Lionel 385E and 1835E Steam Locomotives

aking its debut in Lionel's 1934 catalog, the 1835E embodied the "accumulation of 33 years of skill, craftsmanship, and experience", but for a more affordable price then its predecessor, the 385E. Essentially black except for a single piece of nickel trim on either side of the engine, the 1835E borrowed its tender from the 385E until a year later when the 2-4-2 locomotive adopted its own 1835W tender. While the 385E with its chugger and bright metal trim cost \$28.50, the 1835E "similar to No 385E but without chugger and with black enameled trimmings" was considerably less at \$25.00.

Advertised in Lionel's 1934 catalog as one of the "largest and most powerful locomotives built", the 385 and 1835Es were much less expensive then their larger counterparts, the 400E and 392E. The 1835E included a patented hinged boiler front, which concealed a working headlight bulb, and colored signal lights and number plates, which were all illuminated by the same lamp. This 2-4-2 locomotive offered all of the same details as the 385E, but with black rather than plated piping, and at a price that could appeal to any locomotive to speak for itself.



11-30025 \$99.95

Red - No. 517 Std. Gauge Illuminated Caboose 11-30027 \$119.95

Black with Nickel - No. 511 Series Std. Gauge Flat Car w/Wood Load 11-30047 \$79.95

Yellow & Brown with Nickel Trim - No. 514 Std. Gauge Box Car 11-30045 \$99.95 Silver w/Nickel Trim - No. 515 Std. Gauge Oil Car

model-railroading enthusiast. The 1835E's simple body and modest paint scheme allow the quality and history of this Black w/Nickel - 1835E Steam Engine Blue & Dark Blue - 3-Car Std. Gauge 300 Series Passenger Set 11-1012-1 Proto-Sound 2.0 \$699.95 11-40006 \$399.95 11-1012-0 Traditional \$699.95 No. 366W Standard Gauge Distant Control Passenger Train Originally Cataloged from 1934-1939

