

HO SCALE

# Turboliner

by rapido



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Rapido Trains Inc. is pleased to bring speed back to the rails with the Amtrak Rohr Turboliner in HO Scale.

In the early days of Amtrak, efforts were made to improve passenger services along key corridors. Following the success of the French-built RTG Turboliners in the mid-1970s in the Midwest, Amtrak turned to Rohr Industries in California to build modernized Turboliners for use along the Empire Corridor.

Entering service starting in September 1976, these new RTL Turboliners quickly proved their value, bringing passengers back to the rails. Equipped with third-rail shoes, they operated on electric power through New York's Grand Central Terminal (and later Penn Station), switching to gas-turbine power once out of New York City. Painted in Amtrak's stunning red, white and blue Phase III paint scheme, they operated on most Empire Corridor services, as well as regular appearances on the Adirondack to and from Montreal in the early years. Occasional equipment needs even put the Turbos on other rare adventures outside their normal call of duty, including the Niagara Rainbow to Detroit via Southwestern Ontario, and the Maple Leaf to Toronto via Niagara Falls.

After nearly 20 years of service under their belts, Amtrak selected one RTL set in 1994 to be rebuilt into what would be called the RTL-II, incorporating several improvements including new turbines, a remodelled interior, a striking new demonstrator paint scheme, in addition to extending the lifespan of the set for several more years. While this set continued in service until 2003, no other RTL-II sets were ever commissioned.

Further redevelopments and improvements of the fleet into the RTL-III's was never fully realized, and all were retired from active service in 2004. Conventional equipment has since been utilized on the Empire Corridor services in place of the once mighty Turboliners.

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The Rapido HO scale Rohr Turboliner features:

- Accurately designed using original blueprints and field measurements
- Tinted windows, full interior details and flicker-free interior lighting
- Separate factory installed grab irons
- Highly-detailed trucks including third-rail shoes
- Working headlights, marker lights and cab-mounted strobe lights
- Both Power Cars come with smooth, reliable drive systems for optimal performance
- DCC models feature sound decoders in each power car with accurate sounds sourced and remastered from original videos

		USD MSRP	CAD MSRP
5-car sets	(DC)	\$749.95	\$899.95
	(DCC)	\$949.95	\$1139.95
2-car X2000	(DC)	\$449.95	\$539.95
	(DCC)	\$649.95	\$779.95
Extra cars		\$129.95	\$155.95



## Amtrak Phase III (Early)

	Consist Number	DC/Silent	DCC/Sound
Set #1	150, 170, 171, 172, 151	25001	25501
Set #3	154, 176, 177, 178, 155	25002	25502
	Additional Cars		
	Coach #182	25101	
	Coach #184	25102	
	Food Service Coach #183	25103	

## Amtrak Phase III (Late)

	Consist Number	DC/Silent	DCC/Sound
Set #2	152, 173, 174, 175, 153	25003	25503
Set #4	156, 179, 180, 181, 157	25004	25504
	Additional Cars		
	Turbocoach #185	25104	
	Turbocoach #187	25105	
	Turbocafe #186	25106	



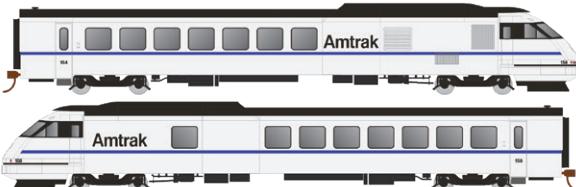
## Amtrak Phase V

	Consist Number	DC/Silent	DCC/Sound
	2141, 2288, 2374, 2284, 2162	25005	25505
	Additional Cars		
	Coachclass (unnumbered)	25107	

Note: Phase V painted models utilize an RTL-I body style

## Amtrak X2000 Demonstrator

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154, 158	25006	25506



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