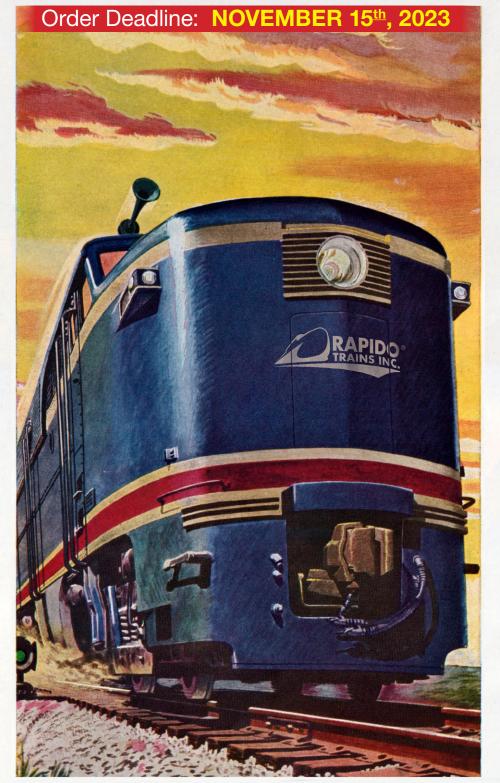


ARRIVING YEARS AHEAD OF TIME!



The makers of America's first Diesel-Electric Locomotive present the first of a complete new line of Super Diesel-Electrics!

1. Today two of America's great industrial producers, American Locomotive and General Electric, present a new Diesel-Electric locomotive for all classes of service—a locomotive that opens up a new chapter in railroading history.

It's big news for every person who travels or ships by rail, because these new locomotives embody many important new developments born of wartime research and production progress -developments that will enable the railroads to give you the finest transportation the world has ever known ...



2. Already tested in railroad service, these Alco-GE locomotives have proved *years* ahead—in design, speed, power, smoothness, economy of operation. As you can see here, the cab affords unprecedented room to work in—inspections, adjustments and repairs are quicker and easier to make. The engine is designed to run a million miles before major overhaul, and when maintenance is needed, unequalled accessibility of parts keeps costs down.



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
- Etched-metal grilles, where appropriate
- Lit number boards
- Full cab interior
- Operating Gyralite or red Mars light, where appropriate
- Rapido's proven drive system
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound options
- ESU LokSound V5 Decoder





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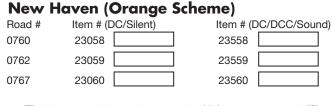
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Union Pacific

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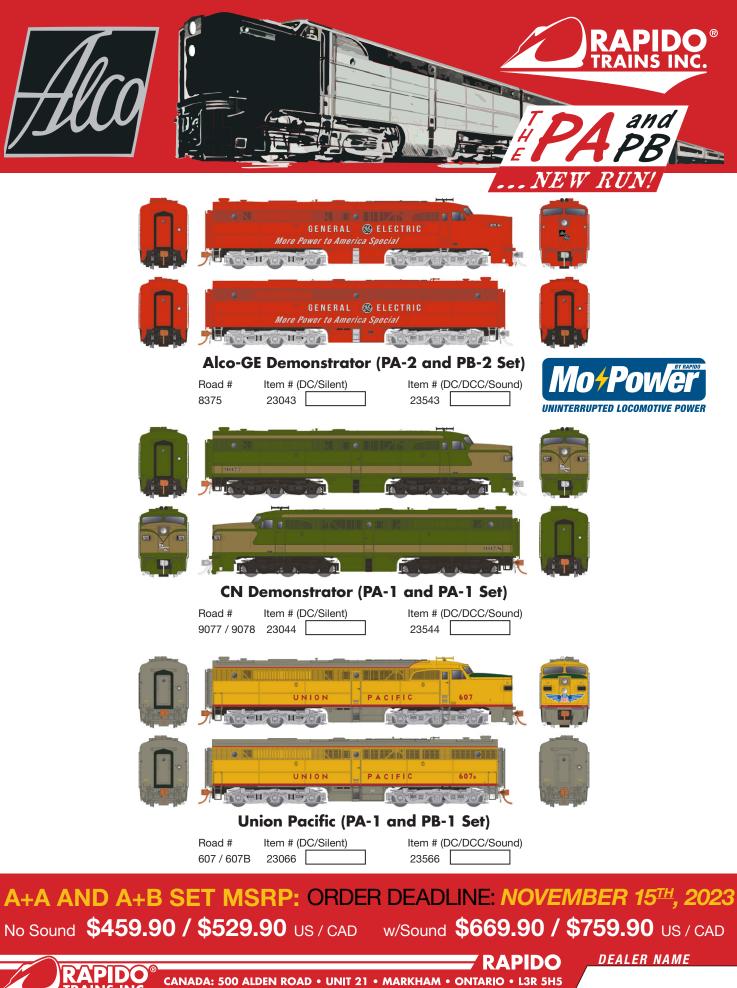
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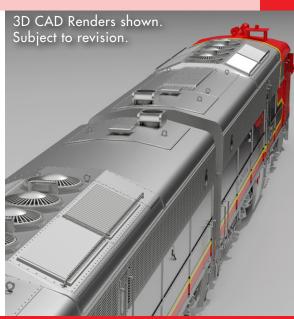


Possibly the most unique Alco PA and PB Locomotives in history were Santa F's three repowered locomotives, 51L-A-C. In 1954, an experiment was put into motion to repower two PA-1s and a single PB-1 with EMD 567C prime movers. The 567Cs were taller than the Alco 244s originally installed, so the locomotive bodies were modified with a hump in the roofline along with EMD-style fans and dual exhausts.

51L-A-C quickly became the most famous of Santa Fe's PA/PB locomotives, a status aided by the fact that they often pulled fan trips. No model train company has dared to bring out a model of 51L-A-C in plastic because these engines were just too weird. So they were an obvious choice for us!

The Santa Fe Repowered PA and PB Features:

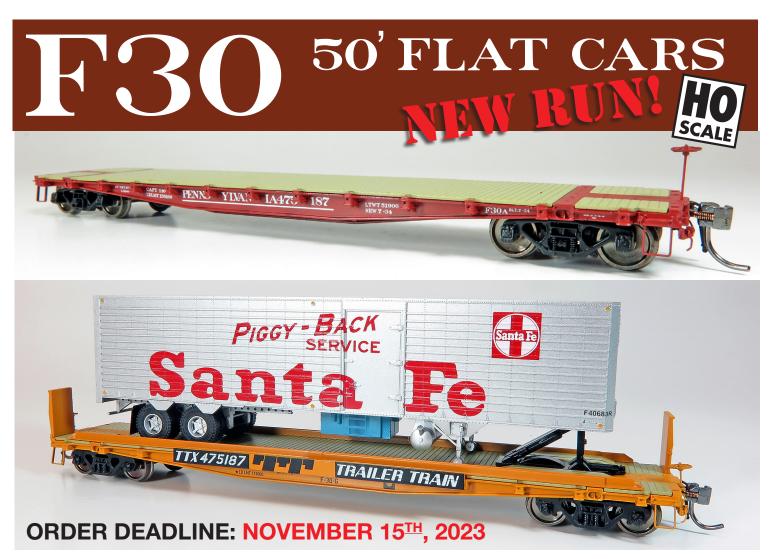
- Correct nose and roof profiles, featuring unique roof blister and EMD style fans
- A units (51L) and A-B (51A and 51C) set available
- Full underbody piping and conduit
- Separate grab irons and handrails installed at the factory
- Etched-metal grilles, where appropriate
- Lit number boards
- Full cab interior
- Operating Gyralite or red Mars light, where appropriate
- Rapido's proven drive system
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound options
- ESU LokSound V5 Decoder



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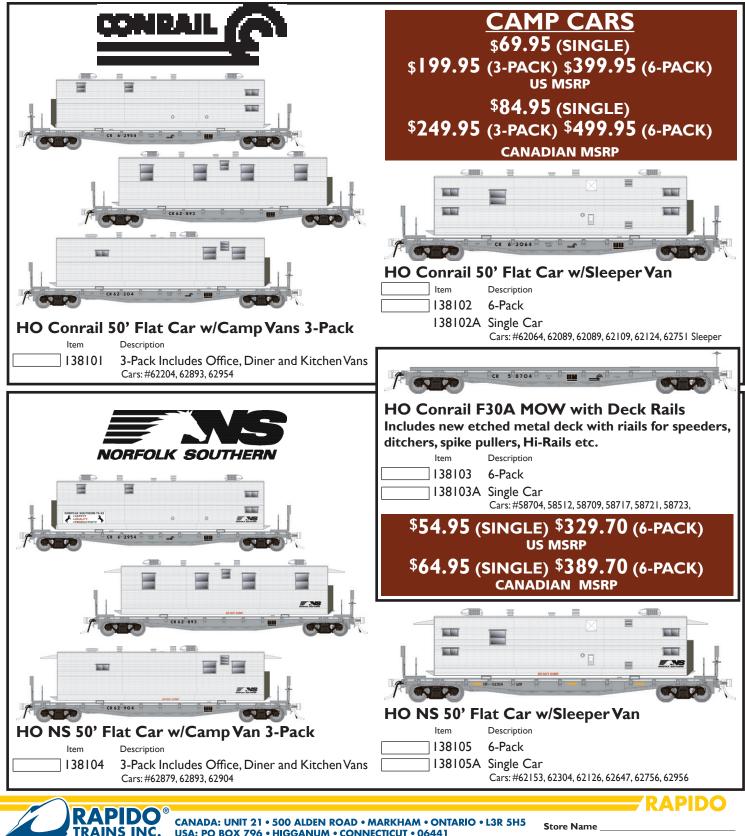
- New deck
- All-new tie rack
- · Concrete tie load
- Six car numbers per scheme



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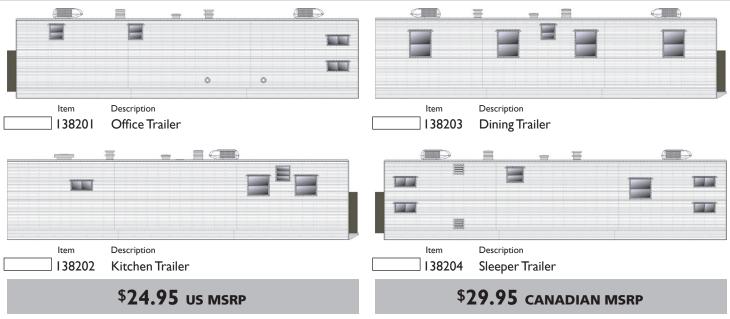
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Conrail (and other railroads) mounted pre-fabricated "vans" on flat cars to house tack workers. Several common styles of van were built to serve the various needs of the work crews. Sleeping quarters were most common, but office and dining configurations 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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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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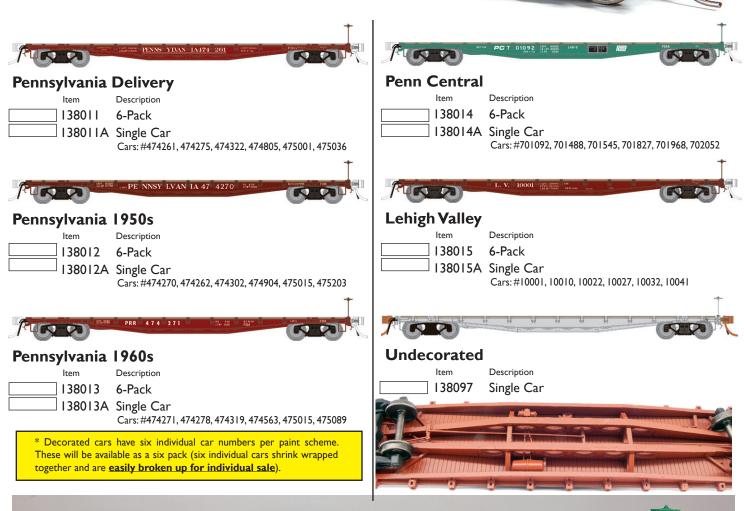
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NATIONAL STEEL CAR **BALLAST HOPPER**





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:

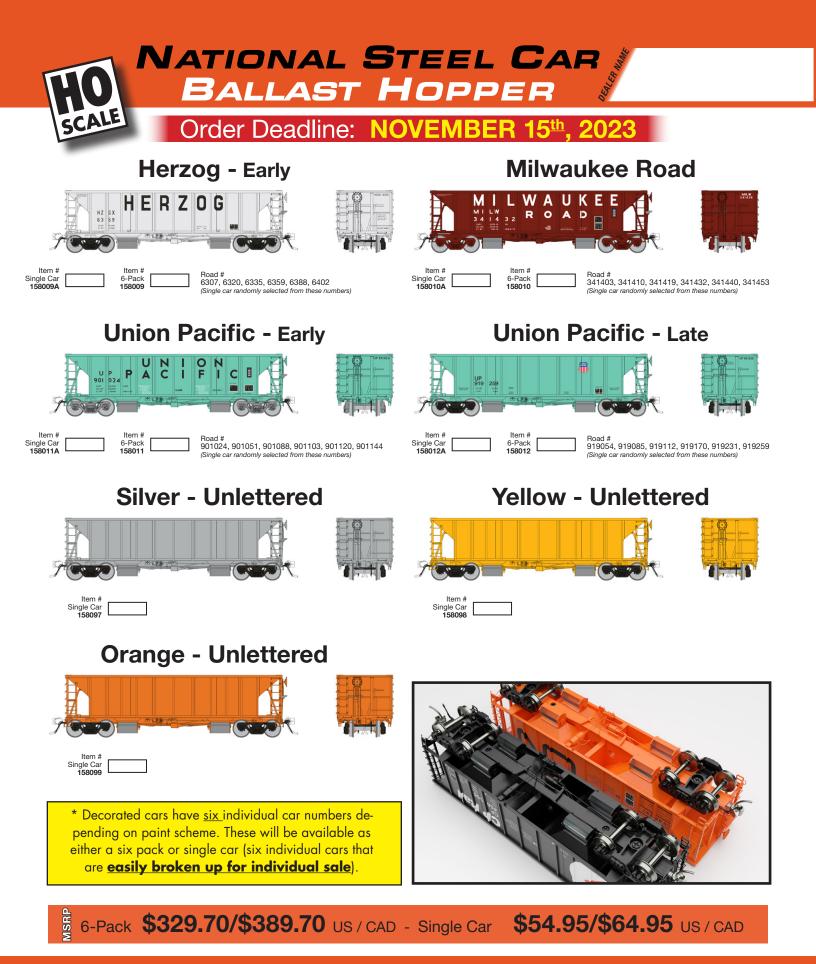
- Removable ballast load
- Diecast frame
- Coupler cutbars and airhoses
- Metal wheels

- 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.

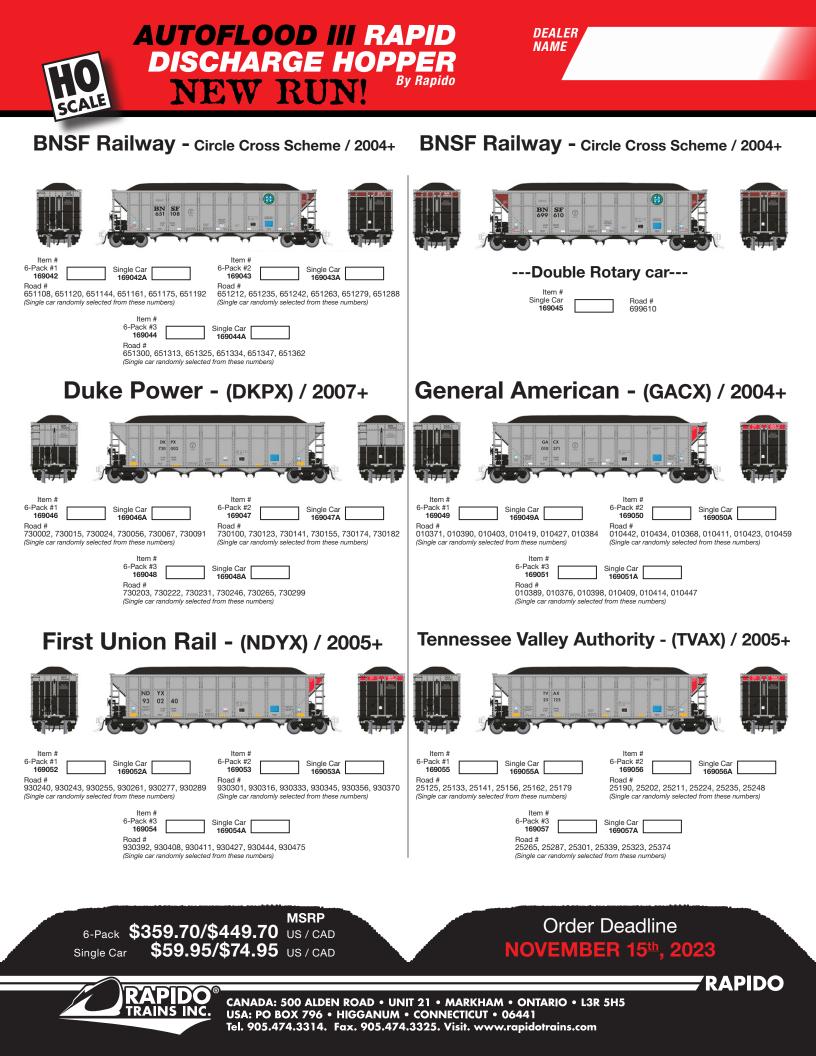
The AutoFlood III Coal Hopper features:

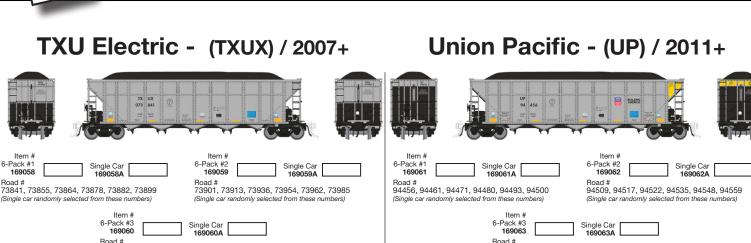
- Die-cast frame and floor for optimum car weight
- Full interior rivet and K-member details
- Super-detailed end cages including separate air and brake piping
- Barber S-2 100-ton trucks with metal wheels
- Hopper bays feature highly-detailed outlet gates
- Etched, see-through end cross-over platforms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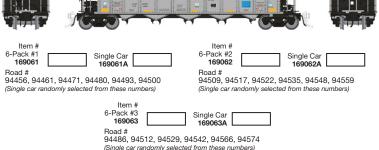
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NEW RUN

DISCHARGE HOPPER

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

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

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

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

The F40PHM-2 Locomotive features:

- Correct "Winnebago" style front
- Dual rooftop air conditioners
- Extensive, separate underbody piping, conduit and wire grab irons
- Working head lights, marker lights and backup light
- Working Gyralite
- Stratolite or strobe light where appropriate
- Working ditch lights
- Separate, factory-applied wire grab irons
 - *Not all lighting features will work in DC mode.

- PTC Antenna Array where appropiate
- See-through, etched-metal radiator grills and dynamic brake grills
- Full cab interior painted in correct colors
- Accurate fuel tank profile and exhaust silencer
- Correct pilot plow or snow plow per model
- Sound-equipped models feature a custom ESU LokSound V5 decoder
- Will operate smoothly on DC and DCC layouts
- Rapido's improved 5-pole, skew-wound motor and silky-smooth drive



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THE E-UNITS ECCLE



Rapido once again breaks new ground by announcing a first in plastic! Behold the HEP-equipped E-unit, used predominately in commuter and inter-city services. Perhaps the most famous owner was the BN, with a fleet of 25 Morrison-Knudsen rebuilt E-9As for "suburban" service. Notable upgrades included; new 645EC prime movers pushing the horsepower output to 2400, Detroit Diesel HEP generators and the addition of dynamic brakes. The fleet would remain in service until the early '90s. Amtrak also owned five HEP-equipped E-units for inter-city services, which were overhauled by Penn Central at their Juniata Shops. These mainly operated in the Northeast/New England area, but could occasionally be seen in other areas. It was not uncommon to see them hauling the brand new Amfleet cars by, either solo or teamed up with an F40PH. 497 would later be sold to Metro North, while 498 and 499 would become part of the Conrail OCS fleet.

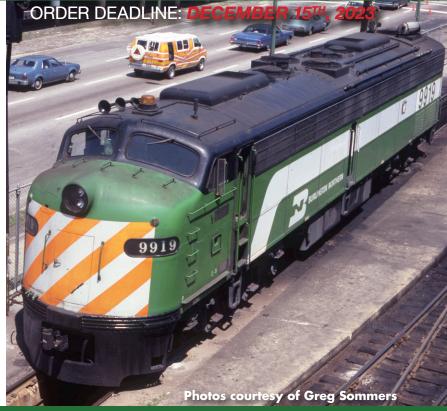
AMTRAK • BURLINGTON NORTHERN • CONRAIL • METRO NORTH

The BN and Amtrak Details Include:

- Correct HEP muffler and hatch
- Multiple dynamic brake options and fans
- Sealed, twin-beam headlight configuration
- Modified pilots
- Correct side grills
- Blanked sides with appropriate grille work
- Hyatt roller bearing journal covers
- Heavy die-cast chassis
- Smooth running drive system with all wheels powered
- Accurate E8 sounds provided by ESU LokSound
- Complete lighting effects headlights, class lights, backup lights, ground lights, cab lights, Stratolite or beacons and more.

*Not all lighting features will work in DC mode.

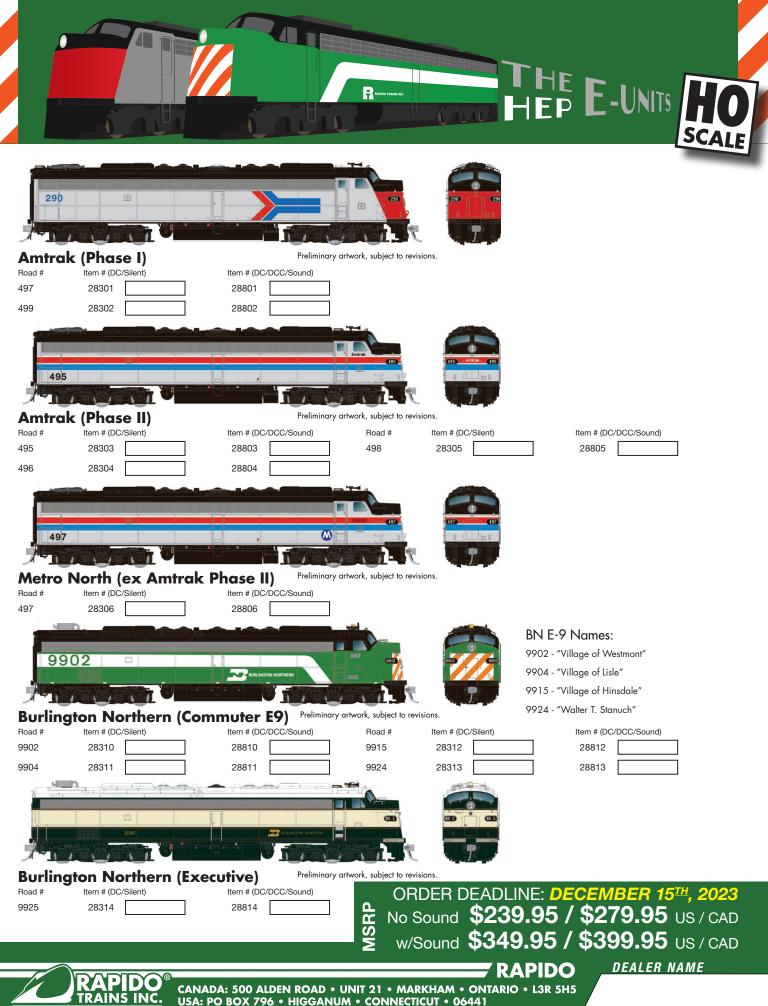
• Numerous road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal.



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Conrail was well known for their iconic blue locomotives, "can opener" logo and hot intermodal services. But perhaps the most elusive and best-dressed operation they ran was their Office Car Specials, complete with a trio of Pullman green E-units. Numbered 4020 through 4022, these were the backbone of many OCS trips, right on up till the final day in 1999. The 4020 and 4021 were equipped with HEP, while the 4022 retained its steam boiler. Other spotting features included: porthole removal, lack of skirting, mini anticlimbers, dynamic brakes (sans the 4022) and cab mounted Leslie RS3L air horn. Despite lacking a HEP generator, the 4022 did carry HEP pass-through receptacles, making it capable of trailing or leading.

4020 • 4021 • 4022

The Conrail OCS E-unit Features:

- HEP muffler for 4020-4021
- Steam generator details for 4022
- Dynamic brake options where appropriate
- Sealed, twin-beam headlight configuration
- Modified pilots
- Correct side grills
- Rebuilt blanked sides (portholes removed) in two variations
- Non-skirted fuel tanks
- Three chime RS3L and Hancock air whistle air horns included
- Hyatt roller bearing journal covers
- Numerous road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal.
- Heavy die-cast chassis
- Smooth running drive system with all wheels powered
- Accurate E8 sounds provided by ESU LokSound
- Complete lighting effects headlights, class lights, backup lights, ground lights, cab lights, Stratolite or beacons and more.

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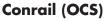
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Road # 4022



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Executive E-units? Why of course! Rapido once again delivers the goods. This time we are proud to present the Illinois Central and Canadian National executive E9As. When Metra retired the last of their E9As from commuter service, IC bought four for their executive fleet. Numbered 100 through 103, only 100 and 101 were painted in the special silver, white and black IC scheme. Eventually numbers 102 and 103 would be transferred to CN when they acquired the IC. 102 and 103 would first receive a green and black heritage scheme, reminiscent of their FP locos, then later on, repainted into the traditional red, black and white scheme. The four E-units share many of the same features of their BN siblings, but with added ditch light cut-outs in the nose.

The IC and CN E9A Details Include:

- Correct HEP muffler and hatch
- Modified pilots
- Blanked sides with appropriate grille work
- Roof-mounted cooling coils
- Non-skirted fuel tanks
- Hyatt roller bearing journal covers
- Heavy die-cast chassis
- Smooth running drive system with all wheels powered
- Accurate E8 sounds provided by ESU LokSound
- Complete lighting effects headlights, recessed ditch lights in nose, class lights, backup lights, ground lights, cab lights and more. (Not all lighting features will work in DC mode.)
- Numerous road-specific detail parts in both plastic and etched metal.



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AMTRAK NPCU "CABBAGE"

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

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

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

The Amtrak NPCU features:

- Fully powered, available in silent DC or DC/DCC/ Sound
- DC models are DCC-ready with a 21-pin plug
- Accurate enlarged marker lights, supplementary air reservoirs and K5LA horn
- Operating, flashing ditch lights

- Operating strobe lights, marker lights and number boards
- Etched-metal radiator grilles and windshield wipers
- Separate handrails and grab irons installed at the factory
- Rapido's proven 5-pole, skew-wound motor and silky-smooth drive system
- Metal, magnetic Macdonald-Cartier Couplers

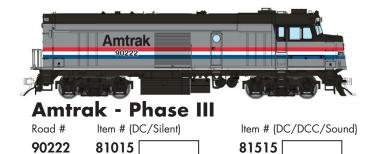
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Continuing Rapido's introduction into the market of highly detailed commuter equipment, we are proud to introduce the all-new Budd 'Gallery' Commuter Cars in HO scale!

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.
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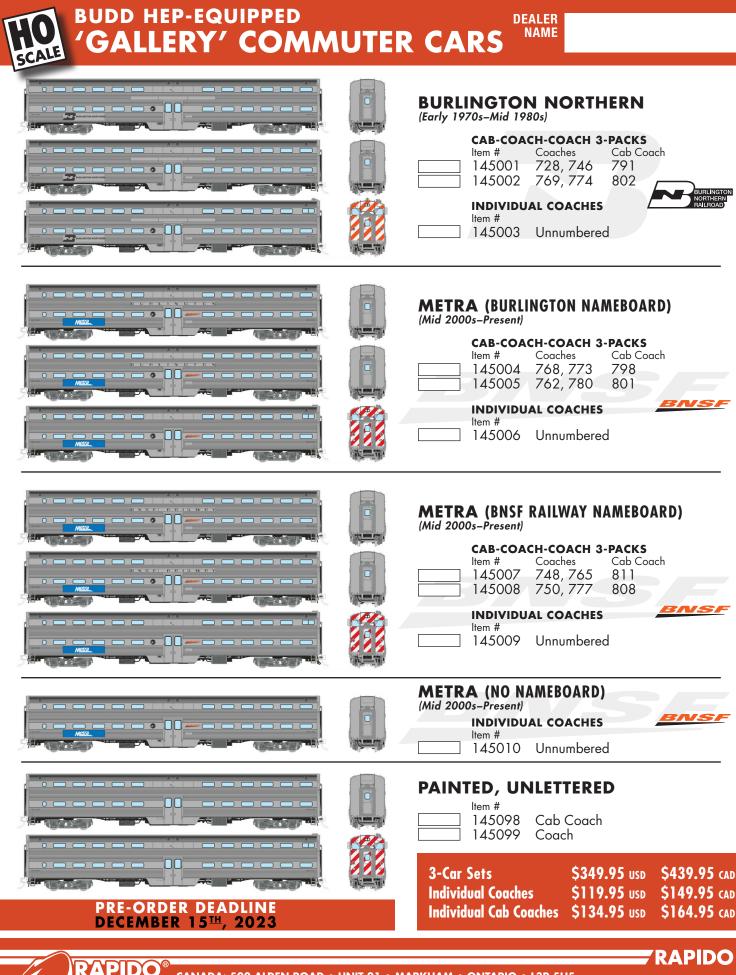
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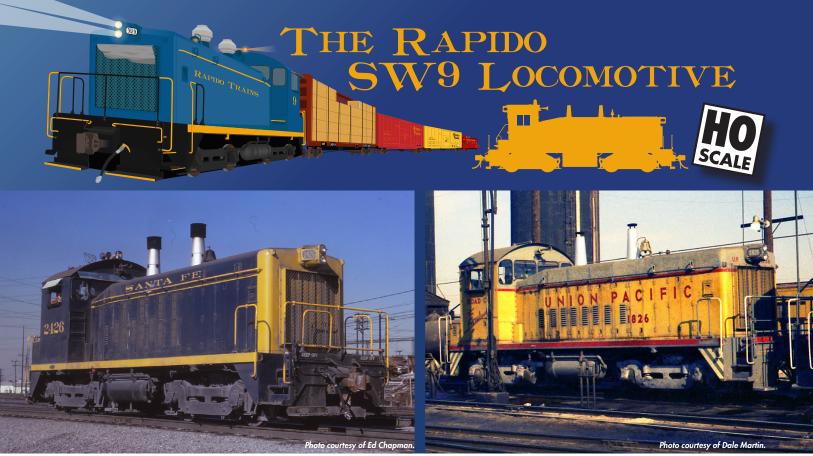
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The SW9 locomotive continued Electro-Motive Division's excellence of small, compact "switcher" engines for yard and local service. From November 1950 to December of 1953, nearly 800 SW9s were built in the La Grange production facility. Meanwhile, in London, Ontario, GMDD rolled out 29 for Canadian National and Canadian Pacific. The SW9 was outfitted with the popular 567B prime mover, while a handful received the upgraded 567BC prime movers that would later be the power of the SW1200 series. A staggering 69 railroads (industrial, short lines and class one roads) would purchase the SW9! The Illinois Central received 70 SW9s, which was the largest order of the production run.

The SW9 Locomotive Features:

- Highly detailed cab interior
- See-through metal etched parts
- Many road specific details
- Heavy diecast frame
- Diecast gear boxes for added weight
- Rapido Semi Scale metal couplers
- Full LED lighting, including: operating beacons/flashing lights where appropriate
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/ESU LokSound
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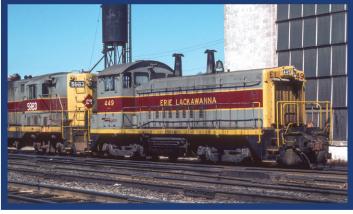


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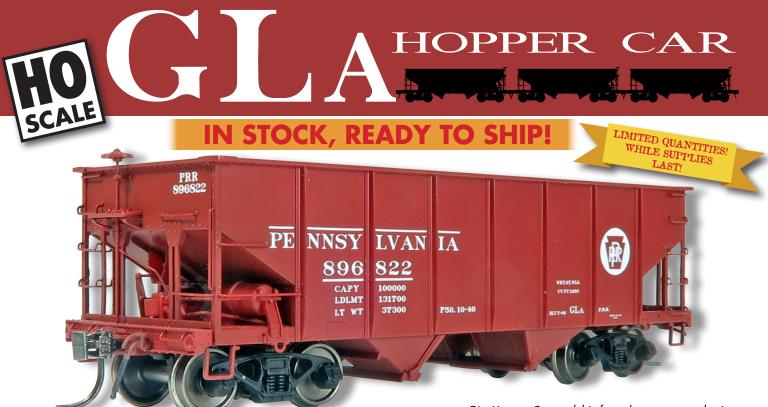


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GLa Hopper Car model is from the current production.

The Pennsy's GLa class hoppers must surely be one of the most successful freight car designs ever built. The first GLa hoppers were built in 1904. By the time this construction had stopped, the PRR had built nearly 30,000 cars for its own use. These cars had long service lives, with more than 7,000 still in interchange service in 1960. Nearly 200 remained as late as 1965. Many also went into work train service, lasting into the Penn Central era.

In addition to the PRR's fleet, thousands of additional cars were built for independent owners through to 1928. Many of these found their way onto the secondhand market and were purchased by railroads such as the Lehigh Valley, B&O, NYO&W and others. Additional cars were built for several other railroads that were near clones of the GLa design.

The Rapido GLa Hopper features:

- Scaled from original blueprints
- Die cast frame and floor for optimum weight
- Full interior rivet and bracing details
- Factory installed wire grab irons
- Narrow semi-scale draft gear box
- Metal knuckle couplers
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Pennsylvania Railroad - Circle Keystone

Car Numbers: 701004, 701431, 702097, 704801, 705469, 706033



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Pennsylvania Railroad - MOW Service

Car Numbers: 494723, 494732, 494737



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Berwind - NRBX

Car Numbers: 1009, 1137, 1305, 1672, 1854, 1984



Item # 148014 - 6-pack Item # 148014A - Single Car



Central Vermont

Car Numbers: 20010, 20150, 20175



Item # 148016 - 3-pack Item # 148016A - Single Car



Pennsylvania Railroad - Circle Keystone

Car Numbers: 896822, 896840, 897002, 897700, 897819, 898293

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Berwind - Bwcx

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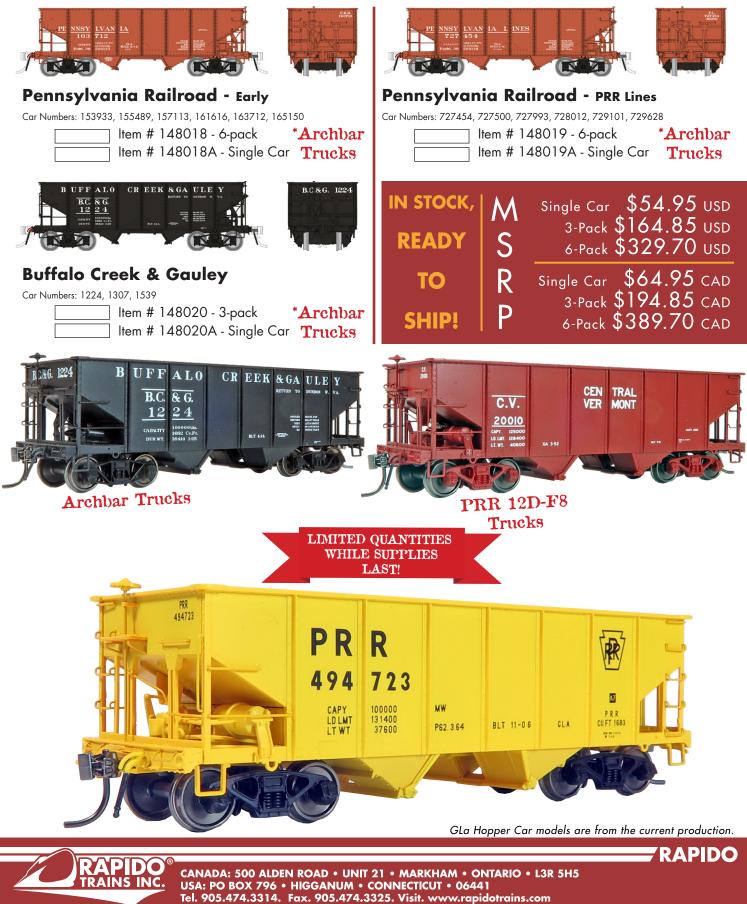


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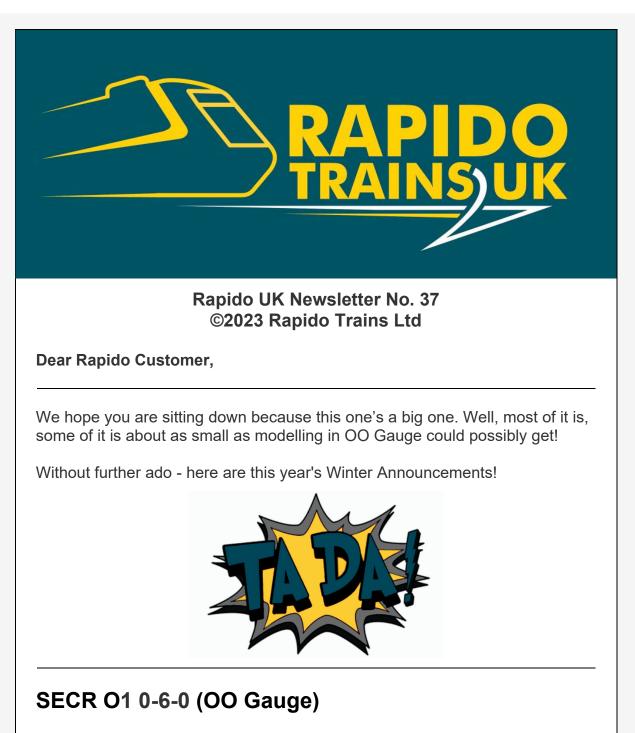






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Rapido Trains UK finally reveals its number (O)1 open secret with the SECR 0-6-0 Class O1.

At Rapido Trains UK we often talk about projects being a passion, or right up our street, however, few projects are as close to home as the O1. With three of

our team being handsome Men of Kent and another two from the part of the County that can't decide they if are a Kentish Man or Man of Kent (there is a difference), it's fair to say we are rather enthusiastic about our local locos. Eagle-eyed readers over the last six months may have noticed several references to, and photos of, the <u>O1</u> in our newsletters - and here's why:



A taste of what is to come - a 3D print of No.65.

Starting life before the SECR even existed, and designed by James Stirling, the O Class was conceived as an all-purpose freight locomotive to work across the entire South Eastern Railway.

Between 1878 and 1899 122 O Class locos were built. Following the first group of 20 that were built by Sharp, Stewart and Co., several more batches were completed, both by them and by the South Eastern Railways' own Ashford Works. The final five locos were built in 1899 under the South Eastern and Chatham Railway name, as the SER and LCDR had put aside their differences and sensibly merged into a single entity.

Outperforming its predecessors, the O lived up to its expectations, but with the amalgamation of the two railways, new skills and resources became available. As such, 59 of these locos were rebuilt, given larger boilers, and reclassified as the <u>Class O1</u>.



A workhorse of the Southern Railway - O1 No.1041 stands at Redhill in May 1939. Behind the loco is an ex-<u>LNWR Diagram 88 van</u> we announced last month in LMS livery.

Working alongside similar-sized locomotives, it became apparent that locos such as the new C class could outperform the <u>Class O1</u> and O locos on freight duties. Though they remained spread across the county for many years, they were relegated to more modest branchline, shunting or light duties.

Many of the class survived both global conflicts, the 'Big 4' era and soldiered on until the last days of British mainline steam, working branch lines such as the Kent and East Sussex Railway and East Kent Railway. With the sun setting on the O1s' future, BR Class member No. 31065 earned one final claim to fame by leading the 'Farewell to Steam' railtour on the Hawkhurst Branch. The last of the class was sadly withdrawn from service in 1962.

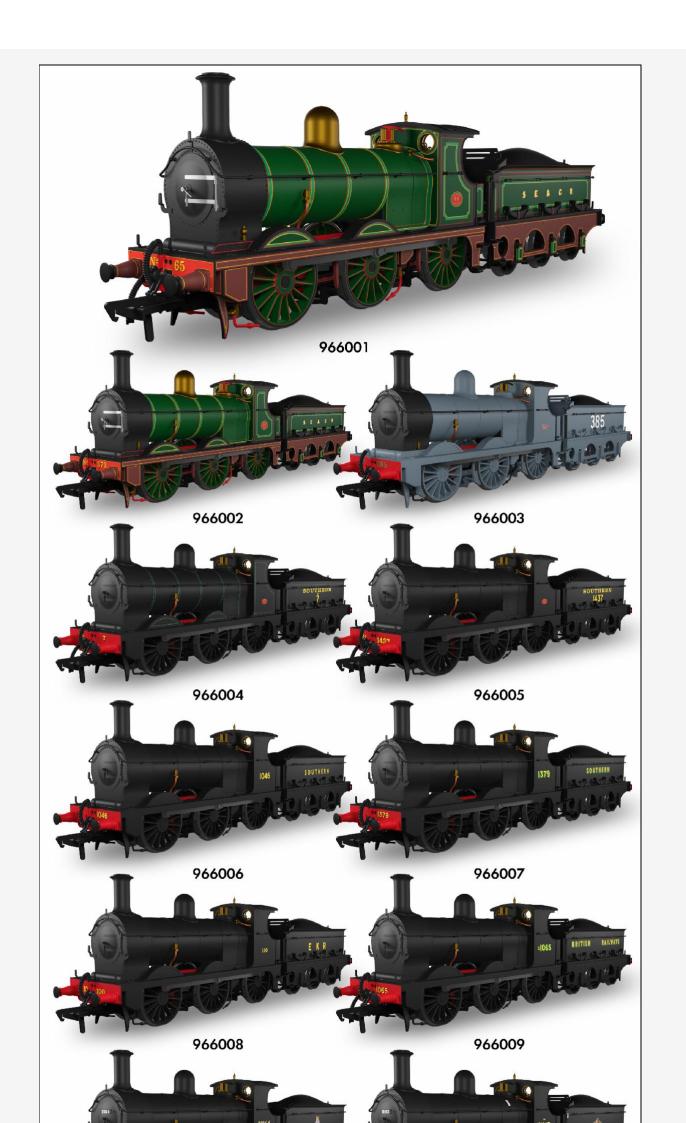


Even from the rear the O1 oozes elegance. The open cab and low tender allows every last footplate detail to be seen.

Thankfully No. 31065 would live on. Esmond Lewis-Evans spotted it on a visit to Ashford, where it was being used to train apprentices. He saved it from the scrap heap, and it spent several years at the Ashford Steam Centre. When the museum failed to pay its rent, No.65 was dismantled and secretly dispersed in its component pieces across the Southeast, this determined display of preservation cunningly prevented British Rail from claiming it for repossession. It wasn't until 1996 that its parts were moved to the <u>Bluebell Railway</u>, where it was rebuilt for the centenary year of the SECR. You can still see it today!

With its gorgeous fully lined livery, open cab, exposed tender springs, and highly polished brass dome and fittings, No. 65 remains one of the most elegant freight locomotives to survive into preservation.

Our model has been designed using a combination of archival materials and drawings, and an onsite survey of No.65 to ensure its accuracy. We would like to thank <u>The Bluebell Railway</u> who accommodated our comprehensive survey, and the <u>Spa Valley Railway</u> who gave us access to record accurate sounds of No.65 during its short visit to them earlier this year.



Our O1 will be available in 11 exciting physical and livery variations - covering their creation to preservation.

Our model will be available in a variety of liveries covering the loco's history. Modellers can look forward to a smooth-running mechanism, a factory-installed speaker, a sleek tender connection and a firebox glow perfect for lighting up all that detailing.

The model is currently ready for tooling and we hope to have samples in the spring. RRP for this exciting new model is £199.95 for DCC Ready and \pounds 309.95 for DCC Sound Fitted.



There cannot be a better loco to haul our previously produced range of SECR wagons.

TO PRE-ORDER YOUR SECR O1 CLICK HERE

Port of Par Bagnall 0-4-0ST (OO Gauge)

Mind your head! We're announcing a new loco that is way above par.

The <u>Port of Par 'twins'</u> *Alfred* and *Judy* are possibly some of the most recognisable small industrial steam locomotives to work in the UK. The reason these two locomotives were designed requires a look back in time.



Isn't it tiny!? Its amazing to realise these little models contain a flywheel and factory fitted speaker - without losing any space in the cab allowing for all the detail to be present.

In 1829 Joseph Thomas Treffry started to build Par Harbour. His business interests required coal to be imported and copper, lead and granite to be exported. Other ports were too small or faced logistical obstructions – resulting in the creation of Par Harbour. However geographical restrictions meant that engines had to pass under an 8ft tall bridge under the Cornish Mainline to reach the china clay works along with operating on curves down to a 70' radius. The port used a number of ramshackle and hand-me-down locomotives but in the mid-1930s it was decided that something better was needed.

In September 1937 the new locomotive was delivered at a cost of £1200 carrying the works number 2572. It had originally been planned to name her *Chough* after the distinctive species of Cornish bird. The message was received by Bagnall as *Cough*, which they thought was rather strange and so she was sent to Par without a nameplate. She was finally given nameplates that read *Judy* after 1955.



Judy passes through the 8ft high bridge under the Cornish mainline. Courtesy Bernard Mills

By 1952 the low-profile Sentinel *Toby* required replacement and an upturn in traffic meant an order was placed for another locomotive. In 1954 *Alfred* was delivered (named after the manager of the harbour Alfred Truscott). Whilst nominally the same, *Alfred* had some differences to *Judy* with different bunker style, tank and handrail alterations (such as a tank filler that opened in the opposite direction) and a different purchase price – this time £7500.

The engines had a hard-working life hauling thousands of tons of china clay with both engines in operation each day. However, during the 1960s modernisation of the port started and rail traffic started to diminish. The branch line to the china clay workings was lifted and replaced with a road for lorries. *Judy* had started to experience boiler troubles so was withdrawn from traffic in 1969 - her driver Del Robins taking her into the shed for one last time not only for *Judy's* retirement but his own. *Alfred* soldiered on until 1977 when, rather unglamorously, shunting was taken over by tractors.



Alfred at work shunting a mixture of vans and china clay wagons in the 1960s. Courtesy Bernard Mills

The locomotives gained a celebrity status not least because of their unusual size and stature. They were some of the last working steam engines in Cornwall and the site became a stronghold of visits by railway enthusiasts. The engines became so popular that they also inspired the Rev. W. Awdry to immortalise them in his Railway Series stories as *Bill* and *Ben*, carrying a striking yellow livery.

Judy was kept cleaned and oiled in the shed at Par whilst *Alfred* was in operation. With the cessation of rail traffic, new homes were sought for the engines. *Judy* first went to the recently established China Clay Museum at Wheal Martyn whilst *Alfred*, in operating condition, went to the Cornish Steam Locomotive Preservation Society.

Both locomotives can now be found on the <u>Bodmin and Wenford Railway</u>. *Judy* was returned to operational condition in 2023 whilst plans for returning *Alfred* to operational condition are being finalised with the intention that both locomotives will be available to work together once again.



Judy is dwarfed by a standard BR brakevan as it trundles through the Cornish countryside on the <u>Bodmin and Wenford Railway</u>. Courtesy of Jon Hird.

The Port of Par Bagnall models have been designed using works drawings to ensure accuracy and feature a variety of livery options covering their history, including those sported in preservation.

'As preserved' lined light green and 1960s dark-lined green livery versions will be available as part of the <u>Port of Par</u> Twin Pack special editions. In addition to the two incredible models of *Alfred* and *Judy*, these packs will feature an Illustrated booklet describing the history of the locomotives, and a postcard print of an exclusive Jonathan Clay painting. All are beautifully presented in a charming wooden box. What a stylish way to house the King and Queen of Cornish preservation.

Two single locomotives will also be available in other liveries carried by the individual locomotives – this time in a standard box.



model.



The diminutive size of these models can clearly be seen when coupled to one of our ex-<u>SECR vans</u>!

ESU has been working with us since the start of the project, and the DCC Sound options will be fitted with an ESU Nano chip. ESU is also working on a bespoke electronic setup with us to help with smooth running on DCC.

The model is currently in tooling and we hope to have some spectacularly small samples shortly.

Twin pack models are available with a RRP of £279.95 DCC Ready and £499.95 DCC Sound Fitted.

Single locos are available with a RRP of £139.95 DCC Ready and £249.95 DCC Sound Fitted.

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In our last few newsletters we have been telling everyone that our <u>LNER Y7</u> was the smallest loco to date - well that has now changed!

Stirling Single No.1 (OO Gauge)

A Stirling Northerner that's single and ready to mingle.

We are proud to announce that the OO Gauge <u>GNR Stirling Single No.1</u> will be returning in all its glory and in an all-new small tender version.



Back by popular demand - the Stirling Single is back on the track, but this time with the small 'Sturrock' tender.

GNR and Pre-grouping fans will finally be able to get their hands on a ready-torun model of No.1 in the same condition as it was restored to in the 1930s. Paired with a titchy Sturrock tender, No.1 had remained in this condition for most of its life in preservation. Despite it being discovered in the 1970s that this tender wasn't meant to be coupled to this railway icon, it wasn't until many years later, in 2014, that the Stirling Tender Project actually returned it to its prototypical and current preserved condition that we know it as today.

Prior to withdrawal, No.1 had a standard large Stirling tender of 1891 design, but in preparation for the White City Exhibition of 1909 an old tender was found, which had previously been used behind the Doncaster Carriage Shunter, Hawthorn 0-4-2, No 112A. This consisted of a goods tender chassis with 3ft 7in wheels with a small well tank designed for a passenger tender.

The 8-foot single wheelers originally used the chassis of this 1867 tender, which had 4ft 1in wheels and a larger tank.



Waiting to leave Kings Cross on an RCTS railtour to Peterborough in 1938.

So, the tender attached to No.1 had no historical claim to be paired with the locomotive prior to the White City Exhibition, but as it was thought no legitimate tender remained at this point, it sufficed. It did so for many years until a historically correct version was discovered.

Incredibly it had been discarded rather unceremoniously in a siding just outside of Peterborough.

With over 80 years being coupled to the smaller of the two tenders, it is fair to say that many enthusiasts associate No.1 with this longstanding low-profiled counterpart, remembering it fondly from visits to the National collection or enthusiast events.

To quote Mr. Richard Gibbons, who penned the conservation report on the Stirling Single for the NRM:

"The Sturrock tender currently with the locomotive is an anachronism that has been perpetuated for so long now that it has acquired its own historical legitimacy."



No.1 stands outside the display hall at Locomotion in Shildon.

As keen railway enthusiasts, everyone at Rapido Trains UK is very pleased to be able to tell the full story of this beautiful machine in model form. We have worked in partnership with <u>Locomotion Models</u> and the <u>National Railway</u> <u>Museum</u> to produce a high-quality OO Gauge rendition of a truly special locomotive.

To cover the locomotive's full history <u>Locomotion Models</u> will also be stocking a small second run of the immensely popular Museum Condition, large tender, preserved variant that Rapido Trains Inc. produced several years ago.



A re-run of the "museum" condition locomotive with large original style tender is also available from Locomotion Models.

The Stirling Single model has been designed using a combination of archival materials and drawings, state-of-the-art laser 3D scanning techniques and CAD applications, which ensure its accuracy. It features a striking finescale precision GNR livery, a smooth-running mechanism, a factory-installed speaker and a firebox glow which can be seen easily thanks to the shallow tender.



A cute behind? Whilst not prototypical for GNR days the small tender has become part of the locomotive's rich history.

Engineering prototypes of the new tender have already arrived and been reviewed. The orderbook will close on **Monday 4th March** and we hope that

both versions of <u>Stirling Single No.1</u> will be available in Winter 2024. Pre-order your model from any <u>Official Retailer</u> or direct from us today.

RRP for this exciting new version is £249.95 for DCC Ready and £349.95 for DCC Sound Fitted.

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LNER J52/2 0-6-0 (OO Gauge)

Saddle up for a spectacular stoic shunter.

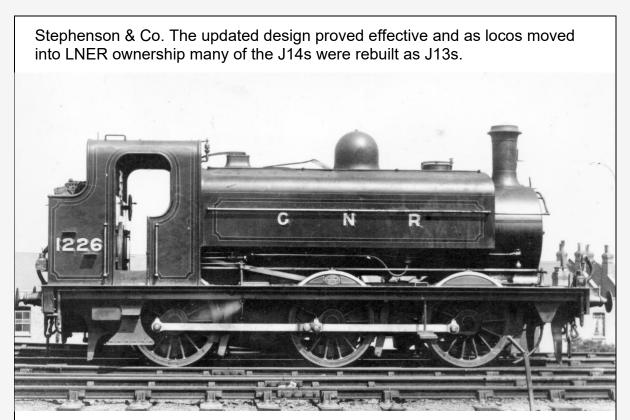
To coincide with our announcement of the wonderful Stirling Single No.1, we couldn't think of a better time to reveal another much-needed Northern nicety - the <u>LNER J52/2 0-6-0</u>. This neat little shunter was seen the length and breadth of the GNR network, from North London to the Northeast of England.



Whilst not perfect this 3D print gives a great impression of what is to come.

These started life on the GNR, where they were classified as J13 and based on the Stirling-designed J14 (which featured a domeless boiler). Of course, you can't trust domeless engines, so Henry Ivatt refined this design with a more efficient and domed boiler variant. They would be fitted with a boiler the same length as the one on the J14, but had an increased diameter. The first J13s rolled off the factory floor in 1897 to work alongside their domeless counterparts on shunting duties.

Between then and 1909, a total of 85 of the class were produced, some at the GNR's works at Doncaster, and others at a variety of contractors, such as R.



No.1226 was built in April 1899 and is seen here shortly after sporting full GNR loco livery - a perfect match for the Stirling Single.

Under the LNER the J13s that were domed from the day they were built were reclassified as the J52/2. The class became a common sight in North London, covering the North London Line, Kings Cross, and numerous marshalling yards up and down the country.

Plans were put into motion to scrap the J52s in the mid-1930s, however, this cull ceased when the war broke out in 1939, as any functional locomotive was pressed into service. With the introduction of numerous diesel shunters under the modernisation plan, the withdrawal of the J52s sadly continued.

In 1959 and only a couple of years before the entire class were scrapped, Captain Bill Smith stepped in and saved loco No. 68846 from its inevitable fate. He became the owner of the World's very first privately owned BR steam locomotive, and the J52/2 earned itself a permanent place in the annals of railway preservation history. The aptly and affectionately named *Old Lady* would live on. Once in his possession, she was repainted into her beautiful pre-grouping guise and renumbered to the iconic 1247.



Carrying GNR livery, No.1247 heads an enthusiasts brake van special for the Stephenson Locomotive Society in June 1961.

With a gorgeous livery, long service history and historical claim to fame, 1247 will always have a fond place in the hearts of travelling enthusiasts and preservation modellers alike. The Captain's decisive action showed that preservation was possible, and sparked a wave of like-minded enthusiasts to follow suit. Eventually the locomotive was presented to the <u>National Railway</u> <u>Museum</u> where the locomotive can be seen on display today.



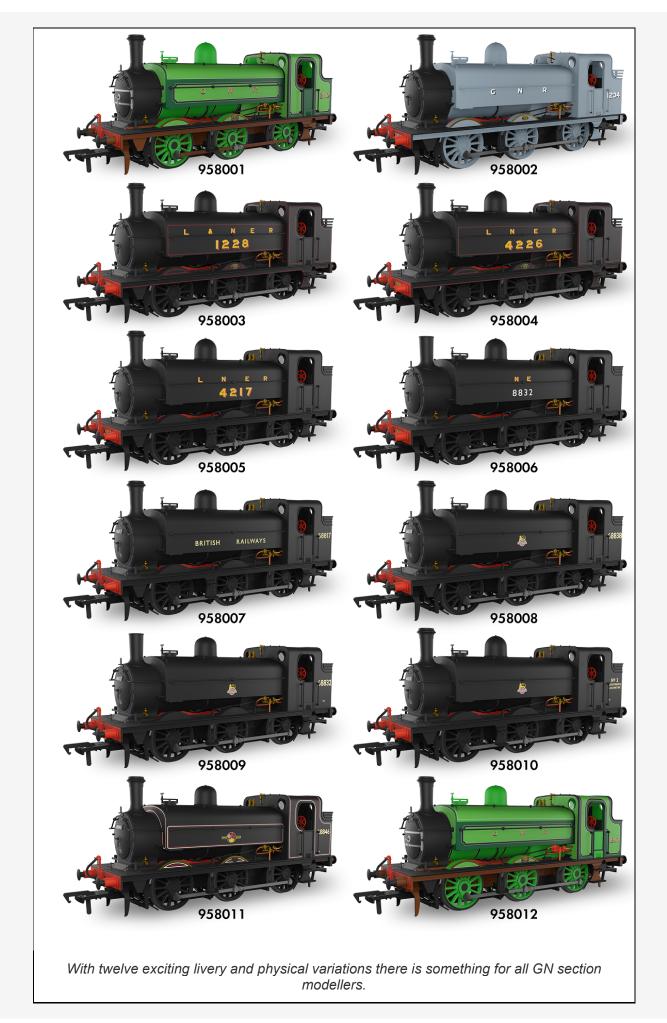
Different safety valve casings, coal rails, buffers, chimneys, steps and handrails mean lots of variety!

The J52/2 model has been designed using works drawings to ensure its accuracy and features a variety of liveries covering the loco's history, such as

the bold pre-grouping colours of the GNR, through to various black liveries it sported in its final years. Modellers can look forward to a smooth-running mechanism a factory-installed speaker and a warming firebox glow.

The model is currently in the last stage of development and will enter tooling shortly. RRP for DCC Ready models is $\pounds164.95$ and DCC Sound Fitted is $\pounds279.95$.

These exciting new models are available to order direct from us or from any Official Retailer now.



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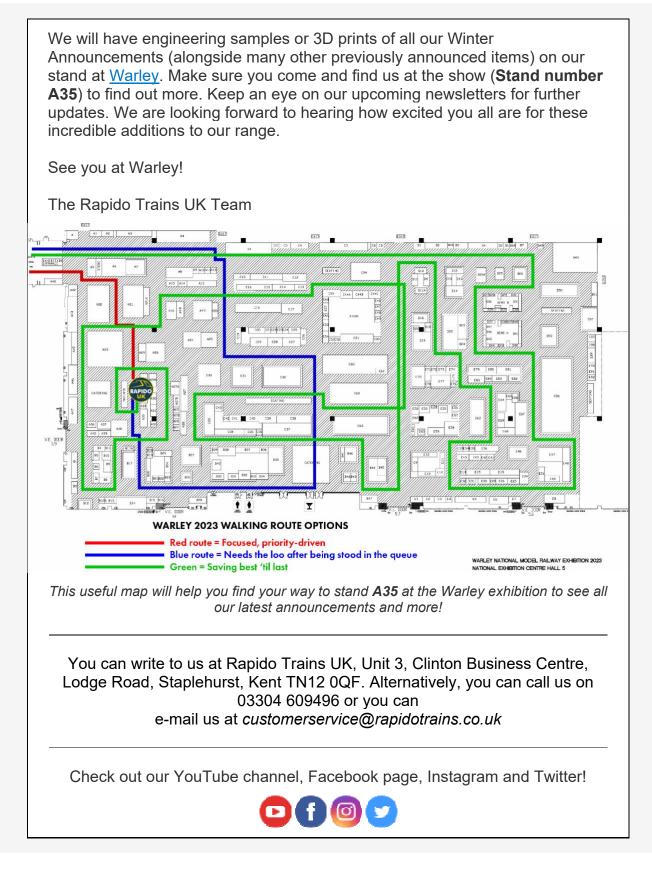
Come and see the 3D printed samples on our stand (A35) at Warley.

Well, we told you it was going to be a big one, and we don't think this disappoints!

The order books are now open, and you can pre-order all of them directly from www.RapidoTrains.co.uk today or from any <u>Official Retailer</u>.



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