



## F-3 ABA Diesel Engine Set

### Compatibility

This diesel engine will operate on any traditional 0-31 Gauge track system, including M.T.H.'s RealTrax® or ScaleTrax™ or traditional tubular track. It is also compatible with most standard AC transformers. *(See page 17 for a complete list of compatible transformers and wiring instructions.)*



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# SET UP

There are a few simple steps you must take before operating this Premier Diesel.

**1.** You should prime the operating smoke unit with smoke fluid before operating. Add 15-20 drops of smoke fluid through the smokestack, then gently blow into the stack to eliminate any air bubbles in the fluid.

(See Fig. 5 on page 11)

**2.** If you choose not to prime the unit with fluid, turn the smoke unit switch located under the engine to the OFF position. (See Fig. 6 on page 11) Running the engine without a primed smoke unit may cause damage. See the ProtoSmoke Unit Operation section of this book for more information on smoke unit maintenance.

**3.** You should lubricate the wheel axles and pickup rollers to prevent them from squeaking. Use light household oil and follow the lubrication points marked L in Fig. 2 on page 8. Do not over oil. Use only a drop or two on each pivot point.

**4.** You may find, if your locomotive was built several months before you set it up, that the rechargeable battery has run down and needs to be charged before operation. If you notice that the sounds are garbled, test and charge the engine as described in the Self Charging Battery Back-Up section on page 13.

At this point, you are ready to begin running your engine.

# BASIC OPERATION

## THROTTLE

Throttle up the power to your track. Give enough power so that the engine's headlight shines brightly. Then put the engine into motion by either firmly pressing the Direction button on your transformer or remote once or dropping and advancing to throttle to put the engine in forward.

## OPERATION BUTTONS

Use the operation buttons on your transformer as described below.

**Horn/Whistle** - To sound the horn/whistle, firmly press the Horn/Whistle button. The horn/whistle will sound for as long as you continue to depress the button. It will stop when you release the button. The horn/whistle has four different endings, depending on whether you hold the button for less than three seconds, three seconds, four seconds, five seconds or longer.

**Bell** - To sound the bell, firmly press and release the Bell button. To turn the bell off

press

and release the Bell button again. The bell will continue to ring from the time you turn it on until you press and release the button again to turn it off.

**Direction** - Your engine is programmed to start in neutral. To put the engine into forward

ward

and then to change the direction of the engine or to put it into neutral, firmly press and release the Direction button on your transformer. Just as you must stop your car between forward and reverse, this engine will not go directly from forward to reverse; it

## MANUAL VOLUME CONTROL

To adjust the volume of all sounds made by this engine, turn the master volume control knob, located on the underside of the engine, clockwise to increase the volume and counter-clockwise to decrease the volume. (see Figure 1)

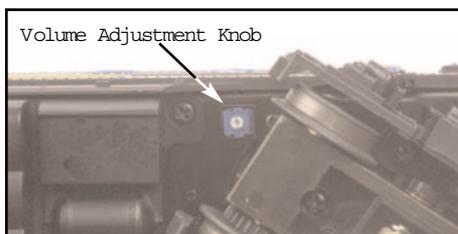


Figure 1 - Proto-Sound 2.0 Volume Adjustment Knob

# PROTO-SOUND 2.0 OPERATION

This manual contains the operating instructions for Proto-Sound 2.0 in conventional mode only. Instructions for accessing DCS command mode features accompany the DCS Remote Control System equipment.

Because Proto-Sound 2.0 is an all-new system developed by M.T.H.'s own research and development team, it operates differently from the original Proto-Sound. Most Proto-Sound 2.0 features are automatically enabled, and the reset state has been eliminated, so there is no need to program features as with original Proto-Sound. Although the new system is easier to operate than original Proto-Sound, you should read these instructions thoroughly before using Proto-Sound 2.0 features in order to prevent harm to yourself or your equipment.

**Activating Proto-Sound 2.0 Conventional Mode Features:** Proto-Sound 2.0 features are activated by sequences of Bell and Whistle button pushes described below. Please read the full descriptions of each feature before using it. To use these buttons to activate features rather than to blow the whistle or ring the bell, you should press the buttons for a shorter time (1/2 second); you may need to practice your timing to make

Feature to be Activated	Button Code
Passenger Station Announcements	1 Bell, 2 Whistles
Fire the Rear Coupler	1 Bell, 3 Whistles
Fire the Front Coupler	1 Bell, 4 Whistles
Speed Control On/Off	1 Whistle, 2 Bells (from neutral only)
Lock into a Directional State/Unlock	1 Whistle, 3 Bells
Reset to Factory Defaults	1 Whistle, 5 Bells (from neutral only)

**Passenger Station Announcements (PSA):** Your engine is equipped with a sound package of freight yard sounds that you can play when you pull into a yard. Each sequence described in the following will play as long as it is left on, randomly generating sounds, but be sure to allow approximately 30 seconds between the button pushes described below to allow the PSA sufficient time to run through each sequence.

1. To cue the sound system to play the PSA, quickly, but firmly press the Bell button

**2.** Press the Direction button once to stop the engine. This will trigger the first sequence of PSA. The reverse unit is temporarily disabled so that the train will not move as you use the the Direction button to trigger the sounds, and Proto-Sound 2.0 has disabled operator control over the Whistle and Bell buttons until the full PSA sequence is complete.

**3.** After waiting about 30 seconds for that sequence to run, press the Direction button again to trigger the second sequence of PSA.

**4.** After waiting about 30 seconds, press the Direction button again to trigger the third PSA sequence.

**5.** Again, after allowing about 30 seconds for that sequence to run, press the Direction button one more time to trigger the fourth and final PSA sequence. The PSA will continue, and within a few seconds, the engine will start and move out on its own at the current throttle setting, in the same direction it was traveling when you began the sequence. Once the bell turns off, the operator regains control of the transformer's bell and whistle buttons and can ring the bell or blow the whistle as usual.

### **Tips on Using PSA**

■ You can terminate PSA at anytime by turning off power to the track for 15 seconds.

You do not have to be in Forward to use PSA. At the conclusion of the full sequence,

the train will pull away from the station in whatever direction you were going when you activated the feature.

You can use PSA even if you are double-heading with another engine. If the second and is not equipped with PSA at all, you must remember not to leave the throttle at a high voltage level once you have stopped the engine to run the PSA. Otherwise, the engine without PSA will start vibrating on the track as its motors strain to move the train, since they cannot be automatically disabled during the PSA cycle. If the second engine is an original Proto-Sound engine equipped with PSA, you may choose

## PROTO-COUPLER ® OPERATION

This engine is equipped with a coil-wound Proto-Coupler for remote uncoupling action. Because the Proto-Coupler is controlled through the Proto-Sound 2.0 microprocessor, it does not require an uncoupling track section or modification to your layout to function. Use the codes listed below.

**Rear Coupler:** To fire the rear coupler, press the Bell button once followed immediately by three pushes of the Horn/Whistle button. The sound of the lift bar and air line depletion will play, and the knuckle will be released.

## SPEED CONTROL

M.T.H. engines equipped with Proto-Sound 2.0 have speed control capabilities that allow the engine to maintain a constant speed up and down grades and around curves, much like an automobile cruise control. You can add or drop cars on the run, and the engine will maintain the speed you set.

While the engine is programmed to start with the speed control feature activated, you can opt to turn it off. This means the engine's speed will fall as it labors up a hill and increase as it travels downward. It is also affected by the addition or release of cars while on the run. To maintain a constant speed when speed control is turned off, you need to adjust the track voltage yourself. When speed control is off, the volume will drop to allow for better low voltage operation. Full volume is restored upon reactivation of speed control.

**To turn speed control on and off:** First, put the engine in neutral, then press the transformer's Horn/Whistle button one time then immediately press the Bell button two times. Two whistle blasts will indicate that the engine has made the change. Repeat the 1 Horn/Whistle, 2 bells code to return it to the other state. You will want to do this during the initial neutral start-up if you ever couple this engine with another

## LOCK INTO A DIRECTIONAL STATE

You can lock your engine into a directional state (forward, neutral, reverse) to prevent it from changing directions. To do this, put the engine into the direction you want or in neutral, run it at a very low speed (<10 scale mph), and quickly but firmly press your remote's Horn/Whistle button once followed immediately by three presses of the Bell

button. Two Horn/Whistle blasts will indicate that the engine has made the change. The engine will not change direction (including going into neutral) until you repeat the 1 Horn/Whistle, 3 bells code to return the engine to its normal state, even if the engine has been kept without power for extended periods of time.

## RESET TO FACTORY DEFAULTS

To override the settings you currently have assigned to the engine and reset it to its factory defaults, while in neutral press the Horn/Whistle button once, followed immediately by five quick pushes of the Bell button. Two horn blasts will indicate that the engine has made the change.

## AUTOMATIC SOUNDS

Certain Proto-Sound 2.0 sound effects automatically play in programmed conventional mode conditions:

**Squealing Brakes:** This sound plays anytime the engine's speed decreases rapidly.

**Cab Chatter:** This sound plays when the engine idles in neutral.

**Engine Start-up and Shut-down:** This sound plays when the engine is initially powered on or is powered off for five seconds or more.

# MAINTENANCE

## LUBRICATION AND GREASING

This engine should be oiled and greased in order to run properly.

You should regularly lubricate the engine to prevent them from squeaking. Use light household oil and follow the lubrication points marked L in Figure 2. Do not over oil. Use only a drop or two on each pivot.

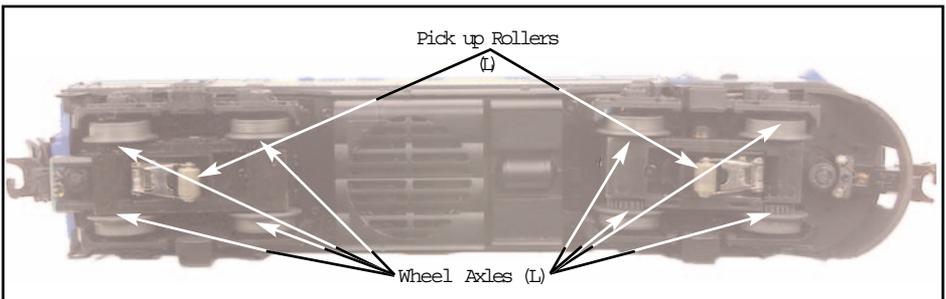


Figure 2 - Lubrication Points on the Engine

The locomotive's internal gearing was greased at the factory and should not need additional grease until after 50 hours of operation or one year, whichever ever comes first. To access the gear box, do the following:

1. Unscrew the body mount screws as shown in Figure 3 and remove the body shell from the chassis.

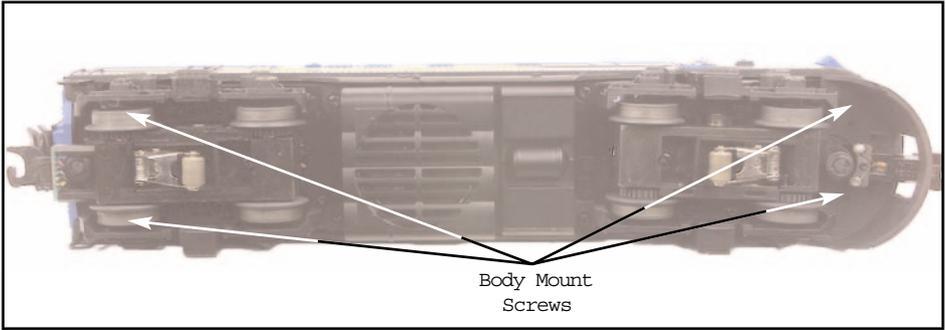


Figure 3 - Location of body mount screws

2. Once the body is removed, remove the trucks by unscrewing the motor mount screw located on the underside of the drive trucks. See Figure 4.
3. Pull the motor away from the truck block and lightly coat the motor worm gear and bronze drive gear with grease.
4. Reassemble the truck and motor being careful not to pinch any wires between the truck block and motor mount.
5. Repeat steps on the other motor.
6. Reassemble the engine in reverse order.
7. Grease Idler Gears. Located on the outside of the truck block.

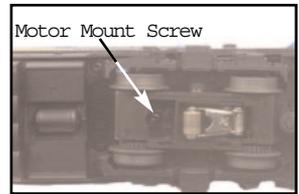


Figure 4 - Motor Mount Screw

## CLEANING THE WHEELS & TRACK

Periodically check the engine wheels and pick-up rollers for dirt and buildup, which can cause poor electrical contact and traction and prematurely wear out the neoprene traction tires. Wheels and tires can be cleaned using denatured alcohol (not rubbing alcohol), which can be found in home improvement stores, applied with a cotton swab.

Occasional cleaning of the track will also help to ensure good electrical contact and prolong the life of your engine's tires. To clean the track, use a clean rag and denatured alcohol (not rubbing alcohol). Unplug the transformer and rub the rails of the track, turning the rag frequently to ensure that you are using clean cloth on the rails.

## TRACTION TIRE REPLACEMENT

Your locomotive is equipped with two neoprene rubber traction tires on each powered truck block. While these tires are extremely durable, you may need to replace them at some point.

- 1.** Remove the body shell by unscrewing the body mount screws.
- 2.** Remove the motor mount screw from the bottom of the truck block. Detaching the truck block from the motor.
- 3.** Remove the truckside frames giving you access to the traction tires.
- 4.** Make sure the old tires have been completely removed from the groove in the drive wheel, using a razor blade or flat head screwdriver to pry away any remains.
- 5.** Slip the new tire onto the wheel. You may find it useful to use two small flathead screwdrivers to stretch the tire over the wheel.
- 6.** If you twist the tire while stretching it over the wheel, you will need to remove and reinstall the tire. Otherwise your engine will wobble while operating.
- 7.** Make sure the tires are fully seated inside the groove. Use a razor blade to trim away any excess tire that doesn't seat itself inside the groove properly.

One set of replacement tires is included with your model.

Additional tires are available directly from M.T.H. Parts Department (Phone: 410.381.2580).

# PROTO-SMOKE® UNIT OPERATION

This engine contains a smoke unit that outputs smoke through the smokestack on the engine. The smoke unit is essentially a small heating element and wick that soaks up and then heats a mineral oil-based fluid that emits a harmless smoke.

The smoke is then forced out of the stack by a small electric fan.

With a few easy maintenance steps, you should enjoy trouble-free smoke unit operation for years.

When preparing to run this engine, add 15-20 drops of smoke fluid through the smokestack. (see figure 5) We recommend M.T.H. ProtoSmoke, Seuth, LGB, or LVIS fluids (a small pipette of ProtoSmoke fluid is included). Do not over fill the unit or the fluid may leak out and coat the interior engine components

If you choose not to add the fluid (or have already added the fluid but choose to run smoke free), turn off the smoke unit switch located under the engine body. (see figure 6) Failure to either add fluid to the unit or to turn it off may damage the smoke unit heating element and/or wicking material.

When the smoke output while running begins to diminish, add another 10-15 drops of smoke fluid or turn the smoke unit off

When storing the unit for extended periods of time, you may want to add about 15 drops of fluid to prevent the wick from drying out.

After removing the engine from storage, add another 25 drops of fluid, letting the wick soak up the fluid for 15 minutes prior to operation.

If you experience poor or no smoke output when the smoke unit is on and has fluid, check the wick to see if it has become hard, blackened, and unabsorbant around the heating element. Remove the smoke unit inspection cover from the smoke unit's body. (see figure 7) After removing the inspection cover screws, lift the inspection plate away and inspect the wick. If it is darkly discolored and hard, it should be replaced.



Figure 5 - Add Smoke Fluid

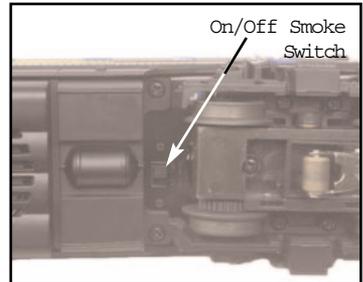


Figure 6 - Smoke Unit On/Off Switch



Figure 7 - Smoke Unit Inspection Cover

# LIGHT BULB REPLACEMENT

To replace the light bulb in the engine, follow these instructions and see the diagrams below:

Remove shell by removing body mount screw shown in figure 3 on page 9. Once the body shell has been removed, disconnect the bulb harness from the socket on the constant voltage circuit and replace the bulb.

To replace the lights mounted on the inside of the shell, remove the shell, and slide the spring contact bracket (see figure 9) off its post. Remove the light bulb and wires taking care to notice the path that the wires take on the inside of the shell. Replace bulb Spring Contact Bracket and reassemble

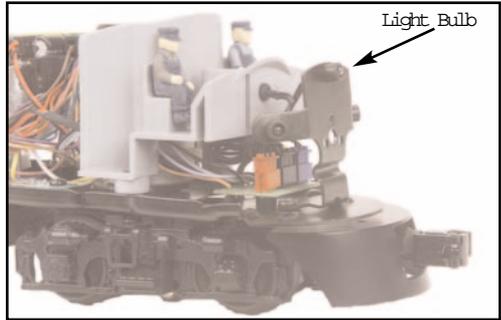


Figure 8 - Light Bulb

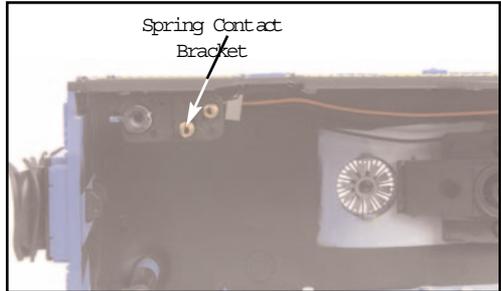


Figure 9- Spring Contact Bracket

# SELF CHARGING BATTERY BACK-UP

The special NiCad 7-cell 8.4v self-charging battery recharges continuously during train operation and should last for up to five years. The battery is a dry battery that should not leak or cause any damage to your engine. Depending upon when your engine was built, it may need to be charged right out of the box. If engine sounds seem distorted or garbled at low voltages or become silent when power from the transformer is turned off, test the battery to determine whether it should be recharged.

**Test:** Put the engine in neutral and leave the track voltage at 10-12 volts (high enough for the lights to shine brightly and the engine to move steadily) for 15 minutes.

**Recharge:** If the sounds are improved at the end of the 15-minute test charge, the battery charge has run down and can be recharged. There are a number of ways you can do this:

Leave the engine in neutral with track voltage at 10-12 volts for 6-7 hours so the battery can fully recharge. If your unit has a smoke unit, be sure that it is turned off

Use M.T.H.'s battery recharger (sold separately) that plugs into the wall outlet and a special port under the engine (see figure 10) to recharge the battery overnight without leaving it on the track.

**Replace:** If the sounds are not improved at the end of the 15 minute test charge, the battery must be replaced (as shown in figure 11, below). Contact the M.T.H. Parts Department (phone: 410-381-2580; e-mail: [parts@mth-railking.com](mailto:parts@mth-railking.com); mail: 7020 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046-1532) for a replacement battery. A

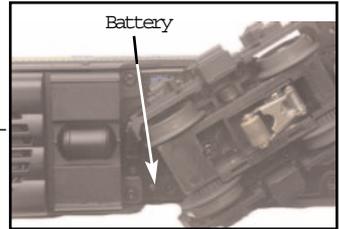


Figure 10- Battery Port



Figure 11- Replacing the Battery

# TROUBLESHOOTING PROTO-SOUND® 2.0

Although Proto-Sound 2.0 has been designed and engineered for ease of use, you may have some questions during initial operation. The following table should answer most questions. If your problem cannot be resolved with this table, contact M.T.H. for assistance (telephone: 410-381-2580; fax: 410-423-0009; service@nth-railking.com, 7020 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046-1532).

<b>Starting Up</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
When I first turn the power on, the engine will not begin to run. I have to turn the throttle off and on again to get the engine to operate.	This is normal behavior. To prevent accidental high-speed start-ups ProtoSound 2.0 is programmed to start up in neutral anytime track power has been turned off for several seconds. See the Basic
<b>Horn/Whistle</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
When I press the horn/whistle button, the bell comes on instead.	Reverse the transformer leads.
I can't get the horn to blow when I press the whistle button.	You may be pressing the button too quickly. Try pressing the horn/whistle button more slowly, taking approximately one full second to fully depress the button.
<b>Bell</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
When I press the bell button, horn/whistle comes on instead.	Reverse the transformer leads.
I can't get the horn to blow when I press the whistle button.	You may be pressing the button too quickly. Try pressing the bell button more slowly, taking approximately one full second to fully depress the button.
The bell won't work on a separate bell button.	Check the wiring of the separate button.
<b>Bell</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
When I try to fire the coupler, PSA starts	You are waiting too long between whistle button presses.
The Proto-Coupler won't let the engine uncouple on the fly.	Try lubricating the coupler knuckle with a dry graphite lubricant. Do NOT use oil.
The coupler does not fire or stay coupled.	The coupler needs to be cleaned. Wipe with denatured alcohol (not rubbing alcohol) and let dry.

<b>Cab Chatter</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
Sometimes the cab chatter sounds don't play.	Cab chatter plays only in neutral at random intervals
<b>Lock-out</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
I can't get the engine to run after I power up the transformer. It sits still with the engine sounds running.	The engine is locked into the neutral position. Follow the directions in the Lock into Direction State section.
The engine won't lock into forward, neutral or reverse.	Engine speed must be below 10 scale mph. (approx. 10 volts or less in conventional mode)
<b>Volume</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
The sounds seem distorted, especially when the whistle or bell is activated.	Proto-Sound 2.0 volume is set too high. Turn the volume control knob on the bottom of the chassis counterclockwise to reduce the volume.
<b>Battery</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
The engine will not leave the initial neutral state.	Check to be sure the battery is installed and fully charged. See the Self Charging Battery Back-up section.
I get no sounds when the engine shifts between direction states.	The battery may be dead or need to be charged. See the Self Charging Battery Back-up section.
After I turn off my transformer, my engine continues to make sounds before quitting.	Proto-Sound 2.0 is designed to continue to sound for a few seconds after the power to the track has been shut off
<b>PSA</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
The PSA sounds occasionally repeat themselves.	Proto-Sound 2.0 has a built in random number generator that randomly selects each sound clip to play. Because there are a limited number of sound clips available in each PSA sequence, it is probable that some of these sound clips will be repeated from time to time.
Once in PSA, the engine doesn't go into reverse.	So that PSA effects can be as realistic as possible, Proto-Sound 2.0 disables the reversing unit whenever it is enabled. This way the engine remains still at its stop as the operator cycles through the PSA sequences.
When the PSA enters its last sequence the bell automatically comes on.	It is programmed to start ringing the bell at that point. After approximately 12 rings of

<b>PSA (continued)</b>	<b>Remedy</b>
When PSA is enabled, pressing the whistle and bell automatically comes on.	Because PSA must control various effects in each sequence, Proto-Sound 2.0 takes control of these sound effects until you exit PSA.
I push the direction button but the next sound clip in the sequence does not play or the engine does not come out of PSA after fourth press of direction button.	Each PSA clip must play for approximately 30 seconds before PSA will advance to the next step in the PSA cycle. Wait at least 30 seconds in each PSA sound clip before pressing the sound button.

## COMPATIBILITY

This engine will operate on any traditional O-31 or larger O Gauge track system, including M.T.H.'s RealTrax or ScaleTrax or traditional tubular track. It is also compatible with most standard AC transformers. (See page 17 for a complete list of compatible transformers and wiring instructions.)

# TRANSFORMER COMPATIBILITY CHART

Note that many of the operational commands described in these instructions require a bell button, so if your transformer does not have its own bell button, you should consider adding one to get the full benefit of the system.

Transformer Rail	Center Rail	Outside Rail	Min/Max Voltage	Power Rating	Transformer Type
MTH Z-500	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-18v	50 watt	Electronic
MTH Z-750	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-21v	75 watt	Electronic
MTH Z-1000	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-21v	100 Watt	Electronic
MTH Z-4000	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-22v	390 watt	Electronic
Lionel 1032	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1032M	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1033	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1043	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1043M	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1044	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1053	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
Lionel 1063	U	A	5-16v	90 watt	Standard
All-Thrd	Left Terminal	Right Terminal	0-24v	300 watt	Electronic
Powermaster	A	U	0-18v	135VA	Electronic
Dallee Hostler	Left Terminal	Right Terminal			Electronic
Lionel MW	Outside Track Terminal	Inside Track Terminal	5-16v	50VA	Electronic
R.O.W.	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-24v	384 watt	Standard
Lionel RS-1	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-18v	50VA	Electronic
Lionel RW	U	A	9-19v	110 watt	Standard
Lionel SW	U	A	Unknown	130 watt	Standard
Lionel T W	U	A	8-18v	175 watt	Standard
Lionel ZW	A,B,C or D	U	8-20v	275 watt	Standard
Lionel Post War Celebration Series	Red Terminal	Black Terminal	0-18v	135 watt	Electronic

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# ADDITIONAL FEATURES

## ACCESSIBLE WITH DCS REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM

While conventional mode operation of a Proto-Sound 2.0 engine yields wonderfully realistic sound and several train control features, command mode operation allows the user to access a world of command functions never before accessible to O Gauge railroaders. With the addition of the DCS Remote Control System (including a DCS remote hand-held and Track Interface Unit) users gain many advanced features, including:

■ DCS Proto-Speed Control-Establishes desired locomotive speed in scale miles per hour

■ Increments via a thumbwheel control and allows operator to set maximum speed and acceleration/deceleration rates.

■ Locomotive Lighting Control-Independently controls locomotive headlights, marker and interior lights, and ditch lights

■ Emergency Stop-Single button push stops your trains (but does not turn off track power).

■ One Touch Global Mute/UnMute-Single button mutes or unmutes all DCS-controlled locomotives user-defined actions, including sound, lights, and smoke.

■ Proto-Dispatch Operation-Public Address-like feature allows users to speak through locomotive speaker during operation.

■ Proto-Cast-Allows users to play audio recordings through locomotive speaker during operation.

■ Proto-Doppler Sound Effects Set Up-Users can configure locomotive for Doppler Operation, including setting distance points for Doppler start, repeat, and stop modes.

■ Independent Volume Control of Engine Sounds, Bell, Horn & Whistle for each Locomotive.

Control up to 50 different DCS-equipped locomotives at one time with multiple TIUs.

■ Proto-Effects Set Up-User can select individual Proto-Effects operations to be active

or inactive, including cab chatter, train wreck sounds, coupler sounds, and wheel tickety-clack sounds.

■ Direction Control Set Up-User can set initial individual start-up direction (start in forward

or reverse) for double-heading operations.

■ User Can Query, Set and Operate Track and Accessory

Interface

Units for Programming Digital Command Operations for up to 250 Accessories and

■ 0 Individual Switches.

## CAUTION:

### ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PRODUCT:

Not recommended for children under 10 years of age. M.T.H. recommends adult supervision with children ages 10 - 16. As with all electric products, precautions should be observed during handling and use to reduce the risk of electric shock.

**WARNING:** When using electrical products, basic safety precautions should be followed

including the following:

■ Read this manual thoroughly before using this device.

M.T.H. recommends that all users and persons supervising use examine the hobby transformer periodically for conditions that may result in the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, such as damage to the primary cord, plug blades, housing, output jacks or other parts. In the event such conditions exist, the transformer should not be used until properly repaired.

As with all electrical appliances, this product should not be left in operation when

# SERVICE & WARRANTY INFORMATION

## How to Get Service Under the Terms of the Limited One-Year Warranty

When you suspect an item is defective, please check the operator's manual for standard operation and trouble-shooting techniques that may correct the problem. Additional information may be found on the M.T.H. Website. Should you still require service, follow the instructions below to obtain warranty service.

First, e-mail, write, call or fax a M.T.H. Authorized Service Center (ASC) in your area to obtain Repair Authorization. You can find the list of ASCs on the M.T.H. Website, [www.mth-railking.com](http://www.mth-railking.com). Authorized Service Centers are required to make warranty repairs on items sold only from that store; all other repairs may-- or may not be done at the store's own discretion. If you did not purchase the item directly from the ASC, you will need to select a National Authorized Service Center (NASC). These centers are compensated

by M.T.H. to perform warranty service for any customer whose repair qualifies for warranty service. A list of NASC retailers can be located on the M.T.H. Website or by calling 1-888-640-3700. Should the warranty no longer apply, you may choose either an ASC or NASC retailer to service your M.T.H. Product. A reasonable service fee will be charged.

**CAUTION:** Make sure the product is packed in its original factory packaging including its foam and plastic

wrapping material to prevent damage to the merchandise. There is no need to return the entire set if only one of the components is in need of repair unless otherwise instructed by the Service Center. The shipment must be prepaid and we recommend that it be insured. A cover letter including your name, address, daytime

phone number, e-mail address (if available), Return Authorization number (if required by the service center), a copy of your sales receipt and a full description of the problem must be included to facilitate the repairs. Please include the description regardless of whether you discussed the problem with a service technician when contacting the Service Center for your Return Authorization.

Please make sure you have followed the instructions carefully before returning any merchandise for service.

Authorized M.T.H. Service Centers are independently owned and operated and are not agents or representatives of M.T.H. Electric Trains. M.T.H. assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for material left in their possession, or work done, by privately owned M.T.H. Authorized Service Centers.

If you need assistance at any time email MTH Service at [service@mth-railking.com](mailto:service@mth-railking.com), or call 410 381-2580.

## LIMITED ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

All M.T.H. products purchased from an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant are covered by this warranty.

See our website at [www.mth-railking.com](http://www.mth-railking.com) or call 1-888-640-3700 to identify an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant near you.

M.T.H. products are warranted for one year from the date of purchase against defects in material or workmanship,

excluding wear items such as light bulbs, pick-up rollers, batteries, smoke unit wicks, and traction tires. We will repair or replace (at our option) the defective part without charge for the parts or labor, if the item is returned to an M.T.H. Authorized Service Center (ASC) or M.T.H. National Authorized Service Center (NASC) within one year of the original date of purchase. This warranty does not cover damages caused by improper care, han-



## PARTICIPATING N.A.S.C. RETAILER LIST

### **CANADA**

Toy Train Workshop  
Cumberland  
613-833-9331

The Train Room  
Fergus  
519-787-3280

### **CALIFORNIA**

Tin Plate Junction  
Oakland  
510-444-4780

### **COLORADO**

Mizell Trains Inc.  
Westminster  
303-429-4811

### **CONNECTICUT**

New England Hobby Supply  
Manchester  
860-646-0610

### **FLORIDA**

Roundhouse South  
Port Orange  
386-304-7002

### **MARYLAND**

Plaza Hobby  
Cumberland  
301-729-6424

Engine House Hobbies  
Gaithersburg  
301-590-0816

Catoctin Mountain Trains  
& Hobbies  
Thurmont  
301-694-8331

### **MICHIGAN**

Michigan Model Train  
Center  
Pinckney  
734-426-1651

Brasseur Electric Trains Inc.  
Saginaw  
989-793-4753

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Treasured Toys  
Salem  
603-898-7224

### **NEW YORK**

Aurora Rails & Hobbies  
East Aurora  
716-652-5718

### **OHIO**

Davis Electronics  
Milford  
513-831-6425

Rick's Toy Trains  
Toledo  
419-478-0171

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Bussinger Trains  
Ambler

215-628-2366

Fairchance Pharmacy  
Fairchance  
724-564-7817

Toby Tyler  
Pittsburgh  
412-653-5030

### **VIRGINIA**

Locust Grove Trains  
Locust Grove  
540-854-8955

Davis Hobby Supplies  
Portsmouth  
757-397-1983

TSG Hobbies  
Warrenton  
540-347-9212

### **WISCONSIN**

Sommerfeld's Trains  
Butler  
262-783-7797

Grampa's Train Shop  
Rice Lake  
715-234-2996

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### **CANADA**

Toy Train Workshop  
Cumberland  
613-833-9331

The Train Room  
Fergus  
519-787-3280

Credit Valley Railway

Company  
Streetville  
905-826-1306

BH Trains  
Terrebonne  
450-492-0317

### **ALABAMA**

Southerland Station  
Huntsville  
256-533-4720

Iil Bobby s Hobbies  
Montgomery  
334-277-1715

### **ARIZONA**

Arizona Train Depot  
Mesa  
480-833-9486

### **CALIFORNIA**

Central Coast Trains  
Atascadero

805-466-1391

Train Shack  
Burbank  
818-842-3330

Roundhouse  
North Hollywood

818-769-0403

Dollhouses, Trains & More  
Novato  
415-883-0388

Tin Plate Junction  
Oakland  
510-444-4780

Ron s World  
San Clemente  
949-361-5596

Trucks & Trains Hobbies  
Santa Rosa  
707-537-6586

### **COLORADO**

Custom Railway Supply  
Colorado Springs  
719-634-4616

Mizell Trains Inc.  
Westminster  
303-429-4811

### **CONNECTICUT**

New England Hobby Supply  
Manchester  
860-646-0610

### **FLORIDA**

Hollywood Station  
Hollywood  
954-921-2700

Depot Hobby Shop  
Lake Worth  
561-585-1982

Ready To Roll  
Miami  
305-688-8868

Frank s Trains & Hobbies  
Inc.

Oldsmar  
813-855-1041

Colonial Photo & Hobby  
Orlando  
407-841-1485

W arrick Custom Hobbies  
Plantation  
954-370-0808

Roundhouse South  
Port Orange  
386-304-7002

### **ILLINOIS**

Bike & Choo Choo  
Connection  
Schaumburg  
847-882-7728

### **INDIANA**

Y.O.R.K. Trains  
Munster  
219-838-9999

Samuelson s Train Shop  
Valparaiso  
219-462-2708

### **IOWA**

Caboose Stop Hobbies  
Cedar Falls  
800-642-7012

### **KENTUCKY**

L&N Trains & Things  
Louisville  
502-897-9005

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**MAINE**

Wheels, Wing & Things  
Ludlow  
207-532-6277

**MARYLAND**

Plaza Hobby  
Cumberland  
301-729-6424

Hobbytowntown USA  
Frederick  
301-694-7395

Engine House Hobbies  
Gaithersburg  
301-590-0816

J&B Trains  
Hagerstown  
240-420-4930

The Train Room  
Hagerstown  
301-745-6681

Purkey s Toy Trains  
Sykesville  
410-549-6061

Catoctin Mountain Trains  
& Hobbies  
Thurmont  
301-694-8331

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Northeast Trains  
Peabody  
978-532-1615

East Bay Hobbies  
Seekonk  
508-336-5573

**MICHIGAN**

Michigan Model Train  
Center  
Pinckney  
734-426-1651

Brasseur Electric Trains  
Saginaw  
989-793-4753

**MISSOURI**

Switch Stand  
Saint Louis  
314-781-4458

Mark Twain Hobby Center  
St. Charles  
636-946-2816

**NEVADA**

Reno Rails  
Reno  
775-337-6669

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Railroad Specialties  
Nashua  
603-801-0801

Treasured Toys  
Salem  
603-898-7224

**NEW JERSEY**

Country and Stuff  
Andover  
973-786-7086

Columbus Train Station  
Columbus  
609-518-1800

Atlantic Rails  
Hammonton  
609-567-8490

Grand Central Station  
Kearny  
201-955-6200

J&B Trains  
Maple Shade  
856-414-0092

Hobby Shop  
Matawan  
732-583-0505

Hobymasters, Inc.  
Red Bank  
732-842-6020

Ridgefield Hobby  
Ridgefield  
201-943-2636

Tom s Model Trains  
Scotch Plains  
908-322-6122

Trains & Things  
Trenton  
609-883-8790

Coast Trains and  
Collectibles  
W all  
732-556-9005

Holly Beach Train Depot  
W ildwood

609-522-2379

**NEW YORK**

Aurora Rails & Hobbies  
East Aurora  
716-652-5718

Nassau Hobby Center, Inc.  
Freeport  
516-378-9594

Hobby World  
Monticello  
845-794-8770

City Depot, Inc.  
New Hampton  
845-374-3010

Americana Store  
Tidi  
845-757-4246

Kross Hardware  
W est Babylon  
631-669-3069

**NORTH CAROLINA**

The Roundhouse &  
Backshop  
Cary  
919-465-0810

Trains LTD.  
Charlotte  
704-566-9070

Day Bridge Station  
Mount Airy  
336-786-9811

The Freight Yard  
Smithfield  
919-934-6229

Train Iof t  
W inston-Salem  
336-760-9817

**OHIO**

Glen s Train Shop  
Akron  
330-253-6527

E&S Trains  
Akron  
330-745-0785

T&K Hobby Shop  
Bridgeport  
740-633-6607

Parma Hobby

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Sandy s Hobbies &

Collectibles

Elyria

440-365-9999

Hudson Toy, Train & Hobby

Hudson

330-653-2997

Clearview Train & Hobby

Lorain

440-277-4488

Dixie Union Station

Mason

513-459-0460

Davis Electronics

Milford

513-831-6425

Trains-n-Things

North Canton

330-499-1666

Grand Pacific Junction

Olmstead Falls

440-235-4777

Rick s Toy Trains

Toledo

419-478-0171

Erie Railway Depot

Troy

937-440-9972

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

American Hobby Center

Aliquippa

724-378-3930

Allentown Toy Train Service

Allentown

610-821-0740

On The Right Track

Altoona

814-942-4345

Bussinger Trains

Ambler

215-628-2366

Ye Old Train & Christmas

Shoppe

Boyertown

610-369-0755

Charleroi Sweeper Center

Charleroi

724-483-3397

Cranberry Hobby Depot

Cranberry Township

724-776-3640

Fairchance Pharmacy

Fairchance

724-564-7817

Toy Train Station

Feasterville Trev

215-322-5182

The Caboose

Lehighton

570-386-5352

Hobby City

McMurray

724-942-2557

The Station

New Cumberland

717-774-7096

Fryer s Store

Orwigsburg

570-366-2258

Chestnut Toybox

Philadelphia

215-545-0455

Toby Tyler

Pitt sburgh

412-653-5030

Wilcox Greenhouse &

Nursery

Tinsville

814-827-3823

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Emerald Train & Hobby

Greenwood

864-223-2247

## **TENNESSEE**

Model Railroad & Hobby

Shop

Memphis

901-384-6500

## **TEXAS**

Hobby Time

Amarillo

806-352-9660

Riverview Trains

Angleton

979-848-3895

Great Trains & Hobbies

Longview

903-757-2720

## **VIRGINIA**

Locust Grove Trains

Locust Grove

540-854-8955

Train Depot

Manassas

703-335-2216

Chesterfield Hobbies

Midlothian

804-379-9091

Davis Hobby Supplies

Portsmouth

757-397-1983

Toy Train Center

Richmond

804-288-4475

Nutbush Express

Victoria

434-696-1902

TSG Hobbies

Warrenton

540-347-9212

Norge Station

Williamsburg

757-564-7623

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

Patrick s Trains

Wheeling

304-232-0714

## **WISCONSIN**

Woodcrafters Shop

Burlington

262-763-5239

Sommerfeld s Trains

Bultar

262-783-7797

Hobby Outlet

Fond Du Lac

920-924-3770

GB TV & Tains

Greenbay

920-496-9697

Grampa s Train Shop

Rice Lake

715-234-2996

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