



# THE FT

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Clayton C. Tinkham photograph, Robert C. Tinkham collection.

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General Motors' FT diesels were truly game changers. They could well be considered the first successful diesel road locomotive, and initial success with FTs convinced many steam-era railroads to start retiring steam and dieselize their fleets. The FT introduced EMD's iconic bulldog nose to the world, a design that would carry over onto thousands of E- and F-series locomotives, as well as others worldwide.

The first FTs were built for the Santa Fe at the end of 1940 and early 1941. Additional units were delivered to US railroads across the country until production ended in 1945. During its production life 555 FT A-units were built along with 541 FT B-units, with many lasting in service into the 1960s. Equipped with EMD's 567 prime mover, each single unit was rated at 1,350 horsepower. Most ran as semi-permanently coupled 2,700 horsepower A+B sets, but some roads (like the Santa Fe) had couplers installed on both ends of all units for maximum flexibility.

Like many locomotives, the FT fleet underwent numerous modifications and rebuilds during its service life. Many road-specific changes would appear, including changes to number boards, pilots, cooling systems and more.

Rapido's all-new HO scale FT locomotive models have many features never offered before in an FT model. These include a close coupling system to keep the A and B units close together on straights, yet still allow operation on model railroad curves. Units can be coupled with either a drawbar connection or couplers, mimicking the prototype. Three versions of dynamic brake hatch will be offered. Three- and four-digit lighted number boards will also be produced. Many road-specific details will be made including different nose door arrangements, unique pilot and truck details, as well as rebuilt number boards. Full underbody details will be offered, including the massive coupler draft gear at each end of each A+B Set. A complete cab interior rounds off the model.

Power will be provided by Rapido's proven five-pole motor with dual flywheels, backed up with our MoPower capacitor system for uninterrupted operation. All models will be DCC-ready, and sound-equipped models will feature ESU V5 decoders and full lighting effects as appropriate.

### Rapido's New FT Features:

- \* Close-coupling system for great appearance on straights and curves
- \* Drawbar or coupler connections between A and B units
- \* Multiple styles of number boards, installed as appropriate
- Correct nose and windshield contours
- Three styles of dynamic brake hatch, installed as appropriate
- Steam generator hatch installed as appropriate
- Etched side and fan screens
- Heavy, die-cast chassis
- 5-pole motor with dual flywheels
- \*Working headlights, ground lights, number boards and back-up lights
- \* Full underbody details including piping and draft gear
- Separate grab irons and handrails
- \* Numerous road-specific details
- Full, multi-color interior
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound) options
- Accurate sounds

\* For the first time ever in plastic!

- Featuring the Mo-Power capacitor system!

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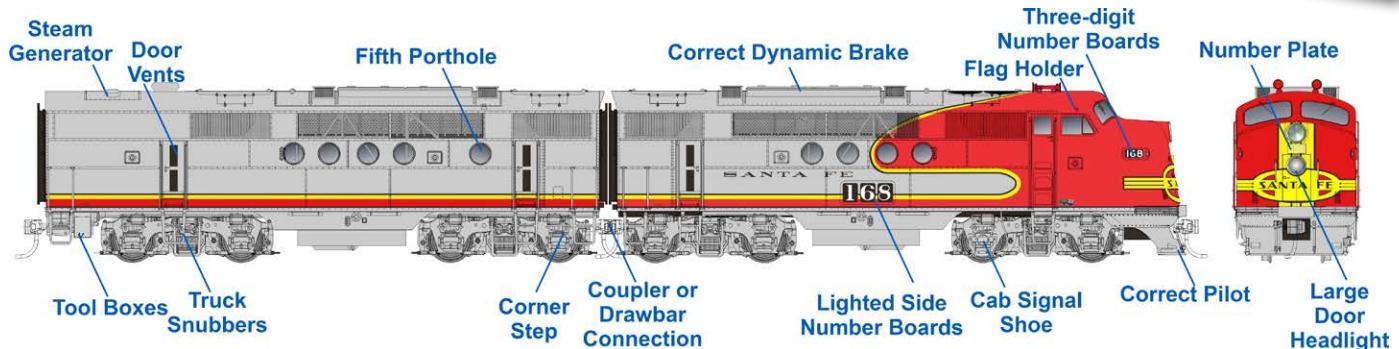
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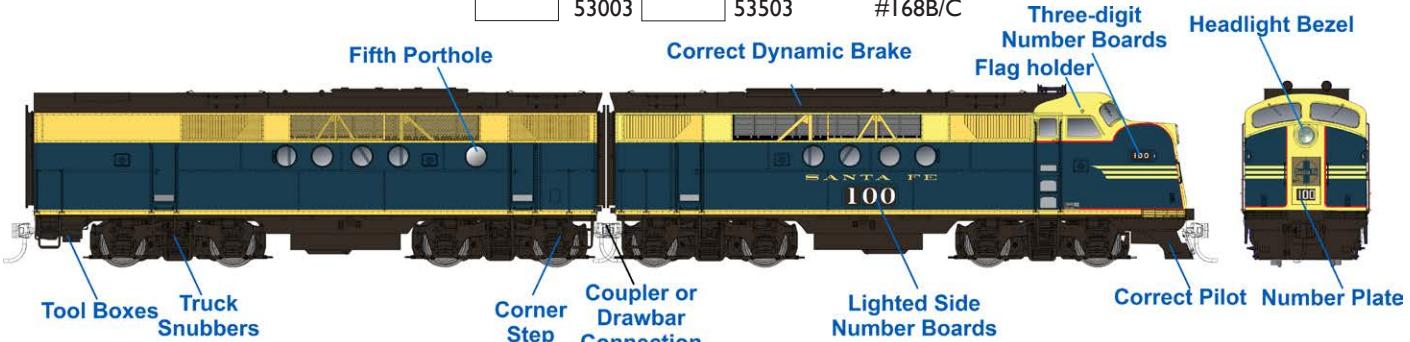
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## Santa Fe (Passenger) A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
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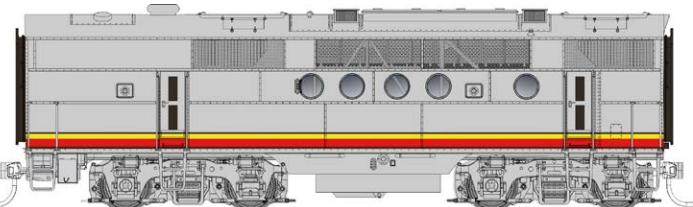


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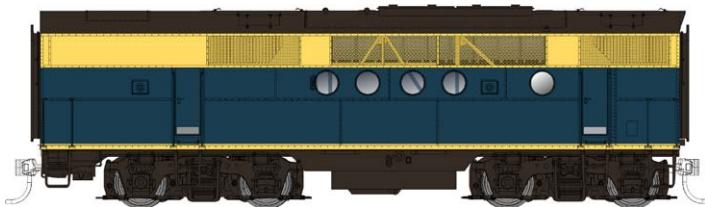
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Santa Fe's FTs were equipped with couplers at both ends of each unit. This allowed the Santa Fe to run FTs in A+B+B (or even A+B+B+B) sets. Our individual coupler-equipped FT B-units allow modelers to easily recreate these lash ups for the first time!



## Santa Fe (Passenger) FTB Single

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="text"/>	53504	No #



## Santa Fe (Freight) FTB Single

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="text"/>	53508	No #

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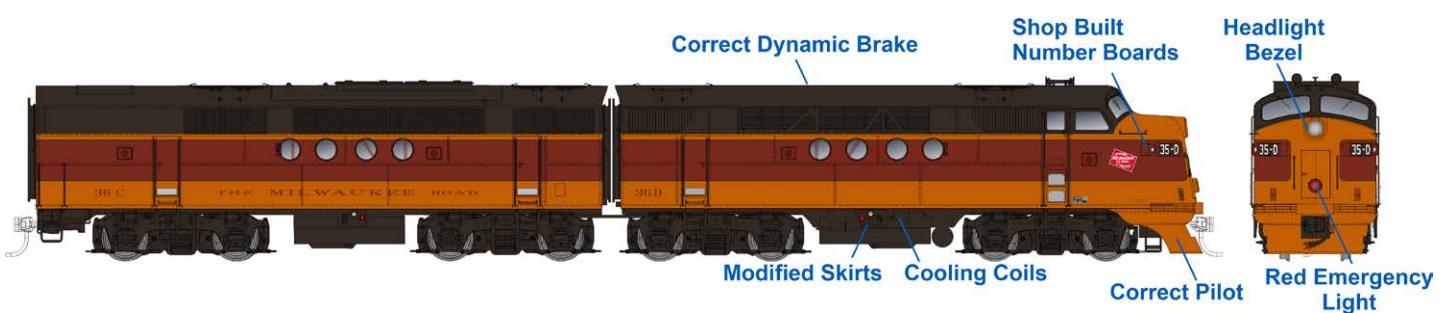
## Boston & Maine A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53009	53509 #4201A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53010	53510 #4206A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53011	53511 #4212A/B



## Burlington (CB&Q) A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53012	53512 #105-A/105-B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53013	53513 #108-D/108-C
<input type="checkbox"/>	53014	53514 #110-A/110-B



## Milwaukee A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53015	53515 #35 D/C
<input type="checkbox"/>	53016	53516 #37 A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53017	53517 #42 A/B

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## Lackawanna (DL&W) A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53018	53518
<input type="checkbox"/>	53019	651A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53020	53519
		#653A/B
		53520
		#654A/B



## Great Northern A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53021	53521
<input type="checkbox"/>	53022	402-A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53023	53522
		#408-D/C
		53523
		#418-D/C



## New York, Ontario & Western A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53024	53524
<input type="checkbox"/>	53025	601A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53026	53525
		#804A/B
		53526
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## Northern Pacific A+B Set

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<input type="checkbox"/>	53027	53527 #5402A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53028	53528 #5406A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53029	53529 #5409D/C

Three-digit  
Number Boards



## Reading A+B Set

DC	DC/DCC/Sound	Road Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	53030	53530 #253A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53031	53531 #256A/B
<input type="checkbox"/>	53032	53532 #258A/B

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### Looking for Un-Decorated or Un-Numbered units?

Rapido will produce special runs of un-numbered A or B units (no decals included) in groups of three sets or more. Get together with friends and place your special order directly with us! Contact us at the addresses below for more details.

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