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OPERATORS WANTED

The spirit of model railroading is a hard thing to put your finger on because model railroading means different things to different people. Whether it be as an escape from the daily grind, an opportunity to collect and trade, a time to share with family and friends, or just the plain fun of running trains, model railroading binds us all in a hobby as American as apple pie.

At MTH, we are proud to participate with you in this great hobby. Over the last 17 years, your willingness to share your enthusiasm through suggestions and comments has proven to be our single most important resource. Without your suggestions, comments and encouragement it is unlikely that any of us would have witnessed the expansion we have enjoyed over the last several years. In fact, thanks to your product suggestions over the last three years, we have spent over 10 million dollars to develop new tooling comprising almost fifty different diesel and steam locomotives, dozens of rolling stock designs, accessories, and more!

In 1997, you can count on seeing a continuation of the variety and excitement our catalogs have presented over the last few years, including, an all-new O Gauge track design that makes O Gauge railroading even easier and more fun than ever. Our new design, RiteTrax™, makes setting up and tearing down a layout easier than ever. Each plastic base track section snaps together quickly and easily allowing you to set up an oval of track in just minutes. Featuring an authentic roadbed design and scale looking ties, RiteTrax™ uses solid rail nickel-silver extrusions that are designed for years of use. Because RiteTrax™ features

Connections that are strong and sturdy yet easy to connect, virtually anyone can set up RiteTrax. Best of all, you won't suffer cut hands, lost or bent connector pins and the frustration that many of today's track designs currently offer.



You'll find RiteTrax in all our ready-to-run RailKing sets in 1997. In fact, every RailKing ready-to-run set will feature not only RiteTrax, but an equally impressive 40 watt transformer - plenty of operating power for your set and a few extra cars! Each set features three or four passenger or freight cars, a diesel or steam locomotive, a 12 section RiteTrax oval and the 40 Watt Z-500 Transformer. In addition each set comes packaged in an attractive collector box decorated in bright RailKing colors.

In addition to RiteTrax, we're proud to be introducing the first of many operating accessories in 1997. Our first accessory will be an operating Sinclair Gas Station featuring lighted signs and gas pumps, an operating bay door, moving die-cast car and sound effects. Activated remotely or automatically, you're sure to find this accessory a dynamic addition to your layout. In addition to the Sinclair Station, you'll find a new RailTown thouses and country church. If you haven't already seen these buildings at your local dealer, check them out! Each is fully assembled and includes interior lighting and O Gauge proportions for an authentic look on any layout.

Of course, we haven't forgotten your motive power requests this year with the release of two highly requested locomo-

tives: a Premier Line 4-Truck Shay and a RailKing 4-4-0 General. Both are constructed from die-cast metal and feature the usual MTH detail and features you've come to expect. Each engine can be enhanced with some exciting rolling stock and passenger cars as well. Our Manufacturer's Builder's Series expands in 1997 with the first non-EMD engine, the G.E. Dash-9. Those of you who have found our Builder's Series to be an attractive collectible series will find this new Demo paint scheme an exciting addition to the previous six Demo engines the Series has featured. You'll



find these goodies further on in this catalog along with some other great locomotives, rolling stock and accessories.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any requests, comments or problems you encounter while participating in this great hobby. At MTH, we pride ourselves on listening to our customers. We know that we cannot continue to do better without your voice.

You can always reach us through the mail, by phone or the internet (our site address is sales@mth-railking.com). You can also find your nearest MTH and RailKing dealer through our toll free Dealer Directory number at 1-888-640-3700.

MAKIN' EM BETTER THAN EVER

Like any manufacturer, we at MTH Electric Trains are exceedingly proud of our products. Our pride lies not just in the looks and variety of our motive power, rolling stock and accessories, but in their design as well. In fact, we believe it is just as important to start with a good design as it is to make sure that the paint is flawless and the graphics sharp and clear. After all, it is what is beneath the surface that makes your MTH products last for years.

At MTH, we have taken great strides in designing our locomotives and rolling stock to be as user-friendly as possible. While each MTH is product is constructed from high quality metal and plastic components, there may come a time that your engine needs a new headlight or smoke unit element. A thick service manual or a trip to your



MTH and RailKing Locomotives feature a self-contained modular chassis for easy and quick servicing

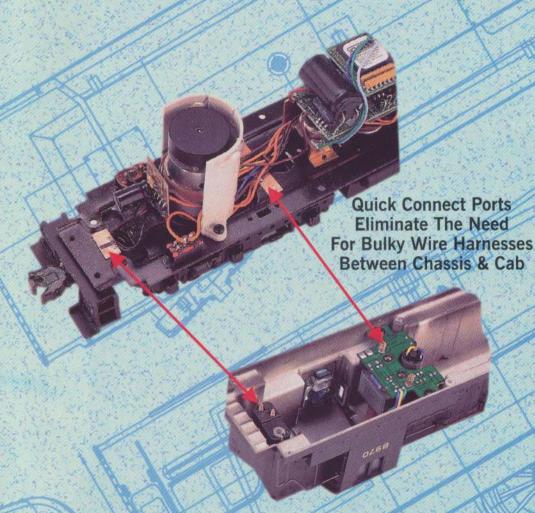


dealer; however, won't be necessary to accomplish this task. In fact, most MTH products require only a simple screw driver to release the locomotive cab from its chassis and reveal a well thought-out design created with the customer in mind.

Every locomotive component is easily accessible once the cab is removed

Afl MTH engines are now constructed using MTH's Modular Design Concept. This concept simply requires that each major component used in an MTH locomotive be separate and easily serviced. Access to the components must be quick and each should be easy to remove. More importantly, each component should not interfere with other components, especially during reassembly.

Now you're probably asking "What does all this mean to me?" Well, if you do need to replace that headlight bulb or smoke unit wick, you'll find removing the cab quick and easy with just a few screws holding it in place. Once the screws are removed and the cab off, you'll find a self-



contained modular chassis with little if any exposed wiring. In fact, what you won't find in most MTH engines is a wire harness between the cab and the chassis. Instead, look for quick connect ports that allow electrical components, like

headlights and smoke units, to function when the cab and chassis are assembled. These ports only make contact when the cab and chassis are together. That means there are no messy wires that can get pinched between cab and chassis during reassembly and make a seemingly easy headlight bulb repair job complicated and frustrating.

While the Modular Design Concept may sound like common sense, it's something many "manufacturers", including ourselves, have overlooked for years. But at MTH, we've dedicated ourselves to continually improving our designs with you, the customer, in mind. We want our trains to run well, look good, and be easy to use. MDC is just one more way we can accomplish those goals and one more way we can assure your satisfaction.

Once you have made an MTH purchase, rest assure that MTH will back up your product with competent, professional support. Every MTH and RailKing engine is accompanied by an easy-to-read Operational Manual that explains how each feature functions. Should you find a problem not covered in the manual, a quick trip to our web site at www.mth-railking.com will probably locate the solution. For those of you not connected to the internet, or in possession of an engine in need of professional repair, you'll find the MTH Service Department to be comprised of a friendly bunch of people eager to get you back on track and more than happy to answer any question you might have regarding MTH products.

When You Equip Your Engine With ProtoSound® Digital Electronics

MAKE YOUR LAYOUT COME ALIVE!

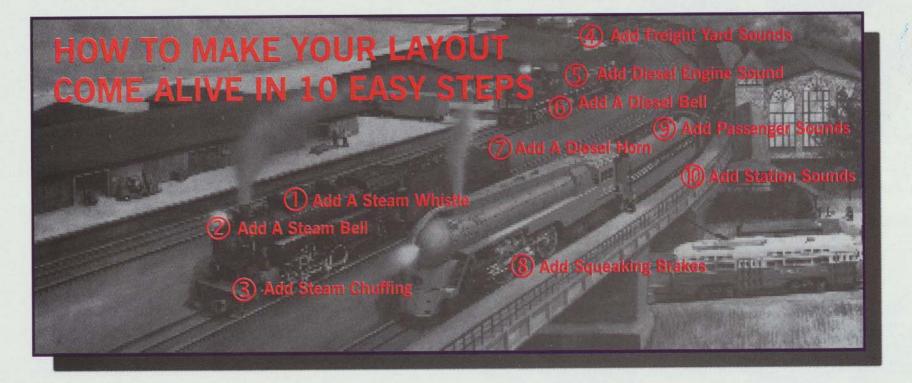
Now you can order almost every MTH engine with the exciting MTH ProtoSound system: a state-of-the-art digital sound and train control system that requires no additional equipment or wiring to your layout. You simply hook up any compatible transformer and begin experiencing the digital world of model railroading.

CD-Like Sound Quality

When ordered with ProtoSounds, your RailKing or Premier Line locomotive con-

tains 16-Bit high quality digital sounds you just have to hear to believe! Take for example our steam engines. Each engine comes equipped with synchronized steam chuffing, authentic whistle and bell sounds, air compressor pump and let-off sounds and randomly activated sounds like steam pop-off, blow down and injector sounds. Even when sitting still, a ProtoSound equipped MTH steam engine sounds like its alive and breathing - just like the real thing.

ProtoSound equipped Diesel engines sport many of the same sound qualities as their steam brethren, including 8-levels of diesel motor sound, authentic sounding horn and bell sounds, and air compressor pump and let-off sounds. In addition, every ProtoSound equipped diesel also comes with our exclusive Cab Chatter Proto-Effects - digitally captured radio transmissions of actual engineers and dispatchers going about the business



of train switching, loading and hopping. Best of all, because all of these sounds are controlled by the ProtoSound microprocessor, they are each randomly activated to prevent constant repetition and give ProtoSound owners a true to life sound experience.

Exclusive Proto-Effects™

Every ProtoSound equipped engine also features our exclusive Proto-Effects, trueto-life sound and train control effects that make model railroading with MTH a unique and fun experience. Proto-Effects sounds include squeaking brakes that, when activated, will pierce your ears as you throttle down the engine to a stop or when entering a turn. Imagine the fun of entering a station or switch yard, or even a curve after high balling down a straight away and hear the sound of your engine's brakes as you slow.

But there's even more! With Proto-Effects, you also get special sounds for your freight or passenger engine that you won't find anywhere else. When the Proto-Effects are activated, your freight line steam or diesel engine will play special freight vard sounds once the engine comes to a halt. The freight yard Proto-Effect sounds include sliding box car doors, thumping pallet sounds, forklift truck sounds (including the ever present warning bell) and colorful cab chatter that provides a sort of railroad play by play of the freight yard activities as they unfold. It's simply amazing and loads of fun.

The Proto-Effects found in your passenger line steam and diesel ProtoSound

equipped engines truly bring to model railroading a level of previously unmatched realism. Imagine your wonderment as your engine glides to a stop at your passenger station platform only to be greeted with a public address announcing its arrival. The announcement is quickly followed by the sound of car doors opening and passengers disembarking, complete with warnings and advice from your train's friendly conductor to "watch your step" and where to find your baggage. When your engine is ready to depart your station, you'll be alerted to that fact from the booming voice of the PA announcer and the hastening pace of the passengers boarding your rolling luxury liner. We've even thrown in the age old conductor cry of "all aboard" just before the train begins its slow roll out of the station. You'll find that you, your friends and family just can't get enough of these exciting features.

A Computer On Board

All of the Proto-Effect sounds and features. like the ProtoSound digital sounds themselves, are controlled through the ProtoSound microprocessor. This microprocessor, gives the operator the ability to control an array of features remotely from any compatible transformer. The features include remote volume adjustment and remote engine lock-out control as well as perhaps the most exciting of all the ProtoSound features; remote control over your engine's coupler from anywhere on the layout. No additional wiring, uncoupling track sections or modifications to your layout are required. Each feature can be activated by simply using the transformer's whistle controller.

ProtoSounds, it's simple, easy and fun.

PROTOSOUND FEATURES

DIESEL ENGINES

- Variably Controlled 8 Step Diesel Sound
- Authentic Diesel Horn
- Authentic Diesel Bell
- Air Compressor Pump & Letoff Sounds
- Squeaking Brakes
- Randomly Activated Cab Chatter Sequences
- Freight Yard Sound Effects
- Remote Controlled Engine Volume Adjustment
- Remote Controlled Engine Lockout Setting
- Operates With Any Compatible AC Transformer
- Self-Recharging Battery Backup With Auto Shut-off
- Directionally Controlled Constant Voltage Headlights*
- Remote Controlled Metal Proto-Couplers™

STEAM ENGINES

- Synchronized Steam Chuffing Sound
- Authentic Steam Whistle
- Authentic Steam Bell
- Air Compressor Pump & Letoff Sounds
- Squeaking Brakes
- Randomly Activated Steam Neutral Sounds
- Passenger Station Proto-Effects™
- •Remote Controlled Engine Volume Adjustment
- •Remote Controlled Engine Lockout Setting
- Operates With Any Compatible AC Transformer
- Self-Recharging Battery Backup With Auto Shut-off
- Remote Controlled Metal Proto-Couplers™

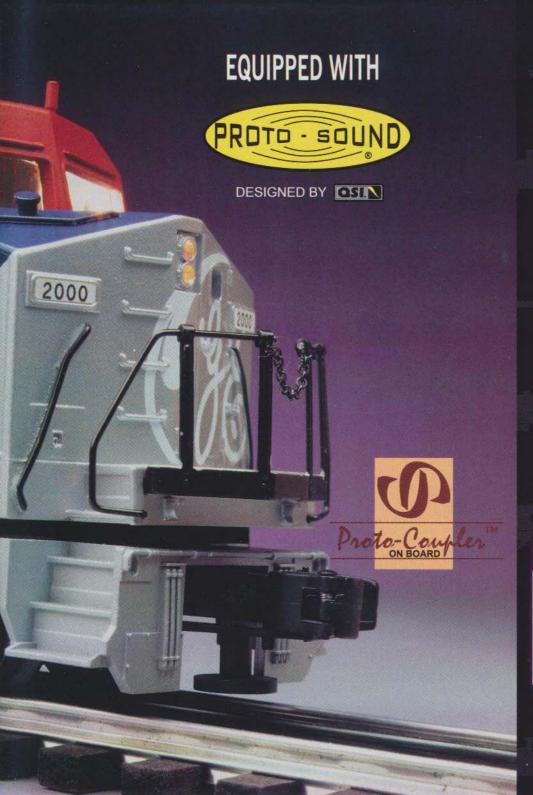




G.E. DASH-9 DIESEL POWER



PREMIER



Throughout history engineers have been trying to generate more horsepower with smaller, more compact engines. and General Electric's Dash 9 is no exception. Using a turbocharged 16 cylinder prime mover, the Dash 9 can reach 4,400 horsepower. An elaborate cooling system allows not only more efficient burning of fuel, but also fewer exhaust fumes giving the Dash-9 an unmatched stature in the world of diesel locomotives.

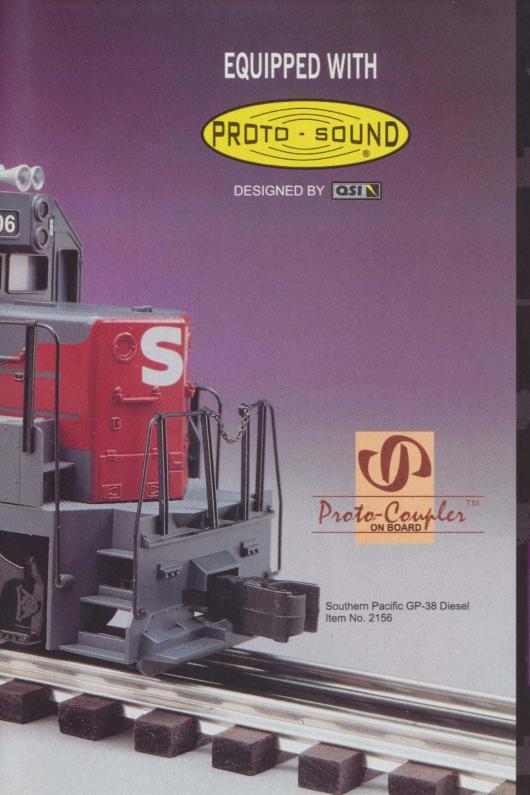
The Dash-9 makes its way into the Premier Lineup with two exciting paint schemes, Chicago Northwestern and G.E.'s own Demonstrator Version. This particular demo scheme is the first non-EMD demo scheme to appear in the MTH lineup and is sure to be an instant success among MTH demo collectors. Like most MTH Premier diesels, the Dash-9 features a durable, intricately detailed ABS, body, die-cast trucks and trim, Proto-Smoke[™], two precision flywheel equipped motors and the exciting ProtoSound® digital sound and train control system. As with our other freight diesels, the Dash-9 ProtoSound system features Freight Yard Proto-Effects™ for impressive freight yard realism.

THE G.E. DASH-9

- Directionally Controlled Headlights
- •Die-Cast Trucksides, Pilots & Tanks
- Remote Controlled ProtoCouplers™
- Colorful Paint Schemes
- 2 or 3-Rail Versions
- Operates On O-31 Track
- Metal Handrails & Horn
- Compatible With Most Transformers
- ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control With Squeaking Brakes & Freight Yard Proto-Effects™ Sounds
- 2 Precision Flywheel Motors
- Lighted Cab Interior
- Operating Proto-Smoke[™] System
- Cab Engineer Figure
- •Unit Measures 181/2" x 21/2" x 33/8"

EMD GP-38 FREIGHT BOSS





After repeated customer complaints regarding the dependability of the GP30 and GP35, General Motors' EMD division responded in the late 1960's with the GP38. The first Geeps used a DC generator and a 16 cylinder, 2,000 horsepower engine. EMD later switched to a turbocharged version and maxed-out the GP38 at 3,600 horsepower. With little maintenance down time and few major changes, (with the exception of a switch to AC in 1971) the GP38 became a mainstay of the diesel industry and enjoyed a 15 year production run.

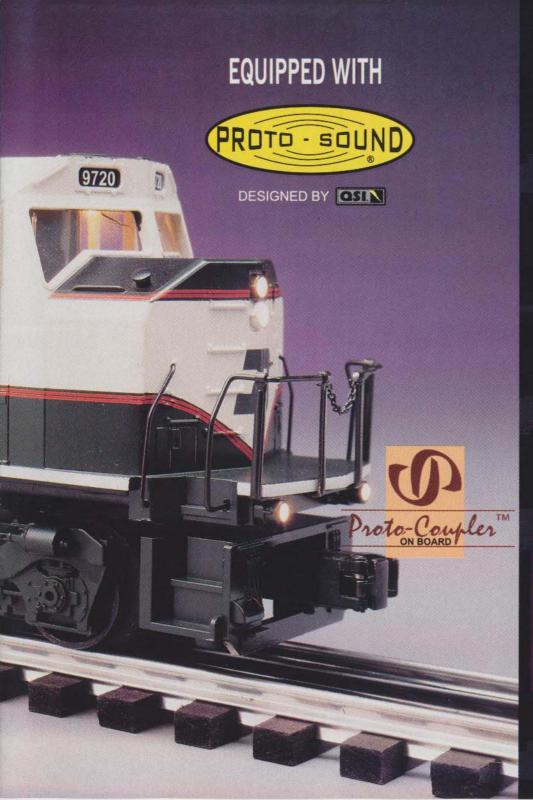
The classic GP38 looks finally come to our Premier Lineup in 1997 with the release of three exciting roadnames; Southern Pacific, Gulf Mobile & Ohio and Conrail. Like our other Premier Line engines, these "1/4" scale reproductions of the actual GP38 prototype feature a durable, intricately detailed ABS body, die-cast trucks and trim, two precision flywheel equipped motors and the exciting ProtoSound® digital sound and train control system. Each engine features constant voltage, directionally controlled lighting and feature Freight Yard Proto-Effects[™] for incredible freight yard realism.

THE EMD GP-38

- Directionally Controlled Headlights
- Die-Cast Trucksides, Pilots & Tanks
- Remote Controlled ProtoCouplers™
- Colorful Paint Schemes
- 2 or 3-Rail Versions
- Operates On O-31 Track
- Metal Handrails & Horn
- Compatible With Most Transformers
- ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control With Squeaking Brakes & Freight Yard Proto-Effects™ Sounds
- •2 Precision Flywheel Motors
- Lighted Cab Interior
- Cab Engineer Figure
- Unit Measures 15 1/2" x 21/2" x 31/2"

EMD SD-70 M.A.C. ATTACK





Before the SD70MAC made its appearance at the beginning of the 1990's, the standard for diesel engines was a DC traction motor. However, with more horsepower and increased traction to the rails AC power has become the more desirable alternative. General Motors' EMD railroad division received its first major bid from Burlington Northern which invested \$675 million to make 350 SD70MACs. In December of 1993 B.N. received its first MAC and ushered in a new era of diesel locomotive power.

Available in 1997 in the new merger railroad, BNSF, as well as Canadian National, the Premier Line SD70MAC is sure to create a new standard on your 0-31 or larger pike. Equipped with two precision DC flywheel equipped motors and outfitted with our Proto-Smoke $^{\text{TM}}$ and ProtoSound digital sound and train control systems, you are sure to find the MAC to be unsurpassed by any other diesel engines features or performance.

THE SD-70 M.A.C.

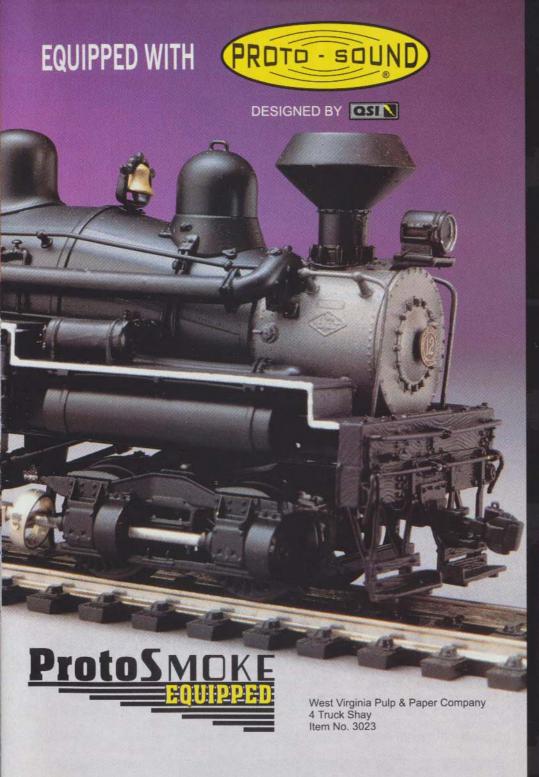
- Directionally Controlled Headlights
- Die-Cast Trucksides, Pilots & Tanks
- Remote Controlled ProtoCouplers™
- Colorful Paint Schemes
- 2 or 3-Rail Versions
- Operates On O-31 Track
- Operates on 0-01 mad
- •Metal Handrails & Horn
- Compatible With Most Transformers
- ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control With Squeaking Brakes & Freight Yard Proto-Effects™ Sounds
- 2 Precision Flywheel Motors
- Lighted Cab Interior
- Operating Proto-Smoke™ System
- •Cab Engineer Figure
- •Unit Measures 18' x 25/8" x 33/4"

MIGHTY 4-TRUCK SHAY









In the early 1900's the mountains in and around West Virginia were crawling with lumber crews foresting the best spruce nature had to offer. As the lumber was harvested, track crews - keeping just ahead of the lumberjacks - worked even harder to reach deeper into the forest.

The West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company's Shay Steamer No. 12 was there, trudging up and down grades as steep as 11 percent with cut trees destined for the mills and supplies for the ever increasing logging camps throughout Pocahontas County. Shay No. 12 was built in 1921 and was originally outfitted with three trucks and weighed a whopping 154 tons. In 1923 it was rebuilt with four trucks and weighed an unbelievable 197 tons. She fearlessly tackled the Spruce covered mountain grades for the next 20 years before retiring in 1943 and being unceremoniously scraped in 1955.

Now, No. 12 returns in her final 4 truck configuration for your O Gauge lumber needs. Completely reproduced in die-cast glory, this 22 inch long powerhouse features the same allwheel powered drive train that made Shays so powerful in the first place. In fact, you'll be hard pressed to find any grade that will be too steep for this tireless worker. Equipped with ProtoSounds and Proto-Smoke[™], No. 12 will recreate all the sights and sounds that made Shay locomotives so fun to watch and hear.

THE 4-TRUCK SHAY

- Constant Voltage Headlight
- Die-Cast Locomotive And Tender Power Trucks
- Precision Flywheel Equipped Motor With Ball Bearing Drive Train
- Remote Metal Proto-Coupler™
- Firebox Glow
- •2 or 3-Rail Versions
- Operates On O-54 Track
- Metal Handrails & Decorative Whistle

- Operates With Most AC Transformers
- ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control With Squeaking Brakes And Logging Sound Proto-Effects™
- Die-Cast Boiler & Tender Bodies
- Lighted Cab Interior
- Cab Engineer Figure
- Measures Approximately 22' x 2^{7/8} x 4'
- Operating Proto-Smoke™ System

EXCITING '0' SCALE FREIGHT

Give your MTH Premier Line locomotives a consist of freight cars as rugged and detailed as the locomotives themselves. New for 1997 are four exciting

new cars perfect for steam and diesel operations.

Our new log cars will make a perfect addition behind any scale logging engine, like the MTH 4-

Truck Shay. Choose from one car or our three-car pack, each individually numbered for a true-to-life scale look. In addition, you'll find all new PS-2 Hoppers and Scale Length Gondolas, perfect for steam or diesel use. Of course, modern diesel

lovers will really appreciate the MTH 4-Car Spline Set. This complete set features four spline car trailers with individual loads just like those you see on today's railroads.

'O' SCALE ROLLING STOCK

- Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Bodies
- •Die-Cast Sprung 4-Wheel Trucks
- · Operating Die-Cast Metal Couplers
- Colorful Paint Schemes
- Operates On O-31 Track
- Decorative Brake Wheels

- •Fast Angle Wheel Sets
- •Needle-Point Axles
- •Sliding Car Doors
- •Stamped Metal Floors On Most Cars
- Decorative Metal Handrails
- •1/4 Inch Scale Dimensions



PASSENGER SET ADD-ON's

MTH Premier Line locomotives possess incredible pulling strength. So much strength that these engines are more than capable of pulling the standard four and five-car sets typically sold today.

By adding a MTH 60' Sleeper/Diner Set to your previously purchased 60' Aluminum car sets, you can put your engines to work doing what they were designed to do - pulling long, snaking passenger sets. These attractive two-car add-on sets are painted to match their previously promoted four-car brothers and are the perfect way to give your layout that long, handsome consist you desire.

Each car features the same quality die-cast trucks found on all our aluminum passenger cars. These trucks are all outfitted with operating metal couplers, fast-angle wheels and needle point axles for a smooth rolling ride.

60' SLEEPER/DINER ALUMINUM SETS

- •Die-Cast 4 Wheel Trucks
- Operating Die-Cast Couplers
- Matching Paint Schemes
- •Two 3rd Rail Pickups Per Car

- Operates On O-31 Track
- •Each Car Features 4 Interior Bulbs
- •Each Car Measures 18' Long
- •2-Car Set Contains 1 Sleeper & 1 Diner



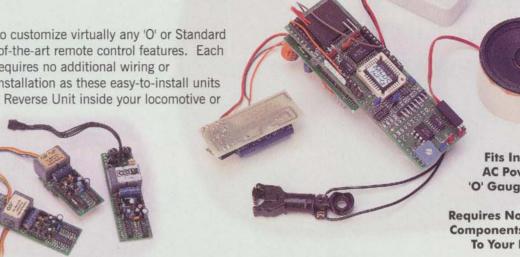
UPGRADE YOUR EMPIRE

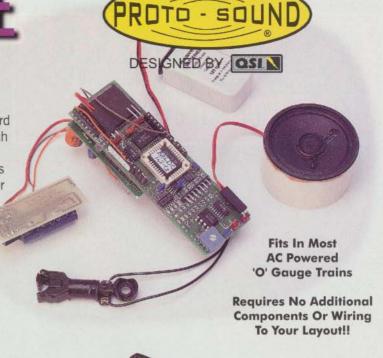
Enhance Your Engines With Digital Sound ...

Proto-Loco™ Digital Sound & Train Control

Choose from two different models and dozens of sound sets to customize virtually any 'O' or Standard Gauge AC Powered engine with 16-bit digital sound and state-of-the-art remote control features. Each unit is controlled through any compatible AC transformer and requires no additional wiring or components on your layout. No modification is necessary for installation as these easy-to-install units simply plug into a ProtoSound® DCRU® or ACRU® Electronic Reverse Unit inside your locomotive or tender body.

There are dozens of different sound sets to choose from giving you the option of "customizing" your layout with many different sounding engines for a truly realisitic operating environment. Choose from: EMD Diesel * Baldwin Diesel * Alco Diesel * General Electric Diesel * Fairbanks Morse Diesel * GG-1 Electric * Small. Midsize & Large Generic Steam Engines * Mid-size or Large Generic Articulated Steam * S.P. Gs-4 Steam * N&W J Northern Steam * Pennsylvania Small & Midsize Steam * Pennsy S-2 Tubine and many others









Proto-Lavout™ Environmental Sound

This unique, self-enclosed digital sound module creates a whole new dimension of sound for your layout. Place it anywhere - inside a structure, hidden in scenery, even under the layout. Sound can be activated by battery or layout power. Choose from:

Diesel Yard * Steam Loco At Idle * Christmas Music * Haunted House * Ocean * Stock Yard * Country Night * Train Station * Barnyard * Stormy Night



Quality In The Tradition You Remember



RAILKING AND MTH: BRINGING QUALITY TO YOUR LAYOUT

At MTH Electric Trains, we strive to provide our customers with a level of quality and value not seen in toy train manufacturing for decades! Our RailKing line perhaps sums up the MTH philosophy the best by bringing back "Quality In The Tradition You Remember."

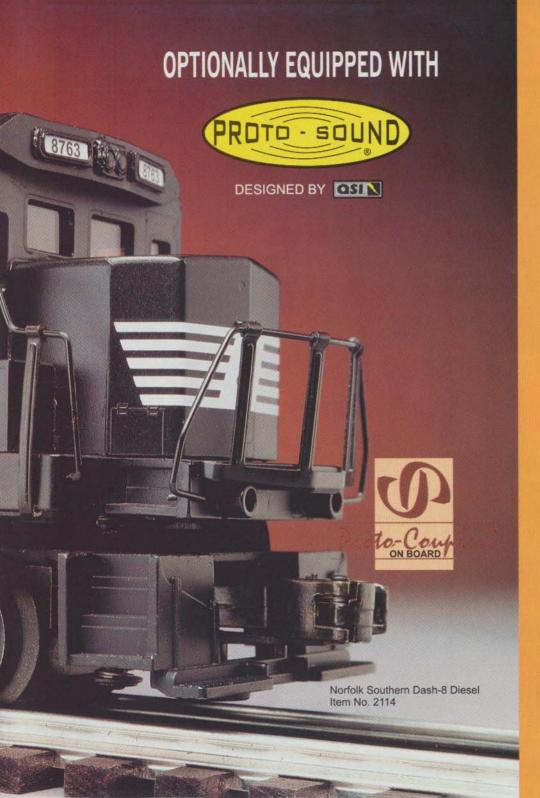
By commiting to produce quality trains at fair prices, we believe you will find MTH products to be better than those produced years ago, or even today, by other manufacturers. Even our own line is constantly reviewed for possible improvements and enhancements.

In 1997, virtually every RailKing locomotive can be ordered with an electronic whistle or horn or our state-of-theart ProtoSound® digital sound and train control system. This technological marvel provides the operator with realistic sound effects and remote control operation over various railroading tasks. It truly makes model railroading a more realistic and fun experience!

But don't take our word for it. After all, any manufacturer can tell you their product is your best choice. At MTH, we aim to prove it by encouraging you to visit your local MTH or RailKing dealer and ask to compare our products with the those of the competition. We're convinced you'll find MTH products back up what we have said all along - MTH is the best value model railroading has to offer.

DASH-8: THE 0-27 WORKHORSE!





General Electric's Dash 8 diesel returns to RailKing as a conventional narrow nose model. While the original prototype generated an impressive 4,000 horsepower from a 16-cylinder engine, you'll find that the RailKing 0-27 model is also designed for its own heavy duty work loads.

Decorated in both Norfolk Southern and Santa Fe paint schemes, the RailKing Dash 8 features an intricately detailed body mounted atop die-cast trucks. The engine's power comes from two precision flywheel equipped motors and comes equipped with an electronic diesel horn. For added realism, the engine can be ordered with the ProtoSound® digital sound and train control system for state-of-the-art features and sound effects, including our exclusive Freight Yard Proto-Effects™ which duplicate the sound of a real freight yard.

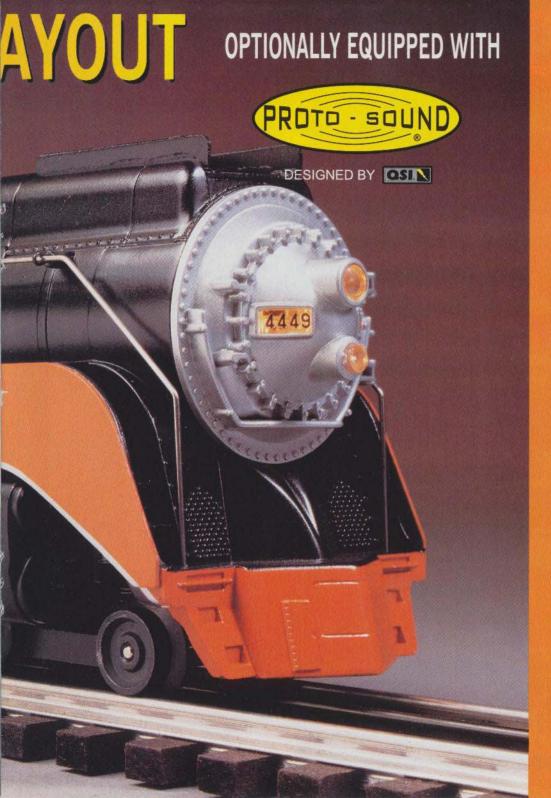
THE EMD DASH-8

- Operating Headlight
- Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Body
- Operates On O-27 Track
- •Metal Handrails & Decorative Horn
- Equipped With Operating Electronic Horn
- Die-Cast Truck Blocks With All-Metal Wheels & Gears
- Compatible With Most AC Transformers
- Optionally Equipped With ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control & Proto-Couplers™
- •2 Precision Flywheel Equipped Motors
- •DCRU® Electronic Reverse Unit
- •Die-Cast Trucksides & Undercarriage Detail
- Operating Metal Couplers
- •Measures Approximately 141/2" x 25/8" x 35/8"

LET A Gs-4 BRIGHTEN UP YOUR L



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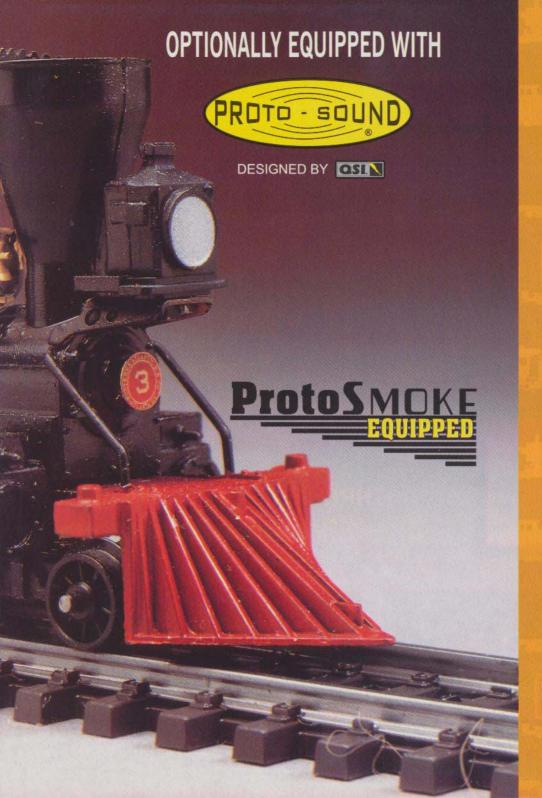
Southern Pacific's GS-4 Daylight, delivering up to 5500 horsepower and 64,800 pounds of tractive effort, could handle anything the 470 mile route between Los Angeles and San Francisco could dish out. From climbing up the 2.2 percent gradient of the Santa Margharita Hill to racing through the San Fernando Valley, the GS-4, in her splendid orange and red colors, was more than up to the task. In fact, those striking colors are what makes the Southern Pacific Daylight one of the most famous trains to ever grace an American railroad.

The RailKing® Southern Pacific GS-4 has everything the original did including superior pulling strength, authentic looking smoke, true spoked drive wheels and the beautiful orange and red color scheme so synonymous with railroading. When outfitted with the optional ProtoSound digital sound and train control system your RailKing GS-4 will add another dimension of railroading you have to hear to believe! Equipped with our exclusive Passenger Station Proto-Effects™, you'll be amazed at how the Daylight is "announced" as she gracefully pulls into your station and deposits excited passengers onto the station platform. It truly makes for an exciting railroading experience.

THE GS-4 DAYLIGHT

- Operating Headlight
- Die-Cast Boiler And Tender
- Operates On O-27 Track
- Metal Handrails & Decorative Whistle
- Equipped With Operating Electronic Whistle
- Operating Proto-Smoke[™] System
- Compatible With Most AC Transformers
- Optionally Equipped With ProtoSound® **Digital Sound Control**
- Precision Flywheel Equipped Motor
- DCRU® Electronic Reverse Unit
- Detailed Cab Interior
- Die-Cast Tender Trucks
- True Spoked Drive Wheels
- Operating Metal Couplers
- Measures Approximately 22^{1/2"} x 2^{5/8"} x 3^{5/8*}





As Conductor William A. Fuller sat down to breakfast on the morning of Apr. 12, 1862 Union Intelligence Officer James A. Andrews and 19 of his troops, all dressed as civilians, were in the process of stealing his train, the General. As the train slipped out of the station, Fuller bolted from his table and ran after it, beginning what later became known as the "Great Locomotive Chase." Fuller traveled over 86 miles on foot, hand cart and locomotive, fixing damaged track and removing obstacles thrown his way by the lawless band he sought to capture and bring to justice. The chase ended when the General ran out of fuel and the abductors captured by confederate troops. Eight of the troops escaped to Union lines, six were exchanged for confederate prisoners while Andrews and seven others were hanged in Atlanta.

Now, in response to your countless requests, MTH is proud to bring the General back in all its glory as a *die-cast* O-27 RailKing steamer. Complete with balloon stack and Proto-Smoke system, the RailKing General features the unique look and appearance of this 19 Century legend that helped spawn a generation of locomotives and the beginning of rail travel throughout America.

THE GENERAL

- Operating Headlight
- Die-Cast Boiler And Tender
- Operates On O-27 Track
- Metal Handrails & Decorative Whistle
- Equipped With Operating Electronic Whistle
- Operating Proto-Smoke™ System
- Compatible With Most AC Transformers
- •Optionally Equipped With ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control
- Precision Flywheel Equipped Motor
- •DCRU® Electronic Reverse Unit
- Detailed Cab Interior
- •Die-Cast Tender Trucks
- Operating Metal Couplers
- •Measures Approximately 17' x 25/8' x 41/8'

OVERTON PASSENGER SETS

19 Century cars were frequently smaller and lacked the ammenities of later passenger cars, including air conditioning and rest rooms. In fact, the earliest passenger cars were not much more than a box car with windows and seats. Yet, these wood sided cars and their corresponding locomotives

provided easy and inexpensive travel throughout the United States and helped make the railroad an intregal part of the American transportation system.

Now, for the first time in O Gauge, comes a lineup of 19" Century Overton passenger cars perfect for modelers of that era. Constructed from durable ABS

bodies, these cars contain many authentic features, including: actual interiors with overhead lighting, detailed undercarriages and die-cast 4-wheel trucks for a smooth quiet ride.

O-27 OVERTON PASSENGER CARS

- Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Bodies
- •Die-Cast 4 Wheel Trucks
- Authentic Wood Sided Look
- Operating Die-Cast Metal Couplers
- Available In Authentic Paint Scheme
- Operates On O-27 Track

- Fast Angle Wheel Sets
- Needle-Point Axles
- Detailed Seat Interiors
- Undercarriage Chassis Detail
- Overhead Interior Lighting
- Cars Measure 10^{1/2}, x 2^{1/2}, x 3^{3/4}

THREE-CAR OVERTON SET
Featuring 3 Individual Coaches

W. &. A. R. R

3-Car Overton Set Item No. 6400S





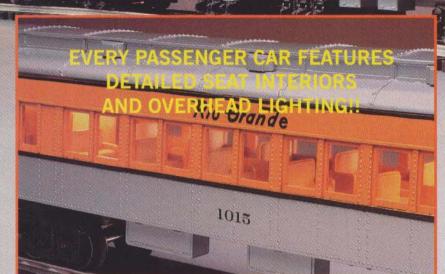


0-27 HEAVYWEIGHTS!!

RailKing passenger cars are designed for years of operating fun, featuring sturdy MTH construction, diecast metal trucks and couplers and tough ABS plastic bodies.

Available as a four-car set, they include illuminated

cab interiors and end-of-car diaphrams for even more realism! In addition, all RailKing passenger cars feature needle point axles and fast-angle wheel sets for smooth rolling performance and less drag.



FOUR-CAR HEAVYWEIGHT SET

Featuring 1 Baggage, 2 Coaches & 1 Observation Car

O-27 MADISON PASSENGER CARS

Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Bodies

Rio Grande

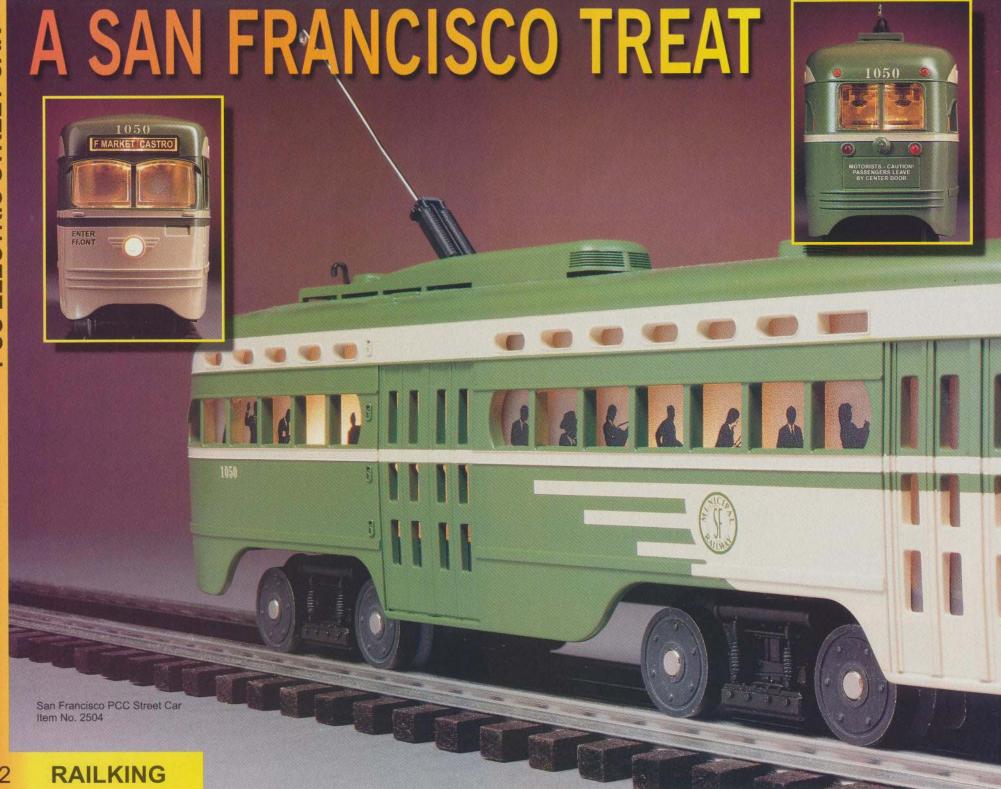
- Die-Cast 6 Wheel Trucks
- Operating Die-Cast Metal Couplers
- Available In Authentic D&RG Colors
- Operates On O-27 Track
- End Of Car Diaphrams

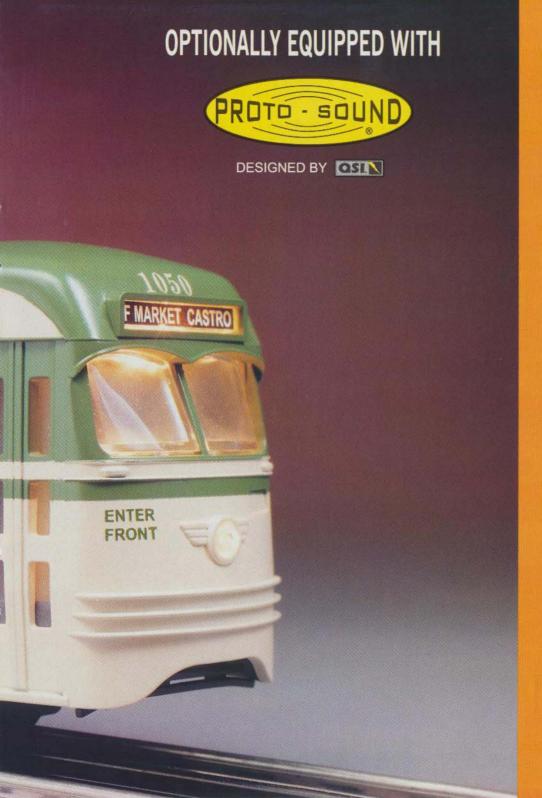
- Fast Angle Wheel Sets
- Needle-Point Axles
- Detailed Seat Interiors
- Detailed Undercarriage Chassis
- Overhead Interior Lighting
- •Cars Measure 121/2, x 21/2, x 33/4,











In the 1920's, the great rise in popularity of automobiles gave way to a desperate effort to save the dying street car industry. The automobile's success made it essential that a modern street car be designed with a high level of comfort in a way that could travel safely among automobile traffic. The resulting effort gave us the PCC Electric Street Car.

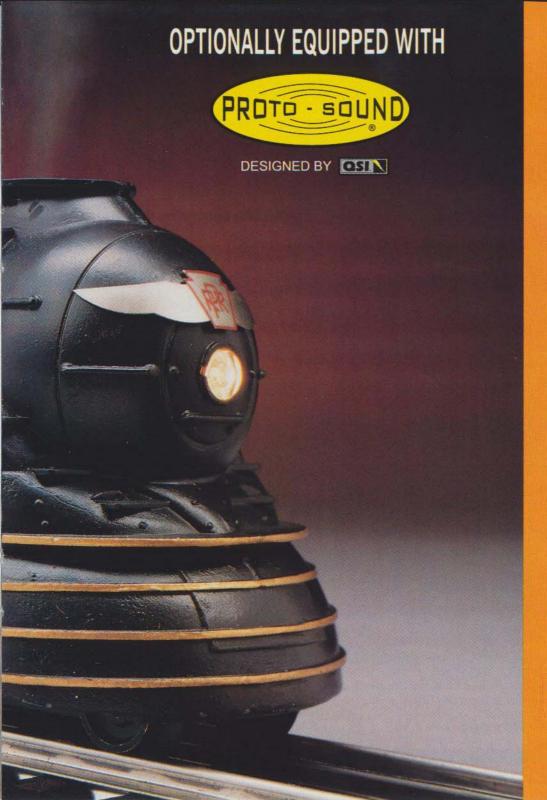
70 years later, San Francisco Municipal Railway's PCC car number 1050 opened a new era of trolley cars. Trolley 1050, in authentic 1950's decor, represents 17 reconditioned cars which will travel the 4 mile, \$55 million stretch up and down San Francisco's Market Street. The new line is San Francisco's first new street car project in 63 years.

The San Francisco RailKing PCC Street Car is the second in an ongoing series of PCC cars from MTH. Like our previous PCC car, the San Francisco version features a durable, intricately detailed body that sits atop die-cast trucks and trim. Each car contains a flywheel coasting motor for incredibly smooth starts and stops and can now be ordered with or without the ProtoSound® digital sound and train control system. Among the authentic sound effects included in the ProtoSound model is the ability to configure the PCC to stop at prescribed intervals and includes PA announcements of the stop as well as the sound of passengers embarking and disembarking.

THE PCC ELECTRIC

- Directionally Controlled Headlights
- •Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Body
- Operates On O-27 Track
- •Metal Handrails & Operating Pantograph
- •Colorful Authentic Markings
- Die-Cast Truck Blocks With All-Metal Wheels & Gears
- Compatible With Most AC Transformers
- •Equipped With DCRU® Electronic Reverse Unit or Optional ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control System
- Precision Flywheel Equipped Motor
- •Die-Cast Trucksides & Metal Floor
- Operating Marker Lights & Lighted Interior
- •Measures Approximately 115/8" x 21/2" x 31/2"

STREAMLINED PENNSY MUSCLE 3768 Pennsylvania Torpedo Steamer Item No. 1118



In the 1920s the Pennsylvania Railroad experimented with a new streamlined look to accompany their passenger cars. While many K-4's sported the new look, the Torpedo was the only K-4 steamer to have the complete make-over. The new design was meant to cut down on wind resistance, however the outer covering proved to be difficult to maintain and was later removed from all K-4 locomotives. While the streamlining didn't last long, no one can deny the beautiful look the sleek designs gave the old iron horses, especially when pulling a matching passenger car consist.

Now is your chance to own an *affordable*, intricately designed Torpedo complete with the incredible Proto-Smoke™ system and available with the optional ProtoSound digital sound and train control system. This all die-cast work of art captures the look and feel of the original Torpedo, complete with authentic markings, and yet runs on your O-31 layout! Equipped with a smooth running, flywheel equipped motor and drive train, the RailKing Torpedo is easily capable of performing any task on your pike - all at a cost perfect for today's railroading budgets.

THE PENNSY TORPEDO

- Operating Headlight
- Die-Cast Boiler And Tender
- Operates On O-31 Track
- Metal Handrails & Decorative Whistle
- Equipped With Operating Electronic Whistle
- Operating Proto-Smoke™ System
- Compatible With Most AC Transformers
- Optionally Equipped With ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control
- Precision Flywheel Equipped Motor
- •DCRU® Electronic Reverse Unit
- Detailed Cab Interior
- Die-Cast Tender Trucks
- Operating Metal Couplers
- Measures Approximately 20^{1/2} x 3 x 3^{5/8}

STREAMLINED PASSENGER SETS

RailKing passenger cars are designed for years of operating fun with sturdy construction, die-cast metal trucks and operating couplers, and tough ABS plastic bodies. They include an illuminated cab interior and end-of-car diaphragms for even more realism. In addition, all RailKing passenger cars feature smooth rolling needle-point axles for less drag and easy pulling. Line up any of the three great new featured roadnames behind your RailKing locomotives for terrific operating fun!

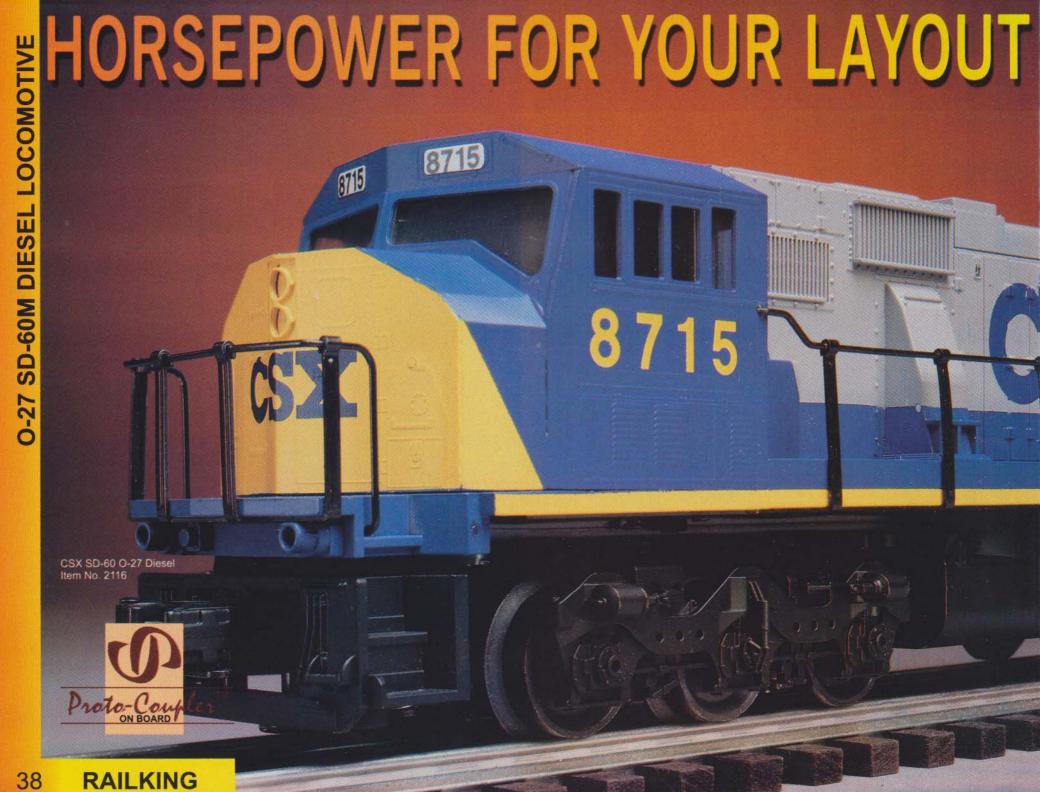
FOUR-CAR STREAMLINED SET

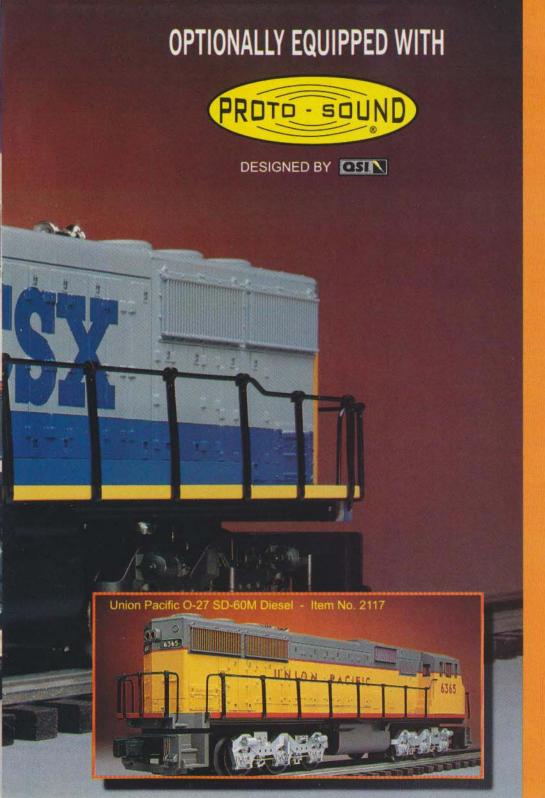
STREAMLINED O-27 PASSENGER CARS

- Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Bodies
- •Die-Cast 4 Wheel Trucks
- Operating Die-Cast Metal Couplers
- Available In 3 Popular Roadnames
- Operates On O-27 Track
- · End Of Car Diaphrams

- •Fast Angle Wheel Sets
- Needle-Point Axles
- Detailed Seat Interiors
- Undercarriage Chassis Detail
- Overhead Interior Lighting
- •Cars Measure 121/2, x 21/2, x 33/4.







Modern diesel power comes to your O-27 railroad with the release of our RailKing SD60M Safety Cab diesel locomotive. The unique looks of the "wide cab" SD60 will give your pike the looks and variety of a real railroad. Decorated in two exciting paint schemes, Union Pacific and CSX, these durable and intricately detailed locomotives feature die-cast trucks and trim, stamped metal floor and two precision flywheel equipped motors for incredible pulling strength and smooth operation.

Each SD60M engine is designed for years of use and contain no plastic gears, couplers or handrails. The engine comes equipped with an electronic diesel horn or can be ordered with our state-of-the-art ProtoSound® digital sound and train control system for unprecedented operating control. Like all of our freight diesels, the SD60M, when ordered with ProtoSound, comes equipped with our exciting Freight Yard Proto-Effects™, which features squeaking brakes, Cab Chatter and the sound of freight being loaded and unloaded from your freight cars. It's a truly unique operating experience and it's only available in MTH and RailKing locomotives.

THE SD60M WIDE CAB

- Operating Headlight
- Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Body
- Operates On O-27 Track
- Metal Handrails & Decorative Whistle
- Equipped With Operating Electronic Horn
- Die-Cast Truck Blocks With All-Metal Wheels & Gears
- Compatible With Most AC Transformers
- *Optionally Equipped With ProtoSound® Digital Sound Control
- •2 Precision Flywheel Equipped Motors
- •DCRU® Electronic Reverse Unit
- Die-Cast Trucksides & Undercarriage Detail
- Operating Metal Couplers
- Measures Approximately 14" x 2^{5/8}" x 3^{1/2}

LASH 'EM UP, PULL 'EM OUT

Build your railroad empire up with our full line of rugged, semi-scale RailKing Freight Cars. Designed for operation on O-27 track, all RailKing cars feature sturdy ABS plastic molded bodies capable of surviving years of rugged handling. Each car is painted in several colorful paint schemes designed to capture the real feel of

railroading. More importantly, each car is mounted atop die-cast metal trucks and feature operating metal couplers, fast-angle wheel sets and needle point axles everything you need for smooth operating performance.



1997 brings two new cars to the RailKing lineup as well as over twenty new paint schemes. First, our new Bay Window Caboose is available in three popular roadnames and we've continued our die-cast tractor series, by releasing a second tractor - this time on a brand new depressed flat car. You'll find the second in our series of automobile flat cars, this time with Ertl® '57 Chevys atop our sturdy RailKing standard flat. Like our Cadillac Flat, the '57 Chevy Flat is sure to be a winner.

Over the next four pages, you'll also find several other exciting paint schemes in our other popular RailKing

freight cars, including our Hopper, Boxcar, Reefer, Stock, Gondola, Tank and Extended Vision Caboose. So start building your own train empire today with the best value in model railroading - RailKing.

SEMI-SCALE FREIGHT CARS

- Durable ABS Intricately Detailed Bodies
- •Die-Cast 4 Wheel Trucks
- Operating Die-Cast Metal Couplers
- Colorful Paint Schemes
- Operates On O-27 Track
- Decorative Car Brake Wheels

- •Fast Angle Wheel Sets
- •Needle-Point Axles
- Sliding Boxcar Doors
- Stamped Metal Floors On Most Cars
- Sliding Stockcar Doors
- •Measure Approximately 101/2, x 21/2, x 33/4.



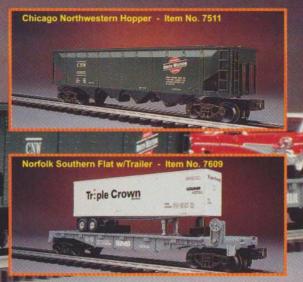
VARIETY, QUALITY, VALUE.

























RAILKING READY-TO-RUN SETS

FEATURING THE RITETRAX SYSTEM

Welcome to the RiteTrax™ System, an all-new O Gauge track design that makes O Gauge railroading easier and more fun than ever before. Each plastic base track section snaps together quickly and easily allowing you to set up an oval of track in just minutes. Featuring an authentic roadbed design with scale looking track ties, RiteTrax™ can be set up anywhere, including your living room carpet. Each RiteTrax™ O -31 section features nickel silver rail extrusions that are designed for years of use. Because RiteTrax™ uses strong, sturdy connections that are easy to assemble, virtually anyone can set up the RiteTrax™ System. Best of all, you won't suffer cut hands, lost or bent connector pins and the frustration that many of today's O Gauge track designs sport.

You'll find O-31 RiteTrax™ in all our ready-to-run RailKing sets in 1997. In fact, every RailKing ready-to-run set also features an equally impressive 40 watt transformer - plenty of operating power not only for your set, but a few extra cars as well.





NORFOLK SOUTHERN UNIT TRAIN

The modern freight train consist comes alive in the all-new RailKing Norfolk Southern Unit Train Set. This completely ready-to-run set includes a durably constructed Norfolk Southern twin-motored Dash-8 diesel engine, complete with electronic horn and flywheel equipped drive train. The engine pulls three Norfolk Southern flat cars with Norfolk Southern trailers all attractively decorated in NS livery. Each car features die-cast trucks and operating metal couplers, fast-angle wheels and needle-point axles for a smooth, quiet ride. Best of all, because your Norfolk Southern Dash-8 is an incredible puller and comes with a strong 40-watt Z-500 transformer, you can add more cars for an even longer consist.

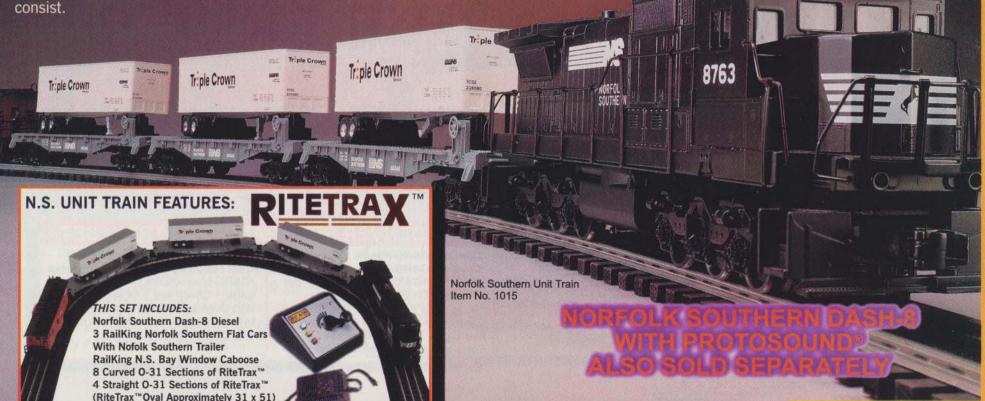
40 Watt Z-500 Transformer

NORFOLK SOUTHERN UNIT TRAIN SET

- •Norfolk Southern Dash-8 Diesel
- 4-Car Norfolk Southern Unit Set w/3 Norfolk Southern Flat Cars & Trailers &
- 1 Norfolk Southern Caboose
- Operates On O-27 Track
- Compatible With All AC Transformers
- Locomotive Features Operating Headlight, 2 Precison Flywheel

Equipped Motors, Electronic Horn & Die-Cast Locomotive Trucks, Pilots and Fuel Tank

•N.S. Freight Cars Feature Die-Cast Trucks with Operating Metal Couplers, Fast-Angle Wheels & Needle-Point Axles



DENVER RIO GRANDE SKI TRAIN

Ski lovers and all railfans alike will love the RailKing Denver Rio Grande Ski Train. This completely ready-to-run set includes an all die-cast Denver Rio Grande 4-6-2 Pacific Steam Engine, complete with electronic whistle and the incredible ProtoSmoke™ system. The engine pulls three Denver Rio Grande Madison cars decorated in the attractive D&RG Ski Train livery. Each car features die-cst trucks and operating metal couplers and come complete with realistic overhead lighting and detailed seat interiors (additional coach cars can also be purchased separately).

THIS SET CONTAINS:
Die-Cast D&RG Pacific Steam Engine
RailKing D&RG Madison Baggage Car
RailKing D&RG Madison Coach Car
RailKing D&RG Madison Observation Car
8 Curved 0-31 Sections of RiteTrax™
4 Straight 0-31 Sections of RiteTrax™
(RiteTrax™ Oval Approximately 31 x 51)
40 Watt Z-500 Transformer

Denver Rio Grande Ski Train Item No. 1035

THE DENVER RIO GRANDE SKI TRAIN SET

- Die-Cast D&RG Pacific Locomotive
 Die-Cast D&RG Tender
- •3-Car D&RG Madison Passenger Set
- Operates On O-27 Track

Rio Grande

- Compatible With All AC Transformers
- Locomotive Features Operating Headlight, Precison Flywheel Equipped Motor, ProtoSmoke™

System, Electronic Whistle & Die-Cast Locomotive and Tender Trucks

D&RG Madison Set Features 1 Baggage, 1 Coach and 1 Observation Car with Overhead Interior Lighting, Detailed Seat Interiors, Die-Cast Trucks with Operating Metal Couplers

ProtoSMOKE

NYC SUPER FREIGHT EXPRESS

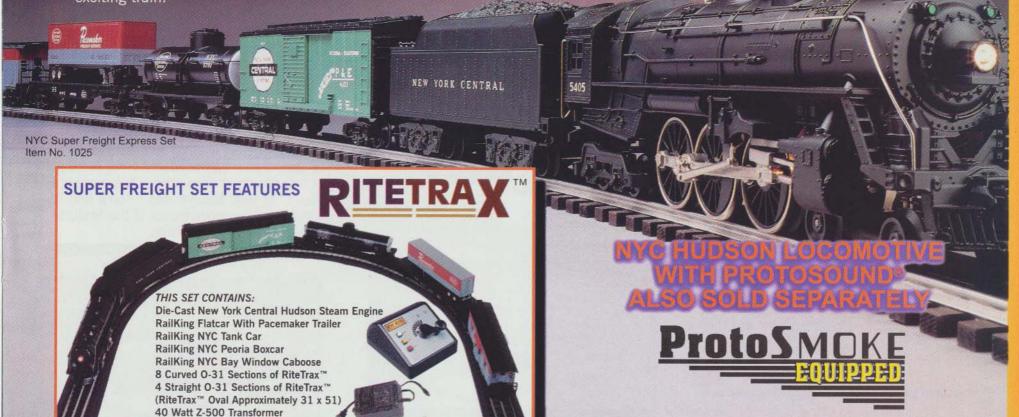
As a classic train set, the NYC Super Freight Express fits the bill perfectly. This completely ready-to-run set includes an all die-cast New York Central 4-6-4 Hudson Steam Engine, complete with electronic whistle and the incredible ProtoSmoke™ system. The engine pulls four New York Central freight cars decorated in authentic New York Central livery. Each car features die-cst trucks and operating metal couplers, fast-angle wheels and needle-point axles for a smooth, quiet ride. Best of all, because your NYC Hudson is a great puller, additional cars can be purchased for an even longer, more exciting train!

NYC SUPER FREIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN SET

- Die-Cast NYC Hudson Locomotive
- Die-Cast NYC Tender
- 4-Car NYC Freight Set Includes Tank, Flat w/Trailer, Boxcar & Caboose
- Operates On O-27 Track
- Compatible With All AC Transformers
- *Locomotive Features Operating Headlight, Precison Flywheel

Equipped Motor, ProtoSmoke™ System, Electronic Whistle & Die-Cast Locomotive and Tender Trucks

 NYC Freight Cars Feature Die-Cast Trucks with Operating Metal Couplers, Fast-Angle Wheels & Needle-Point Axles And Metal Floors (except tankcar)



FULL SERVICE IS HERE AGAIN



Featuring interior illumination, lighted Sinclair® signs and gas pumps and a die-cast Ertl® '57 Chevy, the

Sinclair Service Station is controlled by a remotely cabled switch or a track activation device; either of which bring the station alive like no other operating accessory. First you'll see the station's bay lights blink on just before the garage door raises. Next, your '57 Chevy slowly glides out of the bay toward the three-pump island where it is greeted by the classic two-ding signal from the station's air hose bells as it sits

for a fill-up. The next time the station is activated, the process reverses itself as the car backs away from the pumps and into the bay. Finally the garage door closes and the bay's lights go dark.

Sinclair® Operating Service Station Item No. 9101





Your Sinclair® Station is controlled by a state-of-the-art motorized mechanism designed to recreate realistic movements of the door and car without the annoying "buzz" of past accessories. You'll find the smooth, slow movements of the features realistic, fun and exciting.



RAILTOWN BUILDINGS

Outfit Your Layout With Any Of These Exciting 'O' Gauge Buildings

Add a splash of life to your layout with these quality-built RailTown™ Buildings. Made from sturdy ABS plastic and brightly decorated, RailTown[™] buildings are the perfect size for any O Gauge locomotives and cars. Each building

THE TRAIN SHOP

contains interior illumination and comes completely assembled.

Choose from three colorful, preassembled models or buy all three and start building your own RailTown™.

All Buildings Equipped With Interio lumination & Are Fully ssembled & Painted



Farm House - Item No. 9001

Measuring Approximately 81/4 x 81/16 x 7 Inches Tall



Measuring Approximately 61/2 x 41/4 x 113/4 Inches Tall

Country House - Item No. 9003



Measuring Approximately 103/8 x 93/4 x 121/8 Inches Tall



Country Church Item No. 9002

Measuring Approximately 61/2 x 41/4 x 113/4 Inches Tall



A LIGHT FOR EVERY BLOCK

Nº 56

GAS LAMP

Light Up Your Railroad In Classic Form

Choose from four classic street lamp models, each beautifully capturing the feel of yesteryear's railroading memories. These stamped and die-cast metal durably constructed lamps are attractively decorated in a glossy baked enamel finish in a variety of colors. Their heavy bases contain prewired power leads - making them a cinch to wire up to standard AC track current.

#59 - 2 Piece

GooseNeck

Lamp Set

Each Lamp

Measures A Full

8 1/2 Inches Tall

#57 - 2 Piece

Street Corner

Lamp Set

Each Lamp

Measures A Full

7 1/4 Inches Tall

Available In: Gray

Item No. 1068





TRADITIONAL SIZED LAMPS

Try any of these fine, traditionally sized lamps for your O and O-27

engines. Each lamp measures approximately 6 inches in height and makes an excellent add-on for virtually any size pike.

#56 - 2 Piece

Gas Lamp Set

Measures A Full

8 Inches Tall

Available In: Bronze

Item No. 1069

Each Lamp

Each 2-Piece Lamp Set Measures A Full 8 3/4 Inches Tall

Available In: Green Item No. 1071 Available In: Dark Green Item No. 1065

Nº 580-1 SINGLE TEARDROP LAMP SET

Each 2-Piece Lamp Set Measures A Full 8 3/4 Inches Tall

> Available In: Lt. Green Item No. 1070

Nº 64

STRAIGHT ARM

TEARDROP

LAMP SET

Each 2-Piece

6 Inches Tall

Measures A Full

Lamp Set

RAILKING

Available In: Cream

Item No. 1067

Nº 59

GOOSENECK

LAMP SET

OPERATING ACCESSORIES

Outfit your layout with any or all of these high quality, metal trackside accessories. The #153 Block Signal, #151 Operating Semaphore, #154 Crossing Signal, #262 Crossing Gate and the #69N Warning Bell are beautifully crafted working accessories from model railroading's bygone but not forgotten era. Each of these accessories are fully working and come equipped with an MTH 'O' Gauge T.A.D. (track activation device). Wiring is simple, easy and takes only a few minutes.



DIE-CAST OPERATING STREET CLOCK

Features A Working Quartz Clock That Measures Approximately 8 Inches Tall

> Available In: Teal Item No. 1072

Nº 153 Block Signal

#153
Block Signal
Measures A Full
9 Inches In Height
And Includes An
Easy To Adjust
Track Activation
Device

Item No. 1076





#154
Highway Signal
Measures A Full
8 ¾ Inches Tall
And Includes An
Easy To Adjust
Track Activation
Device!!

Item No. 1074

Nº 151 Operating Semaphore

#151
Operating
Semaphore
Measures A Full
9 Inches In Height
And Includes An
Easy To Adjust
Track Activation
Device

Item No. 1075



Nº 4449 O GAUGE LIGHTED LOCKON



PERATING WARNGING BELL

69 Warning Bell

Measures A Full

8 3/4 Inches Tall

Nº 69N

69 Warning Bell Measures A Full 8 ³/₄ Inches Tall And Includes An Easy To Adjust Track Activation Device!!

Available In: Maroon Item No. 1061



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