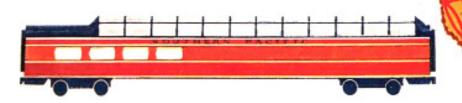
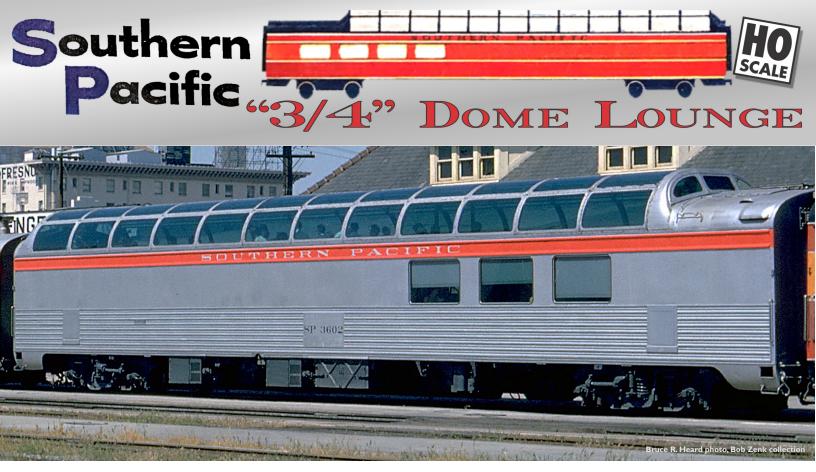


Stairway to the stars







Rapido Trains Inc. is excited to announce the conditional release of Southern Pacific's home-built Dome Lounge cars! SP modelers have been clamoring for an easily accessible model of these iconic Dome Lounge cars for ages. Now is the time that you can make this happen!

SP built one prototype and six production Dome Lounge cars between 1954 and 1955. All were built new in the railroad's Sacramento General Shops, using select frame pieces from various retired Pullman-Standard pre-war 'Daylight' cars. The Budd Company supplied the dome structure as a kit. Essentially, these cars were new construction using salvaged frame pieces for accounting purposes. Another reason for using retired cars was that SP's foundry couldn't roll a long enough center sill and no one could supply one quickly enough.

These cars were introduced into service on the San Joaquin and Shasta Daylights and The Overland, but they later saw wider service. Originally built with fluted side panels, the cars were modified by the SP with slab sides in the 1960s. At least four of these cars lasted into the Amtrak era.

The interiors of the cars featured a bar/lounge on the lower level and one of two different configurations of seating on the upper level. In part because of the varied origins of the donor cars, underbody configurations also changed.

Rapido's development crew includes a team of firsthand SP Dome Lounge experts, authors, and an actual car owner, providing hands-on research and deep personal experience with the cars since new. The model has been fully designed and includes two different interiors, two underbody arrangements, and either fluted or stepped flat sides!

Because of the complexity of the project, we are offering this as a **Conditional Release**. If we get enough reservations by the early bird deadline of October 16, 2023 then the project will get the green light. To sweeten the deal, any orders placed before that date (October 16) will receive a **5% pre-order discount!** 

SP fans, get your reservations in, and tell your friends! Let's make this happen together!

Rapido's Dome Lounge cars feature:

- Designed from original blueprints and field measurements
- Two fully-detailed interior configurations
- Multi-color interior decoration
- Two underbody arrangements
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Full flicker-free track-powered interior lighting
- Lighting (prototypically) in the dome roof.
- Accurate free rolling trucks
- Metal magnetic knuckle couplers



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"It was a genuine treat to work with Rapido on this project. I was invited in as part of small cadre of expert SP authors and researchers; every person in that group has a history of long personal experience with the cars, right down to the owner of an original-condition SP Dome Lounge crawling on his hands and knees with a tape measure! To step into one of these cars in real life was breathtaking, and Rapido's worked hard to capture every last feature that made these cars unique. Drink stands? Mood lighting? Oil pan detail under your

Waukesha Ice Engines, anyone?

~ Bob Zenk

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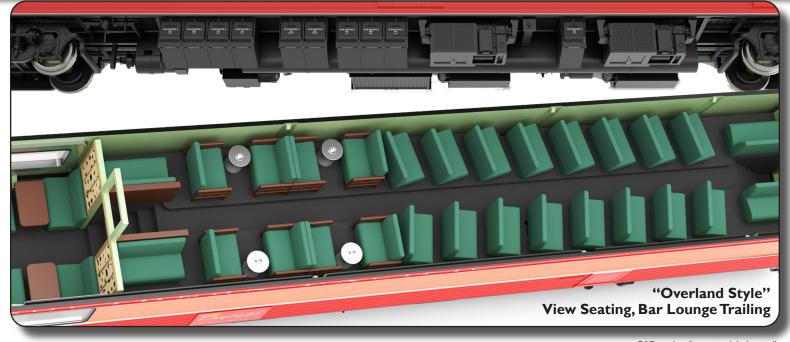
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Lower Level Interior

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#### Just Alike... Except....

All six 1955 Dome Lounge cars had an identical lower lounge with elevenfoot ceiling height, which SP ad copy called "Pleasant Under Glass."

On the first four cars, the Bar Lounge booth and banquette cocktail seating plan continued upstairs to the Terrace for about quarter of its length. From there forward, rows of two-person seats along a depressed aisle were canted slightly outward for best sightseeing. Cars of this floor plan were meant only for operation in a train consist with this upper level facing forward.

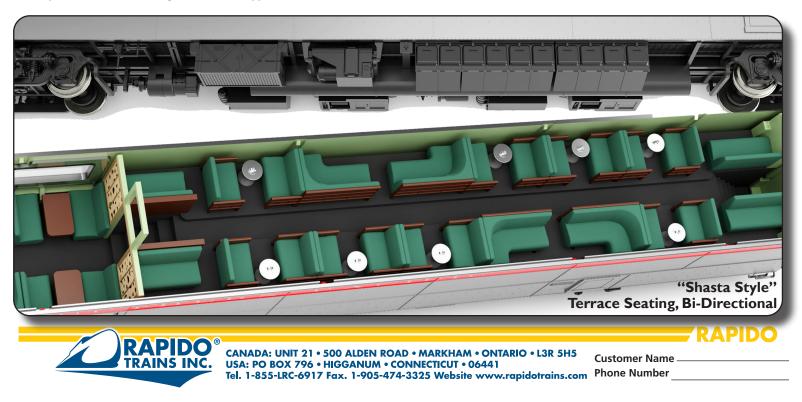
The last two cars were built for the *Shasta Daylight*, and eliminated the sightseer paired seating for additional cocktail lounge space, extending the banquette and booth seating to the entire upper Terrace Deck. Because

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this seating was non-directional, these two cars could operate in either direction in a train.

SP used the center sills and salvaged body framing from retired prewar 'Daylight' cars as a basis for its new Dome Lounge cars, so underbody equipment layout also varied as dictated by the location of crossmembers that were salvaged from the donor frames. Most notably the Waukesha propane bottle carriers — those distinctive boxes with 'sow belly' doors — were grouped more tightly in a long single row on the 'Shasta' pair, for greater ease in servicing the propane cylinders.

- Bob Zenk







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.



**MSRP** \$189.95 DC/DCC-ready \$299.95 DC/DCC/Sound - US (\$229.95 DC/DCC-ready \$349.95 DC/DCC/Sound - Canadian) 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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#### Milwaukee Road Phase Ic

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48010	48510	<b>#992</b>	

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NYO&W 44-tonner #105.A group of volunteers from the society are currently restoring it back to operating condition at the Steamtown shops in Scranton PA.

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

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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



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

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

Road #	Item # (DC	C/Silent)	
1405	10059 🛛		
1408	10060		
1412	10061		
1419	10062 [		
1422	10063 [		

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10562		
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#### **Canadian National 1900s (Green Scheme)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound
<b>*</b> 1900	10078	10578
1905	10064	10564
1907	10065	10565
1912	10066	10566
1917	10067	10567

#### 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 <u>MODELS</u> <u>FOR A GOOD CAUSE</u>! SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.





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

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	`
1900	10068	
1903	10069	
1908	10070	
1914	10071	

Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)		



#### Canadian National 1900s (Noodle w/ Red Cab)

Road #	Item # (D	C/Silent)
1904	10072	
1907	10073	
1910	10074	
1915	10075	

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C/DCC/Sound)

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#### **CONDITIONAL RELEASES**



### Oregon Pacific 1413 (former CN 1413) Road # Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 1413 10077 10577

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# LIMITED EDITION MODELS FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



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

Waterloo Central 1012

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(former CN 1437)

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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#### **ORDER DEADLINE OCTOBER 16, 2023** Road # Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) 10076 1012 10576 **ARRIVING FOR SERVICE IN 2024 Canadian National 1900** as preserved at the Winnipeg Railway Museum \$239.95 DC/Silent USD Adaption of the state \$349.95 DCC/Sound USD 5 6 6 \$269.95 2 DC/Silent CAD Item # (DC/Silent) Item # (DC/DCC/Sound) \$379.95 Road # DCC/Sound CAD 1900 10078 10578

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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

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### **BILEVEL COMMUTER CAR**



#### 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)





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SERIES III COACH	SERIES III CAB COACH
146027	Set #1 Coach 219, Coa

146027	Set	#1 Coach 219, Coach 225, Cab Coach
146028	Set	#2 Coach 222, Coach 229, Cab Coach
146029	Sin	gle Coach (Unnumbered)

Single Coach (Unnumbered)



#### **Coaster (San Diego)**

SERIES II COACH	SERIES II CAB COACH
146030	<b>Set #1</b> Coach 2303, Coach 2204, Cab Coach 2208.
146031	<b>Set #2</b> Coach 2308, Coach 2205, Cab Coach 2207.
146032	Single Coach (Unnumbered)



#### UTA FrontRunner (Salt Lake City)

SERIES IV COACH	SERIES IV CAB COACH	
146033	<b>Set #1</b> Coach 204, Coach 207, Cab Coach 102.	
146034	<b>Set #2</b> Coach 201, Coach 208, Cab Coach 109.	
146035	Single Coach (Unnumbered)	



#### GO Transit (Toronto) (Late Scheme)

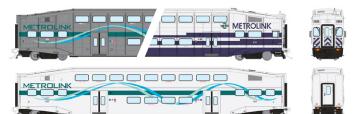
SERIES IV COACH	SERIES IV CAB COACH
146036	<b>Set #1</b> Coach 2619, Coach 2653, Cab Coach 254.
146037	<b>Set #2</b> Coach 2626, Coach 2640, Cab Coach 257.
146038	<b>Set #3</b> Coach 2740, Coach 2763, Coach 2779.
146039	Single Coach (Unnumbered)

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#### GO Transit/Metrolinx (Toronto)

SERIES IV COACH	SERIES I CAB COACH S	ERIES I THREE-COACH SET
146040	<b>Set #1</b> Coach 2838, Coad	ch 2850, Cab Coach 208.
146041	] <b>Set #2</b> Coach 2846, Coad	ch 2857, Cab Coach 212.
146042	] <b>Set #3</b> Coach 2413, Coad	ch 2437, Coach 2454.
146043	<b>Single Coach</b> (Unnumbe	red)



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

SERIES II COACH	SERIES II CAB COACH	SERIES III COACH #183	
146044	Set #1 Coach 2838, 0	Coach 2850, Cab Coach 2	208.
146045	Set #2 Coach 2846, 0	Coach 2857, Cab Coach 2	212.
146046	Single Coach #187 (	White "Ribbon" scheme)	
146047	Single Coach (Unnur	nbered)	



#### New Mexico Rail Runner (Albuquerque)

SERIES IV COACH	SERIES IV CAB COACH
146048	<b>Set #1</b> Coach 1008, Coach 1012, Cab Coach 1102.
146049	<b>Set #2</b> Coach 1002, Coach 1009, Cab Coach 1105.
146050	Single Coach (Unnumbered)



#### Sounder (Seattle)

SERIES III COACH	SERIES III CAB COACH	
146051	<b>Set #1</b> Coach 203, Coach 212, Cab Coach 106.	
146052	<b>Set #2</b> Coach 209, Coach 227, Cab Coach 110.	
146053	Single Coach (Unnumbered)	



#### Undecorated (Assembled, Unpainted)

146093	Series II Coach
146094	Series III Coach
146095	Series IV Coach
146097	Series II Cab Coach
146098	Series III Cab Coach
146099	Series IV Cab Coach



NOTE: UNNUMBERED COACHES DO NOT INCLUDE DECALS. DECALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM HIGHBALL GRAPHICS.

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### NSC 5304 CU.FT. CN COMBINATION DOOR BOXCAR



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 a true Canadian car!

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

- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- 70-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 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: October 16th, 2023 MSRP Single \$54.95 us 2-pack \$109.90 us 6-pack \$329.70 us Single \$64.95 CAN 2-pack \$129.90 CAN 6-pack \$389.70 CAN

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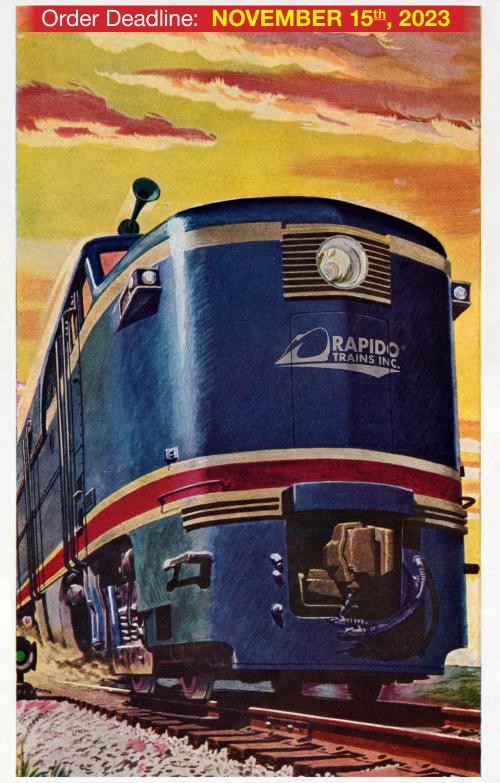




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**3. Safer, easier operation** is assured by the new type broad-vision windows . . . an improved, centralized control system results in simpler, smoother operation . . . and these are but a few of many new features that distinguish these locomotives and others in the new Alco-GE line to be announced. Watch for news of other units in this new line. They'll be here soon. To meet every motive power requirement more efficiently. To enable the railroads to give *you* progressively finer service.



The popular Alco PA and PB series returns for a second run! Following the success of the first run, Rapido is pleased to offer new schemes and variations. On this run you'll notice certain roads now have the larger flat number boards as well as the original side boards. New pilots will also grace the front of select models.

We are also excited to offer the red Alco-GE and the short-lived MLW-GE demonstrator in the Canadian National scheme, in addition to the new schemes being offered. As usual, the Alco PA and PB Locomotives feature the highest quality, road-specific details, silky smooth drives and razor-sharp paint and printing.

#### The 2nd Run ALCO PA and PB Features:

- Correct nose and roof profiles 3D-scanned from the prototype
- Loads of roadname-specific details
- ATSF re-powered units feature unique roof blister and EMD style fans
- A units and A-B sets available
- Dynamic or non-dynamic brake versions, where appropriate
- Full underbody piping and conduit
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
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- Lit number boards
- Full cab interior
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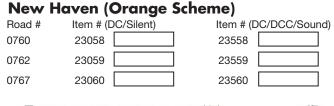
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151A	23056	23556
153C	23057	23557



#### New Haven (McGinnis Scheme)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
0763	23061	23561
0772	23062	23562
0776	23063	23563



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#### **Union Pacific**

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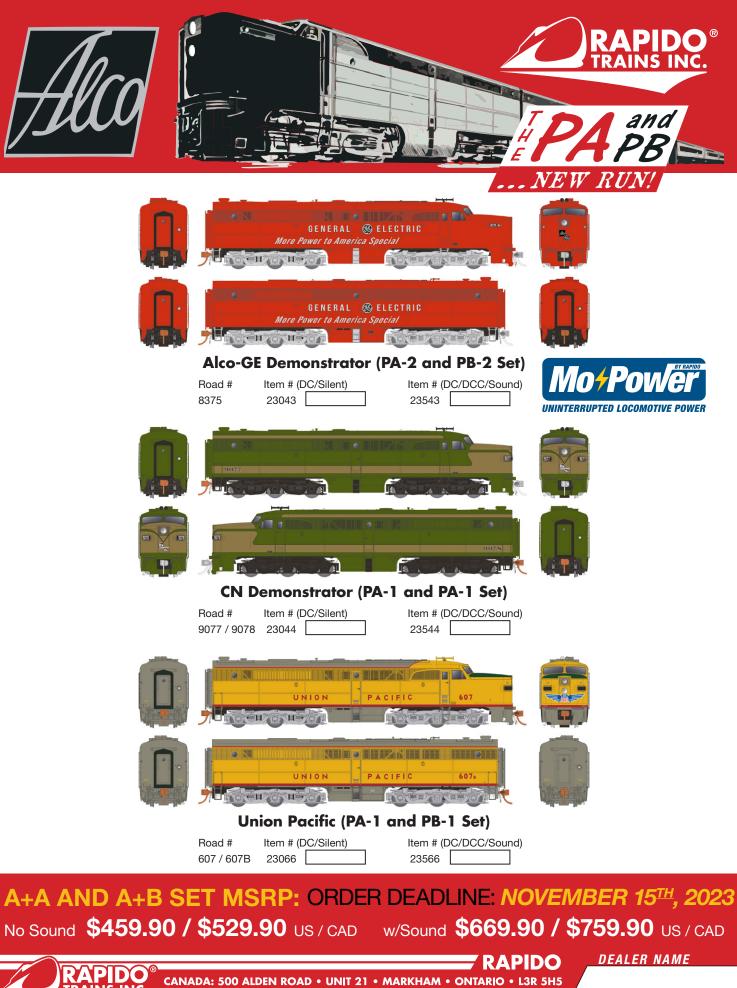
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Continuing Rapido's introduction into the market of highly detailed commuter equipment, we are proud to introduce the all-new Budd 'Gallery' Commuter Cars in HO scale!

With the conclusion of World War II and the shift towards increased commuting from the newly established suburbs and downtown jobs, railroads were looking for ways to replace their fleets with modern equipment following the war. With the need to haul more passengers per car, and with the length of cars maxed out, Pullman and Budd developed what would quickly be called the "gallery car." Using a standard passenger car chassis design, the height of the car was extended to the maximum clearance permitted and cantilevered walkways were placed above standard passenger car (similar to luggage racks) with additional seating added on an upper level. The open space between the upper levels allowed a single conductor to check all tickets, and also gave the cars their nickname - The Gallery Car. With wide center doors and stairs to each of the 4 rows of gallery seating, these cars proved immensely popular in carrying more passengers and reducing loading time at stations.

The first examples of these cars built by Budd would be delivered to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in 1950 with an order of 30 coaches. The first cab cars would be developed for the Milwaukee Road with an order of 8 (along with 32 regular coaches) in 1961. Over 350 cars in total would be built by Budd, with the final examples rolling off the line in 1978. The design has continued on being constructed by other builders more recently, including Nippon-Sharyo.

While the Milwaukee Road and Rock Island fleets were built with Head End Power (HEP), the original Burlington cars were equipped for steam heat. Starting in 1973, the Burlington Northern started a program to convert the original CBQ fleet to include HEP. This resulted in the cars losing their steam heat in favor of electric heat and the original incandescent lights was replaced with fluorescent lights.

All remaining gallery cars from the Burlington, Rock Island, Milwaukee Road and Chicago & North Western would go on to form the backbone for Metra, the new regional commuter operator in the Chicago area, starting in 1984. Many of the original Budd-built cars, as well as some Pullman examples, continue to provide service today.

#### Each Rapido 'Gallery' Commuter Car features:

- Designed from original blueprints, design drawings and field measurements.
- Track-powered flicker-free interior lighting compatible with DC and DCC layouts.
- Free-rolling, highly-detailed trucks with metal wheelsets.
- Minimum 22" radius curves recommended.
- Full underbody including HEP conduit and equipment.
- Complete interior including actual "gallery" seating.
- Accurate painting and lettering, both inside and out.
- Correctly-colored tinted windows.
- Metal side grab irons and sprung diaphragms.
- Constant flicker-free interior lighting in both DC and DCC.
- Controllable cab car lighting in both DC and DCC, including headlights, marker lights, as well as ditch lights and strobe lights (when applicable)

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 \$439.95 cab

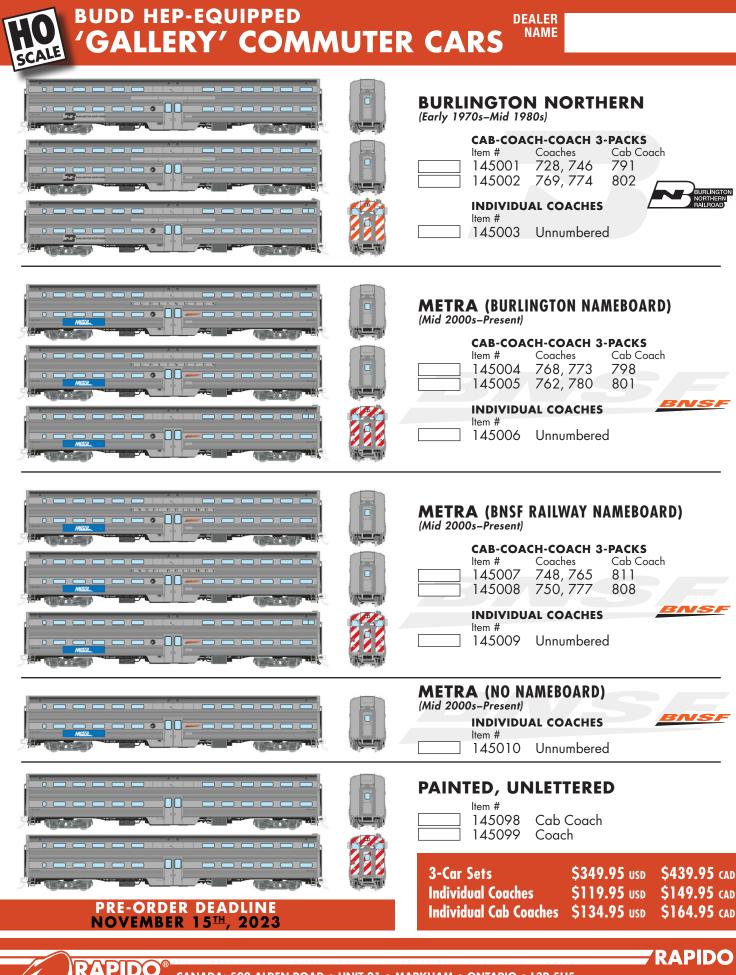
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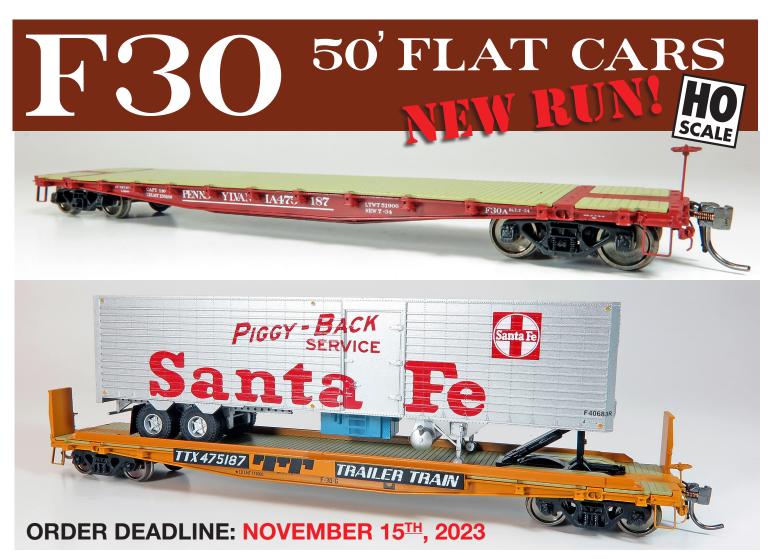
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Rapido Trains Inc. is excited to announce a new run of our popular HO scale **All** F30 flat cars, now with new variations!

The Pennsylvania Railroad's class F30A flat cars were one of the most numerous classes of flat cars on that railroad with 1500 being built between 1933 and 1934. The cars were so successful that the PRR built another 250 nearly identical copies in 1951, classified as F30D.

Starting in 1954, the Pennsy converted many F30D flat cars into early piggyback service cars. These cars received perforated side rub rails, end loading ramps, and four side posts.

Eighty-six cars were transferred to the new Trailer Train Company (TTX) between 1957 and 1958. These received additional upgrades in the form of ACF trailer hitches, revised side rails, and upgraded end ramps. The TTX cars also received roller bearing conversions on their trucks. These cars were used by TTX into the 1980s, many being upgraded with full roller bearing trucks and some even painted in TTX's yellow scheme.

The PRR utilized a massive one-piece steel casting for these F30 flat cars, and that sturdy construction meant that many have lasted an incredibly long time. In fact, several ex-TTX cars were purchased by BN and converted to crosstie-cars, with most still in service with BNSF today!

In this release we offer the F30 in several flavors: general service flat cars, piggyback flats with appropriate trailers, BNSF crosstie cars, and Conrail camp train work flats, complete with camp trailers!

#### All of Rapido's F30 Flat Cars Feature:

- Die-cast chassis and deck for optimum weight
- Correct trucks (PRR 2E-F10, roller bearing converted or full roller bearing trucks)
- Turned metal wheels
- Rapido's semi-scale couplers
- Full brake rigging
- Seperate grab irons

#### Rapido's F30D Flat Cars Feature

- Correct piggy-back details (Class F30D, F30G)
- Trailer load with random, decorated trailers
- Six car numbers per scheme

#### Rapido's F30 Camp Cars Feature

- All-new camp trailer loads in four styles
- · End railings and platforms
- Photetched details
- Multiple car numbers per scheme

#### Rapido's F3D Tie Cars Feature

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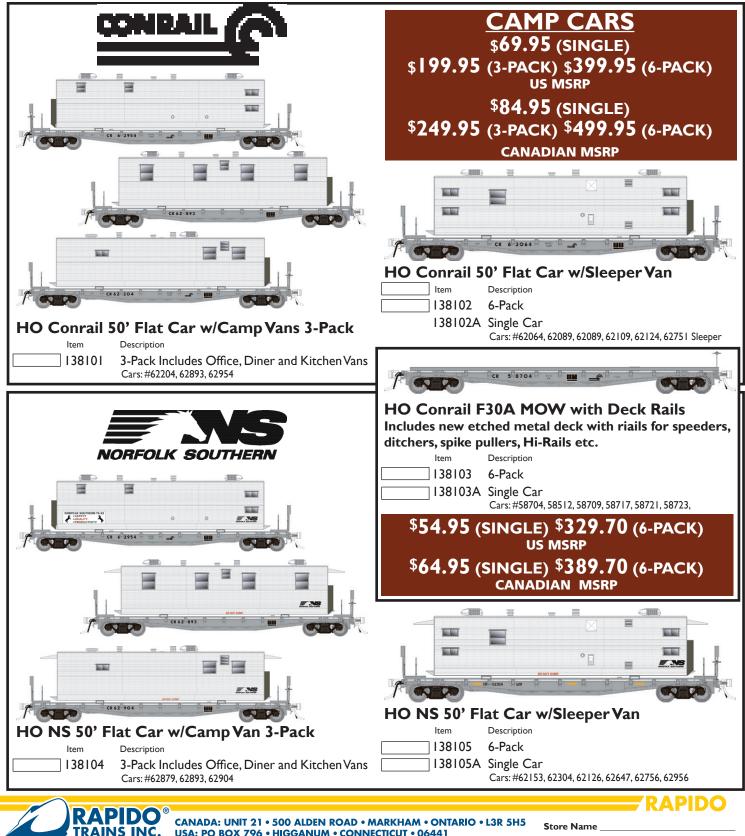
- New deck
- All-new tie rack
- · Concrete tie load
- Six car numbers per scheme



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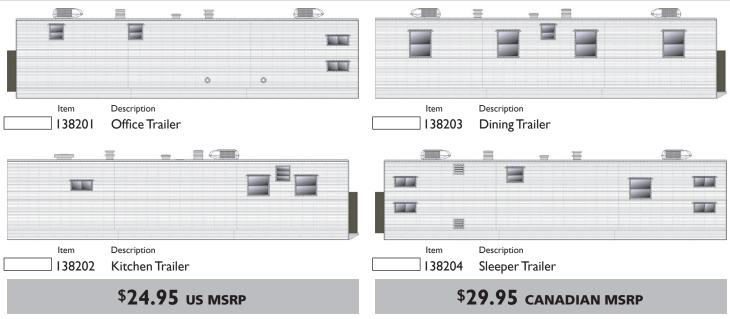
### GRDER DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 50' MOW FLAT AND CAMP CARS

Conrail (and other railroads) mounted pre-fabricated "vans" on flat cars to house tack workers. Several common styles of van were built to serve the various needs of the work crews. Sleeping quarters were most common, but office and dining configurations were common sights in most work trains. These "Camp Trains" were common sights on Conrail and still on Norfolk Southern. Rapido's camp cars are available in four different body styles: sleeper, diner, kitchen and office. In addition to vans mounted on F30A flat cars we offer each style van separately. They are perfect offices for yards, engine terminals, construction sites, in fact all sorts of applications! Separate vans are painted in appropriate colors but are unlettered.



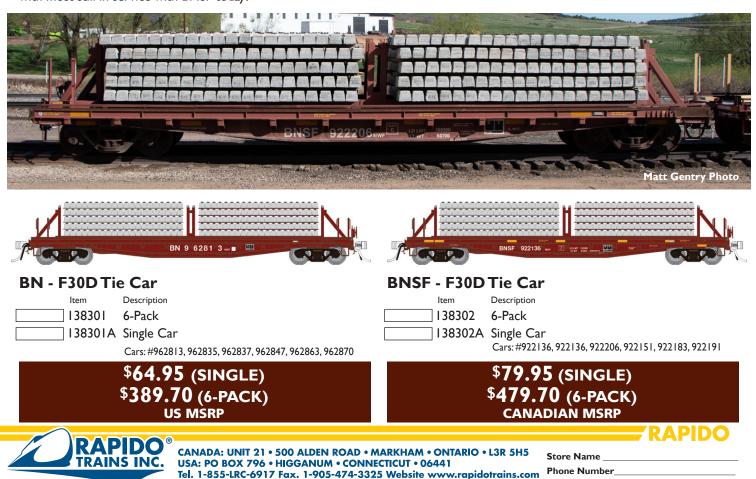
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## MOW CAMP TRAILERS NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



## **F30D** 50' TIE SERVICE FLAT CARS W/LOADS

The massive one-piece steel casting used in their construction has meant that many have lasted an incredibly long time. Several ex-TTX cars were purchased by BN and converted to crosstie-cars, with most still in service with BNSF today! Our tie car model is based on these BN/BNSF conversions and features a new deck, tie rack and decorated concrete crosstie load.





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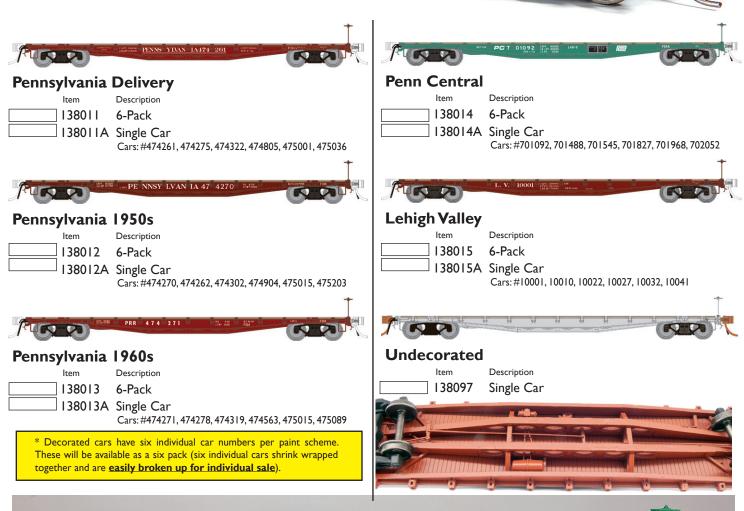
## F30 50' FLAT CARS GENERAL SERVICE

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### NATIONAL STEEL CAR **BALLAST HOPPER**





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:

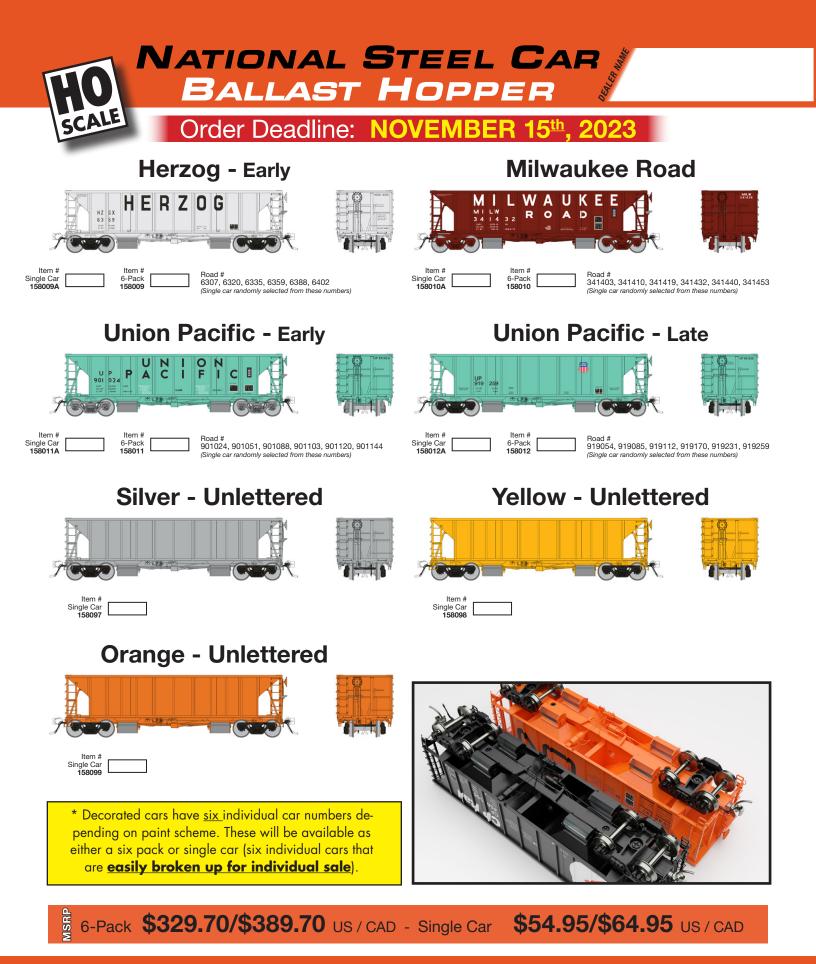
- Removable ballast load
- Diecast frame
- Coupler cutbars and airhoses
- Metal wheels

- Semi-scale, metal couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Separate metal grab irons installed at the factory 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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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.

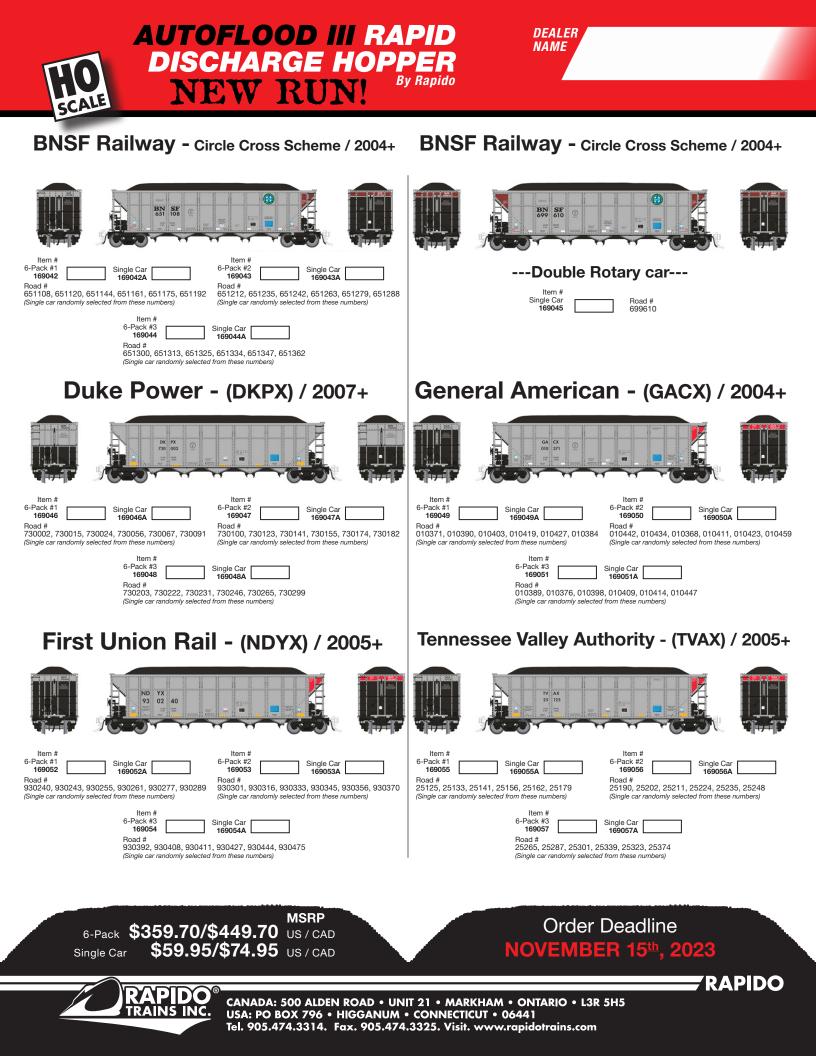
#### The AutoFlood III Coal Hopper features:

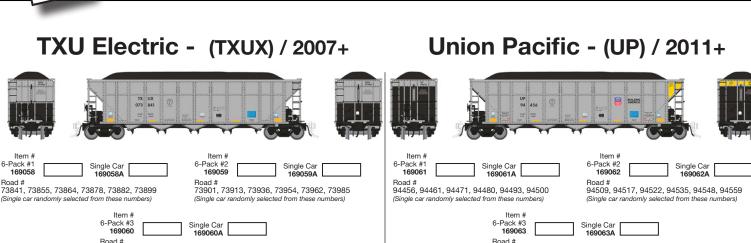
- Die-cast frame and floor for optimum car weight
- Full interior rivet and K-member details
- Super-detailed end cages including separate air and brake piping
- Barber S-2 100-ton trucks with metal wheels
- Hopper bays feature highly-detailed outlet gates
- Etched, see-through end cross-over platforms
- 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\*
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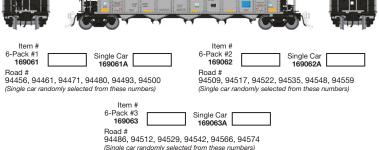
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NEW RUN

DISCHARGE HOPPER

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

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**Order Deadline** 

**NOVEMBER 15th**, 2023

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**MSRP** 6-Pack \$359.70/\$449.70 US/CAD \$59.95/\$74.95 US/CAD Single Car











Rapido and the Nortern Pacific Railway Historical Association are extremely excited to announce the conditional release of Northern Pacific Day-Nite Coaches in both the Loewy and Streamline pain schemes. This is car series 588 to 599 that served on the North Coast Limited from initial production to the end of the NP and beyond. These coaches were built by Pullman-Standard in 1946

Please note that this is a **Conditional Release** – This car will only be produced if the NPRHA and Rapido receive sufficient orders to justify the production investment. This and possible future North Coast Limited models are being developed as a close partnership between the NPRHA and Rapido Trains Inc., and more cars will follow only if this project is a success. Please do your part and get your reservations in ASAP so this car is merely the start of a long line of high quality NCL cars!

This all-new HO model includes:

- Designed from original blueprints and field measurements of existing cars
- · Accurate interior and exterior paint and lettering, approved by the NPRHA
- Highly detailed underbody arrangements
- Truck and skirt tooling specific to the paint scheme era •
- Fully detailed interior configuration, tinted windows • where appropriate
- Multi-color interior decoration
- Full flicker-free track-powered interior lighting
- Accurate free-rolling trucks
- Metal magnetic knuckle couplers



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# ORTHERN PACIFI **DROP BOTTOM GONDOLA**



Rapido is excited to announce our next HO freight car - the Northern Pacific 41'-6" drop bottom gondola! We have teamed up with members of the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association to bring you this all-new HO model of the NP's unique gondola.

The Pressed Steel Car Company built five hundred 41'-6" drop bottom gondolas for the Northern Pacific in 1940. Numbered in the 50000-50499 series these cars were used in general service on the NP, in particular coal and ore service. Additional groups of cars were built with just minor changes in construction, primarily on the underframe. Over their long service lives many were assigned to pulpwood loading, and many more were given extended height sides for use in woodchip and beet loading.

Between 1966 and 1968 groups of these cars were renumbered into the 58250-58749 series. Some cars lasted into the BN era, though it is unlikely that many got more than a patch out paint job at this

late a date. The last cars were removed from service in 1982, although some still soldiered on in BN work service.

In addition to Rapido's offering of the standard gondola, the NPRHA has commissioned a unique model of the extended height woodchip cars. They are also offering exclusive additional car numbers on the standard gondolas so that you can round out your fleet! Go to https://store.nprha.org/ for full details.

Rapido's HO drop bottom gondola features:

- · Designed from original blueprints and field measurements
- Fully detailed interior and underframe
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and decoration
- Multiple road numbers per scheme

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

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# NORTHERN PACIFIC **DROP BOTTOM GONDOLA**





#### Northern Pacific (1940)

Item	Description
163001	6 Pack #I
163001A	Single Car
	50153, 50161, 50214, 50251, 50311, 50462
163002	6 Pack #2
I 63002A	Single Car 50075, 50075, 50277, 50355, 50360, 50475
163003	6 Pack #3
I 63003A	Single Car 50097, 50138, 50183, 50305, 50316, 50488



#### Northern Pacific (1966)

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Item	Description		
163006	6 Pack #I		
163006A	Single Car		
	58261, 58265, 5	8317, 58359, 58367, 58269	
163007	6 Pack #2		
163007A	Single Car		
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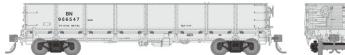
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#### Northern Pacific (Pulpwood)

- Item Description 163009 6 Pack
  - - 163009A Single Car
      - 50015, 50091, 50264, 50333, 50450, 58293,



#### **Burlington Northern (MOW)**

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163011



Description BN (MOW) 3 Pack 163011A BN (MOW) Single Car 966178, 966547, 966639







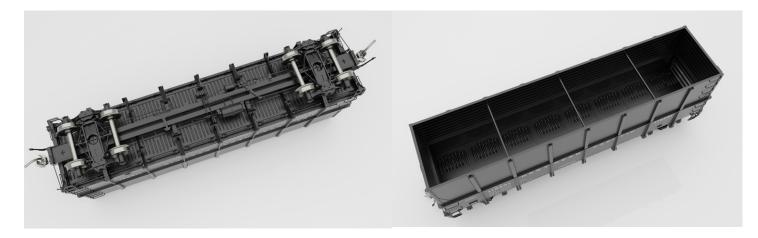
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#### Rapido is proud to announce the EMD SD7, SD9 and SD10 locomotives!

The SD7 was General Motors Electro-Motive Division's first foray into 6-axle power. The "SD" stood for Special Duty, while the 7 was carried over from the 4-axle GP7 series. This new series of locomotives provided extra tractive effort and weight distribution across the six-axles trucks. Production lasted from May of 1951 to November of 1953. A total of 188 units were built for 17 railroads, from class Is to industrial operations. The SD7 would give way to the SD9.

In January of 1954, the first SD9 rolled off the assembly line with production lasting until June of 1959, after 471 examples were built for North American roads with another 44 going to export operations. The SD9 was similar to the SD7, but featured an upgraded 567C prime mover and distinctive class lights, pointed on an angle outwards whereas the SD7 was more prominent towards the center of the nose. The SD7 and the SD9 were also used as a base for rebuilds such as the SD10.

In the mid-1970s, Milwaukee Road looked for a way to extend the life of their SD7 and SD9 locomotives. Most of the SD7s and four SD9s were cycled through Milwaukee Road's Milwaukee Shops to be rebuilt. Notable features included the addition of Horst paper air filters, four-stack exhausts and the high hood being chopped down with a rounded short-nose style cab. These could be found working in Chicago all the way to the western end of Milwaukee in Seattle. They also lasted through SOO Line right on into CP Rail. **The SD7/9/10 Locomotive Features:** 

- Measured from a living SD9
- Road-specific details for each model variant
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Operating headlights, rear lights, white class lights AND beacons (where appropriate).
- Highly detailed cab interior
- Correct fuel and water tank arrangements per road
- Multiple styles of stepwells
- See-through, etched steps
- Multiple dynamic-brake hatches
- Appropriate cab or nose headlights

- High short hood and modified 'chopped' short hood where appropriate
- And much, much more!
- MoPower Capacitor
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# ENTERPRISE COVERED HOPPER



#### "We're building a model of the Enterprise! Beauty, goal, eh??!!!!!"

No, not **THAT** one Jason...

Rapido Trains is excited to announce the "Enterprise" 2-bay covered hopper in HO scale.

Covered hoppers started to become a major car style just prior to WWII and are one of the dominant car types on the railroads today. Early development of covered hoppers tended to center around two-bay cars, with few mass-produced cars until the 1950s.

During the early development of covered hoppers, the New York Central built several different groups of "Enterprise" covered hoppers both for its own use and for its subsidiaries. The first groups were built immediately before World War II in 1939 and 1940. These cars proved quite successful, and in 1948 the NYC built another group of cars under Lot (the NYC's classification system) number 747-H. The post-war cars were slightly larger than their predecessors with a 2000 cubic foot capacity. They utilized Standard Railway Equipment's steel roof panels which had four offset roof hatches on each side versus the five hatches per side on the pre-war cars. An unknown number of these cars were fitted with smaller, circular hatches for flour and sugar loading.

A total of 750 cars were built in Lot 747-H. They proved so successful that additional cars followed in Lots 783, 784 and 785. The later series differed in using diagonal panel roofs but were otherwise identical to the Lot 747 cars.

At the same time as the New York Central was building their Lot 747-H cars, the Canadian National also built 150 cars to largely the same design. These were also delivered in 1948. Although at first glance nearly identical, the CN cars differed from the NYC's in the design of roof panels, side panels, hatch spacing and construction details. The CN's cars remained in service for many years, with some being later converted to ballast cars for maintenance of way use.

Rapido is offering correct versions of both the New York Central Lot 747H cars and the CN's home-built versions.

All Rapido Enterprise covered hoppers feature:

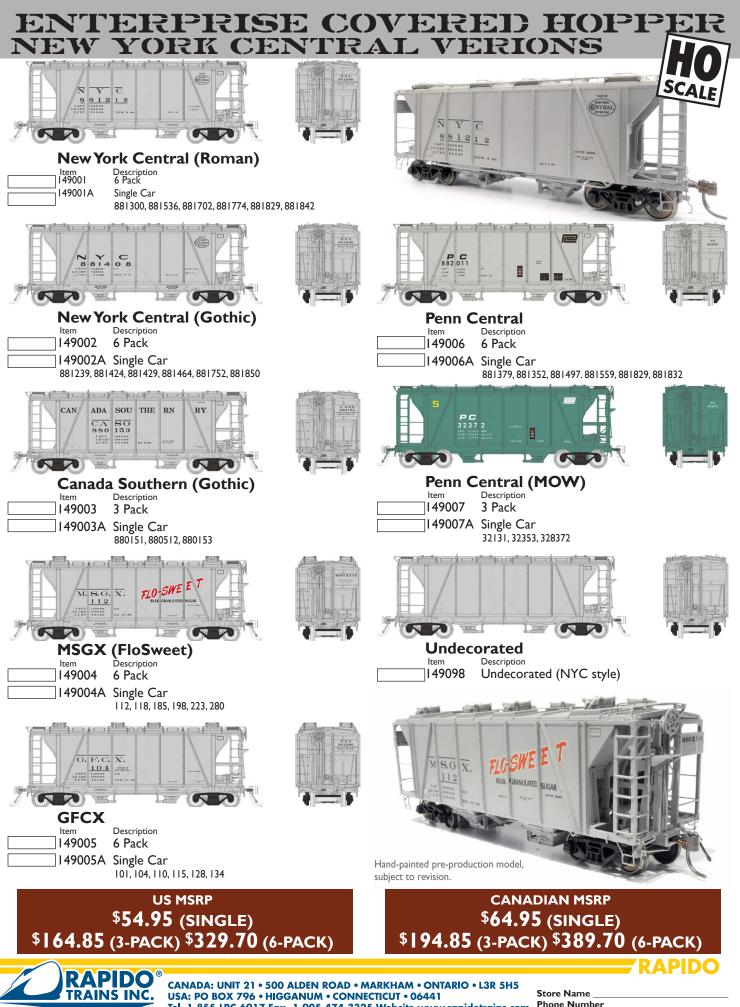
- · Designed from original blueprints and field measurements
- Both NYC and CN versions available
- Fully detailed body and underframe
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- · Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and decoration
- Multiple road numbers per scheme

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# ENTERPRISE COVERED HOPPER CANADIAN NATIONAL VERSIONS





**Canadian National (Delivery)** Description Item 149008 6 Pack 149008A Single Car

113025, 113043, 113086, 113094, 113155, 113161

350005, 350018, 350032, 350081, 350101, 350117



Description

6 Pack 149009A Single Car

CN MOW (Gray)

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3 Pack 149010A Single Car

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CN (Noodle)

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SCALE

CN OCS Sand Service (Red)
Item Description
149011 3 Pack
149011A Single Car
53314, 53315, 53317





Undecorated Item 149099

Description Undecorated (CN style)





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# **1937 AAR BOXCAR**



The 1937 AAR standard boxcar was one of the most widely produced freight cars ever. From the start of production in 1936 nearly 94,000 cars were built for 64 railroads to variations of this design. Through various secondhand owners, rebuilds and upgrades they continued in service well into the 1980s.

At the core of the 1937 AAR boxcar was a body that was 40'-6" long and 10'-0" high inside. Over the years the design of the ends changed. Ends commonly used on early cars used a "Z"-shaped inside corner post, covered by an end with squared off corners. Later cars featured a "W"-shaped inside corner post which externally was covered by an end with rounded corners. Additional types of ends were also employed, most notably by Canadian railroads. In fact, CN and CP accounted of more than 28,000 of these cars!

Roofs also varied from group to group, with the Murphy raised panel roof being the most common. However, many cars were also built with Viking and flat panel roofs as well. Other hardware variations included doors, ladders, running boards, brake wheels and trucks.

Rapido's HO model includes numerous parts to model most possible combinations. Our cars include square and round post ends (with correct sides) as well as Canadian NSC-2 and 5/5 rib ends. We've made Murphy raised panel, flat panel and Viking roofs with either wood or photo-etched steel running boards in multiple patterns. Access to the roof is by seven or eight rung ladders. Canadian cars include ladders with integral sill steps. Youngstown and Superior 6' doors are available, as are multiple styles of brake wheels and housings.



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Rapido's HO scale 1937 AAR boxcars feature:

- Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints and photos
- Multiple end, roof and door variations
- Correct brake wheels and housings
- Correct running boards
- Full underbody detail
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and decoration
- · Multiple road numbers available for each paint scheme



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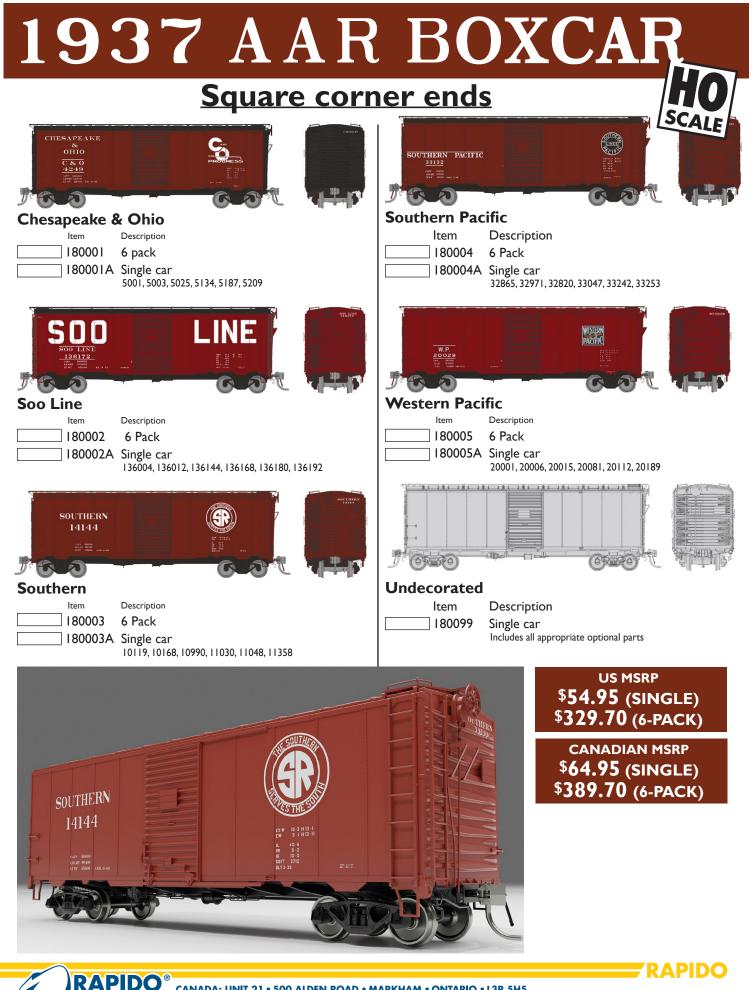
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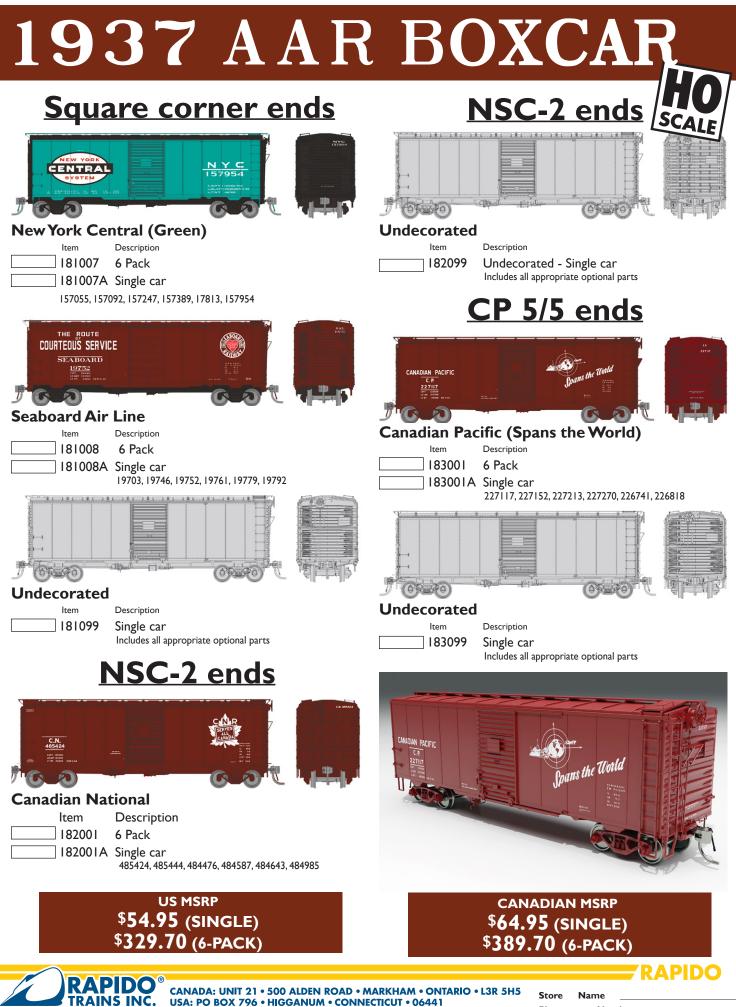
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# H21 HOPPERS



#### Thirty-nine thousand.

That's how many H21 class hoppers were built by the Pennsylvania Railroad. To put that in some perspective, that's more cars in one class than the Missouri Pacific, Nickel Plate or Rock Island had cars of ALL types on their rosters! Put another way, through the 1950s **one of every two PRR hoppers was an H21!** This is a car that every modeler needs!

The H21 was a four-bay design with many construction cues from the smaller GLa hopper. Designed first as a 50-ton coke car, the H21 class cars were built between 1909 and 1914.Very quickly it was realized that they would make great coal hoppers, and the first cars were converted to H21A with the addition of 70-ton trucks. Additional groups of H21As followed. Early batches were built with clamshell doors, but the design changed to four sawtooth-style traditional bay doors, and all early cars were quickly rebuilt into this configuration with more than half completed by 1932. In the 1930s the PRR added a stiffening chord along the top edges of the car sides on its H21As, but kept them in the same classification.

Starting in 1948 the PRR rebuilt a number of H21As with strengthened center sills and power hand brakes. They were reclassified as H21E. Externally, the H21E could be identified by the longer top stiffening chords (as against the H21A) and their power hand brakes. H21A cars were equipped with Carmer uncoupling levers, while H21Es and H21Gs had more modern underslung cut levers.

US MSRP \$54.95 (SINGLE) \$164.85 (3-PACK) \$329.70 (6-PACK) The various classes of H21 hoppers travelled throughout the country in what the Pennsy termed "mineral service" (coal, ore, gravel, limestone... etc.). They proved amazingly long lived - there were still more than 3,000 still in service in 1970, and 143 still in service at the advent of Conrail in 1976! Many were also converted into various work cars, including ballast cars and even a tunnel clearance car.

Rapido's new HO scale model will be available in the two most common versions - H21A and H21E. This is the first time that the H21E version has ever been offered. That sub-class alone included over 8,500 cars!

#### Our HO scale H21s will feature:

- · Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints and photos
- K or AB brake systems as appropriate
- · Die-cast chassis for great operating weight
- Full inside and outside rivet detail
- Separate wire grab irons
- Correct detail variations for each sub-class, including center sill, sides, ends and details
- · Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- · Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and decoration

# Order Deadline March 15, 2024





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Carmer cut lever

#### So what makes ours different?

Yes, H21 models have been available before. So what makes ours worth the upgrade?

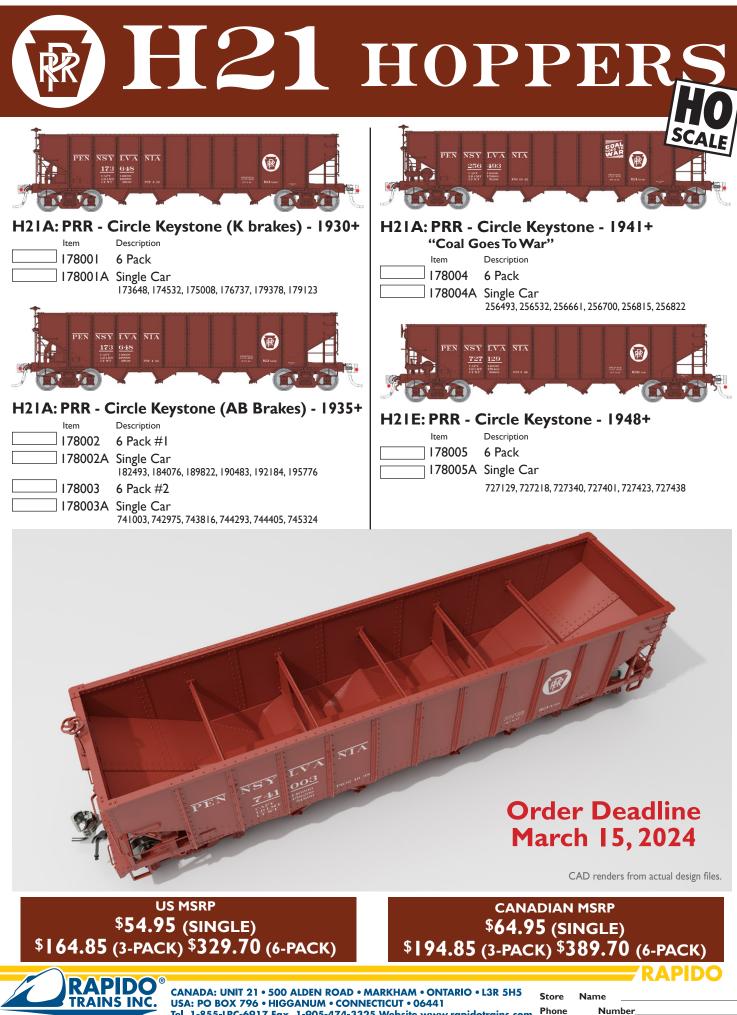
- First ever offering of the H21E!
- State-of-the-art modern tooling with crisp details.
- Full and correct interior detail, quite visible on an HO hopper.
- Full separate grab irons and details (rather than molded on) making them comparable with most current freight car models.
- All-metal semi-scale couplers provide improved appearance and operation.
- Free rolling turned metal wheels installed at the factory.



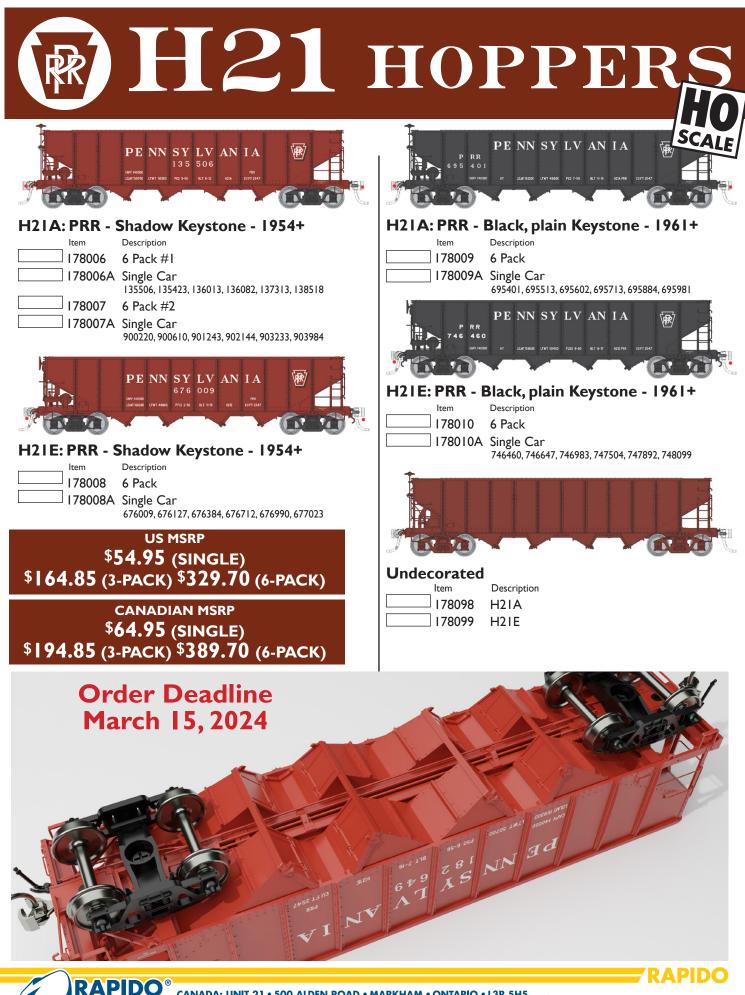
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Introduced by Pullman-Standard as a replacement for aging commuter cars, the soon nicknamed "Comet" cars were first built between 1970 and 1973 for the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad's services out of New Jersey.

Given their success with the E-L and then New Jersey Transit, the use of the Comet car quickly spread to other commuter agencies. Boston's Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority received their first cars in 1978, Metro-North and Connecticut DOT (or ConnDOT) in 1983, Philadelphia's SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority) in 1987, and Montreal's AMT (Agence métropolitaine de transport) in 1989. In 2008, SEPTA and Frontrunner of Salt Lake City received original E-L/NJT Comet cars to bolster their fleets. Additionally, LA's Metrolink leased the Frontrunner cars from 2008 to 2010 due to a fleet shortage.

The original "Comet" cars built for the E-L were designed strictly for low platforms, but upgrades to the car design by Pullman-Standard (and later Bombardier) evolved the "Comet" design to support both high- and low-platform boarding, and feature amenities such as on-board washrooms, accessible seating and, after 1990, a wide center door for high-platform boarding.

#### The Rapido HO scale Comet cars feature:

- Designed from field measurements as well as original blueprints and documents.
- Full interior detail including individual seats, and unparalleled underbody detail incl. all pipes and boxes
- <u>Extremely</u> free-rolling inside-bearing trucks with metal wheelsets
- Tinted windows and accurate painting and lettering
- All-wheel electrical pickup and advanced circuitry for flicker-free lighting on both DC and DCC layouts
- Coaches feature controllable interior and end marker lights using the included magnetic wand
- Cab Coach lighting controlled using the magnetic wand on both DC and DCC layouts.

	MSRP		
<b>3-Car Sets</b> (Cab Coach + 2 Coaches)			
	usd <b>\$369.95</b>	cad <b>\$429.95</b>	
MBTA+SEPTA	usd <b>\$399.95</b>	CAD <b>\$459.95</b>	
Individual Coaches			
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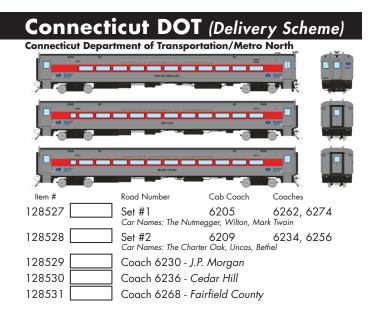
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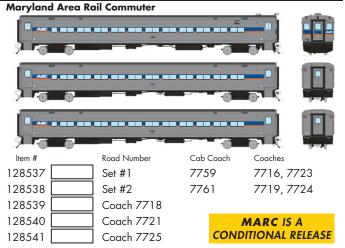


# COMET COMMUTER CARS





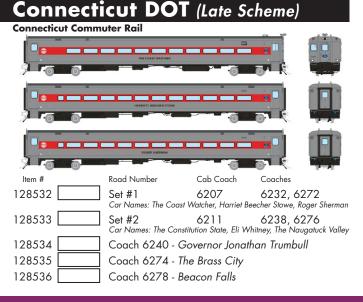
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# COMET COMMUTER CARS



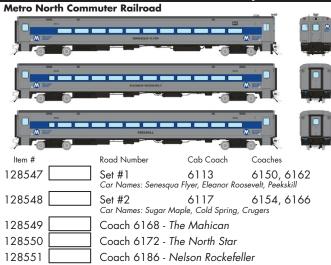
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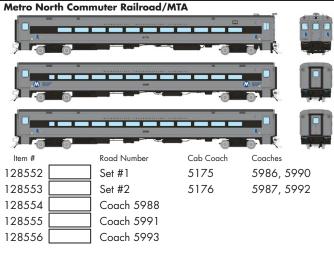


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#### New York MNCR (Delivery Scheme)



### MNCR (West of Hudson Scheme)



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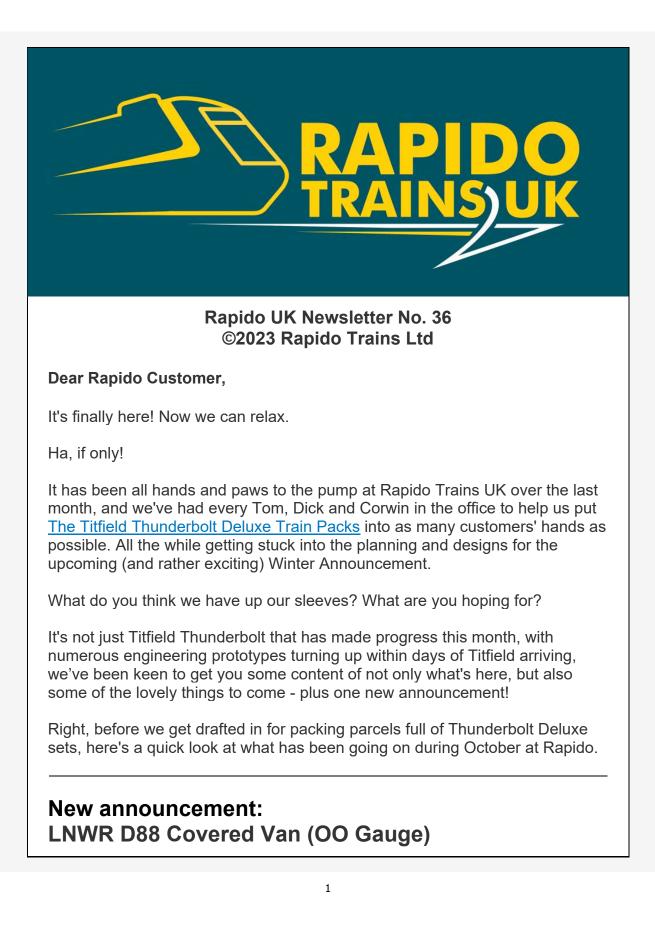
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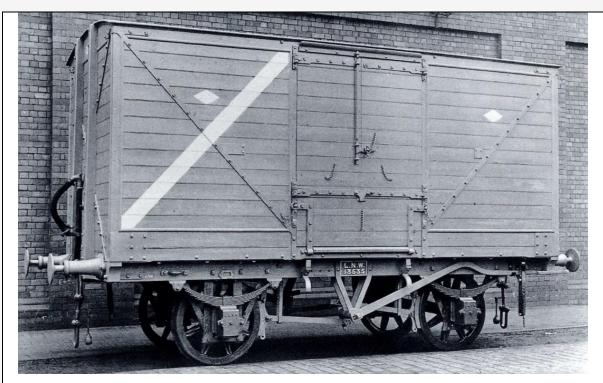
We're expanding our ever-growing range of Pre-grouping wagons with our first LNWR van.



Our recently arrived engineering samples have been put through their paces. The tooling suite allows for a number of variations - how many can you spot?

In 1908 the LNWR introduced a new covered goods van – the <u>Diagram 88</u>. This design became the LNWR standard van design from their introduction right up until the grouping with over 6000 examples constructed.

The van's lineage can be traced back to earlier diagrams and was in essence an updated version of the D87 vans that preceded it. In 1904 the Goods Conference decreed that new covered vans should be built to certain dimensions, including a length of 21' over buffers, an 8ft width, a wheelbase of 9'9" and an ability to carry 8 tons. The <u>D88</u> vans incorporated all these features but were uprated to carry 10 tons. This was an improvement over the 19' long 9' wheelbase vans that formed D87.



A works photo showing a D88 van in original 'diamonds' livery. The single white diagonal denotes this is a through-piped wagon.

Like previous LNWR vans, the <u>D88</u> incorporated a set of 5ft wide horizontallyplanked cupboard doors with a fall door below making access into platforms and goods loading facilities easier. Under LMS ownership, the doors were often replaced by vertically-planked alternatives.

Many of the vans were built at the LNWR's Earlestown works. However, a number were also built by outside contractors. During the building process, a number of changes were seen, and our models will reflect many of them. More on that below.

The wagons had a long service life with large numbers surviving into British Railways ownership and lasting into the early 1960s. Many were also pressed into Departmental service in various locations, whilst others were sold off into private use, which included the Army and Navy.



Several vehicles have been preserved including at the National Railway Museum, Severn Valley Railway and Chatham's Historic Dockyard.

The Rapido Trains UK  $\underline{D88}$  van has been designed using a combination of archival materials, works drawings, and an onsite survey at Chatham. We would like to thank everyone at The Historic Dockyard Chatham for giving us access to their  $\underline{D88}$  wagon.

Modellers can look forward to a plethora of variations within the range, including alternate designs representing wooden or iron roofs, square or incurved headstocks, 1-rib, 2-rib or 3-bolt buffers, unfitted or through-piped, cupboard doors with both horizontal and vertical planking, flat and bulbous axle boxes, split-spoke or solid wheels in brass bearings for smooth and free running, and NEM coupling mounts. These will be finished in a variety of liveries covering the wagons' lengthy history.



We have already received the engineering prototypes from our factory and are extremely pleased with the progress made so far. Actually, progress has been so good that we can announce order books will be closing on **Monday 4**<sup>th</sup> **March**.

You can place your pre-order now. Each wagon has an RRP of £32.95 and can be ordered direct from us or from any <u>Official Retailer</u>.

### What else is new? Loads more samples!

#### Y7 when you can have Eleven?

Rapido Trains UK's smallest 00 scale loco to date, and probably one of the smallest ready-to-run locos ever made in the scale is well on the way.



They might be small but these little models really stand out. Don't forget there are many subtle variations that make each model unique.

For such a small engine it certainly had a fair number of variants over the years, and we have done our utmost to bring as many of these to life in all their diminutive glory. An eclectic selection of tooling variations are in the works, and while we were unloading Thunderbolt sets, a mystery parcel was slid under the door by the postman. We were immensely busy, but this box halted us in our tracks. Eleven gorgeous engineering prototypes of the upcoming <u>LNER Y7 (NER H)</u> were lovingly unwrapped and gleefully <del>played with</del> tested by our staff.



Each Y7 features a wealth of detail inside and out. The open backed cab has allowed us to go to town on the interior details.

And once the word got around that they were here our designers seemed to turn up in the office faster than you can say 'pet project'!

Whilst there are some small corrections to be sorted we are delighted with not only how they look - but also how they run - so we thought we would show you a short teaser video.



# LNER Y7 0-4-0T 1ST EP - SHUNTING

We are currently putting them through their paces and checking them over to make sure they are as awesome and accurate as we know they can be. Keep an eye out for further updates in our monthly newsletters, and if you fancy preordering this tiny tank engine, you can do so direct from us or through any of our <u>Official Retailers</u>.

Don't forget to place your order before Monday 12th February.



Attention has now turned to the locomotive's custom sound file. Stay tuned for future updates...

#### CLICK HERE TO SEE YOUR Y7 RANGE

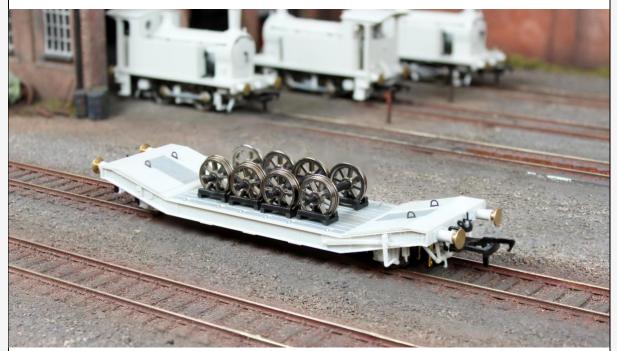
#### A new low for Rapido, in 00!

Despite the 25t 'LOWMAC' Machine Wagon project only being announced recently, we have already made enough headway that an early production sample has arrived for review, and it looks awesome.

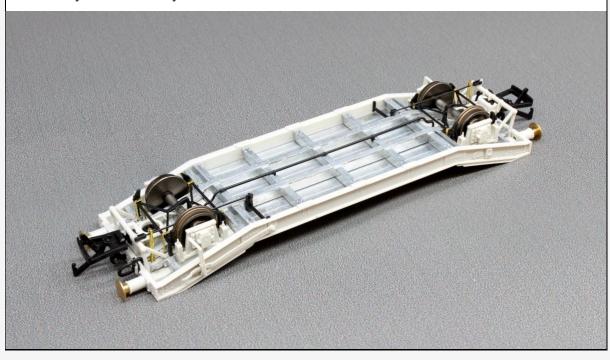


For such a low-profiled piece of rolling stock, it's incredible how much weight we've managed to squeeze into such a small space, and the unpainted sample has highlighted this perfectly. It's crammed full of so much heavy metal it gives Rob Halford a run for his money.

We've also been sent the load that will feature in every version. This rather nifty replacement wheelset and support brackets give your wagon a little more purpose, without you having to find something appropriate to add to it. However, it's worth mentioning that they aren't permanently attached, so you can replace them with whatever load you fancy, and then use the wheelsets as a nice addition to your layout elsewhere if you wish, they look great next to a shed for example. How you choose to use them is up to you!



We have been flat-out dealing with <u>LOWMAC</u> orders. So, if you fancy adding this big MAC to your collection you can pre-order directly from our website or from your <u>Official Retailer</u> of choice. Don't forget to place your order before Monday 15th January.

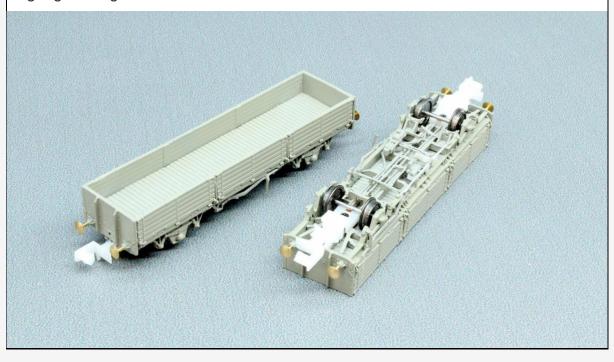


#### ORDER YOUR LOWMAC HERE

Superb N Scale OAA samples.



We were so pleased with the response we got from the 3D-printed samples that we took to TINGS last month and were happy with the designs at our end, so we moved them forward to the next stage of their development. Within weeks we received a couple of early production samples for review, and we think they look superb. Of course, this is our initial assessment, and we will conduct a more in-depth review before they move forward further, but we are confident things are on track (literally as 'not derailing around setrack points' was part of the design brief). The final versions will also be in a variety of liveries and feature black couplings, so they are in line with most existing N gauge rolling stock.



Feast your eyes on them! We think you'll agree that the chassis detail is spectacular, and truly raises the bar on N scale detail and quality.

We are currently aiming to close the order book for these three-wagon packs on Monday 15th January. They will be the perfect set to complement our upcoming <u>Class 44</u> too, so make sure you don't miss out.

You can pre-order your <u>N Gauge OAA triple packs</u> directly through our website here, or via any of our <u>Official Retailers</u>.



#### ORDER YOUR OAA PACKS NOW

Speaking of OAAs...



How could we forget the 00 OAAs? Well, as we speak they are slowly working their way to the UK. Assuming all is well we hope to have them ready for delivery around Warley.



We do have a handful of each livery available to purchase directly from our website, and many of our <u>Official Retailers</u> will be stocking them too, so if you are after adding these to your collection get in there before they are gone.

#### ORDER AN OAA

# Shipping updates

Thunderbolts have arrived. The line is saved!



Racing towards Mallingford. Photo courtesy of Callum Willcox / Railway Modeller.

It's straight out of the museum and into your hands, well, via the postal service or your favourite retailer of course. Many of you have been eagerly awaiting this pack and we are pleased to say that over the last few weeks, we have been sending out as many of the Deluxe Train Packs as we can. We've already received loads of positive messages from very happy customers who have received theirs, so if yours is yet to arrive, sit tight, we will get it to you as quickly as we can.

Make sure you send in pictures of your Thunderbolt sets or share them on our social channels; we would love to see them on as many layouts as possible.

Pearce and Crump's meddling interference has meant the Standard DCC-Ready Titfield Thunderbolt Train Packs are a little further down the line. Fear not, they are also on their way and will be dispatched as soon as possible.



#### SEE OUR TITFIELD RANGE HERE

#### A crate bit of news!

Last month we showed off some final production samples of probably the most colourful products we've ever added to our range, the <u>Not-Quite-Minks</u>, <u>Wisbech and Upwell Train Packs</u>, and <u>Bogie Tram Cars</u>. We are pleased to say that the <u>Not-Quite-Minks</u> and Tram cars are now in a container on their way to the UK, and once they have passed our QC process, we are hoping to have them out to you at some point in the next month or so. Which makes them a rather nice gift as we head into the festive period. So not only will pre-grouping and W & U fans be happy, but Mr. Valentine will be able to enjoy a festive tipple from the comfort of the brand-new <u>Titfield Thunderbolt Buffet car</u>.

The remaining <u>W & U Train Packs</u> will also be shipped in due course, but as they aren't loaded and ready to go at the point this newsletter hits your inbox we can't make promises on delivery timeframes we may not be able to keep. Keep an eye on our social channels for further news on this one.



*Our C53 tramcars (J70 to you LNER aficionados) are nearly complete and ready for shipping.* 

# Product updates, and even more samples!

Further fabulous Fleetlines.



Another colourful update in last month's newsletter was the <u>Leyland Fleetline</u> <u>Buses</u>. We showed off an array of brightly painted samples that we were reviewing, and we are pleased to say all of them have been approved for use. Since this update, the factory has made an impressive amount of progress. The individual parts have been injection moulded, and the painting and tampo printing of each of the liveries has begun. Keep an eye on future newsletters for further updates.

#### SEE MORE ON THE FLEETLINES HERE

Western wagons are on the move.



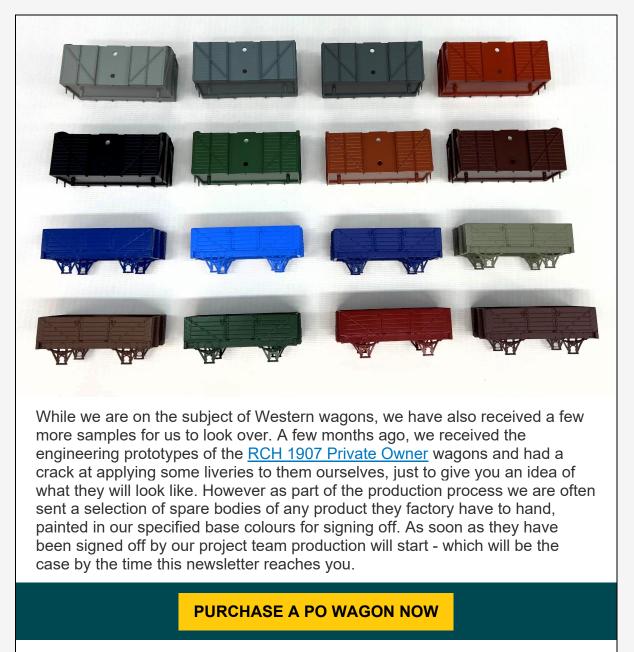
Our GWR open wagons and vans are progressing with a kit of parts now ready in the factory for assembly and decorating.

Western Region fans will be happy to hear that progress has moved along quickly on the <u>V14 and V16 Mink A vans</u>, <u>Y4 Banana vans</u>, and the <u>O11, and</u> <u>O15 5-plank open</u> wagons. They are in a similar state as the Fleetlines mentioned above, with all of the colours having being approved, parts having been moulded, and the painting and tampo printing having started. It looks like it won't be long before you can peel a parcel full of Banana vans and more.

**GWR VANS** 

**GWR OPENS** 

PO wagon colour samples.



Shout out for new speakers.



Over the last few months, we have updated you on the ongoing progress of the <u>LB&SCR E1</u>. We had to make several amendments to the overall design to ensure it was accurate, and this redesign has subsequently knocked on to the internal components. As such, the speaker didn't quite fit any more. Thankfully we have some of the best people in the business on the case.

The folks at ESU are kindly helping us with the final stages of the design, this is to ensure their speaker and Soundbox fit nicely before we sign it off to go to tooling. With such significant progress being made on this project and a reliable hand guiding us on the final stage of development we are confident we will have further updates for you shortly.

#### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE E1 HERE

#### Highland high notes and Scottish samples.

Progress has been good(s) since we last updated you on the <u>Highland Railway</u> <u>'Jones Goods'</u>, and we have plenty to engage more than one of your senses. This month we have had a proper overhaul of the sights and sounds of the Jones Goods. Early base colour samples of the boilers and cabs turned up for our review, and they look glorious. We think you'll agree that no matter what livery you choose, it's going to stand out on your layout.



Looks aren't everything! Creating immersive sound for our DCC-fitted models is equally as important to us. Over the last few months, we have been working to improve the Jones Goods sound file, making subtle tweaks to ensure you have the most realistic and fun experience when unleashing this incredible Scottish workhorse on your layout.

As many of you are aware the Jones Goods was a film star, so you would think sound files should be readily available. Unfortunately, this simply isn't the case. Due to the age and subsequent quality of the footage available, it wasn't a simple task. Thankfully by using this footage as a reference and the wonders of modern digital editing, we have been able to create a varied and interesting sound file that pays a respectful tribute to this highly anticipated loco.



#### LAST CALL FOR A JONES GOODS

The show must go on!

It's show season and we are heading (unsurprisingly) to Warley in a big way!

So come and see us on <u>stand A35 at the Warley National Model Railway</u> <u>Exhibition</u> on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of November. Held annually in Hall 5 of the Birmingham NEC Warley is the UK's biggest model railway exhibition, and it's fair to say we have plenty to talk about. With people overjoyed with the recently arrived Titfield Thunderbolts, some gorgeous painted samples of upcoming models for us to show off, and hopefully a few people who are interested in the upcoming Winter announcement, we are certain Warley is going to be as busy as ever.

And fingers crossed there isn't another National Rail strike on the Saturday of the show (the irony wasn't lost on us)!



Come have a chat with us at our freshly updated show stand, and see some of our gorgeous dioramas, courtesy of Dan Evason of Tunnel Lane Model Railways. We've even had some rather stylish cabinets made for them.

### Thought of the Month.

When things don't go to plan!

So, in true Rapido style, let's tackle this difficult one head-on.

Even though the weather has finally set in for the Autumn it's fair to say that October hasn't been a breeze at Rapido. Sometimes you can plan, review, and conduct plenty of QC checks on your products, and frustratingly stuff still slips through the net. And we would be lying if we said that the release of the 15XX was as seamless as we had planned.

Unfortunately, some customers have reported issues with their 15XX models not being up to the high standards we strive to maintain with all new products, and for that, we are sincerely sorry.

These problems were not present in the development prototypes, the sign-off sample models, or the QC samples we examined from the main shipment, and we were absolutely gutted when we got these reports.



Sadly some of our panniers were far from perfect - with poorly applied details and finish and some with poor running characteristic. Suffice to say we are not happy with this situation.

This is a product that has been eagerly awaited by our customers and we were really looking forward to this putting a smile on everyone's face, and unfortunately, we haven't achieved this, despite it having all the ingredients of being a spectacular model. If you have received one that has had issues, we can assure you that we are as heartbroken about this as you are.

The million-dollar question is simple. What are we going to do about it?

Currently, we are doing our best to review and repair any of your models that have been sent in via our **warranty repair form** as quickly as we can. But, due to a backlog of existing warranty repairs and the fact that we work on a first come, first serve basis, it is taking a little longer to get through them than we would like. We would like to thank everyone who has sent their models in and ask them to sit tight until we can cast our eye over your pride and joy, as with everything we do here we would rather we do things properly than rush and incur more issues. We will be tackling every customer's return in the order we received and will be in contact with each of you in due course.

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We are sorry to hear you may have a problem with your Rapido Trains UK n We are always happy to offer advice and repairs whenever we can. If you h get back to you as soon as we can to resolve it. If you looking to return your model for a refund, please use our contact us f If you are a retailer please log into your account and return to this page. If you can not see the form below, please click Here	a model with a fault then please complete the form below with as much detail as possible and we will	
Warranty Form After this form is submitted we will contact you with details of where to post your model to (if required) as soon as we are ready to receive it or to offer further advice. Thank you for your patience.		
First Name	Last Name	

The first port of call for any issue is our Warranty Form. If you have any issues head to the website, fill it in and our Warranty Engineer will get back to you asap with advice or with details of how to return the model to us for repair.

As a team we are working tirelessly to resolve this, we have even been drafted in one of our Canadian friends from Rapido Trains Inc. to give us a hand with it (thanks Dave). We will get as many models resolved and back in your hands as efficiently as possible.

When things like this happen, we obviously get a lot of genuine returns - but sadly we also get a lot of others that have been caught up in the (often) online hype from certain pages and reviewers. These get sent back as 'poor runners' etc and we check them out only to find there are no issues, but the customer (or retailer) just wanted them checked and serviced. Whilst we want to give our customers the best customer service possible, it does slow down dealing with issues for other people. So, if you are happy with your model, please don't send it back to us or complete a warranty form.



It is worth pointing out that not every model has an issue - actually most of them are fine! Here is one such model that has been wonderfully weathered by Jack Pedersen.

Looking more positively at our upcoming products, we are taking these decoration/assembly issues up with our supplier. This is only one of four factories that we use and is the first and only time both Rapido Trains Inc. and Rapido Trains UK have encountered issues from this factory. We are unhappy about this. This is a negative outlier when it comes to our quality, so other than the time it is taking for us to resolve this, it will not impact future releases or any other items that are already in production. However, we will conduct a full review of policies and procedures to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Okay, I think that covers everything, now let's get back to getting those Thunderbolts in the post and dusting those cabinets in time for Warley.

Keep guessing the exciting Winter announcements, and best wishes,

#### The Rapido Trains UK Team

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