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# TRENTON WORKS 6348 CU.FT. CANADIAN NATIONAL BOXCAR



PRE-PRODUCTION 3D RENDERS ARE SUBJECT TO  
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Rapido is pleased to offer the Trenton Works 6348 cu.ft. boxcar in HO scale!

Built between November 1993 and February 1994, CN purchased 300 of these cars for specialty wood products and lumber service all across Canada. The cars not only had a major presence in the province of Quebec after delivery, but also all across North America.

Oddly enough, these cars did not receive the usual "Canadien National" French spelling, instead having both sides in the traditional "Canadian National" look. The operational and warning labels instead were bilingual - another unique oddity to these cars.

The cars can still be seen in lumber service all across North America. But not just lumber, they have also made their way into general merchandise service as well. An all-purpose boxcar, just for you!

## The Rapido Trenton Works 6348 cu.ft. CN Boxcar features:

- Designed from original blueprints and field measurements.
- Redi Roof 1 (peaked and overhanging).
- Correct handbrake styles and housings
- 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

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

**Order Deadline:**  
**NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**MSRP** Single **\$54.95** us  
6-pack **\$329.70** us

Single **\$64.95** CAN  
6-pack **\$389.70** CAN



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## Canadian National - As Delivered

Car Numbers: 598000, 598062, 598098, 598123, 598144, 598167

- Item # 193001 - 6-pack
- Item # 193001A - Single Car

Car Numbers: 598045, 598082, 598189, 598237, 598262, 598291

- Item # 193002 - 6-pack
- Item # 193002A - Single Car



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## Canadian National - w/Conspicuity Stripes

Car Numbers: 598004, 598045, 598126, 598145, 598183, 598244

- Item # 193003 - 6-pack
- Item # 193003A - Single Car

Car Numbers: 598078, 598139, 598152, 598153, 598234, 598264

- Item # 193004 - 6-pack
- Item # 193004A - Single Car



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## Canadian National - URL Repaint (cn.ca)

Car Numbers: 598035, 598121, 598140

- Item # 193005 - 6-pack
- Item # 193005A - Single Car



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## Unpainted/Unlettered

- Item # 193099 - Single Car



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# NATIONAL STEEL CAR BALLAST HOPPER



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**MSRP** 6-Pack **\$329.70/\$389.70** US / CAD  
Single Car **\$54.95/\$64.95** US / CAD

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Ballast! A commodity that is rarely discussed yet plays a pivotal part in the upkeep of any railroad's infrastructure. Many railroads simply used older open-top hoppers to carry and "dump" ballast along their right-of-ways. In the mid-1970s, National Steel Car (NSC) designed and developed a welded open-top hopper specifically for ballast service, complete with four bottom chutes to spread the rocks along the rails. CN and CP purchased these cars in volumes, both directly and under the 1978 Government of Canada Branch Line Rehabilitation Program. Fleet numbers were also an identifier of these cars as well as their Branch Line Rehabilitation stencil and many continue to wear those to this day.

Similar cars could be found on many American roads, wearing a wide variety of paint schemes and graphics. We even included three generic colors for you to make into your freelance road or another railroad that used these cars!

## The NSC Ballast Hopper features:

- Removable ballast load
- Diecast frame
- Separate metal grab irons installed at the factory
- Coupler cutbars and airhoses
- Metal wheels
- Semi-scale, metal couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs (Dealers must order multi-packs)
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale

\* Decorated cars have six individual car numbers depending on paint scheme. These will be available as either a six pack or single car (six individual car that are **easily broken up for individual sale**).



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# NATIONAL STEEL CAR BALLAST HOPPER

DEALER NAME

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## Canadian National



Era: 1979+

Item #  Road # 302009, 302066, 302153, 302190, 302241, 302278  
Single Car 158001A 6-Pack 158001  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Canadian National Government of Canada Branchline Program



Era: 1984+

Item #  Road # 90005, 90040, 90087, 90116, 90165, 90198  
Single Car 158002A 6-Pack 158002  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## CP Rail



Era: Nov 1977+

Item #  Road # 457017, 457030, 457054, 457079, 457107, 457116  
Single Car 158003A 6-Pack 158003  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## CP Rail Government of Canada Branchline Program



Era: 1978+

Item #  Road # 456030, 456077, 456107, 456145, 456191, 456220  
Single Car 158004A 6-Pack 158004  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## BC Rail - Early



Era: 1990s+

Item #  Road # 2803, 2812, 2837, 2846, 2859, 2876  
Single Car 158005A 6-Pack 158005  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## BC Rail - Late



Era: 1990s+

Item #  Road # 2804, 2851, 2860, 2866, 2871, 2872  
Single Car 158006A 6-Pack 158006  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Amtrak



Era: 1988+

Item #  Road # 11605, 11616, 11638, 11659, 11683, 11708  
Single Car 158007A 6-Pack 158007  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## CSX



Era: 1988+

Item #  Road # 965545, 965551, 965593, 965657, 965668, 965685  
Single Car 158008A 6-Pack 158008  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*



Photos courtesy of Jason Shron.



MSRP 6-Pack **\$329.70/\$389.70** US / CAD - Single Car **\$54.95/\$64.95** US / CAD



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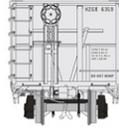
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# NATIONAL STEEL CAR BALLAST HOPPER

DEALER NAME

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## Herzog - Early



Item #   
Single Car 158009A

Item #   
6-Pack 158009

Road #  
6307, 6320, 6335, 6359, 6388, 6402  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Milwaukee Road

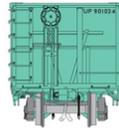


Item #   
Single Car 158010A

Item #   
6-Pack 158010

Road #  
341403, 341410, 341419, 341432, 341440, 341453  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Union Pacific - Early

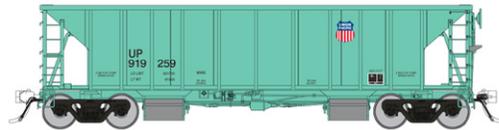


Item #   
Single Car 158011A

Item #   
6-Pack 158011

Road #  
901024, 901051, 901088, 901103, 901120, 901144  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Union Pacific - Late

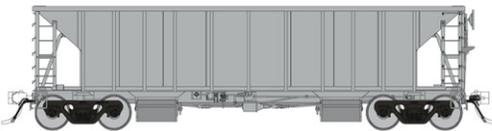


Item #   
Single Car 158012A

Item #   
6-Pack 158012

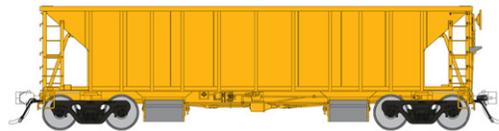
Road #  
919054, 919085, 919112, 919170, 919231, 919259  
*(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

## Silver - Unlettered



Item #   
Single Car 158097

## Yellow - Unlettered

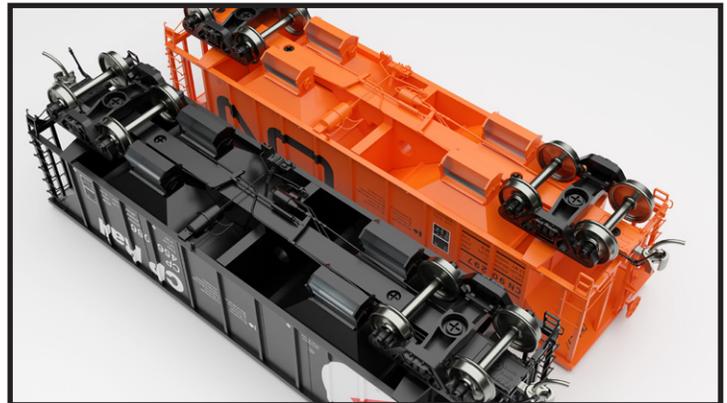


Item #   
Single Car 158098

## Orange - Unlettered



Item #   
Single Car 158099



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# AUTOFLOOD III RAPID DISCHARGE HOPPER



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**NEW RUN!**



Matt Gentry Photo - Morrill, NE - June 6, 2022

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6-Pack **\$359.70/\$449.70** US / CAD

Single Car **\$59.95/\$74.95** US / CAD

The most popular car in our line is back for more!

Please welcome the AutoFlood III rapid discharge hopper car for another run with some awesome schemes!

Beginning production in 2004, the all-aluminum body prototype has been produced in the thousands and has traversed all over North America. With millions of tons of coal per year being mined and hauled out of various locations across the country, you would be hard pressed to not have seen one of these prototype cars in a modern day coal train.

This 4200 cubic foot, exterior post prototype (not to be confused with other prototype exterior post or interior post models) is primarily used as a rapid discharge car which can unload the payload in a matter of seconds via the bottom bay doors. However, the car can also be equipped with rotary couplers, as indicated by the color blocks on the end of the car, for either rotary or bottom discharge unloading based on the infrastructure at the final destination.

### The AutoFlood III Coal Hopper features:

- Die-cast frame and floor for optimum car weight
- Full interior rivet and K-member details
- Super-detailed end cages including separate air and brake piping
- Barber S-2 100-ton trucks with metal wheels
- Hopper bays feature highly-detailed outlet gates
- Etched, see-through end cross-over platforms
- Full end detail, including uncoupling levers
- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Removable coal load included
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs\*
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale



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### BNSF Railway - Circle Cross Scheme / 2004+



Item #  
6-Pack #1  Single Car   
169042 169042A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169043 169043A

Road #  
651108, 651120, 651144, 651161, 651175, 651192  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Road #  
651212, 651235, 651242, 651263, 651279, 651288  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169044 169044A

Road #  
651300, 651313, 651325, 651334, 651347, 651362  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

### Duke Power - (DKPX) / 2007+



Item #  
6-Pack #1  Single Car   
169046 169046A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169047 169047A

Road #  
730002, 730015, 730024, 730056, 730067, 730091  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Road #  
730100, 730123, 730141, 730155, 730174, 730182  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169048 169048A

Road #  
730203, 730222, 730231, 730246, 730265, 730299  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

### First Union Rail - (NDYX) / 2005+



Item #  
6-Pack #1  Single Car   
169052 169052A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169053 169053A

Road #  
930240, 930243, 930255, 930261, 930277, 930289  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Road #  
930301, 930316, 930333, 930345, 930356, 930370  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169054 169054A

Road #  
930392, 930408, 930411, 930427, 930444, 930475  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

### BNSF Railway - Circle Cross Scheme / 2004+



#### ---Double Rotary car---

Item #  
Single Car  Road #  
169045 699610

\*Note: BNSF cars represents the 2004 circle-cross logo era, which **DOES NOT** feature FRA conspicuity striping. 2006 those stripes were mandated for all railroad equipment.

### General American - (GACX) / 2004+



Item #  
6-Pack #1  Single Car   
169049 169049A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169050 169050A

Road #  
010371, 010390, 010403, 010419, 010427, 010384  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Road #  
010442, 010434, 010368, 010411, 010423, 010459  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169051 169051A

Road #  
010389, 010376, 010398, 010409, 010414, 010447  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

### Tennessee Valley Authority - (TVAX) / 2005+



Item #  
6-Pack #1  Single Car   
169055 169055A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169056 169056A

Road #  
25125, 25133, 25141, 25156, 25162, 25179  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Road #  
25190, 25202, 25211, 25224, 25235, 25248  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169057 169057A

Road #  
25265, 25287, 25301, 25339, 25323, 25374  
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Single Car **\$59.95/\$74.95** US / CAD

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### TXU Electric - (TXUX) / 2007+



Item #  
6-Pack #1  Single Car   
169058 169058A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169059 169059A

Road #  
73841, 73855, 73864, 73878, 73882, 73899  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Road #  
73901, 73913, 73936, 73954, 73962, 73985  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169060 169060A

Road #  
74005, 74020, 74035, 74047, 74058, 74069  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

### Union Pacific - (UP) / 2011+



Item #  
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169061 169061A

Item #  
6-Pack #2  Single Car   
169062 169062A

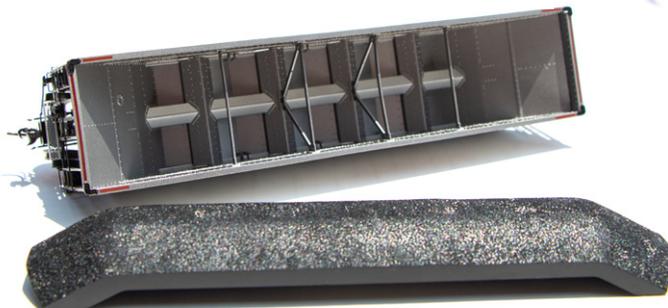
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Road #  
94509, 94517, 94522, 94535, 94548, 94559  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

Item #  
6-Pack #3  Single Car   
169063 169063A

Road #  
94486, 94512, 94529, 94542, 94566, 94574  
(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)

\*Note: Union Pacific cars carry "UP" reporting marks. The build date for these cars are late 2011.



All artwork is subject to revisions before final production. Photos of models depict original release.

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**Mo+Power** BY RAPIDO  
UNINTERRUPTED LOCOMOTIVE POWER

**PRE-ORDER DEADLINE:**  
**SEPTEMBER 15th, 2023**

3D CAD Renders shown, subject to revision.

Rapido is happy to announce the next in our series of classic Alco locomotives, the Alco FA-1 and FB-1

Between January 1946 and October 1950 a total of 440 FA-1s and 240 FB-1s were built by Alco and their Canadian subsidiary, Montreal Locomotive Works (MLW). They were originally sold to twenty-five railroads in the US, Canada and Mexico. The FA-1 (and booster FB-1) were rated at 1500 horsepower and was designed primarily as a freight hauler.

In a market that was becoming dominated by EMD products, the FA-1 came in a distant second due in part to reliability issues with its 244 prime mover. Still, they were popular with several roads and could be found at the head of freights int the late 1960s.

Following on to our FPA-4, FA-2 and PA loco models, the new FA-1/FB-1 models continues the Rapido tradition for accurate Alco cab units with unsurpassed detail.

**Rapido's new HO scale FA-1/FB-1 features:**

- Correct nose and windshield contours
- Flat or angled number boards as appropriate
- Dynamic and non-dynamic brake versions
- Etched side and fan screens
- Heavy, die-cast chassis
- 5-pole motor with dual flywheels
- Operating headlights, class lights and back-up lights
- Full underbody piping and conduit
- Separate grab irons and handrails
- Featuring the Mo-Power capacitor!
- Many road-specific details installed or included
- Full, multi-colour interior
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound) options
- Accurate sounds

**A-Units**

**\$229.95 DC/DCC-ready \$339.95 DC/DCC/Sound - US**  
(\$259.95 DC/DCC-ready \$369.95 DC/DCC/Sound - Canadian)

**A-B Sets**

**\$429.95 DC/DCC-ready \$649.95 DC/DCC/Sound - US**  
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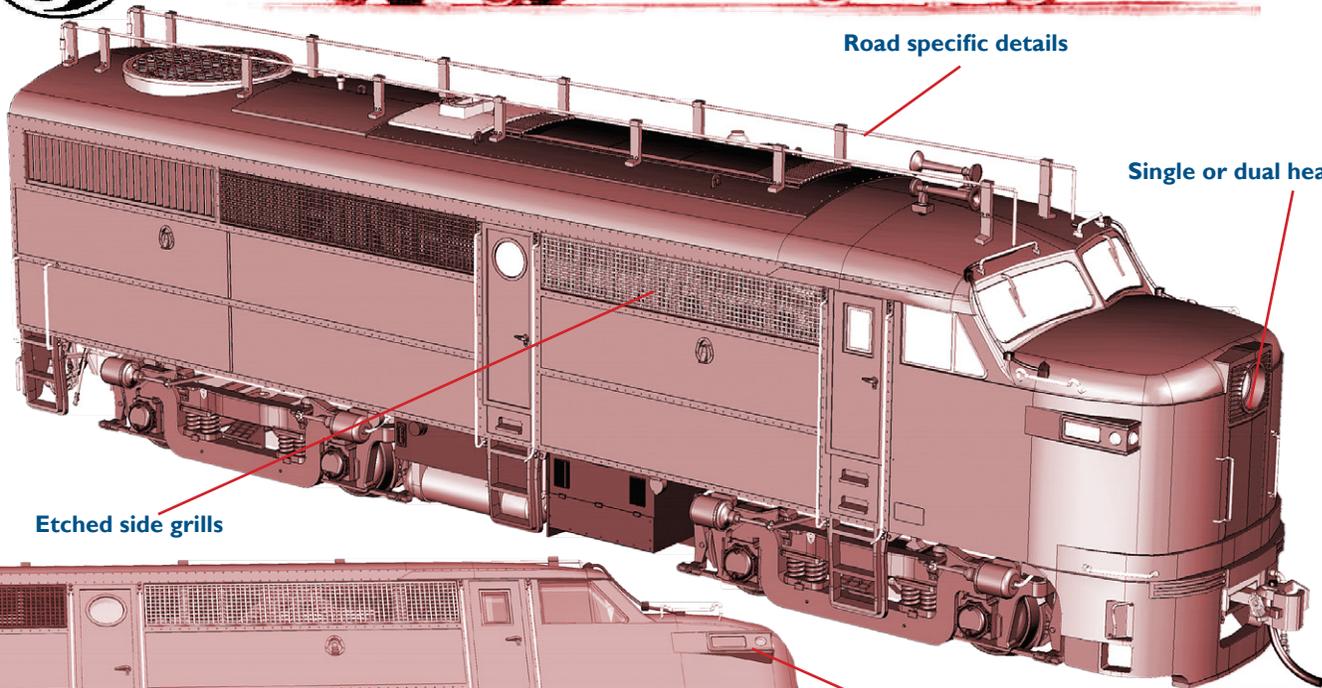
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Alco

# FA-1

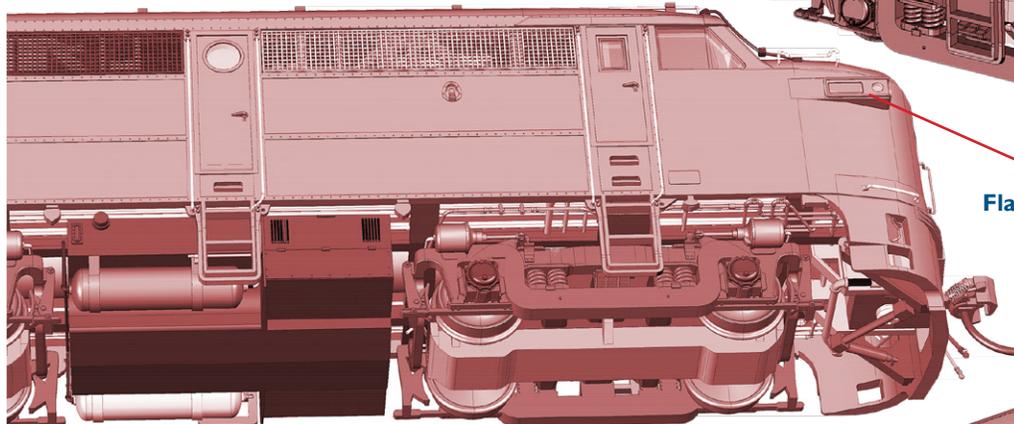
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Road specific details

Single or dual headlights

Etched side grills

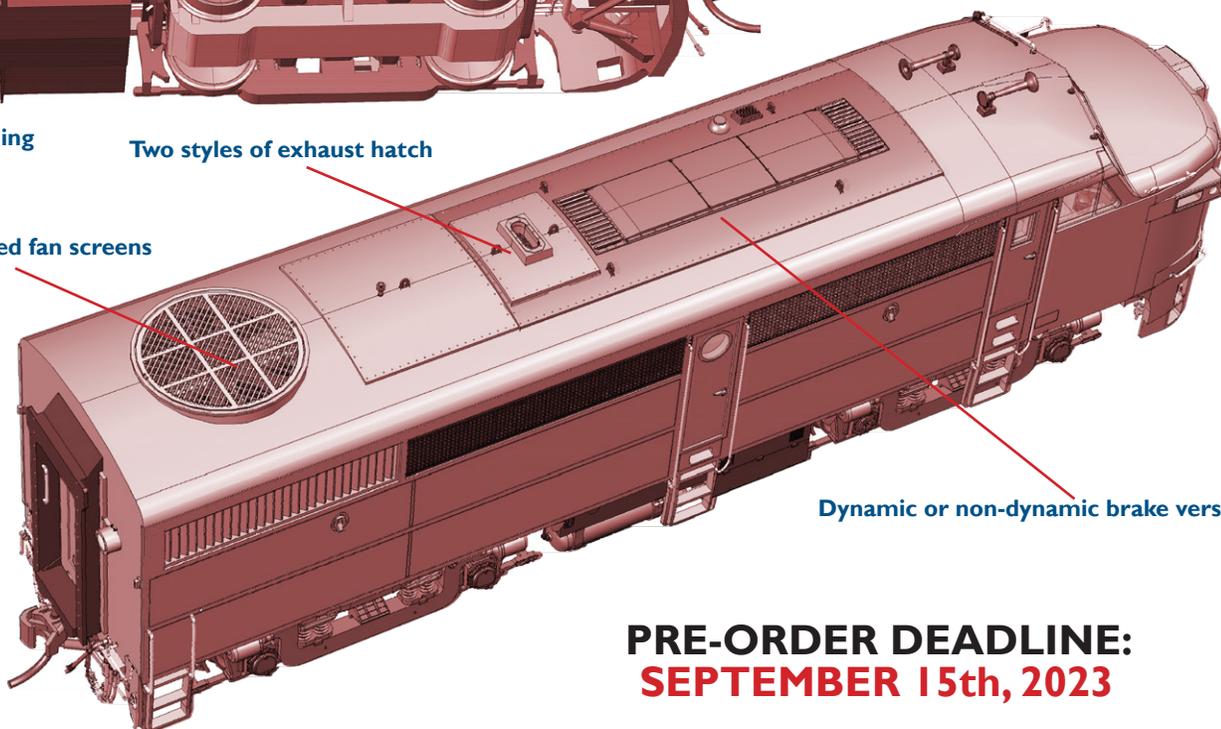


Flat or angled number boards

Full underbody detailing

Two styles of exhaust hatch

Two styles of etched fan screens



Dynamic or non-dynamic brake versions

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# FA-1



# HO SCALE



### Canadian National

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/> 37002	<input type="checkbox"/> 37502	FA-1 #9402
<input type="checkbox"/> 37003	<input type="checkbox"/> 37503	FA-1 #9403
<input type="checkbox"/> 37004	<input type="checkbox"/> 37504	FA-1 #9406



### Erie

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 37013	<input type="checkbox"/> 37513	FA-1 #726
<input type="checkbox"/> 37014	<input type="checkbox"/> 37514	FA-1 #728
<input type="checkbox"/> 37015	<input type="checkbox"/> 37515	FA-1 + FB-1 #725A + 725B
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### Canadian Pacific (block)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/> 37006	<input type="checkbox"/> 37506	FA-1 #4010
<input type="checkbox"/> 37007	<input type="checkbox"/> 37507	FA-1 + FB-1 #4012 + 4410
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### Great Northern

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/> 37019	<input type="checkbox"/> 37519	FA-1 + FB-1 #310A + 310B
<input type="checkbox"/> 37020	<input type="checkbox"/> 37520	FA-1 + FB-1 #442A + 442B



### Canadian Pacific (script)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Description
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### Lehigh & New England

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### New Haven (Orange Delivery)

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### Reading

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### New Haven (McGinnis)

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Description
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### Union Pacific

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### Pennsylvania

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# NSC 3294 CU. FT. CP MECHANICAL REEFER



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**SOUND AVAILABLE!**

Rapido is pleased to offer another ULTIMATELY CANADIAN freight car in HO Scale!

This is the NSC 3294 cu.ft. mechanical reefer, built exclusively for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Put aside all of those American-style reefer imitations! This is the real deal, truly-Canadian style reefer! Built in 1968, these mechanical reefers served the frozen foods industries from the late 1960s through the year 2002. The majority of these cars retained their CP Rail "Red Script" schemes though their entire service lives, while some were repainted into the classic Multimark scheme. Whether you need them for the meat industry or fresh produce markets, these cars will look right at home mixed into a consist or being spotted at that ever-busy packing plant.

But wait, there's more! Do you like ambient reefer sounds? This model features an option for sound with our Plug n Play Sound Board, sold separately. Just plug in and hear the difference!

### The Rapido NSC 3294 CP Mechanical Reefer features:

- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- Wire stirrup steps
- 70-ton Barber S-2 trucks, with electrical pick up metal wheels
- Rapido Semi Scale metal knuckle couplers
- Drawn from original blueprints and drawings
- Separate door posts, door latches and coupler cut levers
- Fully-detailed underframe, including piping and mechanical equipment
- Optional sound unit available for easy installation!

**MSRP**

Single **\$54.95** USD  
6-pack **\$329.70** USD

Add-on Reefer Sound Module **\$19.95** USD

Single **\$64.95** CAD  
6-pack **\$389.70** CAD

Add-on Reefer Sound Module **\$24.95** CAD

Note: All schemes are available in 6-pack cases, as well as single cars. Car numbers for single orders will be randomly selected from the listed road numbers. Unnumbered cars are available by special request only.

**Order Deadline:  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



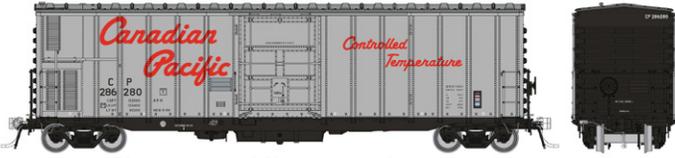
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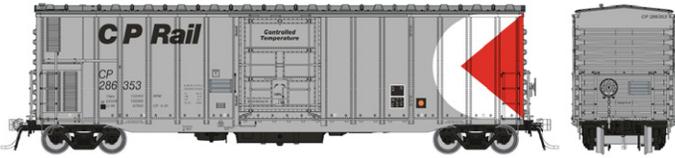
## Canadian Pacific - Script Logo

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- Item # 150001 - 6-pack
- Item # 150001A - Single Car

Car Numbers: 286298, 286311, 286333, 286359, 286388, 286413

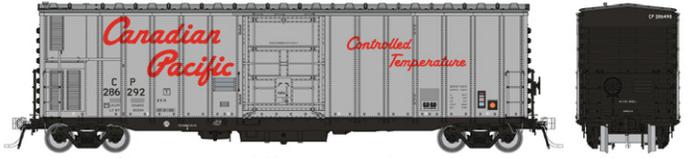
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- Item # 150002A - Single Car



## Canadian Pacific - Multimark (Repaint)

Car Numbers: 286353, 286381, 287216, 287217, 287225, 287229

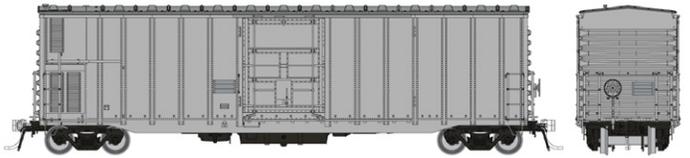
- Item # 150003 - 6-pack
- Item # 150003A - Single Car



## Canadian Pacific - Script Logo (Late)

Car Numbers: 286292, 286313, 286334, 286339, 286363, 286387

- Item # 150004 - 6-pack
- Item # 150004A - Single Car



## Painted/Unlettered

- Item # 150099 - Single Car

MSRP

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Add-on Reefer Sound Module **\$19.95** USD

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Add-on Reefer Sound Module **\$24.95** CAN

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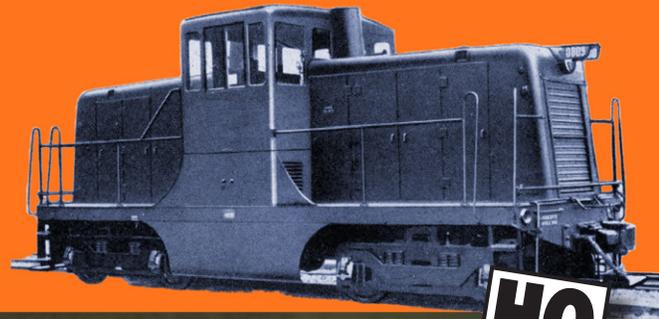


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# 44 TONS of Railroad Motive Power

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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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**MSRP**

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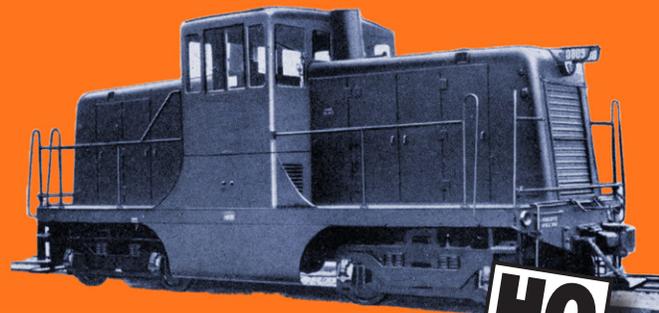
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## Sante Fe - Zebra Stripe Phase III

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #
<input type="text"/>	48001 <input type="text"/> 48501	#463
<input type="text"/>	48002 <input type="text"/> 48502	#465
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## Rio Grande - Black & Yellow Phase Ic

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<input type="text"/>	48013 <input type="text"/> 48513	#42

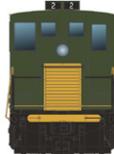


## Boston & Maine - Minuteman Phase Ic

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## New Haven - Warm Orange Phase Ic

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #
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<input type="text"/>	48016 <input type="text"/> 48516	#0804



## Canadian National - Green Phase IV

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #
<input type="text"/>	48007 <input type="text"/> 48507	#1
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## New York, Ontario & Western - Grey Phase Ic

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## Milwaukee Road Phase Ic

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<input type="text"/>	48010 <input type="text"/> 48510	#992

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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.

### MSRP

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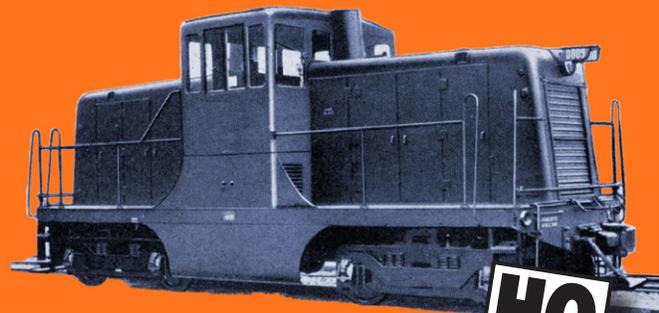
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### Northern Pacific - Black Phase Ic

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<input type="text"/>	48020	<input type="text"/>
	48520	#98



### Pennsylvania Phase IV

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #
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	48521	#9325
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### Southern Pacific - Tiger Stripe Phase Ic

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	48524	#1900
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### Southern - Tuxedo Phase III

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	48527	#1950
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	48529	#1953



### Union Pacific Phase IV

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Rd #
<input type="text"/>	48030	<input type="text"/>
	48530	#903999

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Phase Ic



Phase III

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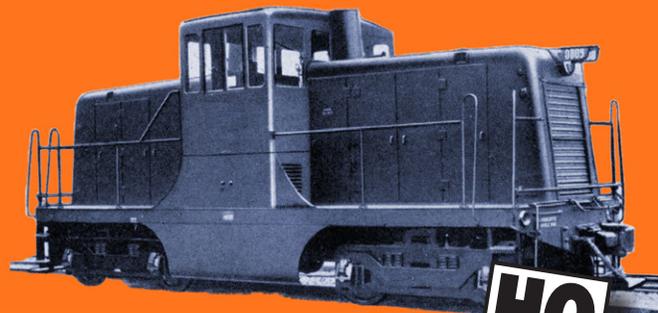
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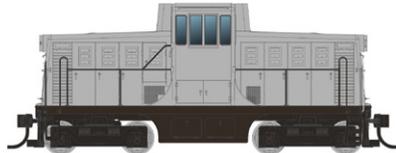
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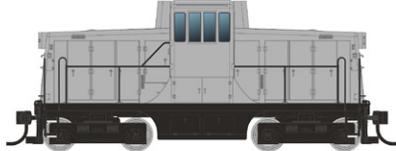


### Industrial - Yellow

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### Undecorated

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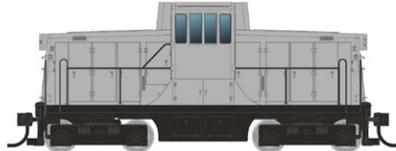
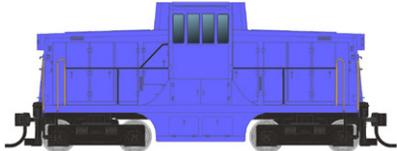


### Industrial - Red

DC  48034 DC/DCC/Sound  48534 Body Style Phase III Body

### Undecorated

DC  48097 DC/DCC/Sound  48597 Body Style Phase III Body



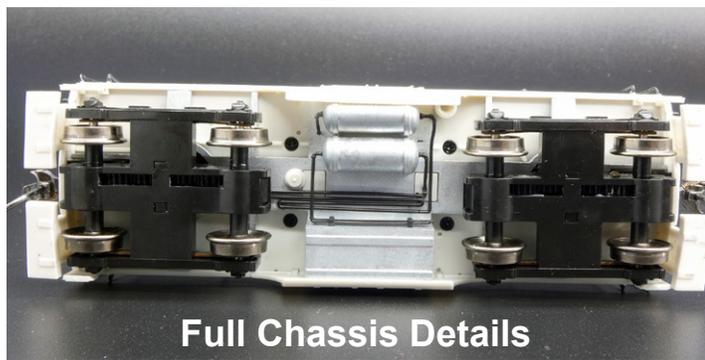
### Industrial - Blue

DC  48035 DC/DCC/Sound  48535 Body Style Phase IV Body

### Undecorated

DC  48098 DC/DCC/Sound  48598 Body Style Phase IV Body

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Phase IV

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# GMD-1



CN 1914 in Ingersoll, Ontario  
April 22, 1970  
Kaluzza-Mueller Collection

Our iconic HO scale **Canadian National GMD-1** diesel locomotives are back with the return of some favourite paint schemes with new numbers plus a couple of cool new road names too!

In this release, we're featuring two of the most requested versions of our GMD-1: the four-axle original 1900-series as well as the 1400-series rebuilds, each available in a variety of accurate paint schemes.

Part of the initial order by CN, the 1900-series featured a B-B arrangement with Flexicoil trucks. Classified GRG-12n, the 1900-series GMD-1 was geared for 83 MPH and had a Vapor OK-4625 steam generator in the short hood. The 1900s were intended for commuter and other short-run passenger services and were delivered in 1958 and 1959 with many remaining in service until the late 1990s!

CN created the 1400-series rebuilds in 1989. Featuring a larger, 2000-gallon fuel tank and 4-wheel Flexicoil trucks, the 1400s also received upgraded power assemblies. These units ran long hood forward and were also got equipped with ditch lights. CN retired the last of the 1400s from service in 2021.

Despite being retired by CN, the GMD-1 has proven to be popular with second hand owners and in this release, we're also excited to include three unique paint schemes: **Waterloo Central** and **Oregon Pacific**! Donated by CN in 2021, Waterloo Central 1012 (former CN 1437) has been repainted into CN's classic green scheme and is used today for both excursion service and freight duties. Oregon Pacific 1413 was obtained from CN in 2010 and operates today as the primary switcher on their East Portland Division. And CN 1900 at the **Winnipeg Railway Museum** has long been a

staple moving passenger consists around CN's Winnipeg Union Station where the unit resides in preservation today.

**MSRP**

DC/Silent	<b>\$239.95</b>	USD
DCC/Sound	<b>\$349.95</b>	USD
DC/Silent	<b>\$269.95</b>	CAD
DCC/Sound	<b>\$379.95</b>	CAD

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NAME**Canadian National 1400s (Stripes Scheme)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
1405	10059 <input type="text"/>	10559 <input type="text"/>
1408	10060 <input type="text"/>	10560 <input type="text"/>
1412	10061 <input type="text"/>	10561 <input type="text"/>
1419	10062 <input type="text"/>	10562 <input type="text"/>
1422	10063 <input type="text"/>	10563 <input type="text"/>

**Canadian National 1900s (Noodle w/ Black Cab)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
1900	10068 <input type="text"/>	10568 <input type="text"/>
1903	10069 <input type="text"/>	10569 <input type="text"/>
1908	10070 <input type="text"/>	10570 <input type="text"/>
1914	10071 <input type="text"/>	10571 <input type="text"/>

**Canadian National 1900s (Green Scheme)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
* 1900	10078 <input type="text"/>	10578 <input type="text"/>
1905	10064 <input type="text"/>	10564 <input type="text"/>
1907	10065 <input type="text"/>	10565 <input type="text"/>
1912	10066 <input type="text"/>	10566 <input type="text"/>
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**Canadian National 1900s (Noodle w/ Red Cab)**

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1910	10074 <input type="text"/>	10574 <input type="text"/>
1915	10075 <input type="text"/>	10575 <input type="text"/>

**The Rapido HO Scale GMD-1 features:**

- Heavy diecast frame with super detailed piping and traction cables
- Detailed Flexicoil trucks
- Separate grab irons
- Accurate sounds for both original and rebuilt units
- Working ditch lights on 1400 series locomotives
- Front and rear plows or pilot footboards where appropriate
- DCC/Sound equipped units feature ESU V5 decoders
- Minimum 18" curve radius recommended

\* **PRODUCTS LISTED IN RED ARE MODELS FOR A GOOD CAUSE! SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

**CONDITIONAL RELEASES****Waterloo Central 1012** (former CN 1437)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
* 1012	10076 <input type="text"/>	10576 <input type="text"/>

**Oregon Pacific 1413** (former CN 1413)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
1413	10077 <input type="text"/>	10577 <input type="text"/>

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**MSRP**

DC/Silent **\$239.95** USD  
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# GMD-1

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## LIMITED EDITION *MODELS FOR A GOOD CAUSE!*



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We're also excited to include two surviving GMD-1 models in this release, #1012 (former CN 1437) at the **Waterloo Central Railway** and the class unit #1900 at the **Winnipeg Railway Museum!** Available in both DC/Silent and DCC/Sound versions, 10% of the sales will also be donated to each organization to help their preservation efforts for future generations.

CN 1900 was delivered in September 1958 and was the first in a series of units equipped with a steam generator for passenger service. Assigned for much of its life as the Winnipeg station switcher, it would remain in freight service into the 1990s before being donated to the museum at Winnipeg Union Station. Blanking plates will be provided with the model for customers interested in removing the steam generator details just like CN did.

Waterloo Central 1012 also enjoyed a very long career with CN spanning from delivery in 1958 all the way through 2021 when it was donated to the WCRR! Built with 6-axle A1A-A1A trucks for service on light-rail Prairie branch lines, 1012 was rebuilt in 1988 and renumbered 1607. It was renumbered 1437 in 1998 when it was rebuilt once again with B-B Flexicoil trucks. Renumbered into its original road number, today the 1012 remains in operation on the museum's excursion trains.

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### Waterloo Central 1012 *(former CN 1437)*



Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
1012	10076 <input type="checkbox"/>	10576 <input type="checkbox"/>

### Canadian National 1900 *as preserved at the Winnipeg Railway Museum*



Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
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# BILEVEL COMMUTER CAR



Rapido Trains is proud to announce the second release of our highly popular Bilevel Commuter Cars in HO Scale, featuring several new paint schemes and body variations!

The current Bilevel design, although largely originating in Europe, found its ways to North American rails in the 1970s and has since been put to use by dozens of commuter agencies all across Canada and the United States. Originally designed by Hawker Siddeley Canada, the cars have been manufactured over the years by Hawker Siddeley, Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC), SNC-Lavalin, Bombardier and today, Alstom. The cars have always been built at the original Canadian Car & Foundry (CanCar) factory in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

In 1989, the first Bilevel cars were introduced to the United States by Tri-Rail in the Miami area. In 1992, Metrolink in the Los Angeles area introduced the design to the West Coast. This spurred further orders in California by Coaster of San Diego and Altamont Commuter Express (now Altamont Corridor Express) of San Jose. By the 2000s, more agencies across North America began using the Bilevel Commuter Cars for start-up commuter operations, such as Sound Transit (Sounder) in Seattle, FrontRunner in Salt Lake City, RailRunner in Albuquerque, and West Coast Express in Vancouver, just to name a few. As of 2023, 14 agencies across North America operate fleets totaling almost 1500 Bilevel Commuter Cars.

Our Bilevel model finally brings museum-quality details, improved operations, and prototypical accuracy to this long loved and under-appreciated mode of (commuter) transportation.

## The Rapido Bilevel Commuter Car features:

- Accurate body shell designs with or without rivet details
- Five windows or four windows on the lower level, as appropriate
- Free-rolling, highly-detailed inside-bearing trucks with roller-bearing axles and metal wheelsets
- Minimum 22" radius curves
- Full underbody and unrivaled interior detail
- Accurate painting and lettering, both inside and out.
- Tinted windows
- Metal side grab irons
- Constant interior lighting in DC and DCC
- Controllable cab car lighting in both DC and DCC
- Cab cars pre-wired with a speaker and a 21-pin socket for full DCC/Sound functionality

**MSRP**

Sets (with Cab Car)	\$339.95 USD	\$399.95 CAD
Sets (without Cab Car)	\$319.95 USD	\$379.95 CAD
Single Coaches	\$109.95 USD	\$129.95 CAD
Single Cab Coaches	\$129.95 USD	\$149.95 CAD

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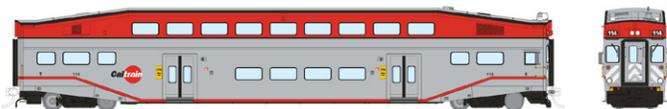
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**CONDITIONAL**

## Altamont Commuter Express (San Jose)

SERIES III COACH

SERIES III CAB COACH

146024  **Set #1** Coach 3205, Coach 3208, Cab Coach 3305.146025  **Set #2** Coach 3207, Coach 3211, Cab Coach 3308.146026  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## CalTrain (San Francisco)

SERIES III COACH

SERIES III CAB COACH

146027  **Set #1** Coach 219, Coach 225, Cab Coach 112.146028  **Set #2** Coach 222, Coach 229, Cab Coach 114.146029  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## Coaster (San Diego)

SERIES II COACH

SERIES II CAB COACH

146030  **Set #1** Coach 2303, Coach 2204, Cab Coach 2208.146031  **Set #2** Coach 2308, Coach 2205, Cab Coach 2207.146032  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)**CONDITIONAL**

## UTA FrontRunner (Salt Lake City)

SERIES IV COACH

SERIES IV CAB COACH

146033  **Set #1** Coach 204, Coach 207, Cab Coach 102.146034  **Set #2** Coach 201, Coach 208, Cab Coach 109.146035  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## GO Transit (Toronto) (Late Scheme)

SERIES IV COACH

SERIES IV CAB COACH

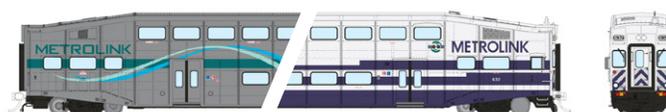
146036  **Set #1** Coach 2619, Coach 2653, Cab Coach 254.146037  **Set #2** Coach 2626, Coach 2640, Cab Coach 257.146038  **Set #3** Coach 2740, Coach 2763, Coach 2779.146039  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## GO Transit/Metrolinx (Toronto)

SERIES IV COACH

SERIES I CAB COACH

SERIES I THREE-COACH SET

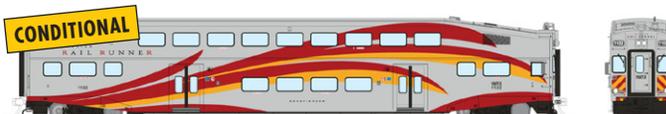
146040  **Set #1** Coach 2838, Coach 2850, Cab Coach 208.146041  **Set #2** Coach 2846, Coach 2857, Cab Coach 212.146042  **Set #3** Coach 2413, Coach 2437, Coach 2454.146043  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## Metrolink (Los Angeles) (Ribbon & Original Scheme)

SERIES II COACH

SERIES II CAB COACH

SERIES III COACH #183

146044  **Set #1** Coach 2838, Coach 2850, Cab Coach 208.146045  **Set #2** Coach 2846, Coach 2857, Cab Coach 212.146046  **Single Coach** #187 (White "Ribbon" scheme)146047  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## New Mexico Rail Runner (Albuquerque)

SERIES IV COACH

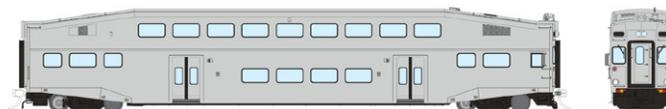
SERIES IV CAB COACH

146048  **Set #1** Coach 1008, Coach 1012, Cab Coach 1102.146049  **Set #2** Coach 1002, Coach 1009, Cab Coach 1105.146050  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## Sounder (Seattle)

SERIES III COACH

SERIES III CAB COACH

146051  **Set #1** Coach 203, Coach 212, Cab Coach 106.146052  **Set #2** Coach 209, Coach 227, Cab Coach 110.146053  **Single Coach** (Unnumbered)

## Undecorated (Assembled, Unpainted)

146093  Series II Coach146094  Series III Coach146095  Series IV Coach146097  Series II Cab Coach146098  Series III Cab Coach146099  Series IV Cab Coach**MSRP**

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# NSC 5304 CU.FT. CN COMBINATION DOOR BOXCAR



PRE-PRODUCTION 3D RENDERS ARE SUBJECT TO  
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Rapido is pleased to offer another **ULTIMATELY CANADIAN** freight car in HO Scale!

The NSC 5304 cu.ft. combination door boxcar is a staple of North American railroading. No longer will those stand-in, close enough boxcars be needed! The Rapido NSC 5304 combination door is the first accurate model produced. Since their production in the late 1970s, they have plied the rails hauling all sorts of goods, from lumber products to general freight. In fact, the green door denotes that these cars are active in lumber services. Get ready to fill up your consists with true a Canadian car!

## The Rapido NSC 5304 cu.ft. CN Combo Door Boxcar features:

- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- 100-ton Barber S-2 trucks, with metal wheels
- Rapido Semi Scale metal knuckle couplers
- Drawn from original blueprints and drawings
- Separate door posts, door latches and coupler cut levers
- Fully-detailed underframe

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

**Order Deadline:**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**MSRP** Single **\$54.95** US  
2-pack **\$109.90** US  
6-pack **\$329.70** US

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## Canadian National - Delivery w/Green Door

Car Numbers: 557157, 557199, 557282, 557303, 557353, 557418

- Item # 173001 - 6-pack
- Item # 173001A - Single Car

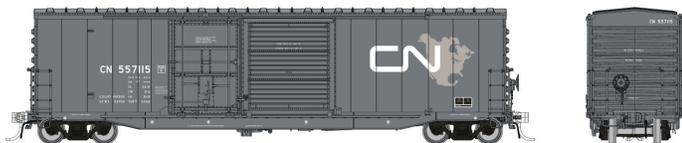


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## Canadian National - Late 80s Repaint

Car Numbers: 557134, 557214, 557295, 557409, 557637, 557709

- Item # 173003 - 6-pack
- Item # 173003A - Single Car

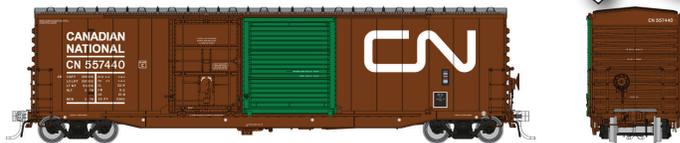


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## Canadian National - North America

Car Number: 557115

- Item # 173003A - Single Car



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## Canadian National - Delivery w/Green Door

Car Numbers: 557440, 557466, 557537, 557581, 557606, 557634

- Item # 173002 - 6-pack
- Item # 173002A - Single Car



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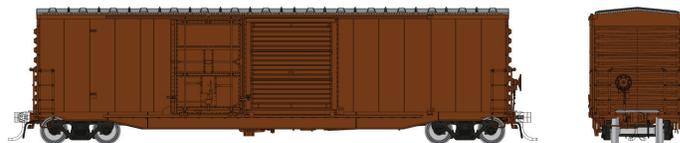


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## Canadian National - Expo 86 / 2-Pack

Car Numbers: 557417 and 557420

- Item # 173004 - 2-pack



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## Boxcar Red/Unlettered

- Item # 173099 - Single Car



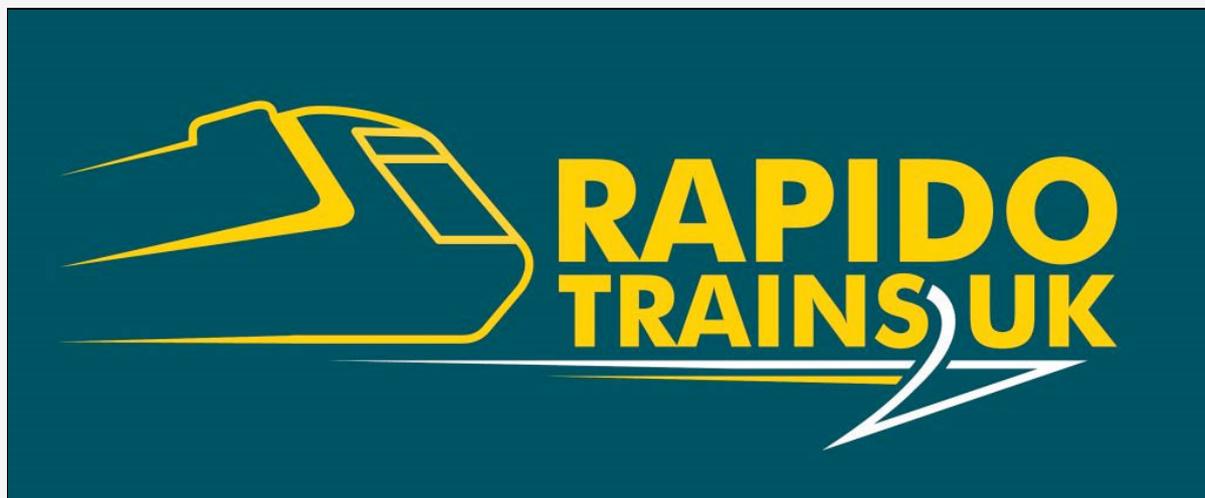
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**Dear Rapido Customer,**

Wow, that was a warmer month than expected.

It's also been a chaotic month, with several deliveries of exciting new products, the first show of the season for us and significant progress made on numerous projects. The heat certainly hasn't helped! It's fair to say that both the office and factory have been working tirelessly to put new models in your hands as soon as possible.

The [15XXs](#) have arrived and are now with customers, as are the [LMS D1666](#) open wagons, which is awesome! We can't wait to see more pictures of everyone enjoying their new models.

With the warehouse full to the brim, some of the team headed to The International N Gauge Show and had a lovely time. More on that later.

Out of the blue (other colours also arrived), we received an incredible parcel from our factory. Full-colour production samples of the [W & U tram packs](#), [W & U coaches](#), and [Not-Quite-Minks](#).



*A wonderful selection of liveries arrived in our recent package from the factory.*

With plenty of black locos, grey and brown wagons, and single-colour coaches from across the eras of railway history (which we also think are lovely), there are quite a lot of unassuming liveries within the railway world. This parcel blew any monotone conventions out the window, as it was full of more brightly coloured samples than the paint aisle of your favourite hardware store.

It was quite nice to be inundated with so many striking samples in one go, so without further ado, let's take a look at these colourful curiosities.

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## What's Arrived!

### **The hefty 15XX has arrived and been shipped.**

One of the very first locomotives that was announced by Rapido Trains UK has arrived and hit the shelves! This powerful little model reflects its real-world counterpart perfectly with an impressive load capability, significant weight for its size and a functional design. Thanks to its residency at the Severn Valley Railway, its work in and out of one of the capital's busiest stations, and its ability to belch smoke at the drop of a hat, it's fair to say it's quite a popular loco with enthusiasts and spotters.

This popularity has been evident at Rapido too, as we've almost sold out of all of them, with only a handful of Unlined Plain Black and NCB Maroon versions left in stock directly with us. Make sure to get your order in quickly if you don't want to miss out. Of course, if you are keen to get your hands on one of the other variants, many of our lovely Official Retailers have ordered stock of each, so grab them while you can.



*Whilst most 15XX locos were black we couldn't resist a genuine NCB livery and a 'what if' GWR variant to add a splash of colour.*

A number of customers have already received their models and unfortunately some customers have had some issues with them. We pride ourselves on the quality of our models, and we deal with any problems we have head-on and with the utmost honesty. We are really disappointed that not every model in this release has been up to our usual standard of quality, and we want to be able to resolve any issues for our customers as quickly as possible. We want everyone to have the same great experience and love their new model, so if you have any concerns with your 15XX please complete the warranty form by clicking on the link below and we will be in touch with you as quickly as possible.

[CLICK HERE FOR OUR WARRANTY FORM](#)

### **D1666 LMS open wagon has arrived.**

Hot on the heels of the [15XX](#) arriving were our [LMS D1666](#) 5-plank opens! These rather mundane wagons have been less popular than our other similar wagons for other regions but that does not mean they have not been well received.

These little wagons were once the most numerous design on the UK network and could be found everywhere. Like their full-size counterparts, our models have now been dispatched and sent out all across the country and abroad.



*Fifteen wagons make up this batch and no two are the same - with more than just a number change.*

We have a very limited number available in our warehouse, but we expect these to disappear in the coming weeks. If you like what you see, get your order in quickly either direct with us or from your chosen Official Retailer.

**PICK UP A D1666 HERE**

## Colourful Samples!

### Wisbech and Upwell Train Packs

Wow! These samples are something else. We were in awe when the first painted samples for the [Wisbech and Upwell Train Packs](#) arrived last week, and all of the Rapido team has been excitedly playing with testing them.



*A C53 and tramcar in the rather striking Great Eastern livery of Crimson and Grey.*

The packs are available in two different versions, each containing one Class C53 tram locomotive and two coaches, the two versions cover either pre- or post-1919 Great Eastern Railway liveries. The Class C53 tram locomotive is a refined and reproduced version of the popular J70 model, which we made for [Model Rail](#) several years ago. The two bogie coaches are highly detailed renditions of coach No. 7 (built to Dia.602) and coach No. 8 (built to Dia. 603) that were delivered to the Wisbech and Upwell in 1884.

These wonderful trams and their beautifully baroque coaches highlight the unconventional nature of the Wisbech and Upwell Tramway perfectly. With incredible detail, two completely different eye-popping liveries and quite literally all the bells and whistles a model can have, we think the hardest decision will be choosing which one to get!



*Thanks to a team of external experts we believe the livery to be the closest match to the full-size prototypes as possible.*

If these delightful train packs have caught your eye, you will be pleased to hear we have a limited number of them still available to pre-order directly from our website, they are available in DCC Ready (£269.95 RRP) and DCC Sound Fitted (£369.95 RRP) versions. Of course, many of our Official Retailers have these on order too, so get your orders in with your retailer of choice before they are gone

**LAST CALL FOR THE W&U TRAM PACKS**

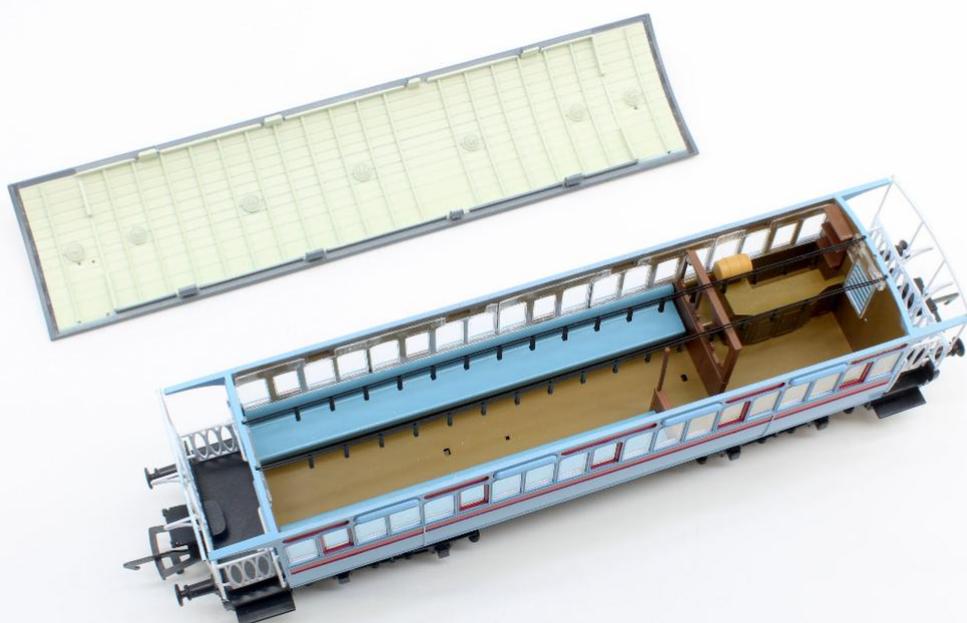
### **Wisbech & Upwell Bogie Tramcars**

It would have been silly to make the pack above without also doing the liveries to go alongside the aforementioned [Model Rail J70](#) model, wouldn't it? Thankfully we didn't forget them, and here they are in all their glory!



*Not only do our W&U tramcars feature a variety of liveries - but also a number of physical variants.*

Eight individual coaches that cover LNER and BR liveries, along with two rather special variants, are now available for you to add to your collection. The first of the special liveries is W&U Bogie Tramcar – GER No.7, as preserved. Well known to those who have visited the North Norfolk Railway, preservation fans, and anyone who has an affinity for somewhat obscure railway rolling stock.



*The rather special Titfield Buffet Car sample has also arrived - complete with Mr Valentine's bar!*

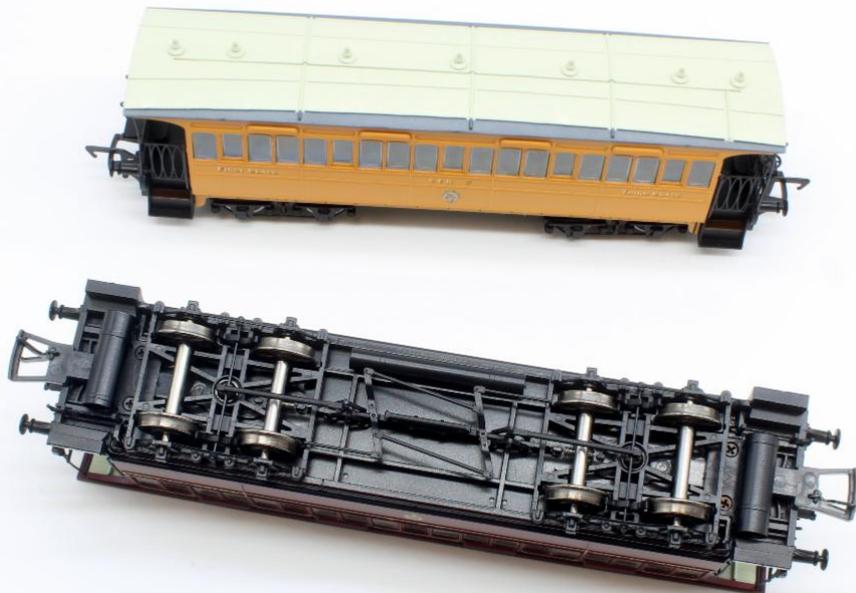
Finally, we have the greatest legal loophole in (fictional) railway history, Mr. Valentine's favourite mobile bar - [The Titfield Thunderbolt Buffet Car](#). This

striking blue coach was an integral part in saving the line from Titfield to Mallingford, and so long as it's moving, you no longer have to wait for the day to dawn to enjoy a Gin and Tonic.



*Delivered with our Not-Quite-Mink samples was the first wagon for our Titfield Wagon Packs - the Valentine & Taylor wines and spirits wagon.*

With limited stock available, we recommend any Titfield Thunderbolt fan gets their pre-order for this famous Buffet Car as soon as possible. A replacement bus service just wouldn't be the same!



*As usual our coaches are packed with details inside, outside and underneath!*

**[CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR W&U TRAMCARS](#)**

## Not-Quite-Mink Production Samples



*Our 'Not-Quite-Minks' have arrived and have a vast number of liveries - including a selection of Northern liveries....*

The [Not-Quite-Minks](#) are *not quite* ready. However, we were very pleased to receive some incredible production samples. As we started unboxing these the office was filled with numerous ooh and aahs as bold livery after bold livery was unboxed. They are gorgeous, and we simply can't wait to put them in your hands.



*...Welsh and Western liveries...*

Heading to the capital is one [Not-Quite-Mink](#) that we expect to go off with a bang. Transporting 36 barrels of gunpowder to the city for an undisclosed reason, It's the perfect addition to any basement model railway... just don't get caught!



*...private owner and 'what if' liveries*

Sales for the [Not-Quite-Mink](#) have been explosive, and some versions have started to sell out already. If you fancy adding one of these incandescent iron wagons to your collection, a limited stock is still available to pre-order directly from our website (£32.95 RRP). Many of our Official Retailers have also added these to their armoury, so get your pre-orders with your retailer of choice before they are loaded into someone else's ~~cart~~ cart.



*There really is something for everyone!*

**GRAB A GUNPOWDER VAN HERE**

### You wait for a bus...

Whilst we know that many have been disappointed with the news that we will not be producing further bus models in the near future, we hope that the news of progress on our 2nd run of [Fleetline](#) models will go some way to improving the situation.



*Guess the operator!*

The factory has injected all the parts and now starts the process of spraying and tampo printing the livery and colours required onto each part. As part of this process, the factory has sent us samples of the bare bodyshells painted in our specified colours so that we sign off on the base livery colours prior to further work. In this run, there are many colourful liveries giving us a somewhat vibrant selection of bodies to look over.



*A fan of colour all approved and ready for production.*

Overall, we are extremely pleased and can report that the models will now enter the next stage of the decoration process before final assembly and delivery in Q1 next year.

**VISIT OUR FLEETLINE PAGE HERE**

# TINGS Recap

Early this month we attended and gradually roasted at the International N Gauge show at Leamington Spa. We had an awesome time and thoroughly enjoyed speaking to as many of you as possible, despite it being an unprecedentedly hot weekend.

So, if you made it to the show and came to say hi instead of grabbing your bucket and spade and heading to the beach, thank you from all of us. You have given us some great feedback and product suggestions, and it was really nice to hear how excited many of you were for the upcoming N scale BR Class 44.



*Dan looks pleased that he has set up our TINGS stand in record time - on our very first visit.*

In case you missed the show, here's what we had to share on the upcoming N Gauge projects while we were there.

- [BR Class 44](#) – this project is having the final stages of its design and art tweaked, and we had 3D printed samples to show, which received an immensely positive response at TINGS.

- [SECR Wagon Packs](#) – These are in tooling and we hope to have samples in the coming months.
- [BR Diagram 1/191 OAA Open Wagon](#) – like the SECR wagons above the tooling EP samples should be with us shortly.
- [LNER Dynamometer Car](#) – in the final stages of design with tooling due to commence soon.

See you at the next show (Warley)!

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## Save the dates!

After forging a relationship with Warners Magazines by producing their [World of Railways](#) exclusive NCB PO wagons ([see here](#)) we are pleased to announce they have given us the opportunity to sponsor the 2024 British Railway Modelling calendar. This will be available with the November issue of BRM - on sale 5th October.

Despite our suggestions to create a *Calendar Girls*-style version called “The Staff of Rapido Trains UK”, for some reason Warners Magazine wasn’t interested in a calendar featuring an APT-E tastefully obscuring our unmentionables. So, we have decided to pack it with a combination of submissions from you, our lovely customers, as well as our own photographs. Each month showcases production models in their natural environment, on a layout. We’ve also thrown in a few titillating shots of our production samples for projects that will be delivered in 2024.

Be sure to grab your copy!

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## Time to announce an announcement...

We think that it’s fair to say, that as a company, we like to do things a little differently. Over the last few years, we have taken a somewhat unusual approach to our releases and announcements with some being tied into shows and events whilst others are dropped as and when.

This resulted in roughly one announcement per month in 2022. However, supply issues with electronic components and other supply chain challenges resulted in a slower pace of deliveries and subsequently caused a backlog of projects. We have continued to work through this and have better systems in place, but as a result, we have had very few new announcements in 2023.

However, throughout this publicly quiet period, work has continued on many new projects and we are pleased to say that many of them are close to being announced and made available to pre-order. Several of these projects are already in tooling and we are planning to have samples to display during the upcoming shows.

To carry on the tradition of doing things differently we have decided to combine several of our announcements into a 'Winter Announcement' to coincide with the Warley Model Railway Show. If all of these projects continue to progress as planned, we hope to have a number of exciting new locomotives and rolling stock projects to shout about.



What do you think we will produce? That is the burning question I am sure many of you are asking. We think we have already said to much so will leave it for you to guess....

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## Rapido Recommends

Once again our friends at [ModelU](#) have been busy creating a pack of footplate figures to fit into the [Model Rail J70](#). It has come at a perfect time for our W&U train packs! You can find these packs on the ModelU website by clicking [HERE](#).



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## Thought of the Month

### **COST VS VALUE**

Of late, there has been great debate amongst the community regarding the cost vs. value of model railway products, so we thought it would be an interesting thing to cover for the thought of the month and give some insight into what goes on behind the scenes. As that's something we have a bit of experience with!



*The humble 4-wheel open wagon - should it cost less than the same length covered van?*

Objectively an RRP of £32.95 can seem like a lot of money for a 4 wheel wagon, especially if you are as old as some of us at Rapido and remember the days when you could buy a whole rake of wagons for the price of a lump of coal or whatever the comparison was back then.

'Why can't you take some of the detail off and sell it cheaper?' is sometimes heard in these conversations.

We aim to make the best quality and most accurate models that we can, which precludes the budget end of the market, although we do consider it when designing models. In the past, we have redesigned models to bring the cost of the final product down to a more realistic amount.



*Many of our products have 'hidden' costs including license fees - all of which require building into finances for a product.*

The RRP we settle on is a mid-point between customer affordability and the best quality, most detailed, accurate model that we can make, in order to

continue to run the business. This intersection point will differ from company to company, and is just our point of view.

In our experience (this may surprise you), a 4-wheel open wagon costs just as much to make if not more than a 4-wheel covered van. This is partially down to having the extra detail moulded on the inside, plus the need to paint the inside, among other factors. Then take into account something like a well wagon, which is much smaller but commands a higher price because it's highly detailed from every angle.

Now, from what we have seen, vans sell better than open wagons. Should this affect the price of opens? Or are we only able to justify producing open wagons because we are able to offset the cost on box vans?

The same thought process applies to loco models, just because something is a tiny loco doesn't mean it commands a substantially lower price point, unfortunately. The same research, time, art creation, manufacturing slot, marketing assets and due diligence go into a making diminutive shunter that fits in the palm of your hand as a multiple unit or mainline loco. Yes, there are fewer raw materials, but just by taking a look at how many components are in our newly released 15XX you quickly realise how many moulds a relatively small loco takes to produce.



*A tank engine with over 360 parts - a far cry from another manufacturer's Merchant Navy which when advertised new in 2000 had 64 separately fitted parts and was seen as a game-changer. How far things have come...*

One thing that we do see a lot is the inference that model railway manufacturers are simply being greedy by putting prices up. Looking back at open wagons, our prices have remained the same since we started the company. However, just like everyone else in the industry, we have seen a huge rise in the cost of production and shipping.

We have around 6 full-time and 3 part-time staff in the UK, and when we last checked none of them were millionaires. We do it because we love it; most of us are modellers and enthusiasts ourselves and we all want to contribute to the hobby.

As a company, we are well aware of our pricing and we have done our best to keep that pricing stable whilst continuing to run the business. Our business model means we can react to market prices and will always do our best to honour the originally advertised prices rather than hike them during development.

We can't be more fair than that can we?

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## **STOP PRESS!**

As is always the way - our LNER Y7 engineering samples have arrived the day before this newsletter was published.

We will be reviewing these over the next few weeks and will have more to show in our next newsletter. Until then we thought we would leave you with one sneak peek photo...



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Well, that's the summer over and done with; time to get our heads down for show season and get that exciting Winter Announcement ready.

Best wishes,

The Rapido Trains UK Team



*We couldn't resist a final image of a Model Rail BR livery J70 hauling our two 'what if' W&U tramcars.*

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