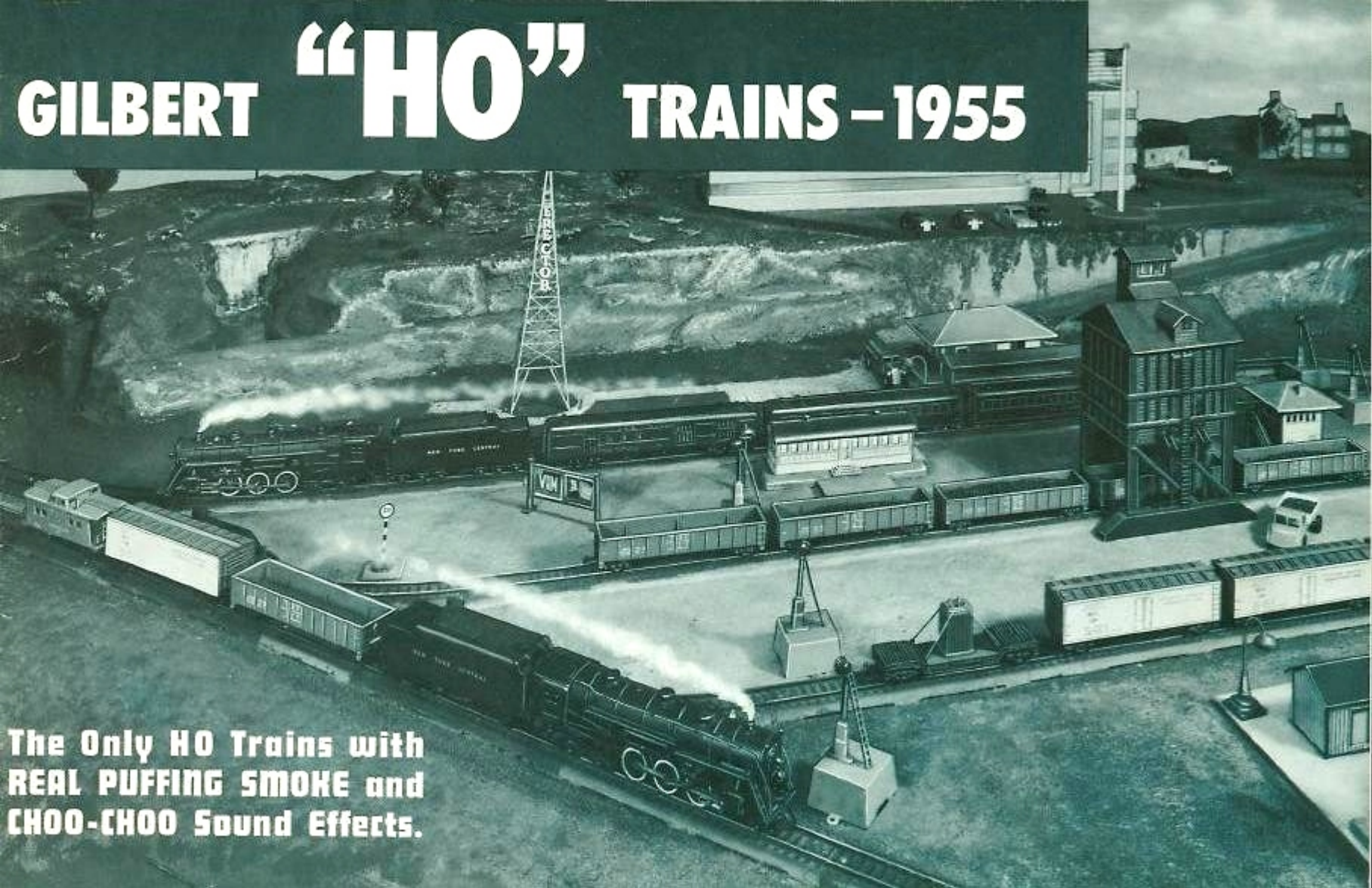


GILBERT "HO" TRAINS - 1955

The Only HO Trains with
REAL PUFFING SMOKE and
CHOO-CHOO Sound Effects.



9 Features that Prove the Built-in Superiority of

GILBERT HO

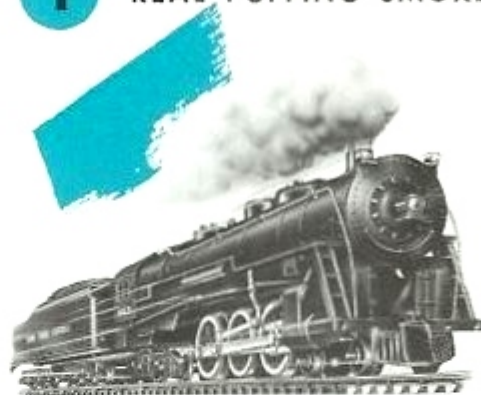
TRAINS AND EQUIPMENT

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1

REAL PUFFING SMOKE!



Just like the big trains of which they are perfect scale models, Gilbert HO locomotives puff real Smoke. And they're the *ONLY* HO trains made anywhere that do! Smoke puffs are timed with the action of the driving rods, too, as with real locomotives. It's the last word in HO realism!

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AUTHENTIC CHOO-CHOO SOUNDS!



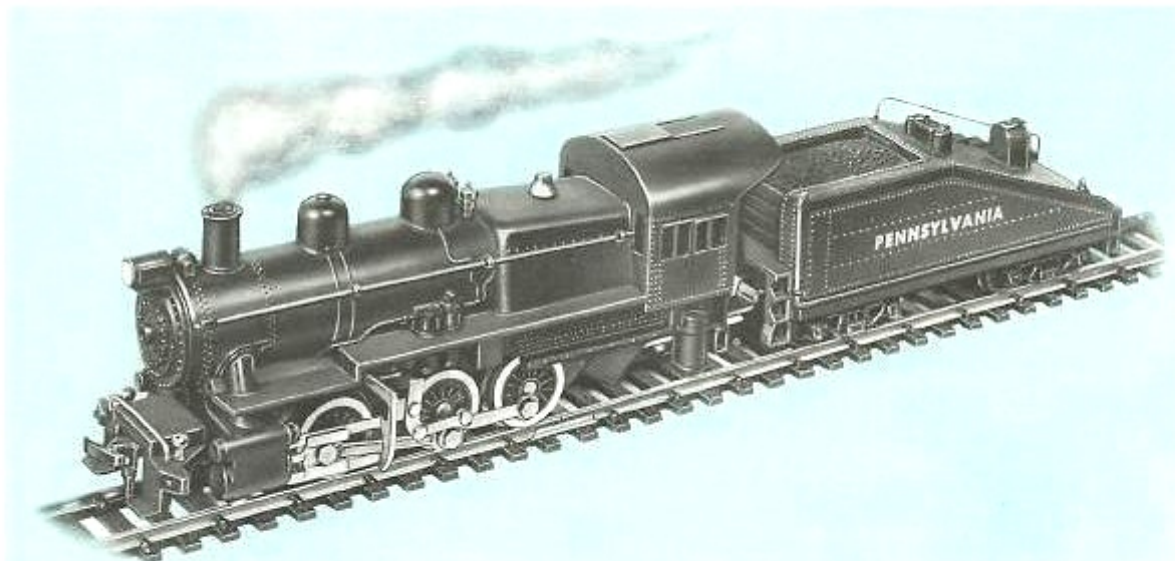
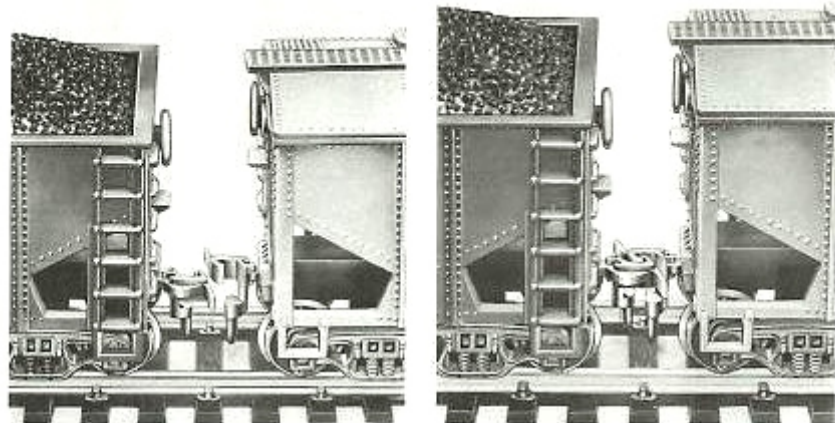
For the true model railroader, it's not enough that HO trains LOOK real — they must SOUND real, too. And with Gilbert HO locomotives you get sound effects that no other HO trains have. As the loco steams along the rails you hear, right from the stack, the steady choo-choo-choo sounds, synchronized with the smoke puffs. Truly, Gilbert HO trains are real in everything but size!

3 COUPLERS RATED "BEST IN THE FIELD" BY N.M.R.A.!

As any model railroader knows, choosing rolling stock with the right couplers is very important. They must not only *look* right but must be fool-proof in operation. Gilbert HO couplers were DEVELOPED and APPROVED by the HO Coupler Committee of the National Model Railroad Association. Design engineering and research took several years before the Gilbert coupler (known to HO experts as the X2-F) was perfected. N.M.R.A. officials have called it the finest in the HO field – and a coupler that is operating perfection itself.

4 DETAILED CRAFTSMANSHIP!

Take a look at the minute detail, the superb craftsmanship of this Gilbert 0-6-0 Pennsylvania switcher with its ladderback tender and you'll understand the reasons behind Gilbert's top reputation in the HO field. Steam pipes, ash pan, rivet heads, sand & steam domes, drive rods, steps – all these and other details are faithfully reproduced in miniature. Gilbert HO trains are accurately designed from real railroad blue prints; they *have* to be right!



5 ACCURATE $\frac{1}{64}$ " SCALE!

Every $\frac{1}{64}$ of-an-inch in a Gilbert HO locomotive or car equals one foot in a real locomotive or car. Photograph at right shows the comparative size between the Gilbert HO-501 Hopper Car and a cigarette lighter . . . and illustrates the jewel-like perfection of Gilbert HO rolling stock.



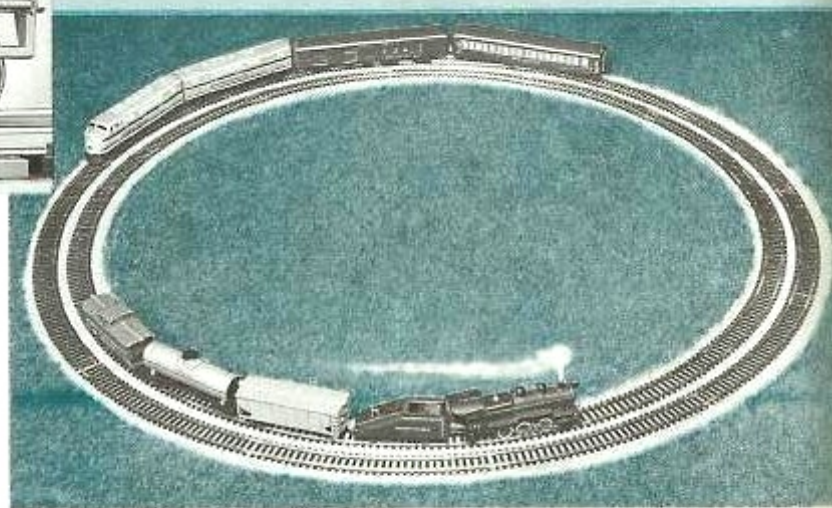
6 AUTHENTIC TRUCKS with Live Spring Action!

This close-up photo shows the accurate detailing of GILBERT HO truck sides—and the truck springs that really work! Not only do the springs add realism, but they also serve as shock equalizers, tending to keep wheels on the rail.



7 2-RADIUS TRACK for realistic layouts!

Take your pick of 15" (inner loop in photograph) or 18" radius curved track — or use them both together to create a double track system on your model pike. Photograph shows radius difference and proves how much Gilbert HO can be packed in just a few square feet of space.



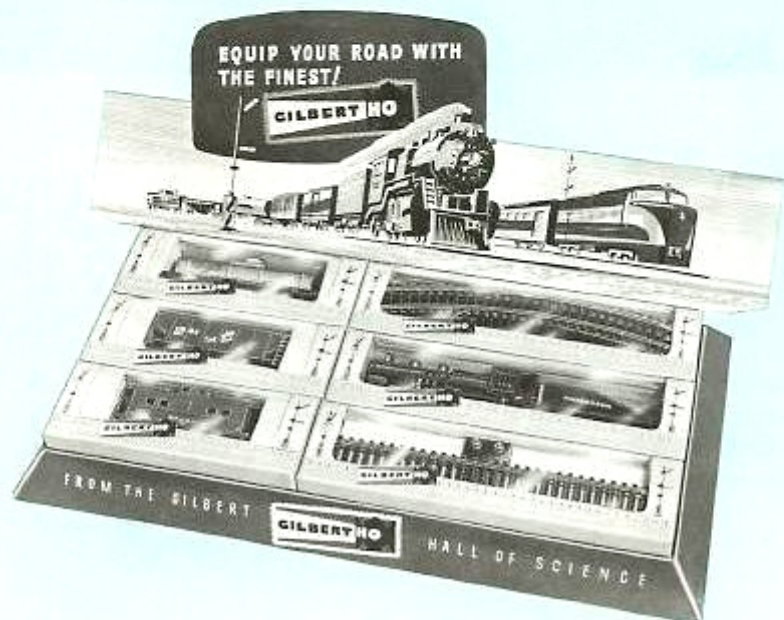
8 PAINTED CARS for authentic finish!

Gilbert insistence on true-to-life appearance extends right through the HO rolling stock line. ALL cars (not just a few!) are painted in authentic railroad colors and carry well-known railroad names and heralds. Gilbert cars don't have that glossy, unreal plastic look to which HO'ers object; instead, they're finished like the freight cars on real roads with true, dull-finish railroad colors.



9 NEW EYE-CATCHING DISPLAY PACKAGE!

HO dealers who have already seen this new window-type display package are excited about the selling opportunities it offers. Each train set is contained in a display package that opens up as shown for a counter unit that really yells "Take me home!" Train units — locomotive, cars, track — are packaged separately in see-through boxes that keep merchandise clean but allow maximum visibility.



Right from
Prototype...



DIESEL FREIGHT



No. HO-310 GILBERT 3-CAR DIESEL FREIGHT

Squint your eyes just a bit when this GM Diesel freight drag comes ghosting along the high iron and you'll swear you're watching the real McCoy. That's because it has all the pinpoint detail of prototype, from the General Motors "A" unit powerhouse with universal drive (all 3 wheels pull the load) right back to the shanty which rides the rear. Freight rolling stock trucks are equipped with double springs which provide absolute realism and serve as equalizers, minimizing derailments. Two-rail track provided measures 126"; rails are flat top "T" type and sleepers are spaced $\frac{3}{4}$ " apart. Train measures 24" long.

No. HO-310 DIESEL FREIGHT INCLUDES:

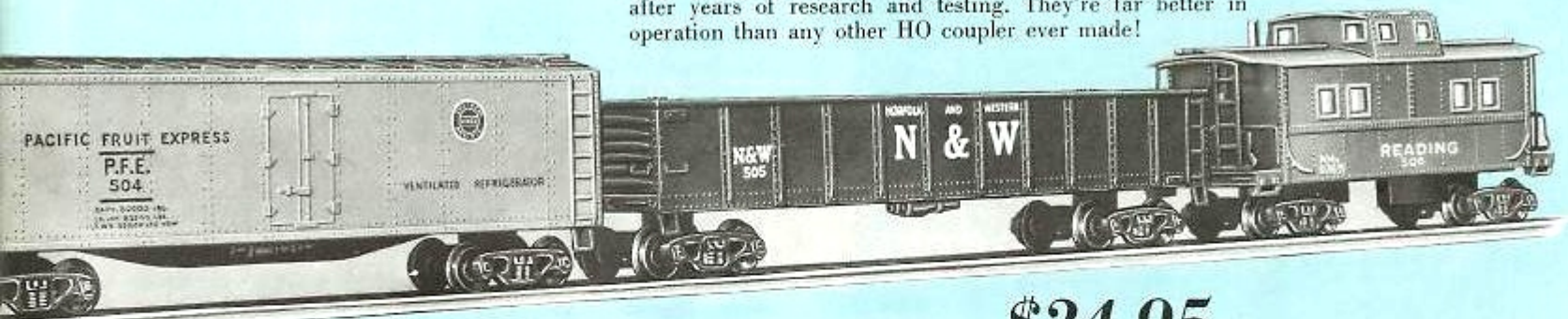
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| HO-420 General Motors Diesel "A" Unit, 7". | 12 sec. HO-612 Curved Track, 18" radius. |
| HO-504 Southern Pacific Refrigerator Car, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". | HO-605 Terminal Straight Track |
| HO-505 Norfolk & Western Gondola, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". | HO-600 Straight Track, |
| HO-506 Reading R.R. Caboose, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". | HO-630 Automatic Re-Railer, |
| | Illustrated Instructions. |

NOTE: Use Gilbert HO-650 Power Pack to operate train.

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\$24.95

with Power Pack, \$37.90

AUTOMATICALLY PLACES WHEELS ON THE TRACK! One of the most remarkable HO developments ever made! With this Gilbert Re-Railer it's no longer necessary to fumble about with lining up wheel flanges—even a 3 year-old can rail your rolling stock in seconds. Even if the wheels are bumping along the ties, the Re-Railer automatically puts 'em on the rails. If cars become de-railed while running, Re-Railer places them back on the track without stopping train. Gilbert HO-630 Re-Railer is included with Diesel Freight above.

*Perfection...
in Scale and
Detailing*

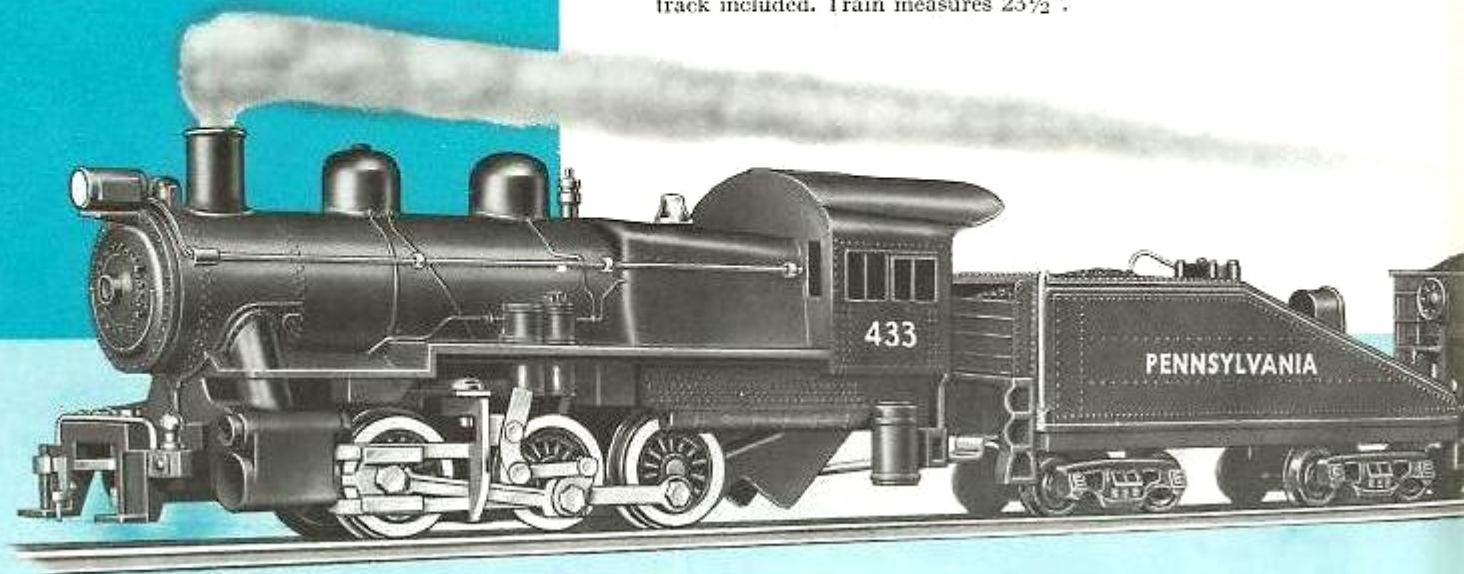


To see how Re-Railer works, turn to page 18.

ONLY HO SWITCHER IN
THE WORLD WITH
Real Smoke,
Choo-Choo Sounds!

No. HO-320 GILBERT PENNSYLVANIA SWITCHER FREIGHT
WITH REAL PUFFING SMOKE AND CHOO-CHOO SOUNDS

Admiring the lavish detail and the remarkable craftsmanship of this powerful switcher freight is only *part* of the fun you'll have when you see this beauty in action. When you see the real Smoke puffing out of the stack and hear the steady choo-choo sounds coming from the boiler you'll know you have the last word in HO railroading. The meticulous detail of the 0-6-0 Pennsylvania R.R. Switcher locomotive and ladder-back tender heading up the 3-car freight haul is typical of Gilbert precision HO manufacture. You can use this little beauty for either yard chores or high iron duty; it's one of the most versatile goats in any railroader's roundhouse. 126" of 2-rail "T" track included. Train measures 23½".



GILBERT



N.M.R.A. APPROVED COUPLERS!

Only Gilbert HO Couplers have been approved by the National Model Railroad Association as best in the entire HO field! Coupling and uncoupling are foolproof.



PUTS 'EM BACK ON THE TRACK AUTOMATICALLY!

Even a child can place HO rolling stock on the track with the incredible Gilbert HO Re-Railer that does the job in a split second. Cars de-railed in running are automatically railed again when they pass through the Re-Railer. It's included with the Pennsylvania Switcher Freight.



NOTE: Use Gilbert HO-650 Power Pack to operate train.

*Meticulous
Craftsmanship!*

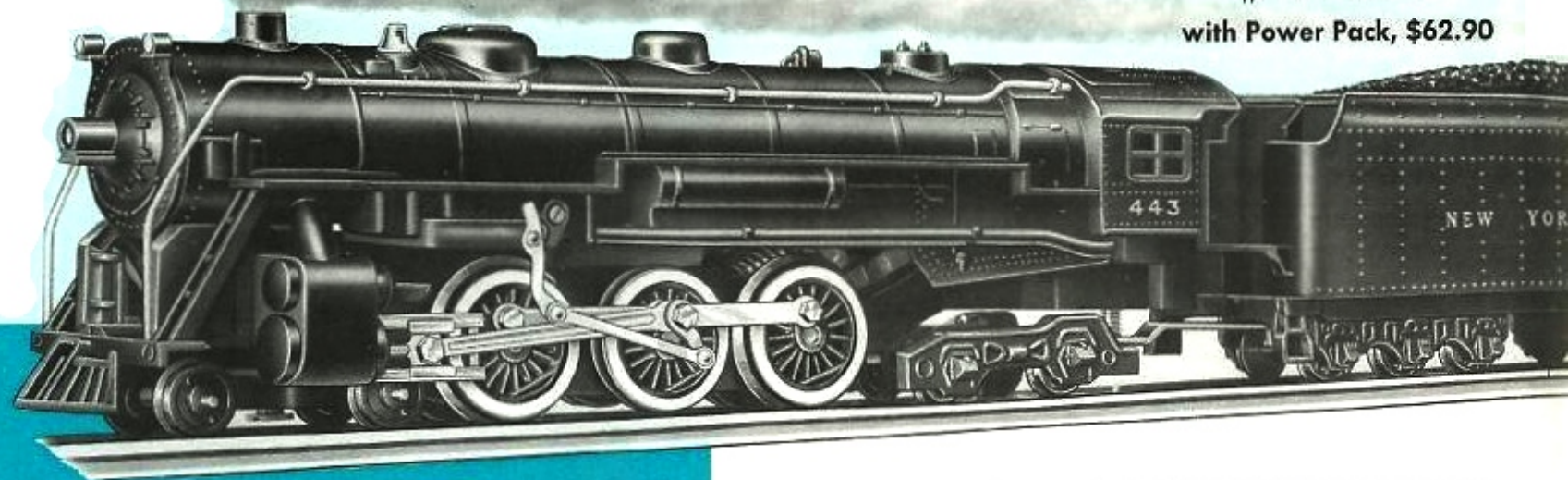


No. HO-320 PENNSYLVANIA SWITCHER FREIGHT INCLUDES:

- HO-433 Pennsylvania R.R. Switcher Locomotive and Tender, 9" long.
- HO-501 C. B. & Q. Hopper Car, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- HO-500 Gulf Tank Car, 5".
- HO-506 Reading R.R. Caboose, 4 $\frac{1}{16}$ ".
- 12 sections HO-612 Curved Track, 18" radius.
- HO-605 Terminal Straight Track.
- HO-600 Straight Track
- HO-630 Automatic Re-Railer.
- 4 piece Smoke Set: Funnel, Brush and 2 Smoke Capsules
- Illustrated Instructions

\$39.95

with Power Pack, \$52.90



\$49.95

with Power Pack, \$62.90

GILBERT HO

Hudson 4-Car Freight

— Puffs Smoke!

— Has Choo-Choo Sounds!

No. HO-330 GILBERT "HUDSON" 4-CAR FREIGHT TRAIN WITH REAL PUFFING SMOKE AND CHOO-CHOO SOUNDS

All the romance of real railroading is right at your fingertips with this detail-loaded N.Y. Central "Hudson" freight that puffs real Smoke and sounds off with Choo-Choos as it runs—a Gilbert HO exclusive! This hotshot smoker is right at home at the head end of a freight drag or hauling a load of varnish on an express run. Rolling stock includes a Monon Cement Car with simulated hatches and catwalk; Katy Cattle car with sliding doors; New Haven R.R. Depressed Center car with giant transformer lashed to it and, of course, the eye-catching Reading R.R. shanty. 144" of 2-rail "T" track included. Train measures 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Caboose has interior lighting.

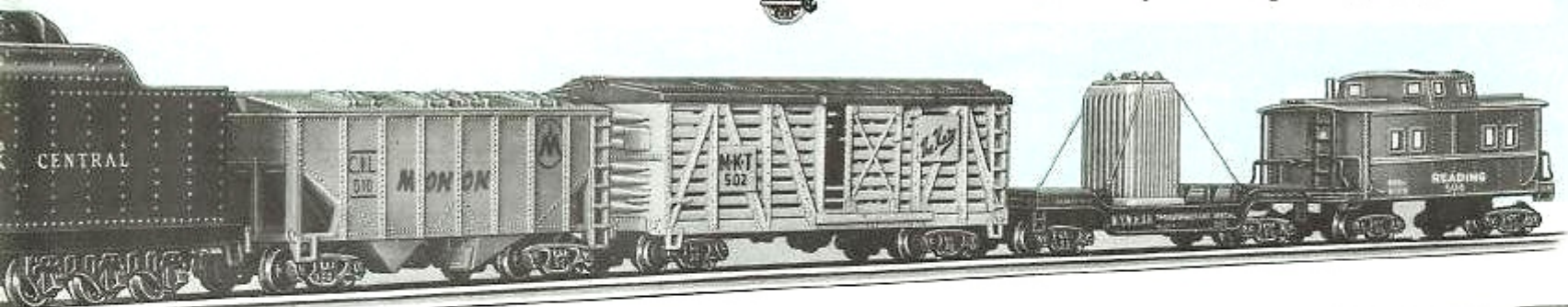
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AUTOMATIC RE-RAILING!

With the Gilbert HO Re-Railer included with the Hudson Freight, your re-railing worries are ended forever. When a wheel flange slips off the rail, the truck is automatically put back on the track as it passes through the Re-Railer!

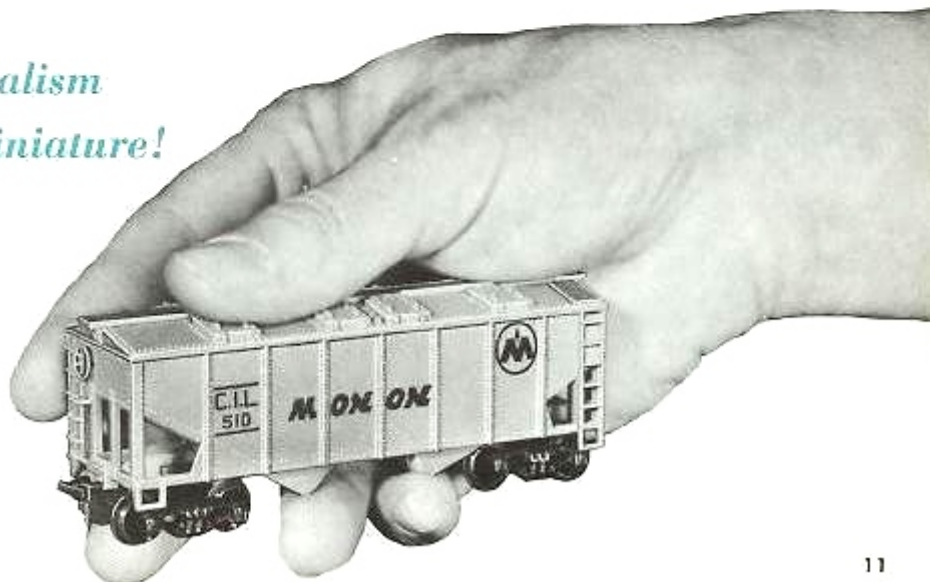


Railroad Realism in Jewel-like Miniature!

No. HO-330 HUDSON 4-CAR
FREIGHT INCLUDES:

- HO-443 N.Y. Central "Hudson" Locomotive and Tender, 14"
- HO-510 Monon Cement Car, 4 1/4"
- HO-502 M.K.T. Cattle Car, 5 7/8"
- HO-503 Depressed Center Car with Transformer, 5"
- HO-516 Reading R.R. Caboose, 4 1/4", Illuminated.
- 12 sections HO-612 Curved Track, 18" radius.
- HO-605 Terminal Straight Track
- 3 sections HO-600 Straight Track
- HO-630 Automatic Re-Railer.
- 4 piece Smoke Set: Funnel, Brush and 2 Smoke Capsules
- Illustrated Instructions.

NOTE:
Use Gilbert
HO-650 Power Pack
to operate train.



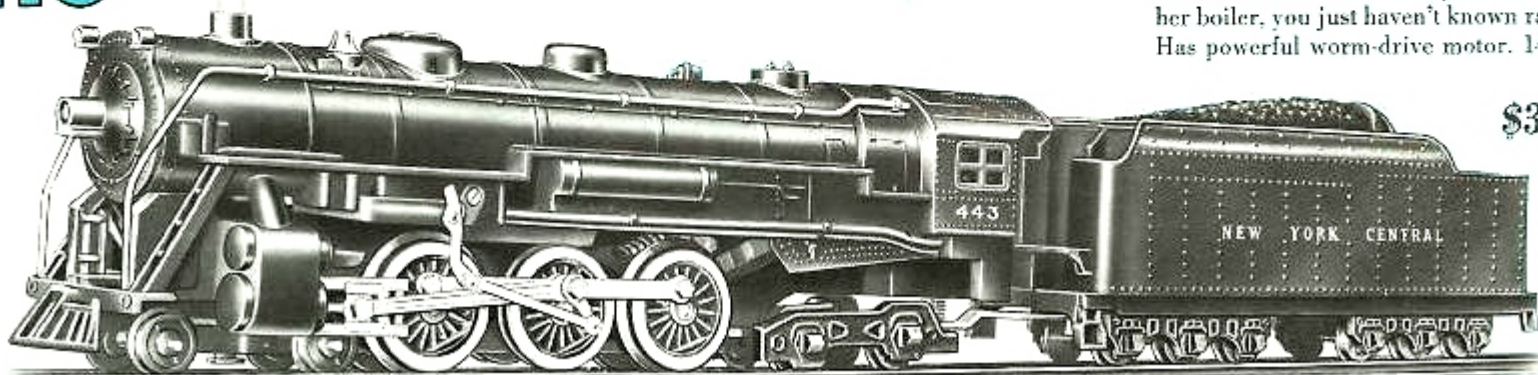
Gilbert HO Steam Locomotives

**They Puff Smoke—
Have Choo-Choo Sound Effects**



\$29.95

HO-433



\$36.95

HO-443

NOTE —

Both locomotives include 4-piece Smoke Unit: 2 Smoke Capsules, Funnel, Brush.

No. HO-433 PENNSYLVANIA 0-6-0 SWITCHER LOCOMOTIVE WITH SMOKE AND CHOO-CHOO SOUNDS

You'll lose your heart forever to this smart little switcher when you see her bustling about the yards, picking up a gondola, dropping a hopper—and all the while real Smoke puffing from the stack and the choo-choo-choo sounds coming from inside the boiler. With her worm-drive motor she's a real workhorse, too. Tender is popular ladder-back type and trucks are die-cast. 9" long.

No. HO-443 HUDSON 4-6-4 LOCOMOTIVE AND TENDER

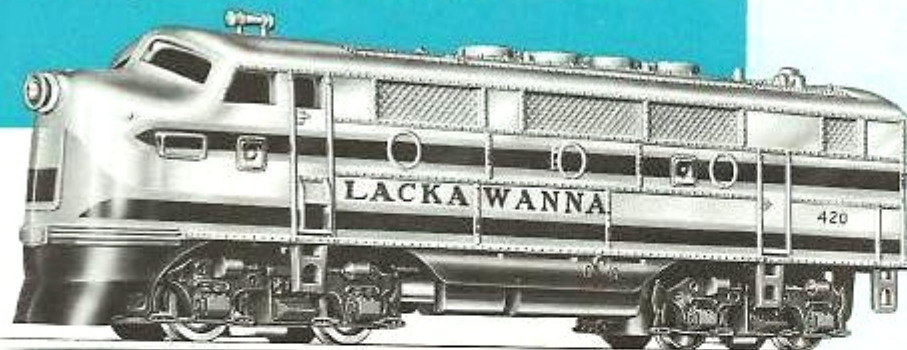
WITH SMOKE AND CHOO-CHOO SOUNDS

Real HO hobbyists regard this mighty smoke-puffing Hudson as a collector's item—with its minute, painstaking detail and authentic scale. But when you put her to work on your HO pike you'll know she's more than a joy to watch—she's a bearcat for performance. On either a passenger run or freight haul she'll pound the iron on schedule—and until you've seen her steaming along, trailing real Smoke from her stack and heard the steady Choo-Choos from her boiler, you just haven't known railroading! Has powerful worm-drive motor. 14" long.

Gilbert HO Diesels

Modern Authentically Detailed Streamliners

\$15.95



No. HO-420 GENERAL MOTORS DIESEL "A" UNIT

WITH UNIVERSAL DRIVE

No HO layout is complete without a Diesel growler to take over the freight or passenger chores, and this one is a real beauty. From front to rear she's a perfect scale model of the prototype GM monsters that constitute the backbone of most locomotive fleets. With its Universal Drive all eight wheels on both trucks pull the load, thus creating top running performance. Exhausts, hatches, grillework, ladders, handrails and lucite headlight complete the detail. 7" long.

GILBERT HO

\$7.95



No. HO-425 GENERAL MOTORS DIESEL "B" UNIT

Add one, two or even more of these dummy "B" units to your powered "A" unit, and you've got a locomotive that looks more real than the real thing itself! For a long freight drag or a speedy varnish run, you'll want the realism one of these "B" units will provide. 7" long.

Here's what the head end of a long freight haul looks like when you attach a couple of "B" units behind your powered Diesel "A" locomotive. A three-unit job like this is just the ticket for your fast passenger runs, too.



Gilbert HO Scale



GILBERT HO-500 TANK CAR

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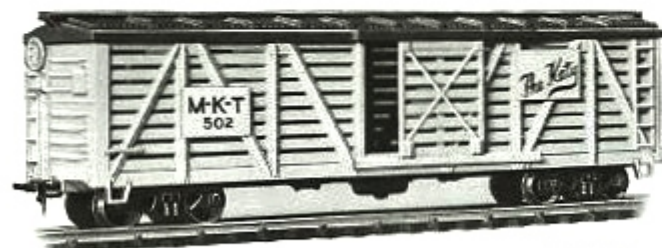
All set to carry the crude oil from the oil fields to the refineries on your HO pike. Beautifully made and complete with authentic detail, including truck springs (which really work!), handrails, rivet heads and simulated dome openings. Has realistic Gulf Oil emblem. 5" long.



GILBERT HO-501 HOPPER CAR

\$1.95

The backbone of any freight fleet is the dependable Hopper Car and once you add this Gilbert beauty to your layout you'll find yourself using it in every freight drag. Has detail piled on detail; load of simulated coal looks like the McCoy. Has C. B. & Q. Railroad markings. 4 1/4".



GILBERT HO-502 CATTLE CAR

\$2.95

So real you can almost hear the bawling of the steers inside! Blueprint perfect in construction: slats, cross-braces, ladders, dreadnaught ends, sprung trucks and sliding doors. Body M.K.T. yellow; roof Tuscan red. 5 3/8" long.



\$2.95

**GILBERT HO-503
DEPRESSED CENTER CAR**

When the real roads have a high load to carry they use the old reliable flat car with the depressed center to give them bridge clearance. This Gilbert scale model has a heavy die-cast chassis and the industrial transformer it carries is lashed by steel cable direct to the chassis. Trucks have real equalizing springs. 5" long.

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SPRUNG
TRUCKS
•
EQUALIZED
WHEEL ACTION
•
AUTHENTIC
3/64" HO SCALE

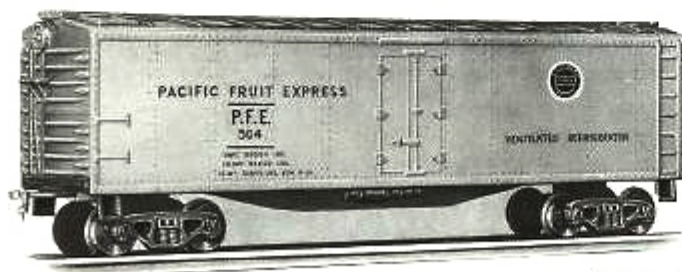
Model Rolling Stock

LOADED
WITH DETAIL

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COUPLERS
RATED "BEST IN FIELD"
BY
N. M. R. A.

GILBERT HO-504 REFRIGERATOR CAR

Here's a reefer that will add both color as well as realism to your HO pike. Sides are Southern Pacific R.R. orange; roof and dreadnaught ends are Tuscan red. Car has simulated hatches and brake wheel; ladders and roof walk included. 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ " long.



\$2.95



GILBERT HO-505 GONDOLA CAR

All ready to carry pipes, machinery or anything else too big to fit your box car. Has large loading capacity and plenty of accurate detail. Lettering on sides is Norfolk & Western R.R. Car body is railroad black. 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ " long.

\$1.95



GILBERT HO-510 CEMENT CAR

\$1.95

You've probably noticed more and more of these classy cement cars on the big roads; now you can have this realistic Gilbert HO job for your model pike. Has eight roof loading hatches, simulated, and lots of minute detail. Gray car body carries red lettering. Sprung trucks provide real equalizing action. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long.



GILBERT HO-516 ILLUMINATED CABOOSE

\$3.50

A shanty to ride the tail end of your freight drags in handsome style is this Gilbert job with Reading R.R. markings. Authentic detail, including real windows, even in cupola. Sprung trucks (four springs per truck) provide real railroad equalizing action. 4 $\frac{3}{16}$ " long.

Gilbert HO Track and Track Equipment

The more mainline and siding you have, the more fun you'll have with your HO model pike. Gilbert HO track sections and equipment are realistic in appearance and easy to install. Rails are made of brass, are "T" shaped for best traction and sleepers are spaced $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart. Every fourth tie is drilled for spiking track to table, if desired.

PICK YOUR RADIUS!

Gilbert HO Track comes in both 15" and 18" radius, permitting a variety of layouts, realistic double track system and space compactness. Photograph shows difference: inside track is 15" radius; outer loop is 18" radius.



25¢



25¢



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75¢



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GILBERT HO STRAIGHT TRACK

Brass rails mounted on life-like insulated ties spaced $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart. Comes in full, $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ lengths for any layout requirement.

HO-600 STRAIGHT TRACK. Full length, 9".

HO-602 STRAIGHT TRACK. $\frac{2}{3}$ rds length, 6".

HO-601 STRAIGHT TRACK. $\frac{1}{3}$ rd length, 3".

GILBERT HO-605 TERMINAL TRACK

Insulated terminal, with positive and negative posts to simplify wiring from Power Pack to track rails. 9" section.

GILBERT HO CURVED TRACK

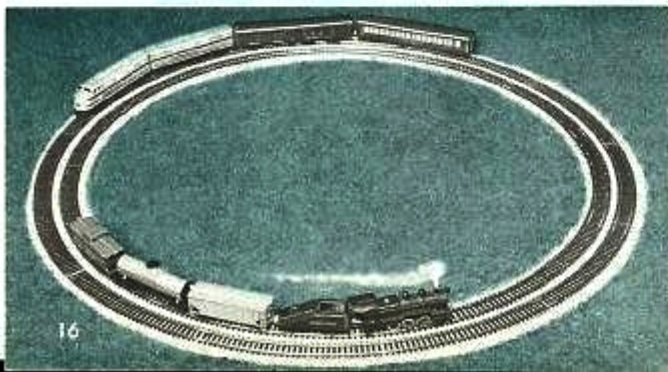
Can be purchased in either 15" or 18" radius sections, in both full length (9") or half lengths ($4\frac{1}{2}$ " sections).

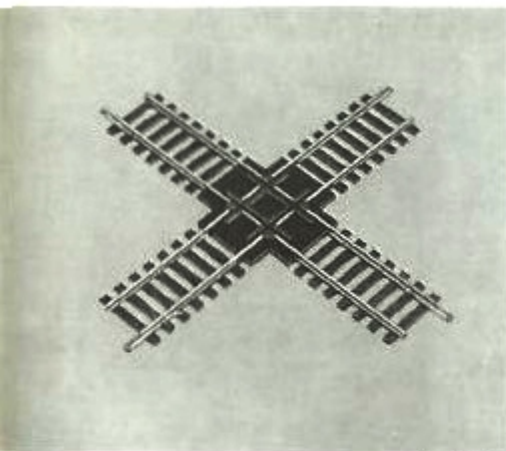
HO-610 CURVED TRACK, 15" radius, full length.

HO-611 CURVED TRACK, 15" radius, half length. 25¢ (Not illustrated)

HO-612 CURVED TRACK, 18" radius, full length.

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HO-625 GILBERT 90° CROSSING

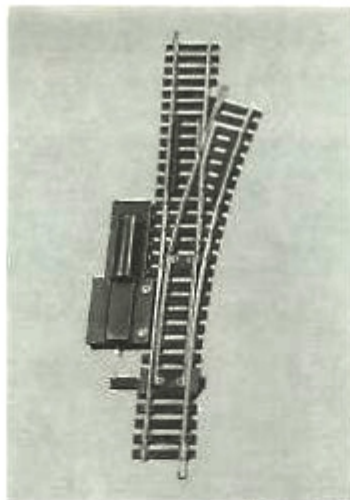
You can have one mainline intersect another at a 90-degree angle on your HO pike with this piece of track equipment that allows interesting and realistic track schemes. Each crossing leg measures 6" long.



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HO-626 BUMPER TRACK

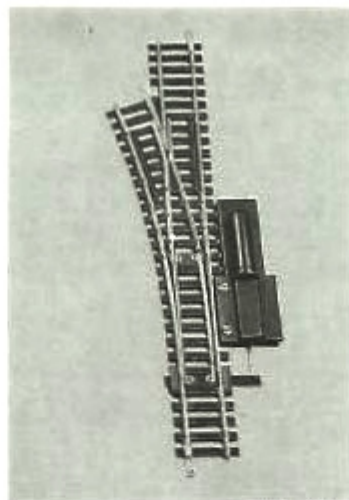
You'll want several of these for your deadend sidings to give your pike realism and finish. Bumper unit is molded; brass rails bend to form V. Track section is 4".



\$4.50

HO-620 RIGHT HAND REMOTE CONTROL SWITCH

The more switches you have the more interesting is your train operation. Sidings, spur lines and classification yards all need right and left switches. This one operates by remote control and has right hand turn-out.



\$4.50

HO-621 LEFT HAND REMOTE CONTROL SWITCH

Operates by remote control and is same construction as switch described at left, except has left hand turn-out.

No. 25 SMOKE CAPSULES

Nothing will increase the realism of your HO steam locomotives like real smoke puffing from the stack (only Gilbert HO has this feature) and these handy capsules contain enough smoke-producing fluid for two fillings. Fluid is contained in leak-proof capsule; when top is snipped off fluid is squeezed into smoke stack. Heating element in locomotive creates smoke in matter of seconds and puffs are timed with action of driving wheels. Package illustrated below contains dozen replacement capsules and funnel.

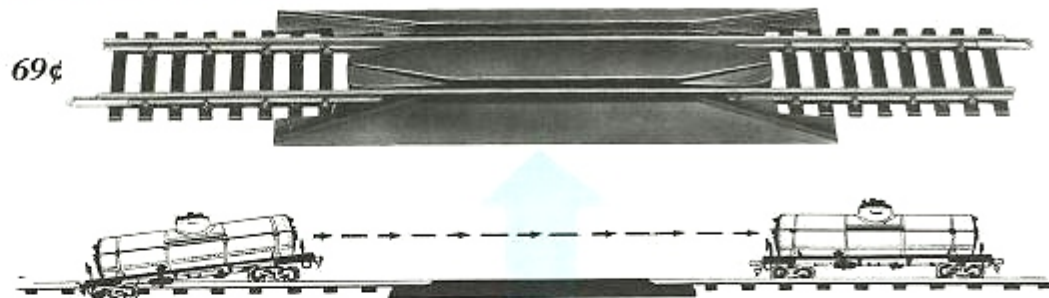


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The Greatest Boon An HO Railroader Ever Had!

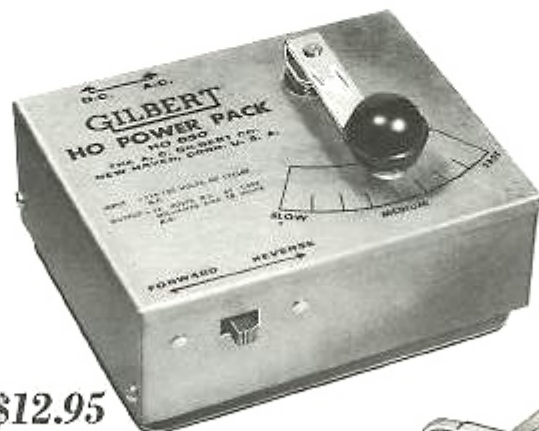
HO-630 AUTOMATIC RE-RAILER

Consists of three pieces which mount on and beside track as shown. When car with dragging truck passes through section wheels are automatically put back on the rails. Also makes it simple to put cars on track initially — one sweep of hand and cars are railed.



GILBERT HO-650 POWER PACK

Designed to operate Gilbert HO trains and remote control switches, by reducing standard household 110-120 volt alternating current to 18 volts, A.C. (for switches) and by converting the low voltage A.C. to 12 volts D.C. for efficient train operation. Contains self-setting thermal circuit breaker which cuts out whenever a short or overload develops, protecting the Power Pack. Has throttle-type speed controller. 5½" long x 4½" wide.

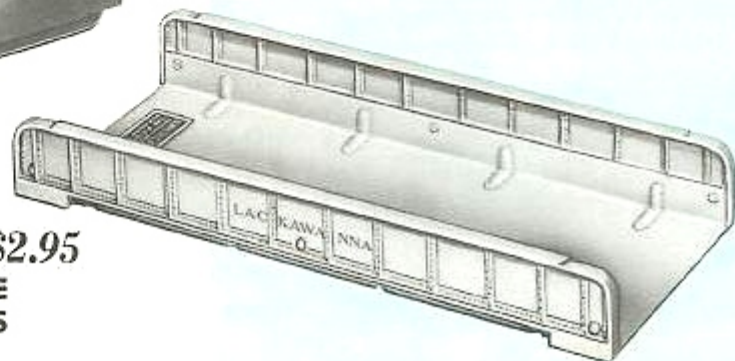


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Power Pack has 1½ amps output for top train performance!

HO-700 GIRDER BRIDGE

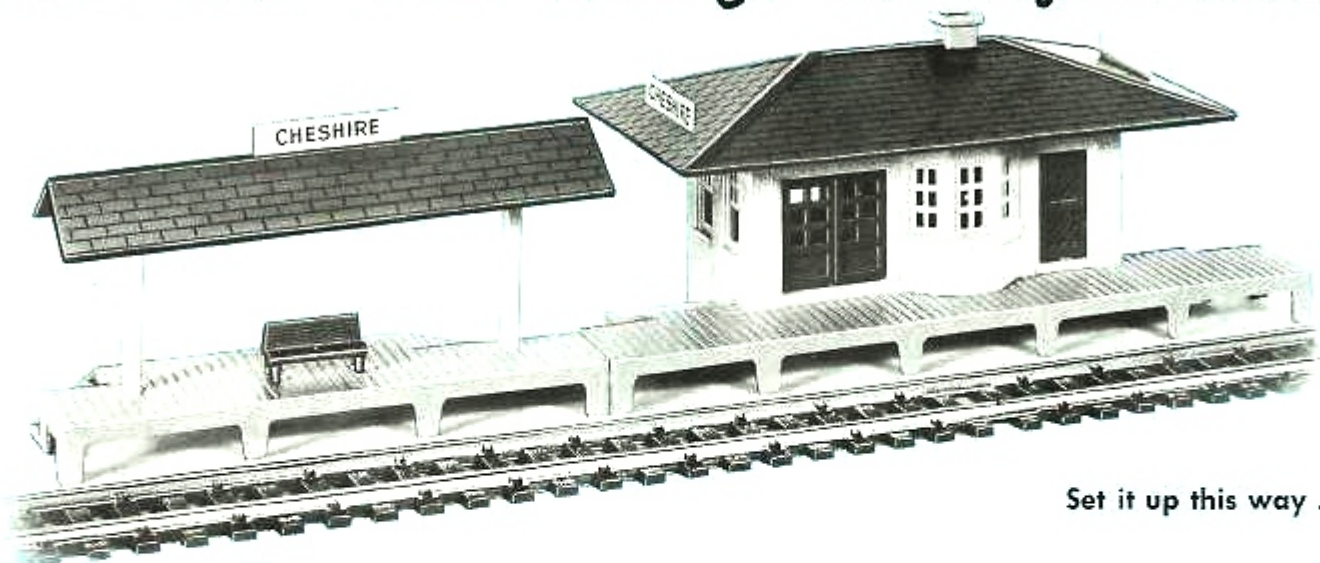
In real life trains pass over many types of bridges, but one of the most common is this girder kind, suitable for spanning ravines, gulches, gorges and streams. May be used in multiple, with supporting abutments. Measures 7½" long.



\$2.95

POWER PACK ALSO AVAILABLE (as HO-9650) IN 220 VOLTS

GILBERT HO *Passenger and Wayside Station*



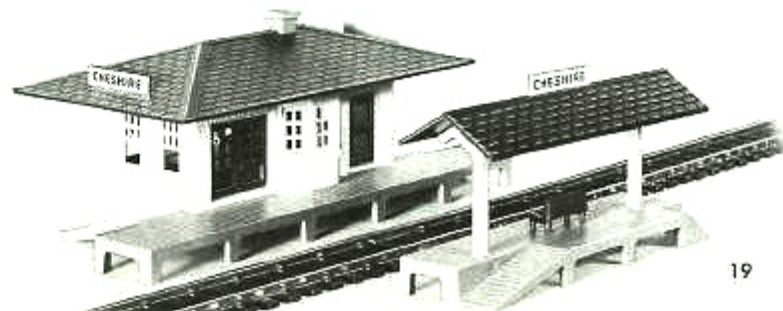
Set it up this way . . .

HO- 701 GILBERT PASSENGER AND WAYSIDE STATION

\$2.95

No HO layout is complete without at least one of these slick two-unit stations that can be used in a variety of ways. Butt the two together as shown above or arrange as illustrated at right, with mainline track separating the main station from the waiting platform. Station is made to precise HO scale and is finished in authentic railroad colors. Track shown in photographs is not included. Dimensions: Station: $1\frac{3}{4}$ " high, $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long, $2\frac{1}{4}$ " wide. Platform and roof: 2" high, $3\frac{5}{8}$ " long, $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide.

. . . or like this.



If You're Interested in Year Round Sales...



Here's How You Can Cash in on America's Fastest Growing Hobby!

All over the country HO sales are growing by leaps and bounds. This is not just fiction or wishful thinking—it's hard cold fact as reported by HO retailers from all parts of the United States.

Listen to what the Kalmbach Publishing Company has to say after a 15-month personal survey among more than 500 hobby retailers in 36 states:

"A dealer in Trenton, N. J., sold over 300 HO sets and a high percentage of these new customers are clearing his shelves of other HO equipment."

"A Midwest dealer estimates that 40% of his HO train set buyers are repeaters."

"A Bradenton, Fla., dealer said most of his HO customers returned *several times* for equipment."

And so the report goes. In a nutshell, HO trains are big business—and are getting bigger. So be sure YOU stock the HO line that has more real selling features than all other makes—GILBERT HO.

**Remember... only Gilbert HO has REAL SMOKE,
plus CHOO-CHOO SOUND EFFECTS and
"Rated-Best" N.M.R.A. COUPLERS.**

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GILBERT HO