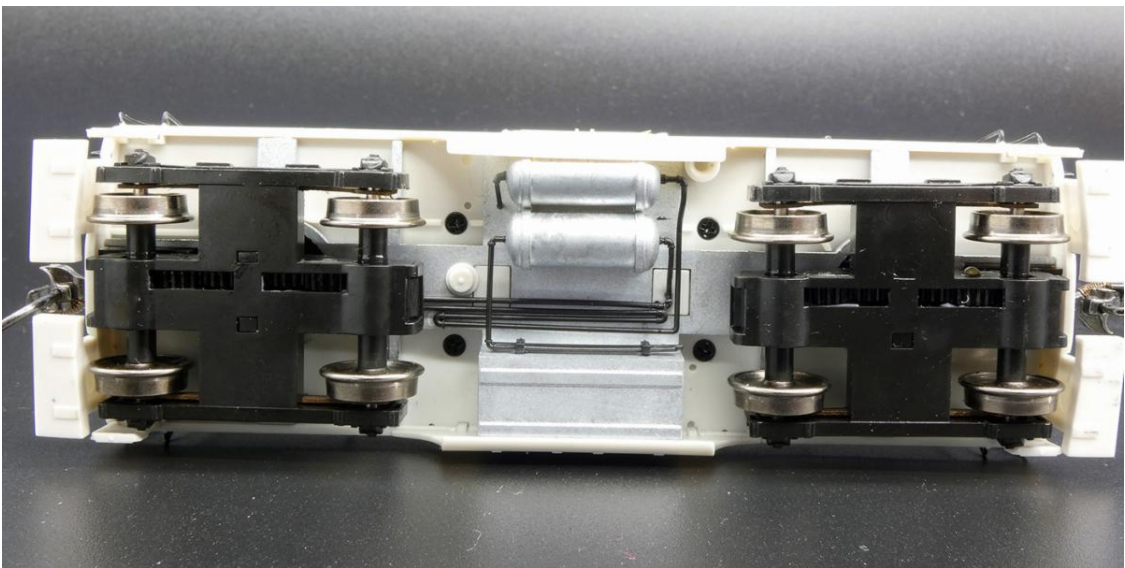
*These center cabs will be the center of attention! This is the Phase III version.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*This is the Phase IV version.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*A top down view of the Phase III 44-Tonner. By the way, just like the prototype, the hatches can be open for ventilation! Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*We have used die-cast as much as we can for added weight.*

*Preproduction samples subject to revision.*

The [Rapido Trains HO scale GE 44-Tonner locomotive](#) features:

- Multiple phases and detail variations
- Phase Ic (**never offered before in plastic**) both with and without lighted hood side number boards
- Phase III (**also never offered before in plastic**) with positionable top hood hatches
- Phase IV
- Heavy, die-cast chassis and fuel tank
- Correct fuel tank skirting in two styles
- Separately-applied door latches
- Full cab interior
- Photo-etched cab steps
- Smooth running, strong coreless motor with dual flywheels
- DC models are DCC ready with NEXT-18 decoder socket and speakers
- DCC models are sound equipped with ESU decoders and sounds and include our own "Mo-Power" power capacitor

And why not see ALL of the schemes being offered on the first run? Scroll down to check them out! We even have painted, unlettered versions for your industry or short line!



**Here's something you can contribute to!**

One of the many organizations that own a 44-Tonner today is the Ontario & Western Railway Historical Society, in this case ex-NYO&W 44-Tonner #105. A group of volunteers from the society are currently restoring it back to operating condition at the Steamtown shops in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Rapido is pleased to support their efforts by donating 5% of the sales of all O&W 44-Tonner models to the O&WRHS to be used in this effort. Further information about #105 can be found [clicking here](#).



*The Old & Weary.*

We would also like to introduce an exclusive from [Trainworld!](#) They are taking orders for the Long Island Rail Road's one and only 44-tonner, #400. The 400 wears the "Tichy" scheme with a modified "one-of-a-kind" herald on the cab. This is a must-get for any LIRR fan!

Check out more by [clicking here](#) or the photo below.



*Wearing a one-of-a-kind logo, the Tichy scheme never looked so good!*

Check out the catalog by clicking on the photo below.



Rapido Trains is pleased to announce an all-new group of HO scale locomotives – the General Electric 44-Ton Diesel.

Also commonly called “44-tonners,” these locomotives’ compact design was driven by a 1937 labor agreement with the railroad unions that specified that all locomotives over 80,000 pounds required the use of a fireman. At a target weight of 44-tons (88,000 pounds), these diesels allowed the railroads to use only an engineer, thus saving crew costs. They were perfect for light switching, industrial and shop use.

Built in several variations between 1940 and 1956, more than 300 GE 44-ton locomotives were produced. The 44-tonners saw service throughout North America (Canada, USA and Mexico), as well in Australia, Cuba, India, France, Saudi Arabia, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay. The United States Navy and Air Force also owned a number of these locos. Many continued in operation with successive owners in industrial and shortline service. Numerous examples have been preserved.

Rapido’s HO model features all-new tooling and represents units from Phase Ic, Phase III and Phase IV, most never offered before in a plastic ready-to-run model.

The Rapido Trains HO scale GE 44-Tonner locomotive features:

- Multiple phases and detail variations
- Phase Ic (never offered before in plastic) both with and without lighted hood side number boards
- Phase III with positionable top hood hatches
- Phase IV
- Heavy die-cast chassis and fuel tank
- Correct fuel tank skirting in two styles
- Separately-applied door latches
- Full cab interior
- Photo-etched cab steps
- Smooth running strong coreless motor with dual flywheels
- DC models are DCC ready with NEXT-18 decoder socket and speakers
- DCC models are sound equipped with ESU decoders and sounds and include our own “Mo-Power” power capacitor



**MSRP**  
**\$189.95** DC/DCC-ready **\$299.95** DC/DCC/Sound - US  
 (\$229.95 DC/DCC-ready \$349.95 DC/DCC/Sound - Canadian)



First test samples shown, subject to revision.



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As of right now, we do not have an order deadline for the [HO Scale GE 44-Tonner](#). But we plan on announcing one shortly, so please order away and keep an eye out for that date in a future newsletter!



## General Announcements - Order Deadline Change

The [HO Scale Dash 8-40CM](#) originally carried an April order deadline. **PLEASE NOTE** we are pushing it back to **MAY 15th, 2023**. We are doing so to



show off the samples at [Supertrain](#) in Calgary as well as to avoid over-loading the April order deadlines. Until then, please continue ordering!

Here is the updated sales catalogue for the HO Scale Dash 8-40CM.



It's back! And this time, better than ever! The Dash 8-40CM (also known as the C40-8M or "Dash 8") returns, but now with **UPDATED DETAILS!** The Dash 8 has been fully redesigned, from the ground up and now features full underbody details, roadname-specific detail placements, operating ditch lights (double for BC Rail), class lights, optional split-cooling radiators and much, much more! Now for some quick history...

The Dash 8 was introduced in 1990 with a total of 55 units for Canadian National (2400-2454) and 26 units for BC Rail (4601-4626). A further three locomotives (401-403) were built for the QNSL in March 1994. With CN's purchase of BC Rail came the fleet of Dash 8s, which would see them released into general service across North America. It was not uncommon to see BC Rail Dash 8s in Alberta, all the way to Florida.

**Our HO Scale Dash 8-40CM model features:**

- Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints
- Roadname-specific details including bell position, single or double rear headlights, with or without battery boxes behind cab, horns, CN or BCOL style ditch lights and more!
- An insane amount of detail with air filters, many separate pipes and moulded traction motor cabling and air/control pipe runs.
- Optional split cooling radiator for CN versions. (Polybag Kit)
- Heavy, die-cast chassis with a powerful motor and dual flywheels
- Etched metal, see-through steps
- Operating headlights, ditch lights and rear lights
- Operating factory-installed rock lights on BCOL locomotives
- Operational white class lights
- Operational sidestep lights, with track lights
- Newly tooled accurate cab interior
- Newly tooled fuel tank and trucks
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- DC/Silent (DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound) with twin sugar cube speakers
- Factory-installed couplers mounted at the correct height

**ORDER DEADLINE: MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

MSRP	No Sound	\$239.95 USD
	w/Sound	\$349.95 USD
MSRP	No Sound	\$279.95 CAD
	w/Sound	\$399.95 CAD

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**HO Scale B&O USRA Single-Sheathed Boxcar Body Replacement**

Back in the fall of 2022 we delivered our HO scale USRA Single-Sheathed boxcars including several cars lettered for the Baltimore & Ohio. After delivery, it was discovered that the body shell color did not correctly match the sample we provided to the factory and as a result we have produced replacement shells to correct the issue.

If you purchased any of these cars (Item #142002) and would like a replacement shell, please contact us by replying to this email but change the

subject to "B&O boxcar." Let us know how many shells you require and which road numbers. You will need to provide proof of purchase (either with a receipt or a photo of the box label), your mailing address and a daytime phone number.

We will also have the replacement shells available from our booth at the [Amherst Society Train Show](#) in Springfield, Massachusetts this weekend (January 28th and the 29th, 2023). If you would like to pick up shells there, please bring your old shell along to exchange. If you'll be bringing your B&O shell for exchange, please have the shell separated from the chassis beforehand.

## ***IN-STOCK ITEMS!***



### **In-Stock Items**

We currently have the [HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers](#) and the [HO Scale Chevrolet Caprice and Impala Vehicles](#) in-stock, but quantities are limited! Check out photos of these great items below then rush on over to place your orders before they're all gone!

First up are the [HO Scale 3800 cu.ft. Cylindrical Hoppers](#)



All of the [HO Scale 3800 Cylindrical Hoppers.](#)



The CP Rail [HO Scale 3800 Cylindrical Hoppers.](#)



The Canadian National [HO Scale 3800 Cylindrical Hoppers.](#)



Potash! A staple of the [3800 Cylindrical Hoppers](#).



South and north of the border schemes on the [HO Scale 3800 Cylindrical Hopper](#).

Next are the [HO Scale Chevrolet Caprice and Impala Vehicles](#).



A classic car, now in HO Scale: [The Chevy Caprice and Impala Vehicles](#).



A group photo of the [Chevy Caprice and Impalas](#). They look quite impressive!



That many [Impala Police Cars](#) staring you down is kind of concerning!



To the rescue, with the [Impala Emergency Vehicles](#)!



The iconic [Caprice Station Wagons](#). Ready for that five hour trip to the family reunion.



And of course, here are the classic [Caprice Sedans](#).



## February 2023 Order Deadlines

February 15th, 2023; we have three HO scale and two N Scale items closing out. For HO Scale, we have: the [NSC 73' Centerbeam Car](#), the [Union Pacific 40' "ACR" Boxcar](#) and the [Great Northern 40' Boxcar](#). In N Scale, we have: the [NSC 73' Centerbeam](#) and the [Barrel Ore Hopper](#). Let's take a look at each.

# NSC 73' CENTERBEAM

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## HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car

The [HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car](#) is actually selling really, really well. We're delighted from the response we've received. Thank you to everyone who has preordered!

We got these new samples just the other day and rushed to photograph them for you. Note they still have masking tape labels from the factory. Rest assured your models will not have blobs of masking tape on them



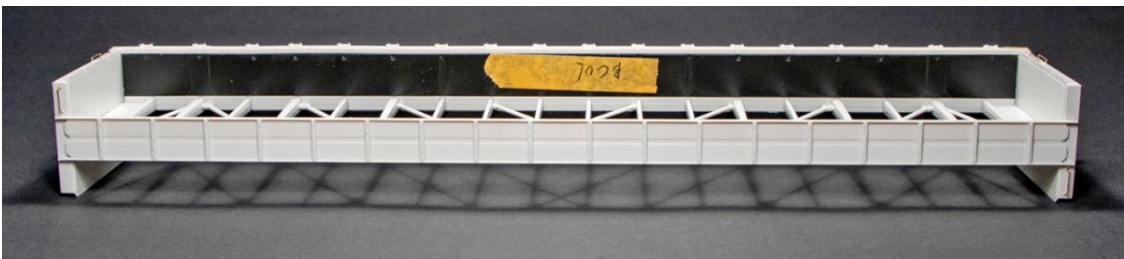
*These centerbeams will be the center of attention!  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*High detail on the ends, too  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*

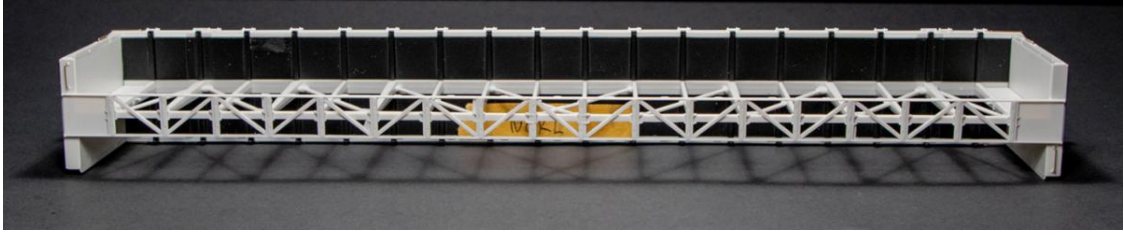


*Looking on from the B-end of the car.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*The standard closed pattern top truss.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*

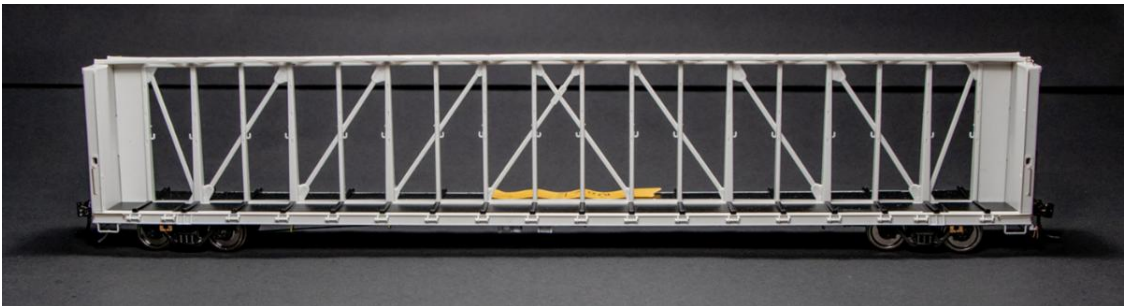




*The early Z-pattern top truss.  
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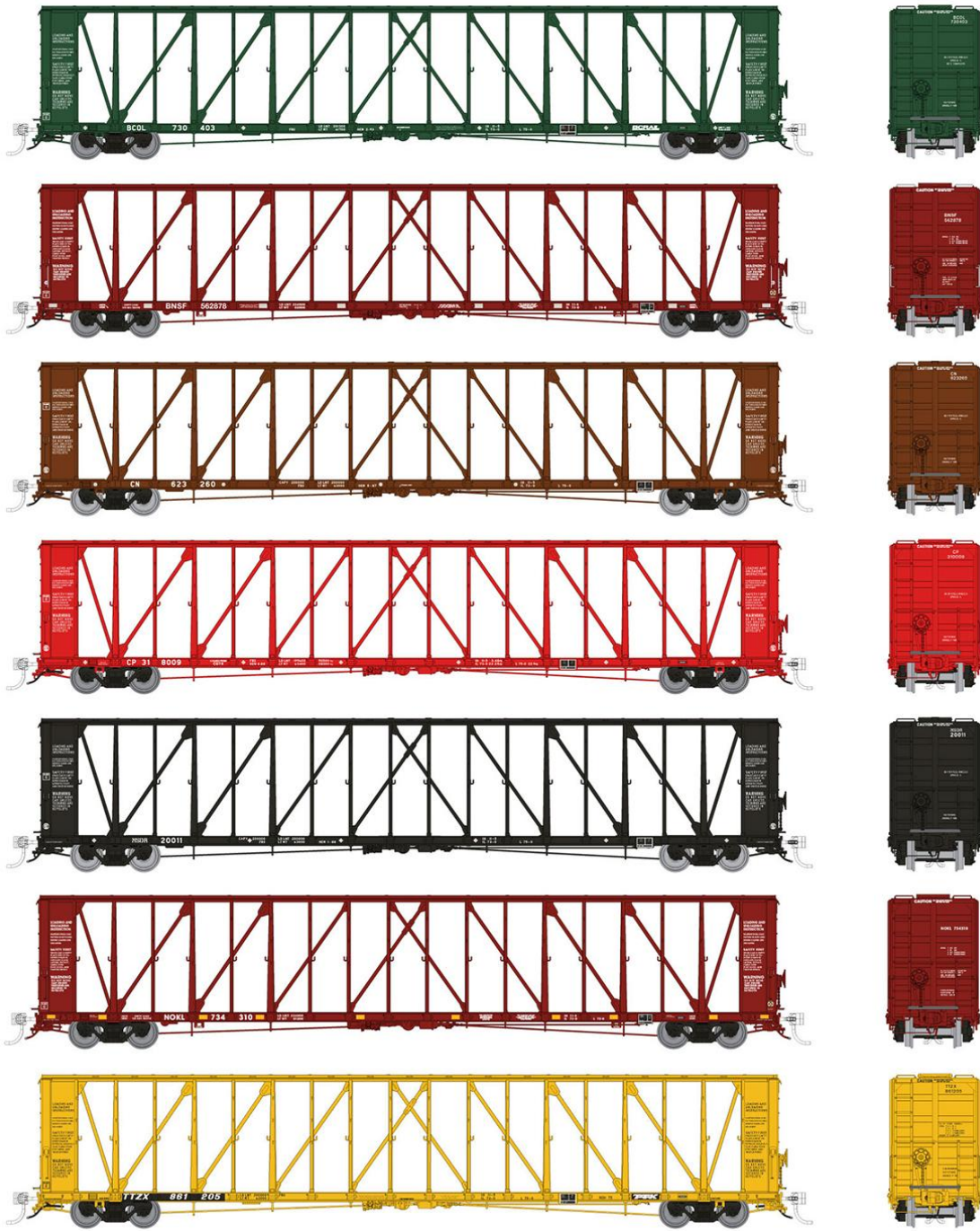


*Those crossbeams are mesmerizing.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Big time detail on an important car.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*

Check out all of the roads being offered in the first run below.



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Here is the NSC Centerbeam catalog. Check it out by clicking the photo which will open in PDF format.

**HO SCALE NSC 73' CENTERBEAM** 



**MSRP** 6-PACK **\$359.70 / \$419.70** US / CAD  
SINGLE CAR **\$59.95 / \$69.95** US / CAD

**ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Pre-production samples shown, subject to revision.

One of the most overlooked, yet common loads carried by North American railroads is finished wood products. This is where we are proud to introduce the HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car! Over 20,000 examples of this car were produced by National Steel Car, between 1987 through the mid 2000s, with some car variations along the way.

Whenever you see a general merchandise freight pass by you, there's a high probability that you will see at least four or more centerbeams mixed in. But have you taken notice of the roadnames/ownership of those cars? Centerbeams are unique in that they are owned by large class I railroads, leasing companies and smaller shortlines. The wood industry is that lucrative and our HO Scale 73' NSC Centerbeam is no stranger to a wide variety of roadnames!

**The HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam features:**

- Multiple Side Sill variations with different winch and ratchet configurations
- Multiple top truss configurations; early Z pattern and standard closed pattern with and without tie-down brackets
- Two deck configurations; early with risers and mid without risers
- Two underbody configurations
- Multiple end cage variants
- Multiple brake stand options
- Multiple truck types (six to be exact!)
- Factory-installed rubber airhoses
- See through eroded metal crossover platforms
- Fully detailed underbodies with brake piping
- Factory-installed metal grab irons and coupler lift bars
- Free rolling, metal wheelsets

\* 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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The **HO Scale 73' NSC Centerbeam** is one car you won't want to miss. Whether it's hauling a load of lumber or in a string of empties, it will certainly look good on your layout. Get your preorders in by February 15th!



## HO Scale Union Pacific 40' ACR Boxcars

Next is the [HO Scale Union Pacific 40' "ACR" Boxcar](#). Bill painted up our latest sample and he's photographed it on his gorgeous O&W layout.

These are going into production alongside the GN boxcar. More on that below.



*A famous slogan, not to be missed with those giant letters.  
Note: Hand painted sample, details are subject to revision.*

Here's the sales catalog:

# UNION PACIFIC 40' "ACR" BOXCARS

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"Alternating Center Rivet" (or "ACR"). Fans of freight cars have used these terms to describe boxcars built with a unique side construction. Because these cars were built using thinner side sheeting to save unladen weight, they required additional support posts behind the sides requiring an additional row of rivets down the middle of each side panel. These added vertical rows of rivets were generally spaced twice as far as the rivets along the panel edges, giving an alternating pattern and a unique appearance.

The railroad which had the most boxcars built with lightweight "ACR" construction was the Union Pacific. In the years just before and immediately following World War II the UP built numerous classes of forty- and fifty-foot boxcars using this lightweight design. The postwar cars make up a particularly interesting group for historians and modelers. They span a period when standard boxcar ends and roofs were undergoing design changes, as were the UP's paint and lettering practices, creating interesting variations from one group to the next.

Rapido Trains is proud to release a series of these postwar Union Pacific "ACR" 40' boxcars in classes B-50-39, -41 and -42. Featuring all-new tooling developed with the aid of UP freight car experts, this is the first time that these important classes have been available in HO plastic. Each group of cars offers unique components and/or lettering that showcases the changes that occurred on the prototypes over just a few years. We have designed two styles of roof, two styles of end, four styles of brake wheel (with the correct corresponding housings) and two varieties of etched metal running board and brake platform.

#### Features of Rapido's model include:

- Designed from original blueprints
- Early or late improved dreadnaught ends (depending on class)
- Straight or diagonal panel roof (depending on class)
- Correct handbrake styles and housings
- ASF Ride Control or Barber S-2 cast steel trucks
- Full underbody detailing
- Correct brake platforms and running boards
- Semi-scale couplers and coupler boxes
- Free-rolling turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available per scheme.

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

#### MSRP

<b>US</b>	<b>CANADIAN</b>
\$54.95 (SINGLE)	\$64.95 (SINGLE)
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OK, UP fans. We've said this before and it's still true. The GN boxcars are outselling the UP boxcars by a country mile. Show some UP pride and order some for your fleet! [Click here](#) for more info.



## HO Scale GN 12-Panel 40' Boxcar

Next up is the [HO Scale GN 12-Panel 40' Boxcar](#). We have an update on this project. Bill found a couple of mistakes in the tooling. As it's not too late, we are correcting the issues. When the factory opens next week we'll make the tooling modifications, which should only take a few weeks. The cars will go into production as soon as those modifications are complete and our contacts at the [GNRHS](#) have signed off on them. We want to make sure these are as accurate as possible, even if it means a last-minute tooling revision.



*Both variations: roof walks and the later removed version.  
Note: These 3D renders have not yet had the rivets revised.*

Rocky asks if you've seen the sales catalog for the GN Boxcars? If not, click the photo below to open the PDF.

# 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.

Coming soon, reserve now!

**MSRP**

<b>US</b>	<b>CAD</b>
\$54.95 - SINGLE	\$64.95 - SINGLE
\$329.70 - 6-PACK	\$389.70 - 6-PACK

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Preliminary CAD drawings, subject to change



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Please order your [HO Scale GN Boxcars](#) with your favorite hobby shop or directly with us.



**N Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car**

The [N Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam](#) also closes out on February 15th, 2023. Check out the video by [clicking here](#) or the photo above. We also just received new samples and here are a bunch of photos!



*Looking good!  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Here we see the B end of the car.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*





*A full-on view of the Z-pattern top truss car.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Looking on from the A end of the car.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*The black sheep of the bunch.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Here's the closed pattern top truss.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Note the metal flooring. These cars will have good weight!  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*The Z-pattern top truss.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*And lastly, how could we not include our Dash 8-40Cm pulling a string of these cars?*

Here are the paint schemes:



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The N Scale NSC Centerbeam catalog has all of the info you need to order. Click the photo below to open up the PDF.

**N SCALE** **NSC 73' CENTERBEAM** **RAPIDO TRAINS INC.**



**MSRP**  
**6-PACK \$269.70 / \$329.70 US / CAD**  
**SINGLE CAR \$44.95 / \$54.95 US / CAD**

**ORDER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Pre-production samples shown, subject to revision.

One of the most overlooked, yet common loads carried by North American railroads is finished wood products. This is where we are proud to introduce the HO Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam Car! Over 20,000 examples of this car were produced by National Steel Car, between 1987 through the mid 2000s, with some car variations along the way.

Whenever you see a general merchandise freight pass by you, there's a high probability that you will see at least four or more centerbeams mixed in. But have you taken notice of the roadnames/ownership of those cars? Centerbeams are unique in that they are owned by large class I railroads, leasing companies and smaller shortlines. The wood industry is that lucrative and our N Scale 73' NSC Centerbeam is no stranger to a wide variety of roadnames!

**The N Scale NSC 73' Centerbeam features:**

- Two top truss configurations; early Z pattern and standard closed pattern with tie-down brackets
- Two deck configurations; early with risers and mid without risers
- Two underbody configurations
- Multiple brake stand options
- Multiple truck types
- Fully detailed underbodies with brake piping
- Free rolling, metal wheelsets
- Multiple end cage variants

\* 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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I have good news, my N scale chums! These are selling like hotcakes and are **OUTSELLING** the HO models! But it's close! Please keep it up and let's see if the N scale production will be larger than the HO production, which will be a first for Rapido. [Click here](#) for more info.

**NSC BARREL ORE CARS**



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WATCH THE VIDEO ON  *Click Here!*

**N Scale Barrel Ore Hopper**

The [Barrel Ore Hoppers](#) have an order deadline of February 15th, 2023. Before we go any further, we want to mention that orders have been a bit low so far. That being said, we still have a few more weeks to go, but let's get this car rolling! Our resident N scalers are really excited to see this car into production and the better sales are, the more N scale we can produce! (Yes, I was told to write that by our resident N scalers...)

OK, with that said and out of the way, [click here](#) or the photo above to watch the video! Then hurry back to check out the neat renders and sample photos we have.



*Both long and short barrel cars.  
Note: details are subject to revision.*



*Lots of detail on these cars - and don't forget that's N scale!  
Note: details are subject to revision.*



*Here is the long barrel car.  
Note: details are subject to revision.*



*Look at that color and variety!  
Note: 3D renders, details are subject to revision.*

Here's the catalogue!



3D render, subject to revisions.

If you stood anywhere between the CN Newmarket Sub and Bayview Jct, just east of Hamilton in the late 60s through the early 90s, you probably saw one of the most unique trains to run the line: The Ore Train. Rapido is pleased to announce the N Scale CN/ONR NSC-built Barrel Ore Hoppers!

This train plied the rails from two mines owned by Dofasco in Northern Ontario to their facility in Hamilton, Ontario. At first glance the cars look like a shrunken cylindrical hopper. The reason for the round shape and covered hatches was to keep the processed iron-ore pellets from becoming frozen or damp with moisture, which would aide in a quicker unloading process. They also came in two varieties: A 35' "Short" version (Built in 1967) and a 42' "Long" version (Delivered in two batches in 1973 and 1975). The later cars were designed with a longer wheelbase, as the original 35' cars spanned the same length as the stick rail underneath, causing undue wear. Also unique is the "tire" that sits on top of the hatches. At the loadout, the tire comes into contact with a "scroll" that forces the hatches to open - taking two minutes to cycle a car or roughly an hour and twenty minutes for a unit train of 40 cars. Most times one would see CN and ONR cars mixed in each consist.

**The Barrel Ore Hopper features:**

- Two carbodies representing short and long Barrel hoppers
- Super-detailed underbody including all separate airline piping
- Barber S-2 100-ton Trucks with metal wheels
- Hopper bays feature highly detailed gates
- See-through, etched metal end platforms



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Alright, N scalers. Let's show this car some love! Every time we announce a car in HO we get dozens of requests for it in N scale. We've listened to you, but we need you to order them so we can justify the tooling costs. So please order today! [Click here](#) for more info or to order direct.





## Second Section - January 2023

Lots of new photos, arrivals and a show! Here comes the Second Section for January 2023. Off we go!

# Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show January 28 & 29th



# RAPIDO

## Upcoming Shows

Can you believe the [Amherst Railway Society's "Railroad Hobby Show"](#) is this weekend? Come visit the Rapido booth in the Mallory Hall to see all of the samples we have, plus the ENTIRE R&D team! That's on January 28th and the 29th, 2023 (this weekend) at the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. See you there!



## Shipping and Arrival Updates

LOTS of new items are arriving soon! What could they be? Let's find out:

- [HO Scale Heartland AutoFloods](#) - *Shipping Now!*
- [HO Scale X-3 Tank Car](#) - *Shipping Now!*
- [HO Scale E-units \(Amtrak, CB&Q, CPR, CP, E-L, NYC, VIA\)](#) - *Shipping Now!*
- [HO Fruehauf Trailers](#) - Arriving in February
- [HO NH County Cars](#) - Arriving in March
- [HO Bulkhead Flatcars](#) - Arriving in March
- [HO CP Angus Shops Cabooses](#) - Arriving in March

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## HO Scale E-units

Here are photos of the last batch - [Amtrak, CB&Q, CPR, CP, E-L, NYC VIA](#)



*The current shipment of [HO Scale E-units](#).*



*The face of a classic locomotive. These [HO Scale E-units](#) are almost on your layout*



Amtrak, NYC, E-L and CB&Q HO Scale E-units.



Pick your favorite E-unit.



The Canadian Pacific E-units.



Quite possibly the classiest scheme on an E-unit: CB&Q.



CP Rail E-unit #1800, with the correct, incorrect porthole locations.



*And now for the best road on the [E-unit](#) on the run: New York Central. Road to the future!  
(Ed: Says y*



*[E-L E8](#), ready to take a train to Buffalo.*



The gray, yellow and maroon scheme looks good on the [EL E-units](#).



[Amtrak's E-units](#) rocking the bloody nose.



The classic [VIA E-unit](#).



A side on view of the [VIA E-unit](#). Early VIA Rail was a wild mix of power!



Check out the Otter Valley Railroad VIA E-units. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## [HO Scale Canadian Bulkhead Flatcars](#)

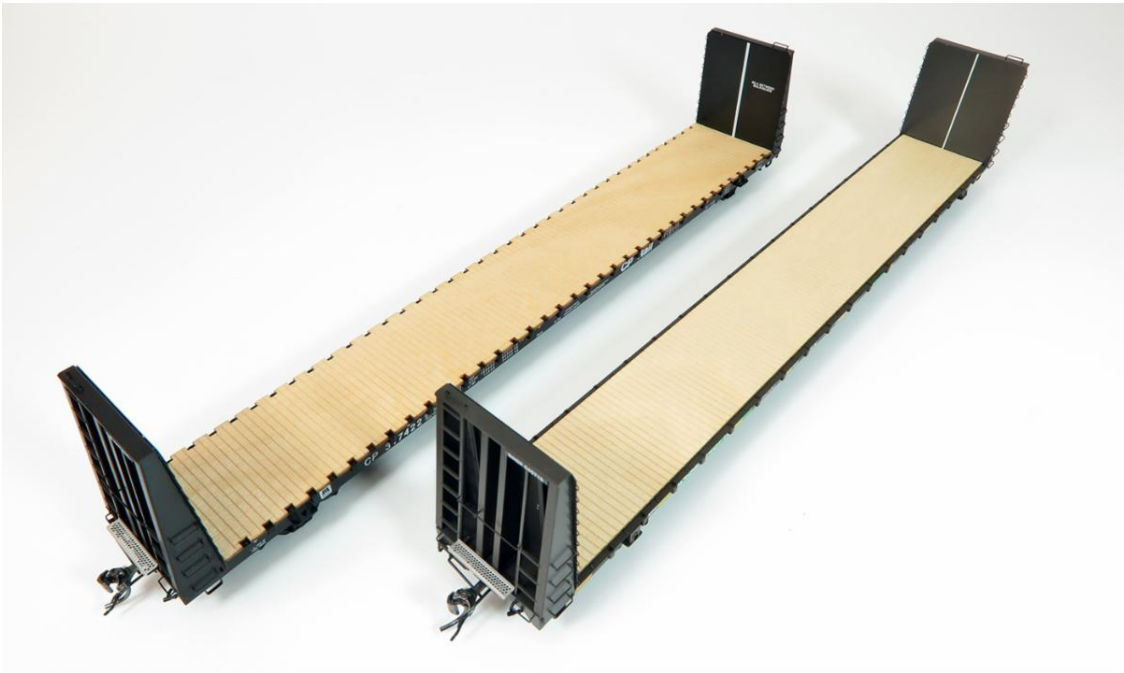
They're almost here!



Those [HO Scale Bulkheads](#) are almost here! Preproduction samples subject to revision.



Remember, the [HO Scale Bulkheads](#) aren't just a Canadian model. Here are the BNSF versions.



The decks on the [HO Scale Bulkheads](#) are highly realistic with a grainy wood color.



An Iowa, Chicago & Eastern [HO Scale Bulkhead](#) - which was once a British Columbia-owned car.

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## [HO Scale Angus Shops Cabooses](#)





Here's the [Ontario Northland Caboose](#).



[Ontario Northland Caboose](#)



*Square handrails! A first!*



[CP Rail Engineering Maroon](#)



[Alcoma Central](#)

### [Heartland Hobby Exclusive HO Scale AutoFlood Coal Hoppers](#)

These HO Scale AutoFlood Coal Hoppers are available from Heartland Hobby Wholesale. All hobby shops can obtain these models from Heartland. Please [click here](#) to find out more.



Who's ready for [Heartland Hobby's AutoFlood Coal Hoppers](#)?



All lined up! [Heartland Hobby AutoFlood Coal Hoppers](#) will fill out your power plant's needs.



Four great schemes cover these [Heartland Hobby AutoFlood Coal Hoppers](#).



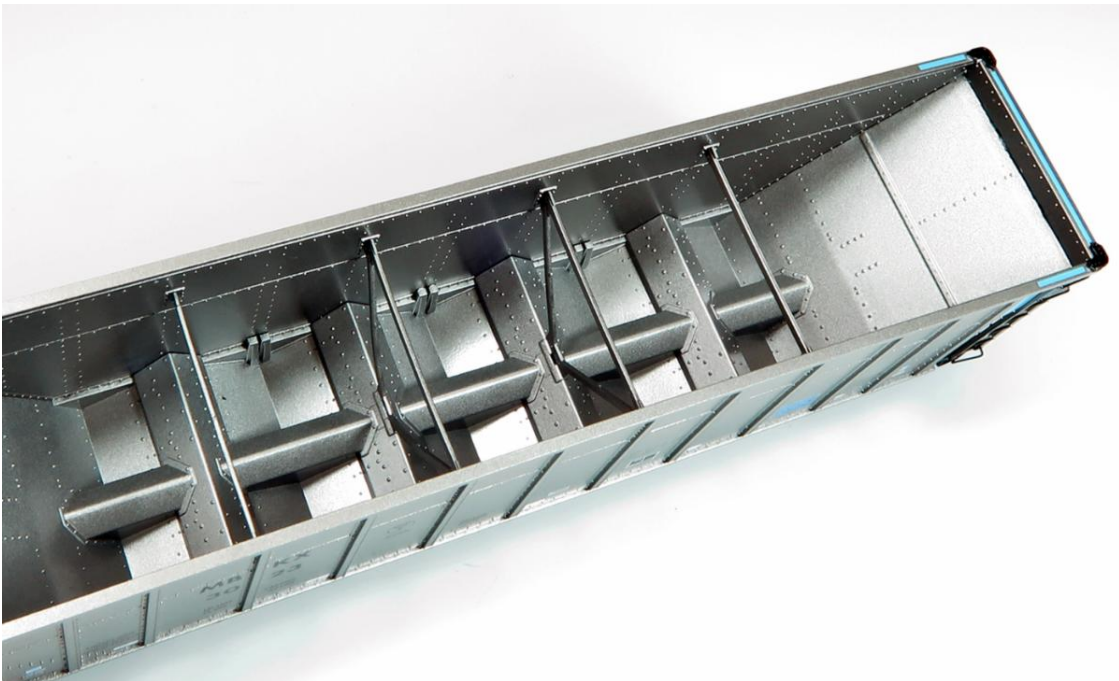
Lots of detail behind the end cages and underbody. You won't want to miss these [Heartland Hobby AutoFlood Coal Hoppers](#).



A Mitsui Rail Corp [AutoFlood Coal Hopper](#). Another Heartland hobby exclusive.



Check out this First Energy [AutoFlood Coal Hopper](#).



The inside of th [Heartland Hobby AutoFlood Coal Hopper](#) has all the details.

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## Factory and Tooling Updates

To say this next part is photo intense is an understatement! Get ready for OVER 50 photos of samples!

First up is [HO Scale GP38s](#).



That's the [NS GP38](#) on the left and the CR on the right.  
*Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



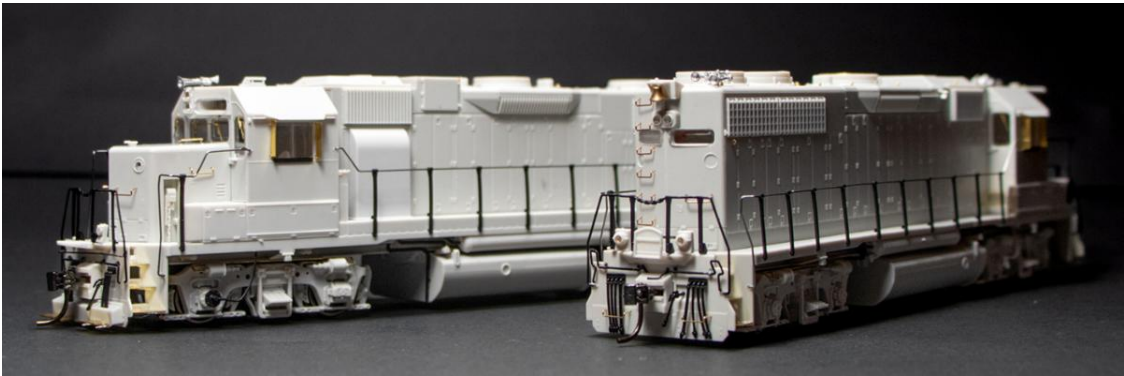
*Lots of detail on the [GP38s](#). Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



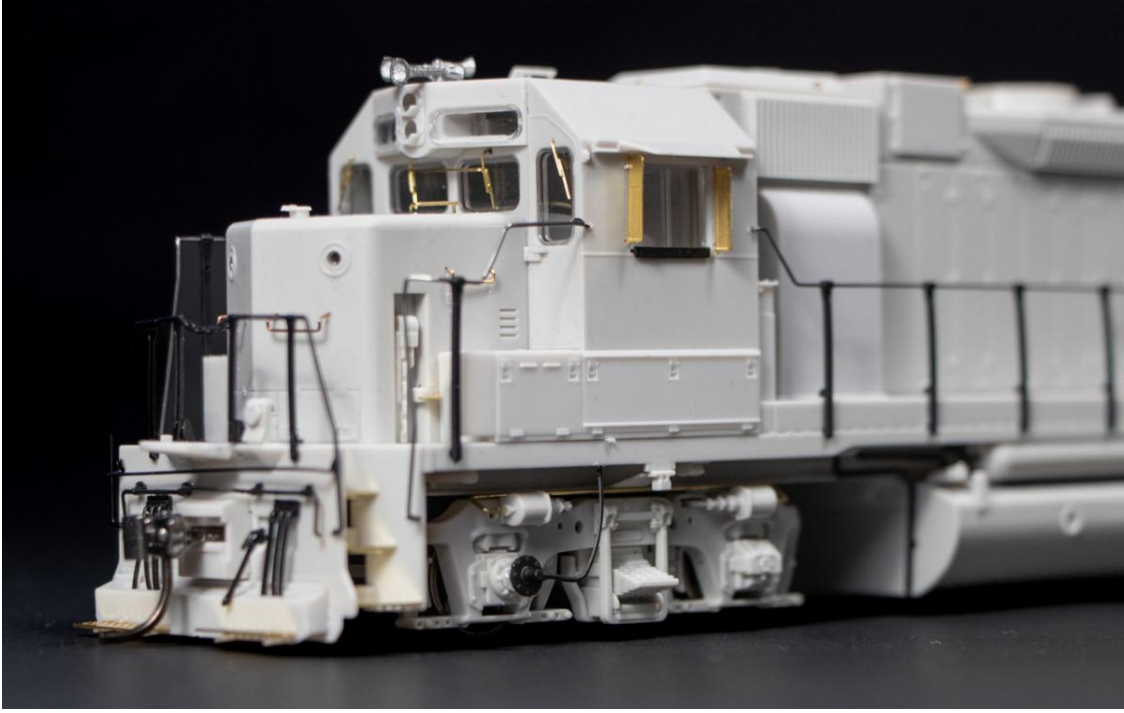
*Another angle of the [NS and CR GP38s](#). Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



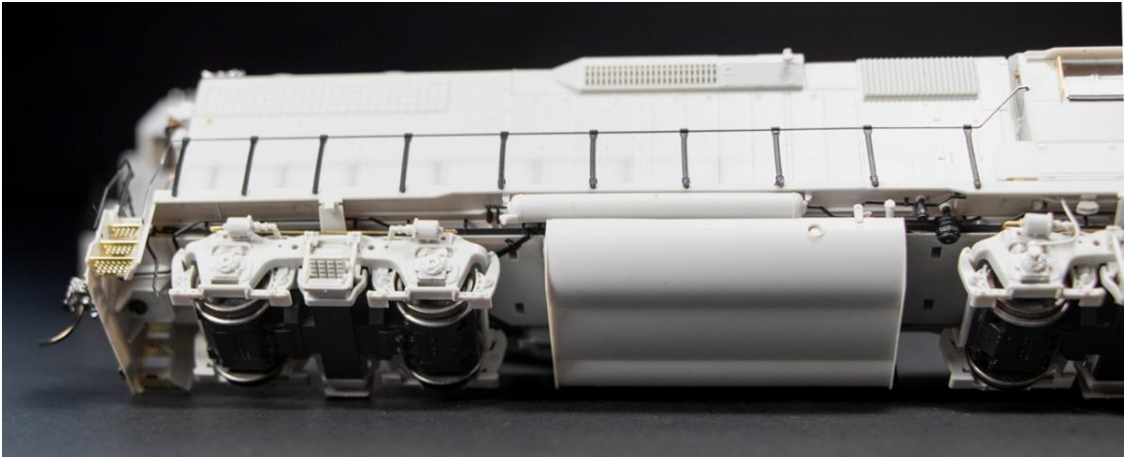
*Dig that high hood [Norfolk Southern GP38](#) with ditch lights.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Note the class light covers on the [NS GP38](#).  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



All sorts of road-specific details on this [GP38](#). Preproduction samples subject to revision.

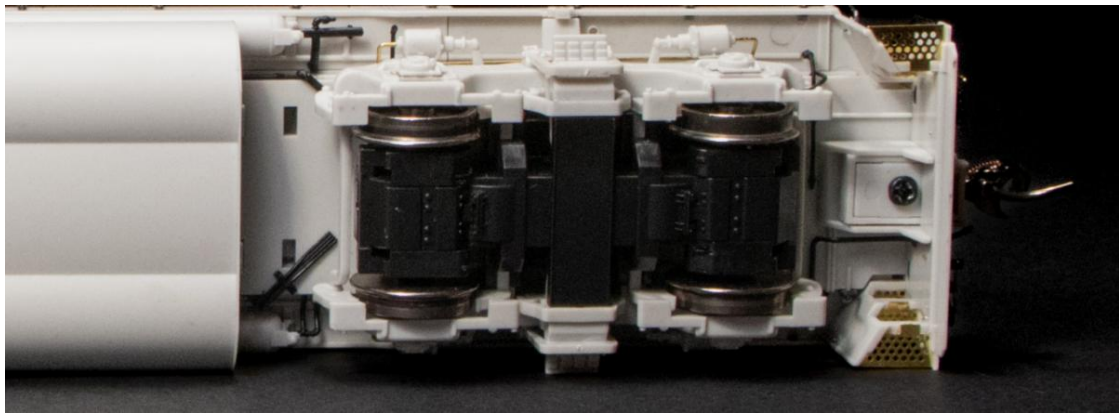


Note the correct contours of the fuel tank on the [GP38](#).  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.

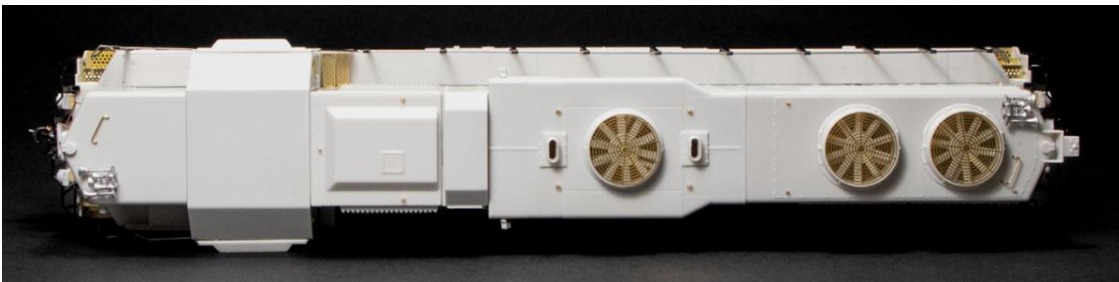


The most detailed [GP38](#) on the market? Preproduction samples subject to revision.





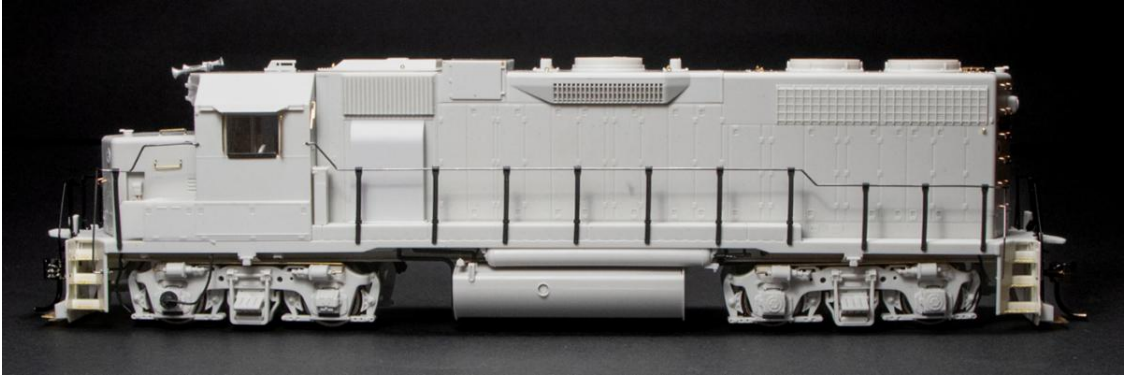
*Designed for looks and operation, here are the [GP38](#) trucks.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



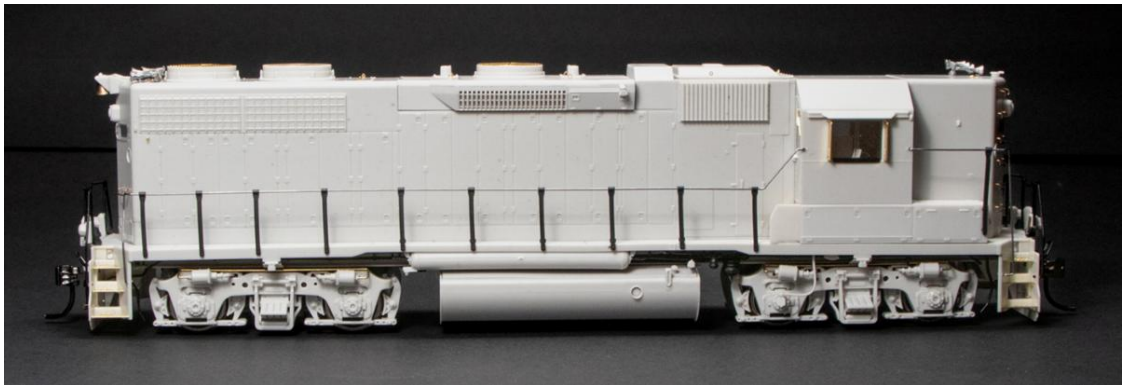
*See-through fans, no gimmicks on [the GP38s](#). Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*[The PC and CR GP38s](#) have the correct two-strap cab signal box.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.  
(Production models will not have a crooked horn!)*



*A side shot of the [GP38](#). Preproduction samples subject to revision.  
(Again, production models will not have a crooked horn. Can you tell we were rushing to take these photos before the Springfield show?)*



*Here's a side view of the [NS GP38](#). Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



*Note the walkway lights on the side of the hood of the [NS GP38](#).  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*

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## [HO Scale GP9RM and Slug](#)

Here are photos of the latest samples.



Note the strobes and extra details on the [GP9RM slug mother](#).  
*Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



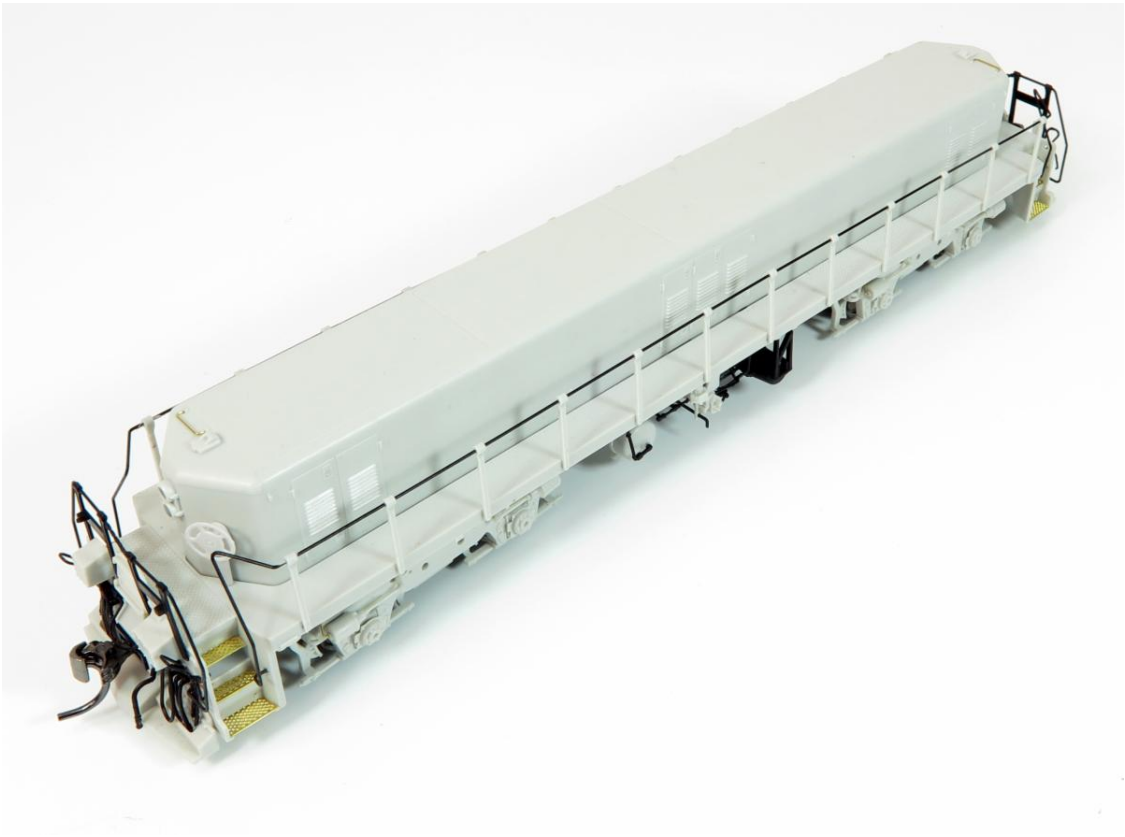
This is the regular [GP9RM loco](#). *Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



A top down view of the [GP9RM](#) blanked out dynamic brake hatch.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.



*Etched steps, fan blades and more make up this [HO Scale GP9RM](#).  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.*



Remember, the [HO Scale Slug](#) features a fully functioning motor.  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.



The [HO Scale Slug](#) is full of details! Preproduction samples subject to revision.  
This is such an awesome shot! Look at all that STUFF!



Check out the underbody of the [HO Scale Slug](#).  
Preproduction samples subject to revision.

### HO Scale Canadian Pacific D10 Steam Locomotive



[CPR no. 1095](#)



A rugged looking [D10](#). These are in production now.



## A Talk With Jason Shron in Winnipeg

Where?

**Canad Inns, Polo Park**

When?

**February 15th, 7 p.m. CDT**

Come see our Chief Bottle Washer, Jason, talk about matters at hand. The meet and greet will be hosted by the Winnipeg Model Railroad Club. This event is open to members as well as non-members. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Check out <https://www.canadinns.com/stay/polo-park/> for directions.

See you then!

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Another action-packed newsletter comes to a close. We'll be rolling back next month with some order deadline updates and announcements. In the meantime, keep those order deadline dates in mind.

Until next time,

**King Bob**

**Bobby Allard**  
**Marketing Officer**  
**The Grandest Poobah of Newsletter**  
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