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Dear Rapido Customer,

Spring has arrived with the usual blustery British weather, so we thought we would look to warmer climates and go a bit bananas at Rapido this month!

Despite showing you a list of new announcements as long as our arm in last month's update, we have returned from The London Festival of Railway Modelling with even more cool new models to show you.

If you were one of the many people who were able to attend the show and dropped by our stand, we would like to thank you for your support. We spoke to as many of you as possible and got some great feedback on the upcoming samples we were able to display.

So, what exciting new announcements do we have for you this month?

- **GWR Y4 Banana Vans, Micas and More!**
- **Retailer exclusive liveries - RCH 1907 opens**
- **More Hunslet liveries**
- **"Inspired by Titfield" Wagon Pack**

What else have we got for you?

- **Orderbook Deadlines**
- **Updates on much of our upcoming range**
- **A couple of corrections**

- **An interesting thought about future licenced products.**

So, let's dive straight in and take a look at some of the new announcements

Banana vans, Micas and More!

That's right, Banana Van!

No, not the crime-fighting alter ego of a schoolboy named Eric (only folks of a certain age will get that reference), we are of course talking about the steam-heated fruit vans that graced the Great Western Railway and Western Region for many years.



Just as the title of the newsletter says, Rapido is going absolutely bananas this spring. We are pleased to announce that we have a fruity new bunch of 'OO' gauge vans heading your way.

So, without further ado let's unpeel this exciting new announcement.

The origins of the 'Y4' date back to May 1918 when the order was given to turn 300 general-purpose Dia. V16 'Mink A' vans into insulated meat vans to cover a shortage of such vehicles. You may have seen these in the December newsletter, if not you can find out a little bit more about them [here](#).

Continuing a life in which they would be repurposed more times than a bag-for-life, these converted vans were given the new diagram number X6 and were re-coded as 'Mica A'. The changes were internal as the bodies were insulated with cork, and meat hooks were fitted to the roofs. The conversion was only deemed a temporary measure and in 1922, work began to once again modify 258 of the 'X6s', this time into banana vans.



Y4 banana vans at Avonmouth docks. Photograph courtesy of M Shed Museum, Bristol Culture

Primarily working from Avonmouth docks where a dedicated terminal had been built, these vehicles functioned in the exact opposite way to the refrigerated vans that had transported food products for years. Block trains of banana vans left Avonmouth for destinations like Paddington, Birmingham, Cardiff, Plymouth and Salisbury. At their destination, portions of the trains would have been divided up and sent on to other destinations meaning that the vans could be seen over a large proportion of the GW network.

Fitted with steam heating and a new adjustable end ventilator, these sauna-like vans would ripen the popular yellow fruit as they were transported across the country, having initially arrived un-ripened. These newly converted wagons would be designated as the Diagram Y4.



YES! WE HAVE SOME BANANA (VANS)

Find out more about our banana vans and their history in our latest video by clicking on the image above.

Only due to the outbreak of World War 2 did the banana's popularity drop, mainly because of understandable shortages caused by the steamships that carried them being converted for wartime use. At this point the vans were repurposed once again, this time as meat vans. When the war concluded banana traffic resumed in December 1945 and the Y4s reverted back to their original purpose. Traffic continued from Avonmouth into British Railways days until 1967 when imports of bananas were consolidated into the terminal at Southampton, with the Avonmouth terminal closing soon after.

Rapido's new 'Y4' will feature an all-new body, sharing its chassis with the 'V16s', which will be supplemented with the addition of steam heating pipes.

There will be numerous Diagram Y4 GWR variants available for you to add to your collection:

- *944030: Diagram Y4 banana van No. 93405, GWR grey (16in lettering)*
- *944031: Diagram Y4 banana van No. 95249, GWR grey (16in lettering)*
- *944032: Diagram Y4 banana van No. 93566, GWR grey (16in lettering)*
- *944033: Diagram Y4 banana van No. 93563, GWR grey (post-1942)*
- *944034: Diagram Y4 banana van No. 95665, GWR grey (post-1942)*

BUY A BANANA VAN HERE



We couldn't make both the V16 standard vans and the Y4 banana vans without including the transitional period. So, we have added a Mica A (diagram X6) to the range.

- 944029: Diagram X6 Mica A No. 95656, GWR grey (25in lettering)



ORDER YOUR 'MICA A'

For those who wish to model the banana van in its twilight years, we will be making two BR Diagram Y4s in the BR Bauxite livery, each featuring different running numbers.

- 944035: Diagram Y4 banana van No. W93525, BR Bauxite
- 944036: Diagram Y4 banana van No. W93370, BR Bauxite



If the pre-grouping era is of more interest to you, then the addition of the Diagram V17 van to the V14/V16 range will be a welcome surprise. These were 'Mink As' that were sent to France during the First World War, at which point they received screw couplings (not provided) and a whole new diagram number.

- *944028: Diagram V17 No. 35601, WD grey*

To complement the new WD Diagram V17, an additional Diagram O11 five-plank open has been added to the Rapido range. This depicts 'O11' No. 21110 in WD livery.

- *943026: Diagram O11 No. 21110, WD grey*



ORDER YOUR WD OPEN

ORDER YOUR WD VAN

The final addition to the range of vans is a Rhymney Railway Type 4. The GWR built 50 'V16s' for the RR in 1921. They were classified 'Type 4' by the RR before being absorbed into the GWR's own fleet after the 1923 Grouping.

- 944037: Type 4 No. 564, Rhymney Railway grey



ORDER YOU RHYMNEY VAN NOW

At an RRP of £32.95, and an estimated arrival of early 2024, your 'avin' a 'nana if you don't pre-order a Diagram Y4, Diagram V17, or Type 4 now!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR BANANA VANS HERE



These lovely colour renders highlight just how striking exclusive liveries on our 'OO' RCH 1907 opens can be. Would your club, preserved railway or shop like their own? Tell them to get in touch!

Retailer exclusive liveries for 'OO' RCH 1907 opens

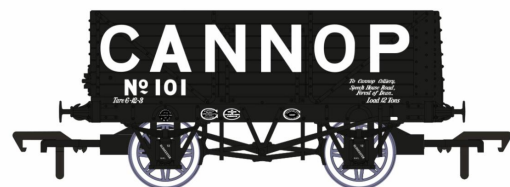
If the 34 different ['OO' gauge RCH 1907 opens](#) that we announced in last month's newsletter weren't enough, there are 9 more coming!

Sporting a variety of glorious privately-owned liveries, these regional wagons will be available from several independent model shops across the country. We are proud to have partnered with [The Hobby Shop](#), [Derails Models](#), [Malc's Models](#), and [Frizinghall Models](#) to bring you a selection of unique wagons. These will only be available directly through their stores.

Here are a few sneak peeks of different versions you have to look forward to:



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Exclusive to Derails
Pre-Production Artwork - Subject to Change



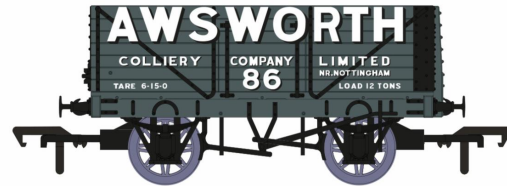
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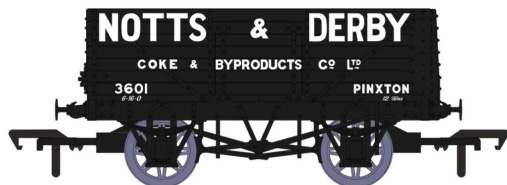
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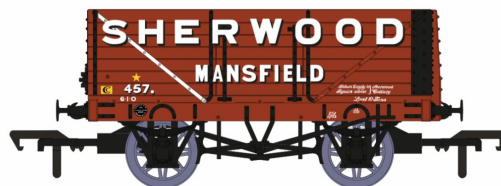
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As you can see, many of these liveries are local to the stockists with whom we are in partnership, so we are expecting these to be rather popular with local modellers. These are a limited run so be sure to get your order in before they sell out!

Click on the wagon images above to head to the relevant retailers' pages and order yours today.

In case you missed the RCH 1907 opens announcement in last month's newsletter, you can find out more and pre-order them [here](#).

Due to popular demand: more Hunslet liveries!

We have been totally blown away by the wave of positive comments we received about the [‘OO’ gauge Hunslet 16in 0-6-0ST](#), so we thought we ought to do another batch!



Look how pretty they are! Batch 1 has all but sold out - but there are plenty of pretty liveries to come in batch 2.

This fresh selection of eye-catching liveries features locos which are either currently in preservation or served a variety of collieries from across the country, so there is plenty for you to choose from. With so many liveries that could have been selected for the [Hunslet's](#) first run, but didn't make the cut, we were quickly able to make our choices for this batch.

There is also a good chance that Andy may have had a hand in this selection. We missed his favourite off of the first batch, and haven't heard the end of it since. Not that we are biased or anything...

Our highly detailed [Hunslets](#) are of die-cast metal and injection moulded plastic construction and feature a high-quality motor and mechanism, a Next18 decoder socket, NEM coupler pockets, sprung buffers, and an eclectic mix of separately fitted parts for you to detail and personalise your model to your heart's content.

The new range of [Hunslet 16in 0-6-0STs](#) include:



903013: Beatrice, lined green, No. 2705 (as preserved at Embay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway).

903017: Primrose No. 2, NCB red with stovepipe chimney, No. 3715 (as preserved at Embay in the 1970s).



903014: Clement, NCB Brodsworth Colliery black with yellow stripes, No. 1983.



903015: Glasshoughton No. 4, Glasshoughton Colliery lined green, stovepipe chimney, No. 3855.



903016: John Shaw, NCB South Kirby Colliery lined green, No. 2375.

ORDER YOUR HUNSLETS HERE

We are delighted to announce that the second production run of [‘OO’ gauge Hunslet 16in 0-6-0ST](#) will be at the same RRP as their counterparts from batch one. At £129.95 RRP, we think you’ll agree that these are a great value for money loco. For those of you who prefer to hear as well as see your locos

chuffing around your layout, all five of the new [Hunslets](#) will be available as sound-fitted versions too, at an RRP of £229.95.



*Andy thoroughly enjoyed driving [Beatrice](#) when it visited the [Middleton Railway](#) in 2015. We wonder if you can guess which model Andy's looking forward to the most?
(Image courtesy of Matt Yardley.)*

Batch one was immensely popular. So, if you missed out, be sure to pre-order one of the new Hunslet 16in 0-6-0ST direct from us or from any [Official Retailer](#) to avoid disappointment. If all goes to plan, these should be with you towards the tail end of this year.

“Inspired by Titfield” wagon pack

Each week we receive requests to expand our range of Titfield Thunderbolt models. More locomotives, cars and even traction engines are often asked for (never say never) to accompany the train packs that are in production.

With the announcement of our [RCH 1907 PO wagons](#) and our ["Not quite Minks"](#) the opportunity has been taken to produce a batch of wagons "inspired by" the film, as our competitors might say... These wagons will be available only in a special triple pack each containing:



'Iron Mink' van in Valentine & Taylor Wines & Spirits livery. Always marshalled first in the train, this ex-GWR 'Iron Mink' van carries the necessary liquid refreshments required for the buffet car.



1907 five-plank open wagon in Pearce & Crump livery. Ex-cons Pearce & Crump have finally given in and are using the railway for their scrap business, collecting smashed and broken hulks for breaking-up.



1907 seven-plank open wagon in Titfield Coal Company livery. To satisfy the demands of Thunderbolt's firebox, the nearby Dunkerford Colliery is re-opened, making the Titfield line self-sufficient for many years to come.

RRP for this special pack is £99.95. You can order from [your local Rapido Trains UK stockist](#) or by clicking [here](#). Don't delay - the order book closes on the 28th May!

BUY YOUR TITFIELD WAONS

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Roll on, my beauty!

Orderbook deadlines

Don't miss a product - order before the orderbook deadline to ensure you don't miss out. You can order direct from us via our website or from any Official Retailer.

Order Deadlines

Product	Plat	Expt
Bedford OB	28	April
Not-Quite-Minks	29	May
Titfield Wagon Pac	29	May
Hunslet Batch 2	31	July

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Don't miss the 28th April deadline - order your Bedford OB today!



With [nine liveries available](#) to order featuring operators from all over the country this little coach has gone down a treat with modellers. We won't be making many extra so order today to guarantee your model.

BUY A BEDFORD

Product updates

It's all go at Rapido UK HQ with several exciting projects almost ready to despatch to customers. Behind-the-scenes design work is continuing on both announced and as-yet-unannounced projects, whilst our expert toolmakers are preparing moulds for several new production runs. Here is a run down of what is going on this month:



Our [SR 8 plank wagons](#) have left the factory and are on their way to the UK. Limited numbers of each livery remain available to order.

BUY YOUR 8 PLANKS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE



Hot on the heels of the [SR 8 planks](#) are the GWR-designed [Loriot Y](#) and [AA20 'Toad' brakes](#) which will leave the factory in a few weeks. Featuring a wealth of detail these wagons have been really popular. Head to the website to order yours before they sell out!

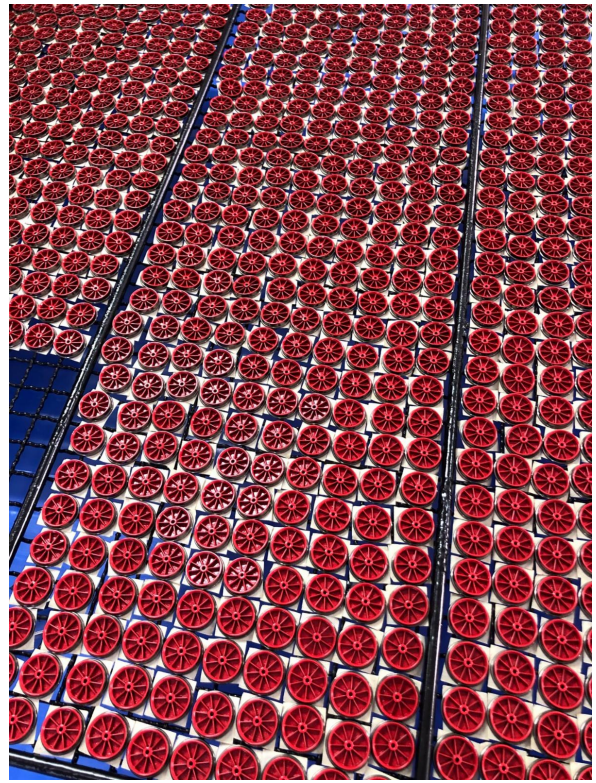
ORDER YOUR TOAD HERE

ORDER YOUR LORIOT HERE



The [6w SECR brakes](#) will also be leaving the factory within the next month. These fabulous little brake vans complement our previous range of SECR freight stock. A limited number of our SECR ballast wagons and box vans remain available to order. All they need now is a loco...

LIMITED NUMBERS REMAIN - ORDER TODAY



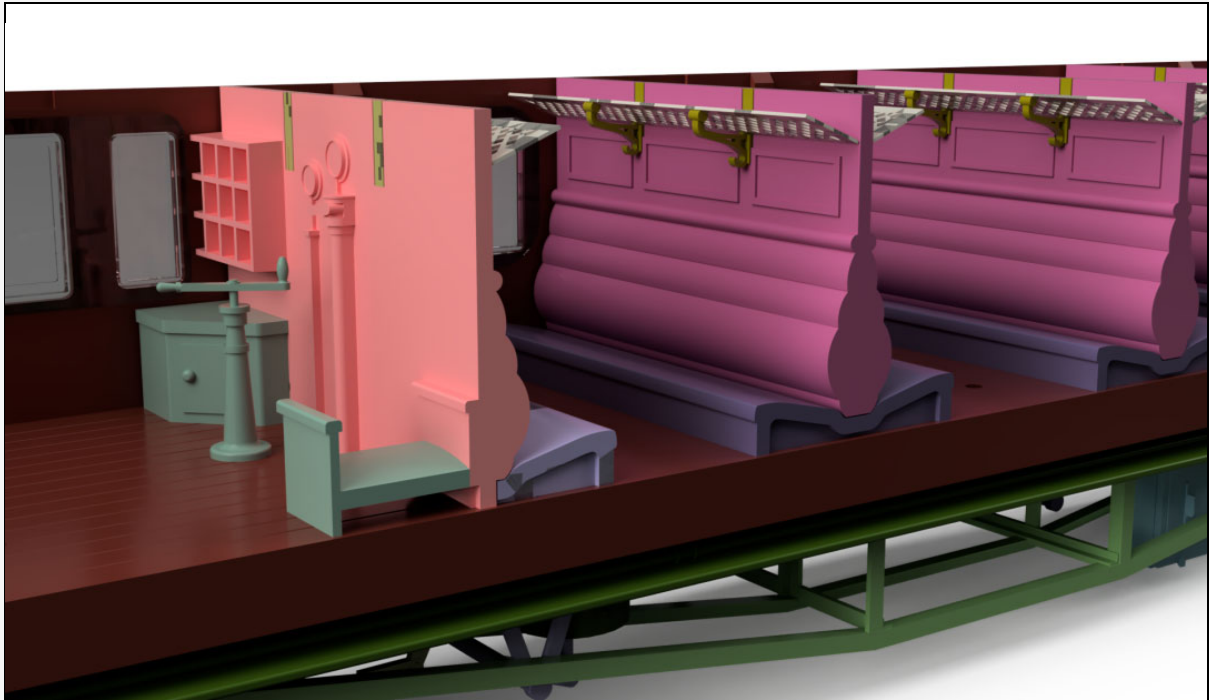
Following on from the pictures of Dan's house last month we are pleased to say that [Thunderbolt](#) (and [Lion](#)) are making great progress. These models feature some really intricate livery application that cannot be rushed. Whilst we had hoped to have the models ready for delivery in March they have been delayed and we now hope to receive them in late July or early August.

ORDER YOUR TITFIELD PACKS TODAY



Our factory has been making good progress on assembling the myriad of parts that go together to make a [15xx](#). We recently took our sample to Chatham MRC to carry out a load test on their steeply graded reverse loop. See how it performed by clicking on the video above.

PURCHASE YOUR PANNIER



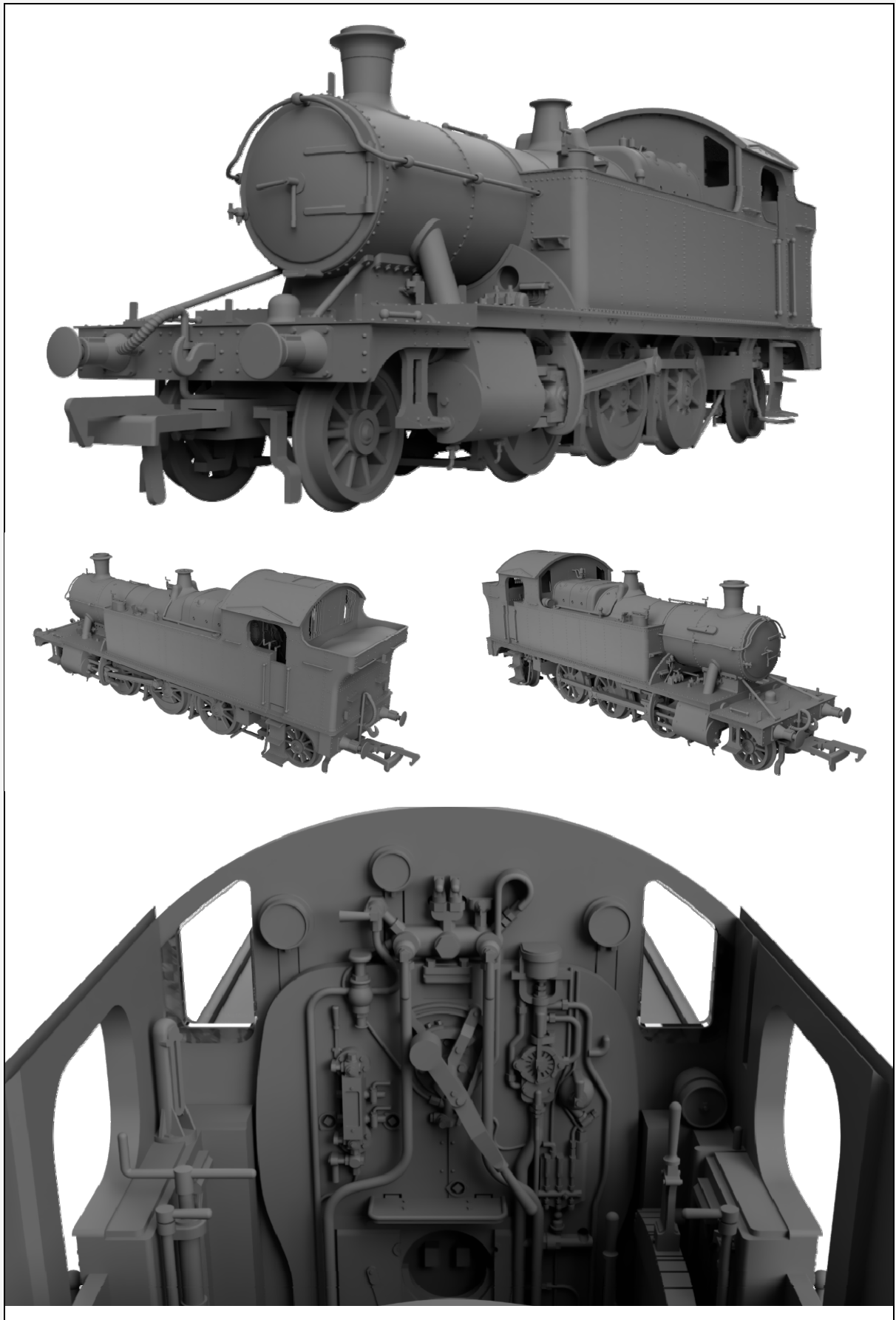
Our [GWR B set coaches](#) are in tooling and we expect samples in late May. Until then why not have a peek inside and look at all the lovely detail that will be included? To ensure the carriage contains sufficient weight the floor level has had to be raised. However this is not noticeable through the windows and when fitted with some passengers from the likes of ModelU (thanks to the removable roof) you will never notice.

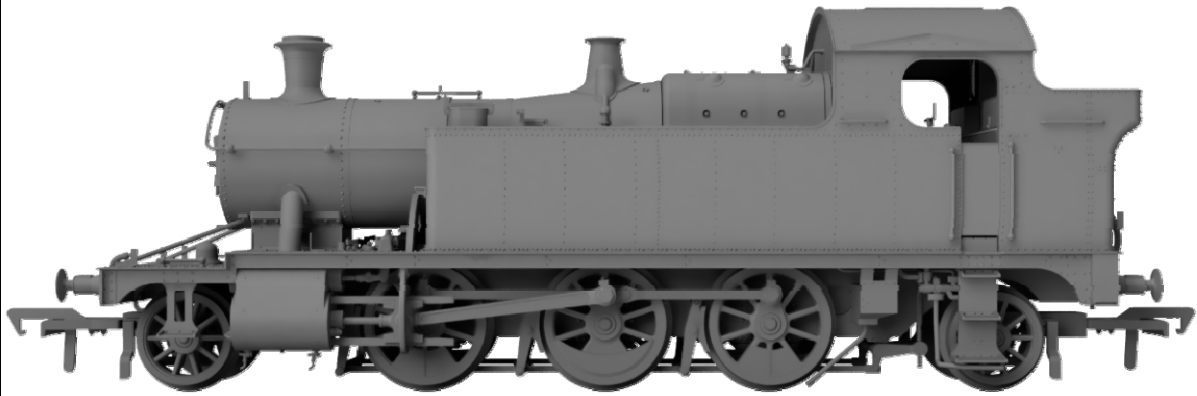
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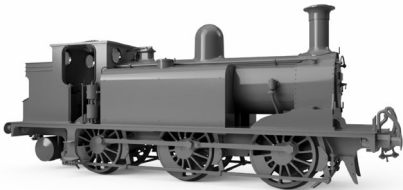
Alongside the [GWR B set](#) our [RCH 1907 open wagons](#) are also in tooling. With so many colourful liveries there is surely something for everyone?

PURCHASE YOUR PO WAGONS





Design work is continuing on our [44xx prairie tank](#). Work is now well advanced on the first of our planned range of prairies and we hope to soon be able to announce the planned range of liveries and numbers alongside opening the orderbook.



"What about all the other stuff?" we hear you ask. Progress on other projects has not been forgotten and we will bring you more news as things develop. Watch this space!

Arrivals

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Product

Plat

Expt

SR 8-Plank Open	1	May
GWR AA20 Toad	2	June
GWR Lorient Y	3	June
SECR 6w Brake	4	June
Titfield Sets	5	July
Lion	6	July
WR 15XX 0-6-OPT	7	August

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A couple of corrections

A couple of gremlins managed to crawl into last month's newsletter and we thought we had better correct them:

- Item 943024 - O15 5 plank was incorrectly described as BR bauxite. Of course it should have been BR(W) grey to match the image.
- Item 908028 - North Eastern gunpowder van. Running number updated to No.78019.

Thought of the month

We have had such a blast bringing [The Titfield Thunderbolt](#) to you, and love to hear how excited everyone has been about the models of such an iconic film. It got us thinking... What other licensed products could we do?

Would people be interested in other one-off licensable projects such as the Railway Children or Great St Trinians or even Back to the Future?

Is our display layout long enough to get a loco up to 88 miles per hour?

Suffice to say, this idea has sparked much conversation in our office, as we all have our favourites.

Our next show we will be attending is The Warley National Model Railway Show (which feels like an eternity away). So rather than waiting until then, why not drop us a message on our social media pages and let us know your ideas for licensed products?

Well, that's it for this month. Thanks for making your way to the end of a fairly hefty update. Hopefully by the time the next newsletter reaches you we will have a warehouse full of wagons and some more exciting updates to share - until then we shall leave you with this delightful image of some of our forthcoming steam locos.

Best wishes,

The Rapido Trains UK Team



On shed at [Chatham Model Railway Club](#) are our Lion, 15xx, Met 1 and Jones Goods samples.

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X23 40' WOOD BOXCAR



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Rapido is pleased to announce an all-new model of the signature PRR X23 boxcar in HO scale. These cars feature state-of-the-art tooling with separate grabs, crisp and accurate details and correct PRR class 2D-F1 arch-bar and 2D-F8 cast trucks with free-rolling turned metal wheelsets, two unique door styles, both KD- and AB-brake components, as well as two distinct roof types, all as appropriate.

In 1912 the Pennsylvania Railroad built its first 40-foot boxcar, the class X23. This single-sheathed car design utilized Warren-truss bracing and a fish belly underframe. These features, combined with its low roof height, gave the X23 a unique appearance which stood out in any train. PRR had over 7,000 X23s built between 1912 and 1914.

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

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

Rapido's new PRR X23 Boxcar model features

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



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

CAD

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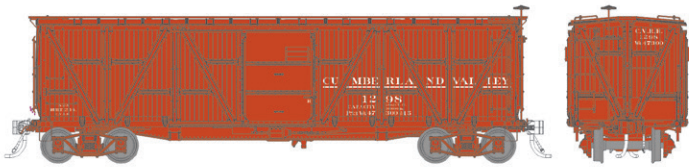
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X23 40' WOOD BOXCAR



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Cumberland Valley (1914+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177001	3- Pack	\$164.85	\$194.85
<input type="checkbox"/> 177001A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Car numbers: #1298, 1303, 1306



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PRR Early (Pre-1920) (1913+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177004	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
<input type="checkbox"/> 177004A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Cars: #538151, 538164, 538204, 538265, 538322, 538343

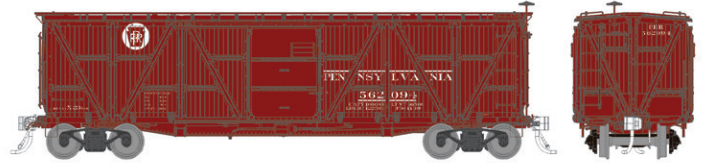


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PRR-Union Lines (1913+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177002	6- Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
<input type="checkbox"/> 177002A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Cars: #41002, 41197, 42536, 42801, 43210, 43726



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PRR Circle Keystone- Creco Door (1930+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177005	6 - Pack #1	\$329.70	\$389.70
<input type="checkbox"/> 177005A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Cars: #562094, 562228, 562323, 562395, 562654, 562691



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Pennsylvania Lines (1913+)

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<input type="checkbox"/> 177003A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Cars #510851, 510896, 510905, 510984, 511123, 511347

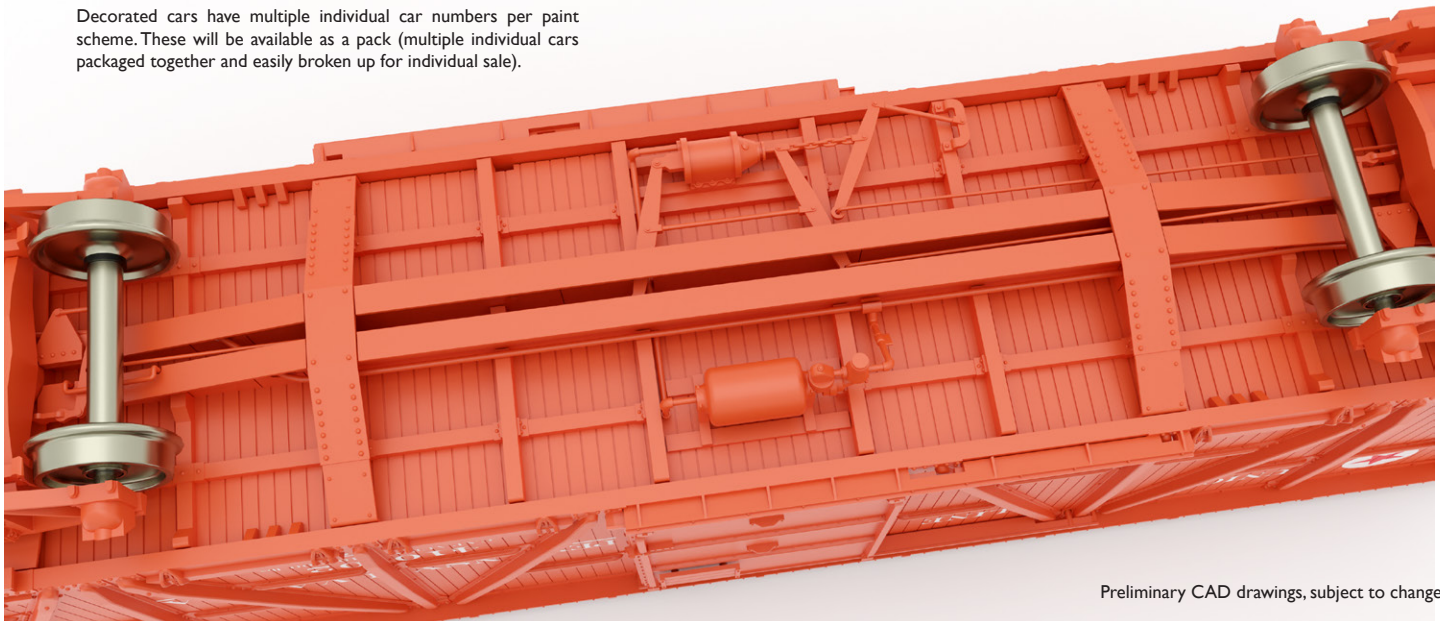


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PRR Circle Keystone- Youngstown door (1930+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177006	6 - Pack #2	\$329.70	\$389.70
<input type="checkbox"/> 177006A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

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



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FRUIT GROWERS EXPRESS R7 WOOD REEFER

HO SCALE



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Rapido is pleased to announce the all-new model of the signature PRR/FGE R7 reefer in HO scale. These cars feature state-of-the-art tooling with separate grabs, crisp and accurate details and correct PRR class 2D-F1 arch-bar and 2D-F8 cast trucks with free-rolling turned metal wheelsets, both KD- and AB-brake components, as well as two distinct roof types, all as appropriate.

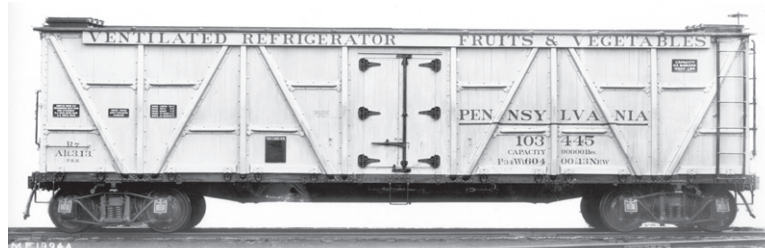
Following on the success of the X23 boxcar design, the Pennsylvania Railroad built over 3,500 cars in a reefer configuration designated as the R7. This fleet of reefers was built between 1914 and 1915 for the Pennsylvania Railroad and its subsidiary lines. By 1922 it had leased nearly the entire fleet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

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

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

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

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



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\$54.95 - SINGLE
 \$109.90 - 2 PACK
 \$164.85 - 3-PACK
 \$329.70 - 6-PACK

\$64.95 - SINGLE
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PRR Early (1914+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177201	3 - Pack	\$164.85	\$194.85
<input type="checkbox"/> 177201A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Car numbers: #104086, 104101, 105052

National Car (1940+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177204	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
<input type="checkbox"/> 177204A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Car numbers: #8551, 8590, 8634, 8682, 8700, 8763



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FGE (Brown Roof 1922+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
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<input type="checkbox"/> 177202A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Car numbers: #43507, 43510, 44124, 44610, 45015, 46342

Mathieson Dry Ice (NX) (1945+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
<input type="checkbox"/> 177205	6 - Pack	\$329.70	\$389.70
<input type="checkbox"/> 177205A	Single Car	\$54.95	\$64.95

Car numbers: #8840, 8842, 8845, 8849, 8851, 8854



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FGE (Silver Roof 1940+)

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Car numbers: #43511, 43822, 44509, 45323, 46291, 46346

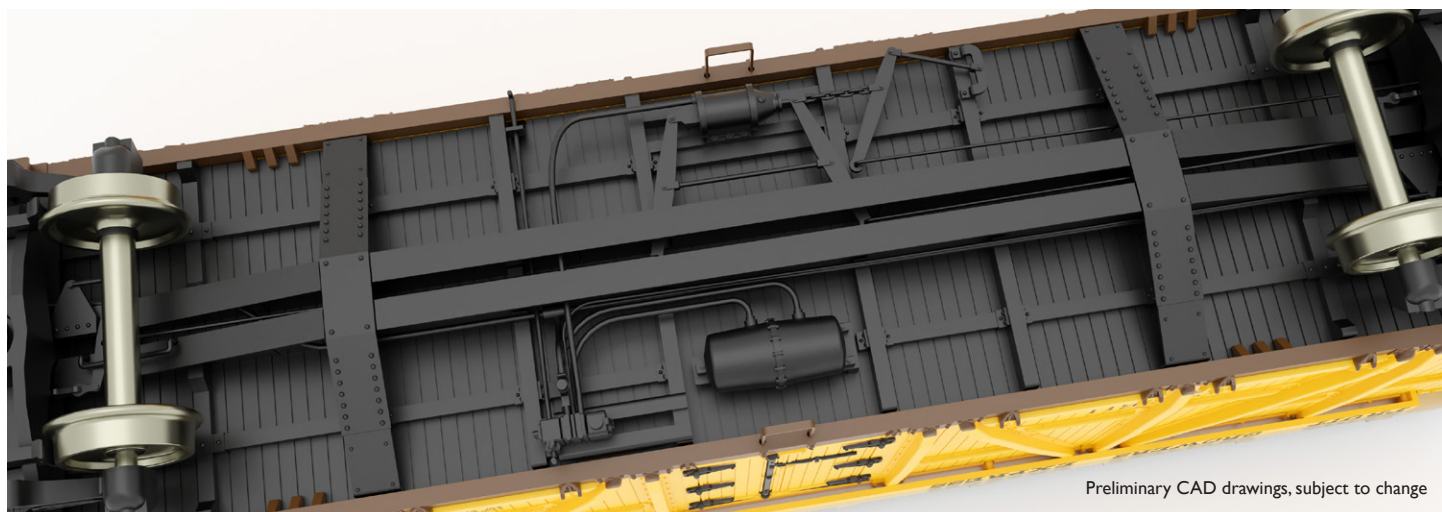


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Baltimore & Ohio (1951+)

Item	Description	USD MSRP	CDN MSRP
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<input type="checkbox"/> 177206A	Single Car #XM4784	\$54.95	\$64.95
<input type="checkbox"/> 177206B	Single Car #XM4785	\$54.95	\$64.95

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



Preliminary CAD drawings, subject to change



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Decorated factory samples



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Single Car **\$54.95** US
6-Pack **\$329.70** US

Single Car **\$64.95** CAD
6-Pack **\$389.70** CAD

In the 1960s, CP and CN both placed orders for flat cars capable of handling trailers of up to 45'. CN ordered 283 cars built by the Vancouver Iron and Engineering Works (V.I.E.W.), while CP ordered a large batch of 305 cars from Marine Industries Limited (MIL) in 1972.

These cars were not limited to the Northlands, as they were often seen all throughout the United States. Cars were commonly seen in New York State, Maine and Vermont, but often seen as far west as California. They traveled in large cuts and in solid TOFC-intermodal consists, but also would be mixed into manifests. The cars are also a lot shorter than normal TOCF 89' flatcars, thus making them more versatile and able to navigate tighter curves.

Canadian National placed an order for 283 cars with Vancouver Iron and Engineering Works (V.I.E.W.). Delivery on these cars started in 1966. They would continue in service well into the late 1980's, after a major rebuild in 1976 to a single hitch configuration which resulted in the cars being renumbered into the 688000-688184 series.

Canadian Pacific ordered a large batch of 305 cars from Marine Industries Limited (MIL) in 1972, which were delivered as road numbers 505625-505930. These cars would soldier on in service after several rebuilding programs. As well as the removal of the second hitch, container pedestals were later added to many of the cars. A final group of cars were reconfigured for the Southern Ontario XpressWay service with rub-rails for the circus-style loading and unloading at terminals.

The Canadian Piggyback Flatcar features:

- Drawn from original blueprints
- Artworks sourced from original lettering diagrams
- Heavy die-cast center sill
- Photo-etched deck surface
- Two styles of hitches; upright and collapsed
- Wire grab irons
- Barber S-2 trucks with metal wheels
- Rapido semi-scale metal knuckle couplers



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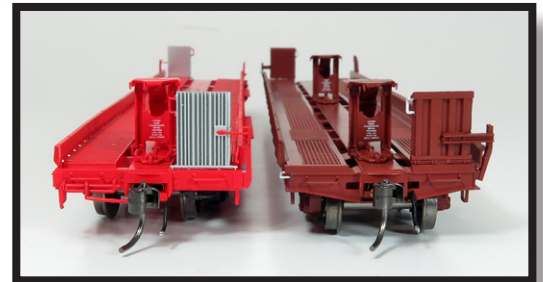
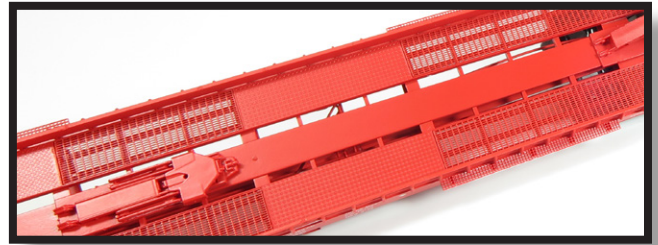
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Early samples shown, all models subject to revision.



A CP flatcar in West Colton, CA, with an ATSF trailer. Photo courtesy of Dan Dell'Unto.

CN assigned passenger units to its hot TOFC trains in the 1970s. This shot is from 1978.

Hustling through Bayview Jct, in August of 1983.

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6-Pack \$329.70 US
Single \$64.95 CAD
6-Pack \$389.70 CAD



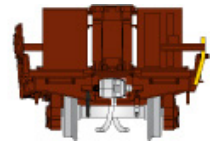
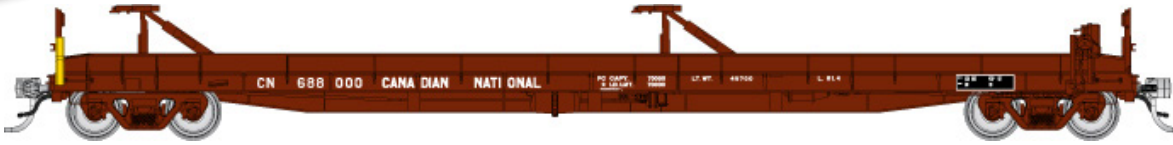
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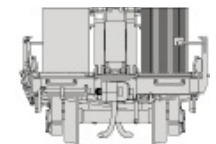
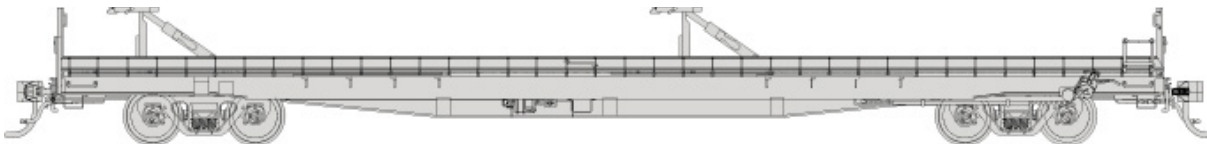
Canadian National (Vancouver Iron and Engineering / 1966 - 1976 era)

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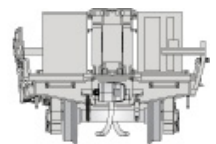
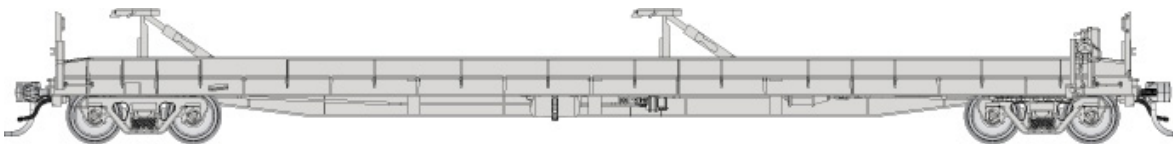
Canadian Pacific (Marine Industries / 1973 - Late 1980s era)

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Undecorated-Assembled (CP Version / As-built)

Item #
Single Car
151098



Undecorated-Assembled (CN Version / As-built)

Item #
Single Car
151099

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Single	\$54.95	US
6-Pack	\$329.70	US
Single	\$64.95	CAD
6-Pack	\$389.70	CAD



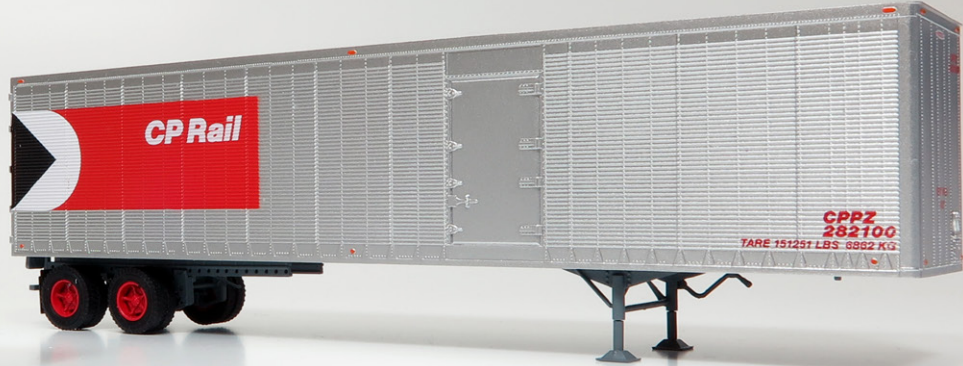
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**CANADIAN TRAILERS
DRY-VAN 26' / 45' TRAILMOBILE**



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\$37.95 CAD

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' Can-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.



Pre-production models shown.

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



26' CAN-CAR TRAILERS

DRY-VANS - WITH AND WITHOUT SIDE DOORS



CP Rail

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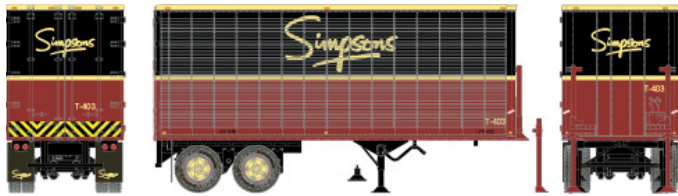
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Smith Transport

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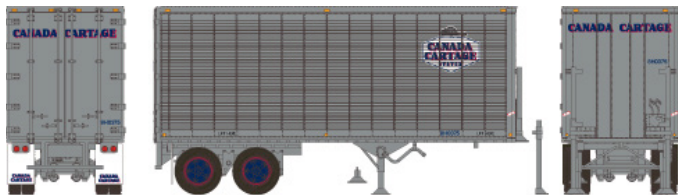
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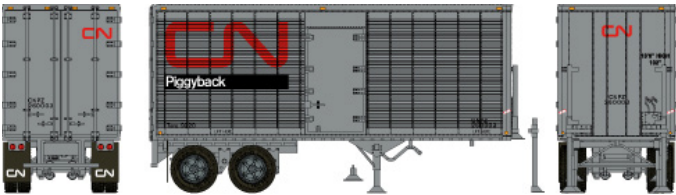
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Canada Cartage

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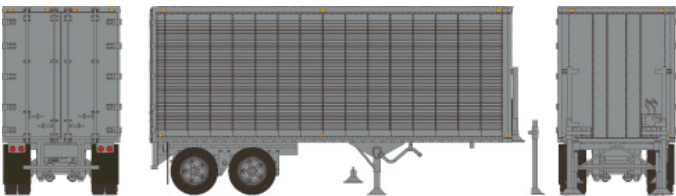
CN Piggyback (With Side Door)

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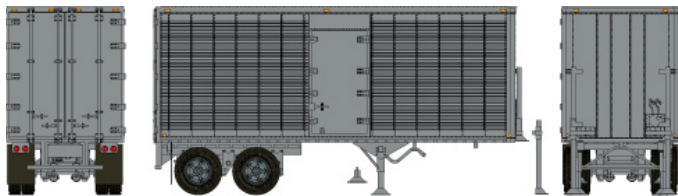
CN Express / Messageries (With Side Door)

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26' Unlettered - Silver (No Side Door)

Item #	Price
403121 <input type="text"/>	\$31.95 USD
<input type="text"/>	\$37.95 CAD



26' Unlettered - Silver (With Side Door)

Item #	Order Deadline
403122 <input type="text"/>	ORDER DEADLINE: JULY 17TH, 2023



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45' TRAILMOBILE TRAILERS

DRY-VANS - WITH AND WITHOUT SIDE DOORS



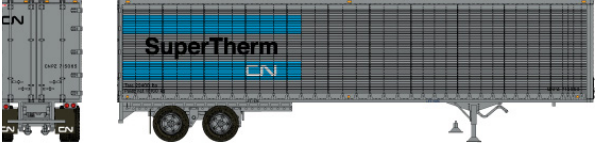
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CP Transport

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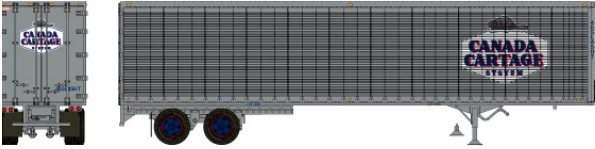
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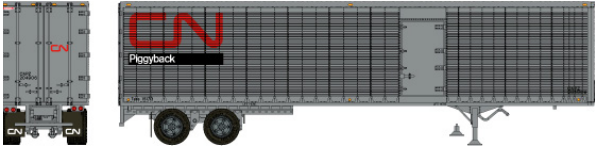
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Canada Cartage

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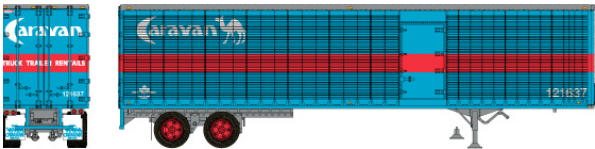
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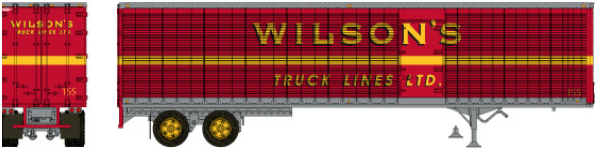
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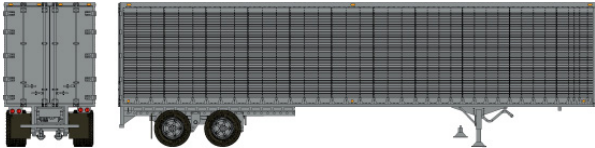
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Wilson's Truck Lines (With Side Door)

Item #	Road Number	Item #	Road Number
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45' Unlettered - Silver (No Side Door)

Item #
403123



45' Unlettered - Silver (With Side Door)

Item #
403124

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DASH 8-40CM

**UPDATED
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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 and BC 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
- Fully operational 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

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

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Canadian National (Stripes Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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Canadian National (Website Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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Canadian National (Large Noodle)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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Canadian National (North America Scheme)

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2451	24013 <input type="text"/>	24513 <input type="text"/>



BC Rail (Red/White/Blue)

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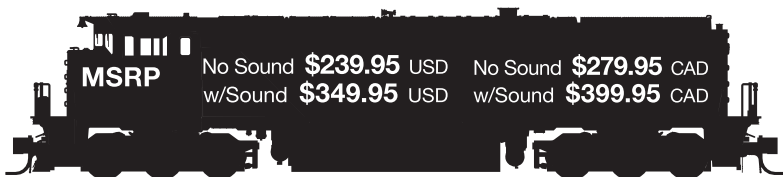
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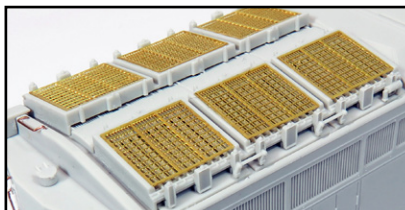


Quebec North Shore & Labrador (QNSL)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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MSRP No Sound **\$239.95** USD No Sound **\$279.95** CAD
 w/Sound **\$349.95** USD w/Sound **\$399.95** CAD



Rapido Bits: HO Dash-8 Split Cooling Radiator

Item #
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It's back! The Dash 8-40CM (also known as the C40-8M or "Dash 8") returns in N scale for a second time, with new road numbers. What doesn't change is the extraordinary amount of detail and silky-smooth performance that Rapido N scale delivers. 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 N 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!
- Heavy, die-cast chassis with a powerful motor and dual flywheels
- Operational headlights and rear lights with operational factory-installed ditch lights (plus rock lights on BCOL locomotives)
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- DC/Silent (DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound)
- Factory-installed couplers mounted at the correct height

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DASH 8-40CM

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Canadian National (Stripes Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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Canadian National (Website Scheme)

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Canadian National (Large Noodle)

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Canadian National (North America Scheme)

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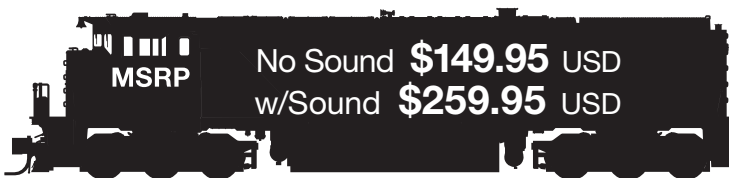


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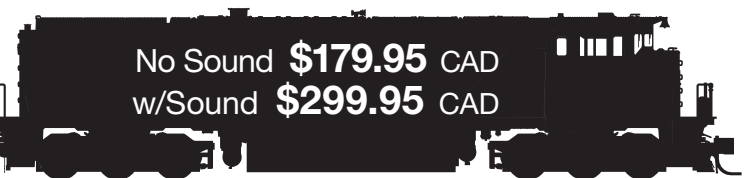
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BC Rail (Red/White/Blue w/Frame Stripe)

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CLASS 0-4-4-0

MODEL GP38

SERIAL 1ST RUN



Pre-production samples shown.



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

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

That "other" GP38 Locomotive features:

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

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Santa Fe (Yellow Warbonnet - w/ Class Lights)

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



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

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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Baltimore & Ohio

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CSX (Grey / "g" Scheme)

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2039	38010 <input type="text"/>	38510 <input type="text"/>



CSX (Grey & Blue / "b" Scheme)

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



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

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



Southern (High Nose)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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Norfolk Southern (High Nose w/Ditch Lights)

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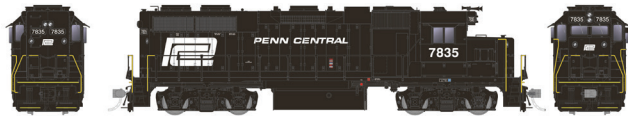
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Penn Central

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

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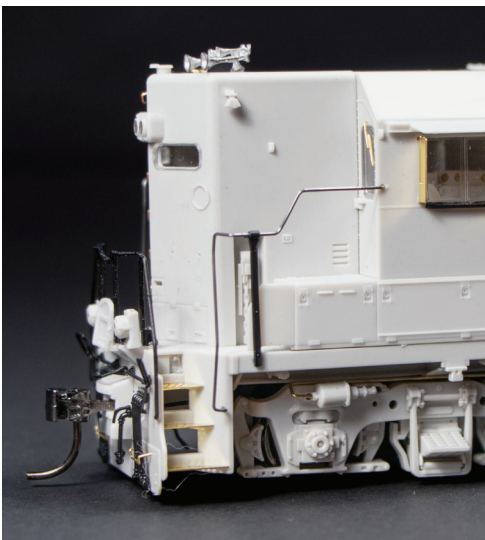
Burlington Northern

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BNSF (H1 Scheme)

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Southern sample.

Conrail sample.

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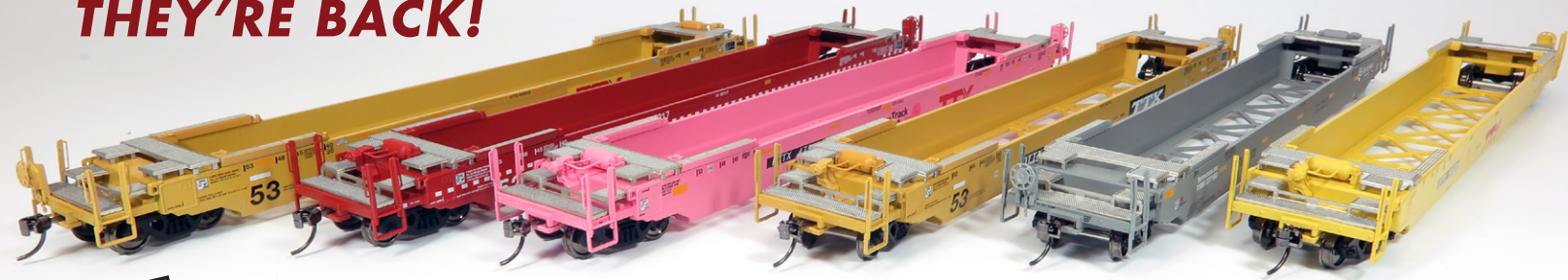
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GUNDERSON 53' HUSKY STACK WELL CAR

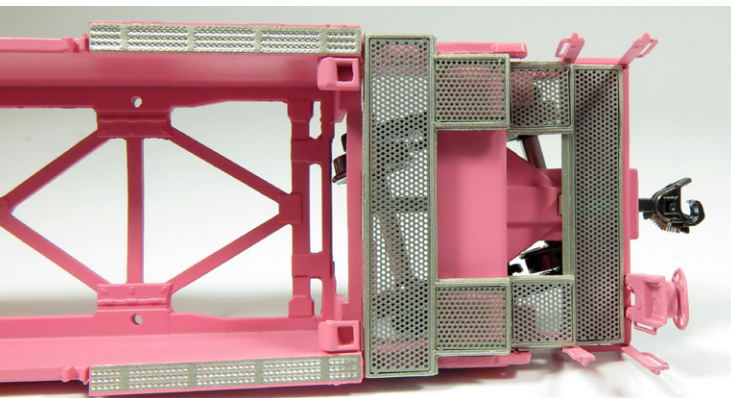
AND CONTAINERS

Rapido Trains Inc. is excited to reveal its latest production of the highly popular Gunderson 53' Husky Stack single-unit well car in HO scale.

The Gunderson 53' single-unit double-stack well car is the latest iteration of the famous Husky-Stack and nearly every intermodal train includes at least a few of this type. Over 3,500 cars have been built for TTX Company (DTTX), Canadian Pacific (CP), Ferromex (FXE) and the Arkansas & Oklahoma (AOK) and can be seen all over the USA, Canada, and Mexico.

We're also offering another selection of our very popular 53' dry box container (with optional heater box and fuel tank) at the same time. The insulated dry boxes are ubiquitous to intermodal trains across North America. While a good portion of these containers can be found on domestic trains across Canada, they are also seen throughout the US Midwest and as far south as New Orleans.

The containers will also come with an optional heater box and fuel tank, correctly decorated and installed as appropriate for each paint scheme. All containers come assembled with an easily-removable floor so that additional weight can be added as-desired by the end customer.



The 53' Husky Stack Well Car features:

- See-through etched metal walkways
- Fully die-cast body for exceptional weight balance
- Injection moulded plastic end handrails and brake detailing
- Accurate painting and lettering
- Free-rolling 70-ton trucks with 33" metal wheels
- Metal knuckle couplers

WELL CAR WITHOUT CONTAINERS

2-PACK	\$99.95 USD	\$119.95 CAD
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WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS

SINGLE	\$67.95 USD	\$79.95 CAD
3-PACK	\$203.85 USD	\$239.85 CAD

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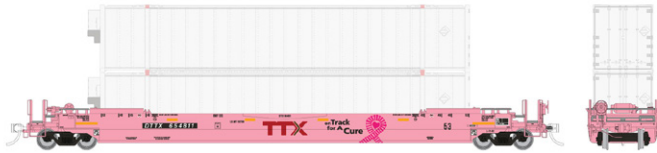
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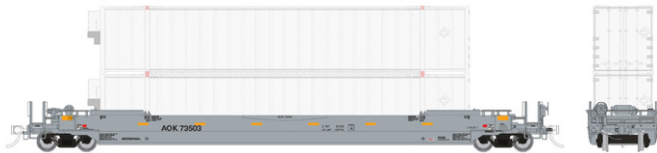


GUNDERSON 53' HUSKY STACK WELL CAR AND CONTAINERS

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Trailer Train (DTTX) "On Track for A Cure"
WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS
401054 SINGLE CAR Car Number: 654611



Arkansas & Oklahoma (AOK)
WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS
401055 3-PACK Car Numbers: 73503
401055A SINGLE CAR 73545
73609
WELL CAR WITHOUT CONTAINERS
401056 6-PACK Car Numbers: 73519 + 73623
401056A 2-PACK 73530 + 73649
73585 + 73675



Canadian Pacific (CP)
WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS
401057 3-PACK Car Numbers: 527022
401057A SINGLE CAR 527128
527307
WELL CAR WITHOUT CONTAINERS
401058 6-PACK Car Numbers: 527091 + 527265
401058A 2-PACK 527050 + 527188
527101 + 527233

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Ferromex (FXE)
WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS
401059 3-PACK Car Numbers: 5130
401059A SINGLE CAR 5173
5315
WELL CAR WITHOUT CONTAINERS
401060 6-PACK Car Numbers: 5105 + 5231
401060A 2-PACK 5206 + 5294
5166 + 5309



Trailer Train (TTX) As-Delivered
WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS
401061 3-PACK Car Numbers: 645088
401061A SINGLE CAR 645314
645472
WELL CAR WITHOUT CONTAINERS
401062 6-PACK Car Numbers: 645190 + 645661
401062A 2-PACK 645224 + 645743
645547 + 645978



Trailer Train (TTX) Patched Logo
WELL CAR WITH TWO CONTAINERS
401063 3-PACK Car Numbers: 645259
401063A SINGLE CAR 645426
646851
WELL CAR WITHOUT CONTAINERS
401064 6-PACK Car Numbers: 645887 + 646558
401064A 2-PACK 646012 + 646266
646570 + 647089

**CONTAINERS INCLUDED WITH WELL CARS WILL BE
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Rapido Trains Inc. is pleased to bring speed to the rails with the Amtrak Rohr Turboliner in N Scale!

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

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

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

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

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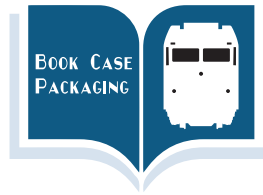


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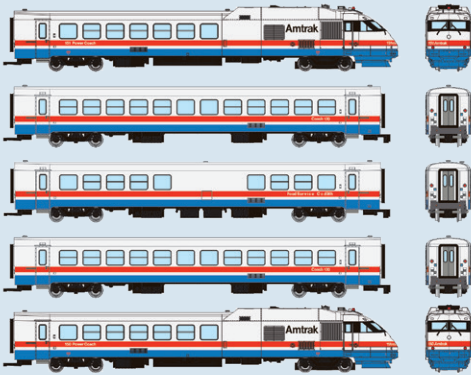
The Rapido N Scale Rohr Turboliner features:

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



Bookcase packaging similar to our UAC Turbo!

		USD MSRP	CAD MSRP
5-car sets	(DC)	\$449.95	\$499.95
	(DCC)	\$679.95	\$779.95
Extra cars		\$64.95	\$79.95



Amtrak Phase III (Early)

	Consist Number	DC/Silent	DCC/Sound
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Additional Cars			
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Amtrak Phase V

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Additional Cars			
	Coachclass (unnumbered)	525107 <input type="checkbox"/>	

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



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Preliminary 3D renders subject to revisions



WIDE VISION CABOOSE

WITH INTERIOR LIGHTING AND WORKING MARKER LIGHTS

Rapido Trains Inc. is excited to reveal its latest N scale model, the Wide Vision Caboose. Between 1972 and 1981, Canadian Pacific's Angus Shops in Montreal built over 300 modern, wide-vision cabooses or "vans" and thus gained the nickname "Angus Van." They proved popular with crews and many are still on the road today, as shoving platforms or rider cars in MOW service.

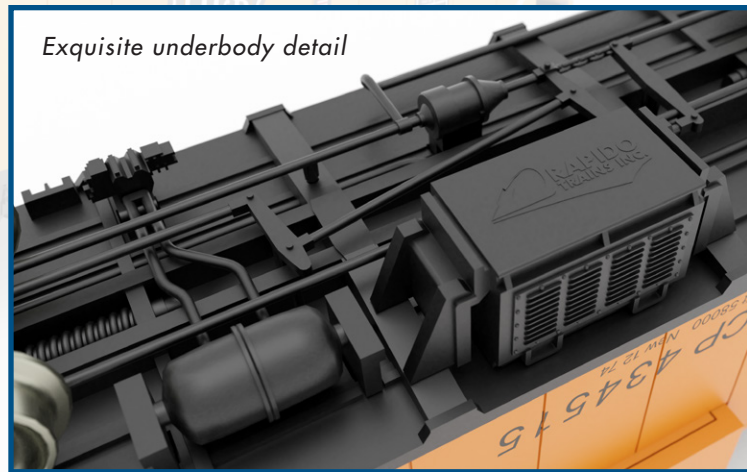
The Angus Van is similar to many other wide vision cabooses that are commonly seen throughout North America.

The Rapido Wide Vision Caboose features:

- Super-detailed underbody including all separate air and brake piping
- Free rolling Barber-Bettendorf caboose trucks
- Detailed interior
- Full end detail, including uncoupling levers
- Separate metal grab irons installed at the factory
- Interior Battery powered lighting and operating end marker lights
- Optional roof mounted air conditioner
- Optional fuel oil tank details (Road name dependent)
- Knuckle Couplers mounted at the correct height

MSRP \$49.95 USD \$59.95 CAD

Exquisite underbody detail



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WIDE VISION CABOOSE

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CP Rail (Action Yellow)

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CP Rail (Engineering Services)

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CP Rail/SOO (Beaver)

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Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo

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Burlington Northern

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BC Rail (Red White Blue)

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Conrail

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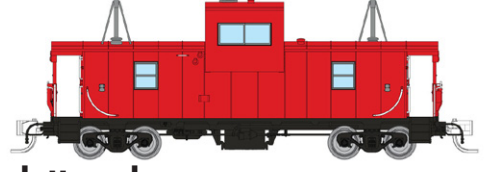
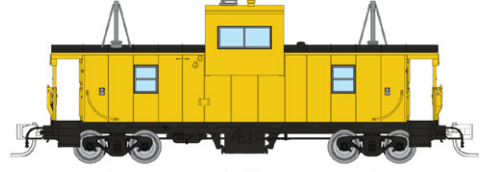
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If you stood anywhere between the CN Newmarket Sub and Bayview Jct, just east of Hamilton in the late 60s through the early 90s, you probably saw one of the most unique trains to run the line: The Ore Train. Rapido is pleased to announce the N Scale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

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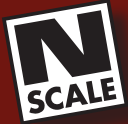
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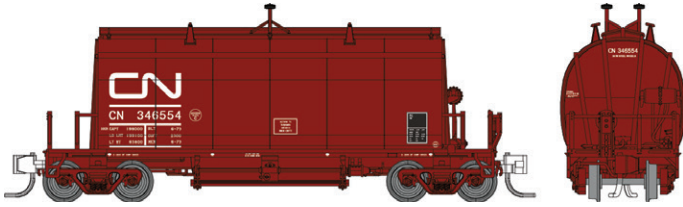
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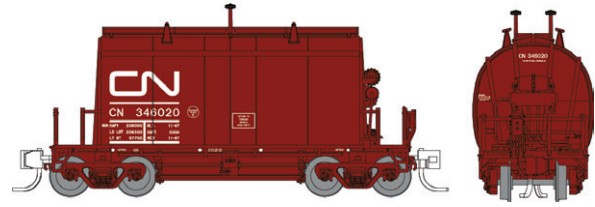
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CN Mineral Brown (Short Barrel)

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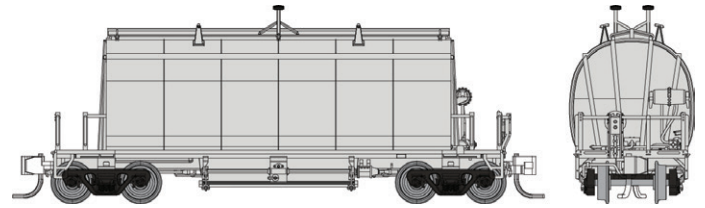
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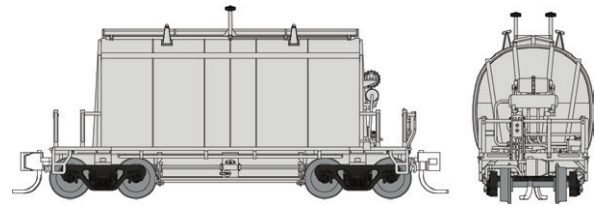
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Dear Rapido Customer,

This month has been an interesting one, Andy is back from a well-deserved trip to the States and the rest of us managed to not let the business fall into ruin or set anything on fire in his absence, which is as much a relief to us as it is to him.

From what we can gather, he still managed to turn it into a busman's holiday and squeeze in some train spotting while he was away, though this one probably went down rather well with his kids as it was in Disney World!



Possibly some of the hardest working steam locomotives in the world? Whilst high-thrill rides are not Andy's cup of tea he was quite happy to ride round in circles on the 3ft gauge trains at Disney World in Florida.

Dan and Corwin took a trip up north to the N Gauge Society show at York and had an absolute blast showing off all the new samples to you all (more on these in a bit), they assure us it wasn't just an excuse to have a look around the museum.

Speaking of samples, we have got lots to show you this month!
Oh, and we've had a few new guys start with us, we will introduce them later.

Within a week of Andy's return, parcels and production images just seemed to arrive on an almost daily basis (a rather pleasant surprise for all of us).
The following samples have arrived this month:

- **'Lion' & 'Thunderbolt' production samples**
- **Highland Railway 'Jones Goods'**
- **GWR B-Set coaches**
- **WR '15XX' 0-6-0PT**
- **RCH 1907 Private Owner Wagons**
- **N Gauge LNER Dynamometer Car 3D printed sample**
- **N Gauge BR Class 44 3D printed sample**
- **N Gauge SECR Freight Packs 3D printed sample**
- **N Gauge BR Diagram 1/191 OAA Open Wagon 3D printed sample**

Don't panic, we aren't going to leave you hanging, here they are!

'Lion' & 'Thunderbolt' Production Samples

Following a series of strange and gleeful noises from Andy's office (and once he had composed himself) we realised he had unwrapped a rather unexpected parcel...

A surprise package containing the first painted production samples for both 'Lion' and Titfield Thunderbolt train pack.



Now in glorious colour!



Our friends at [Modelu](https://www.modelu.com) are continuing to develop our figure packs.



Inside and out our Titfield packs feature a high level of detail and decoration.

[Click here to see our Titfield Range](#)

Now we've all had our grubby mitts on them and got all of the 'ooh's and 'ahh's out of our system, we're happy to share some pictures with the rest of you.

We think they speak for themselves.



'Lion' in 1930s condition. Each variant of of 'Lion' and 'Thunderbolt' features different tooling and decoration.



'Lion' in its 1980s guise. This version features extra safety chains on the front and rear, exposed tender springs and (hidden from view) an extra toolbox in the cab and pressure gauge mounted at the top of the firebox.

Production of both 'Lion' and 'Thunderbolt' is at the final assembly stage and we will have both of these with us this summer.



A pride of 'Lions'.

Purchase 'Lion' here.

Highland Railway 'Jones Goods' 4-6-0



We were very excited when we received a running sample of the striking 00 Gauge 'Jones Goods', and as you can see it's really starting to take shape.



With an open cab there is no way you can scrimp on detail. All the details are present and once they are painted we know it will look fantastic.

The running capabilities and subsequent pulling power are an important feature of this popular freight locomotive and it doesn't disappoint. Watch out next month for a video showing just how well it runs.

Order your 'Jones Goods'

GWR E140 B-Set Tooling Samples

The ever-popular Western Region branch line layout is the perfect home for the upcoming 00 Gauge GWR B-Set Coaches.



Found on quaint routes across the South West, West Midlands, and South Wales, the B-Set was regularly found coupled to a 'Small Prairie'.

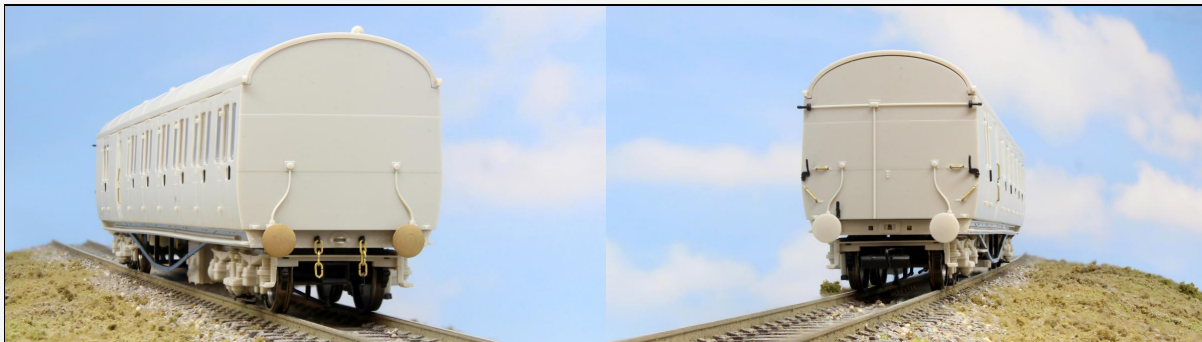
Modelled with beautifully detailed seating, luggage racks, a fully detailed guards compartment and working lights these models really will stand out.

They truly are the B(ee)'s knees. Don't just take our word for it, check out how nice these tooling samples are!



Open windows on a model carriage? We thought we would try something different.

We will also be providing an interesting customisable feature with this coach. Inside the box will be some extra glazing pieces with the droplight windows in the open position. With a few minutes work, the factory fitted glazing can be pressed out and the 'window down' glazing fitted - perfect for those layouts set in the hazy summer sunshine.



Correct details are fitted to each end of the vehicles - including short buffers and safety chains on the inner ends.



The full detailed interior is easily accessible via the clip-on roof making it easy to fit passengers.

Find out more about our beautiful B-sets!

WR '15XX' 0-6-0PT

Last month's running sample load test of the 15XX received such a positive response, we wanted to get the images of the next stage of production in your hands as soon as possible.

Progress has been somewhat faster than expected and out of nowhere a set of photos showing the painted bodywork components have been sent to us from the factory. How smart do they look?



No.1501 in fully lined livery as seen on the Severn Valley Railway.



A red pannier - as seen in NCB days at Coventry Colliery.



We can't forget our spoof livery. Although not carried in real life, we think it rather suits the model!



Whilst it's nice to see the larger parts coming together, it's also nice to see the small details. This is the inside of the cab shutters - complete with (legible) notice to warn crews not to stick their heads out!

See our 15XX range here

1907 Private Owner Wagons



We only announced these a few months ago, so were very pleased to receive a tooling sample of one already. We are delighted with how they look.



As usual the underframe of the wagons are full of detail including different brake arrangements, axleboxes, buffers and v-hangers.

With thirty-four designs available direct from us and an ever-growing list of liveries from various independent retailers as exclusives, you have a huge number of options to pick from. To see the full selection click [HERE](#).



The 5-plank opens feature side doors only...



...whilst the 7-plank features both side and end doors.

Don't forget - if you are keen to get your own 1907 private owner wagon commission you can find out more [HERE](#).

Pick your Private Owner

Not forgetting the small stuff!

Dan and Corwin attended the N Gauge Society show at the NRM a few weeks ago, and knowing how many cool things we had in the pipeline they didn't want to show up empty-handed.

Our friends at [Modelu](#) worked tirelessly to get many of the upcoming models 3D printed for visitors to feast their eyes on.

Don't worry if you weren't able to make it, here are a few pictures from the show.



Even from this early prototype, you can see just how detailed and pretty the LNER Dynamometer Car will be in N Gauge. Our 00 Gauge version has proven very popular, so we look forward to hearing what you think of its smaller cousin.

Visit our Dynamometer Car webpage



Our upcoming BR Class 44 3D printed (static) sample went on a little jaunt over the weekend and was seen on 'James Street'. Not only did the Class 44 create interest - the resident pair of class 28's and a full train of Conflat P wagons turned a few heads.

Find out more about our Class 44



Another of our popular 00 ranges that will be receiving the miniaturisation to N Gauge is the SECR Freight Packs. These prints highlight how detailed and accurate even the most conventional rolling stock can be in N Gauge. These great value sets are the perfect addition to many a Southern Region N Gauge layout, and we look forward to being able to compare them with their larger-scale relatives as their development progresses.

See our SECR wagon packs here



Much like its 00 Gauge counterpart, the N Gauge BR Diagram 1/191 OAA Open Wagon is progressing nicely (which should please those who have a more modern preference for rolling stock).

Order your OAA packs now

If you took the time to come and speak to us at the N Gauge Society show at the NRM we would like to thank you for all your time, feedback, and suggestions.

We are glad you love the samples and are looking forward to their release.

Order Book Updates

We have two order books closing at midnight on Monday 29th of May!



First up is our 'Not-Quite-Mink' range. Based on the GWR 'Iron Mink' design many of the pre-grouping companies built their own versions. Why not add a colourful livery to your fleet?

Get your Not-Quite-Mink before its to late!



The second order book closing is for our 'Inspired by Titfield' wagon pack. Whilst not seen in the film these wagons follow the theme of the film and will accompany our forthcoming Titfield Thunderbolt train packs perfectly. Whilst the order book is closing now the models will not be delivered until our 1907 PO wagons are produced later in the year.

'We want the Titfield Thunderbolt!'

If you want to add these to your collection, we highly recommend getting your order in ASAP, either direct from us or from any Official Retailer.

Production & Shipping Updates

Well, the good news is that a number of products are on their way to the UK. By the time you read this, the SECR 6-wheel brake vans should have arrived and been shipped to retailers and customers, whilst our SR 8-planks should be arriving into a UK port around the same time.

The GWR 'Loriot Y' and AA20 'Toad' brake vans will be at sea and hopefully only a few weeks behind the SR opens. All very exciting!



Hot off the press are images of our LMS D1666 Open Wagons. These are currently going through the final stages of decoration at the factory before final assembly. Progress should be swift and we hope to deliver these to customers during the summer.

[Order your LMS opens here](#)



The majority of the 'VIX' Ferry Vans are out in the wild and already with customers who are singing their praises and thoroughly enjoying them.

As many of you know we had to rectify two specific 'VIX' SKUs due to an issue. We are pleased to say that this has been fully resolved and they are en route back to us. If you're really lucky it may already be with you by the time this newsletter hits your inbox.



Unfortunately, we had a minor hitch with the 00 Gauge OAA Open Wagons, so they have been delayed a tad and missed their original intended delivery date.

We have been able to rectify this and are pleased to say that the wagons have moved to the final assembly stage. We hope to have more news on the OAAs next month for you!

Order and OAA

One for the North American fans - an exclusive 'Angus' van in N scale!



Between 1972 and 1981, Canadian Pacific's Angus Shops in Montreal built over 300 modern, wide-vision cabooses (cabeese?) or 'vans' and thus gained the nickname 'Angus Vans'.

One of these, CP 434677, has the distinction of being preserved in the UK at the Mangapps Railway museum in Essex, regularly operating with British rolling stock and locomotives.

With Rapido Trains Inc producing these fabulous vehicles in N scale, we took the opportunity to have a very small batch of CP 43467 produced as an exclusive for us! Get your order in quick - only 50 are being produced!

Order your exclusive caboose here

All change at Rapido Trains UK

We have had a little shunt around and even had some new starters this month at Rapido Trains UK.

We would like to congratulate Andy and Steve on their new roles, Andy takes the helm as General Manager and Steve as Operations Manager. They lead us forward into the next exciting era of Rapido Trains UK.

We also have some fresh blood. For the sake of ease, we have chosen to hire two new people called Chris, just so we don't need to remember two different names.



Chris Payne joins us as our new Sales Executive and Copywriter, he'll be covering your newsletters (yes that does mean he's writing this bit in the 3rd person) and any sales queries you may have.

As an avid South Eastern and Chatham Railway fan and all things Southern region, we think he's going to fit in nicely here. Though we aren't entirely sure if him being able to pester us for a Class O1 in person is a good thing or not!



Chris Masters joins us as our new Warehouse Operative and Warranty Assistant.

Chris isn't technically a new face at Rapido, he's helped out on various projects over the years and is a neighbour of Andy and Steve's. In his free time, he's building a 00 layout and adds whatever he likes the look of, we think being surrounded by our stock all the time may be detrimental to his bank balance. We're proud to make his appointment official, welcome aboard Chris!



Caught in the act! Sneaking off with a box of newly delivered SECR 6-wheeled Brake vans, it appears Chris P has picked the wrong weapon for the job. Thankfully Chris M and Ernie are on hand, making sure all the brake van orders are accounted for.



RAPIDO BR Class 28s and Conflat Ps on 'James St.'

At the NGS York Show there were a number of our Class 28s and Conflats in operation. We couldn't resist shooting a short film of them operating on the fantastic 'James St'.

Thought of the month

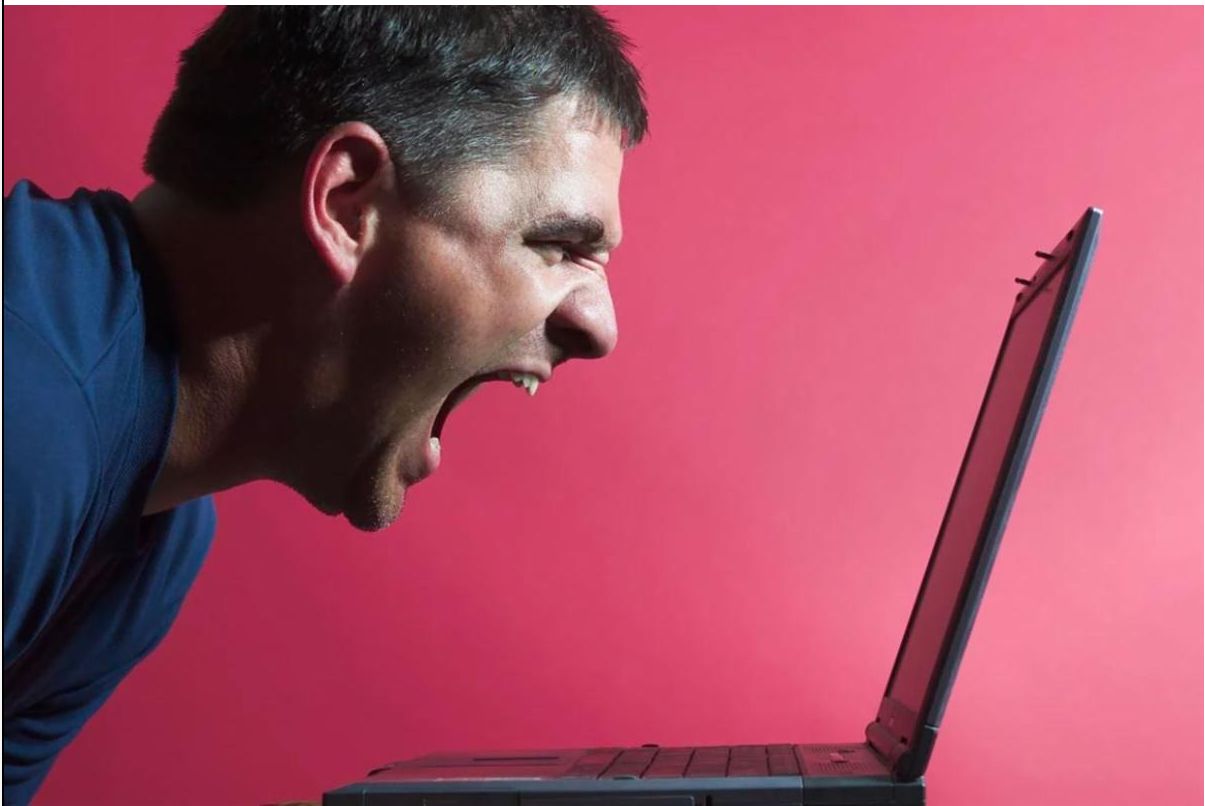
We all love our model railways - at the end of the day that's why we are involved in the hobby. Sometimes however, the dark side in modellers comes out when constructive criticism goes too far. In this month's thought of the month Jason discusses what happens when things get to much...

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Back in the February 2022 (Diverging Points, Railroad Model Craftsman) issue I discussed the nastiness of some of the emails that Rapido — and other model train manufacturers — occasionally receive from customers. I encouraged readers who get all steamed up over a perceived mistake on a model to just wait five minutes before sending that email... a little civility and politeness go a long way. We're always open to constructive criticism. Sometimes we can fix the problem, and other times we can't. But we will always do our best.

These days, we often don't hear about model problems from emails. Often, we only hear about a problem because someone posted it on a discussion forum and it has generated pages and pages of online rage. Have you noticed how

much anger there is out there these days? I think the pandemic has had a psychological impact on the human species that will take our social scientists years to unpack. We've all got our own stories of encounters with this new rage. Nowhere is this rage seemingly more present than on the internet.



When I started Rapido, there were plenty of model train discussion forums on the internet. We had our fair share of “flame wars” and arguments back then, but overall the conversation was not nearly as negative as it is today. Recently I asked my employees not to participate in some of the discussion forums because the atmosphere was so toxic. (This, in turn, seemed to up the rage because we were no longer responding on these forums.)

The criticisms routinely devolve into personal attacks, and this action has real-world impacts. Several Rapido employees have told me of serious anxiety, and even depression, brought on by the unending online criticism. One employee expressed concern for his personal safety. Someone from a model train forum even called the Canadian National police to “tell on” Jordan and me after we posted a photo of us near (not on) the tracks.

If you've participated in personal attacks on model train industry employees online, I have some questions for you. What is your end goal? Is it your desire to be correct, to show that you know more about model trains than we do? Is it to show that you know how to run a business better than we do? When you talk to people in person rather than online, do you shout in their faces? Do you call them names? Do you threaten them? And do you feel you have scored some sort of victory if you successfully get them arrested while railfanning? If it seems like I am being overly emotional in this column, it's because the attacks really hurt. They hurt me and they hurt my team.

Model railroading is a tiny industry in North America. I can safely say that all model train product designers are railfans and model railroaders themselves. When there is a mistake on a model, we did not put it there on purpose. It is easy to sit at a keyboard, blow up a photo of a model to 10 times its actual size, and then list everything that is wrong with it and attack the designer. It is less easy to spend months or years designing a model and doing your best to make a product of which you can feel proud.



I look at the Alco PA and PB locomotives that Bill Schneider spent two years designing, and I am filled with pride. The amount of care and attention that Bill put into that model, the dozens of hours of meetings, the hundreds of hours of design work — it all paid off. I think it's a gorgeous product and, based on how they've sold, a lot of customers agree. However, read the online discussion forums and you'd be forgiven for thinking that Bill drew a vaguely PA-shaped blob on a napkin, sent it to the factory, and let them give it their best shot.

I've written before in this (Diverging Points, Railroad Model Craftsman) column that the hobby of model railroading should bring you joy. Apart from spending time with my family and friends, the thing in my life that gives me the most joy is working on my layout. I imagine that is the same with most of you. Our hobby brings light into our darkest days. It is rejuvenating. It is a solace from the heartache and the pain that we all face at different times in our lives.

I cannot see how sitting at a computer and attacking model train manufacturers and their employees can bring anyone joy. Take that negative energy and transform it into something positive. Start building a layout. Join a club and run some trains. Head trackside with a couple of friends and photograph some main line action. Do something that brings you joy. Please.

(Cue the rage.)

Well, that's it for another month.

We hope there's something for you to get you excited about amongst those sample images and the news of our forthcoming deliveries - we are certainly excited!

Best wishes,

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