

# THE "CENTURY" SERIES ALCO/MLW C-424 AND ALCO C-425

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- FIRST TIME IN HIGH DETAIL WITH MANY ROAD AND PHASE-SPECIFIC DETAILS!
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In the 1960s, the American Locomotive Company faced fierce competition from GE's Universal Series and EMD's General Purpose locomotives. ALCO's response was the "Century" Series of locomotives, designed to outperform their competitors with better quality components. In 1963, ALCO introduced the C-424, designed to replace their RS-27 model, outputting 2,400-horsepower. 98 units were produced from 1963 through 1967 for nine US and one Mexican railroad. Wabash's seven were originally built for NdeM, but due to financing issues were resold to the Wabash. Around the same time the Montreal Locomotive Works, under license from ALCO, began producing their version of the C-424 for Canadian National and Canadian Pacific, totaling 92 units. The C-424 featured multiple phases, body variations, and even handrail positions. For only 183 locomotives built, they sure had many quirks. Early versions featured winged radiators (with smooth sides on the hood) and walkway-mounted handrails. Later versions had the signature ALCO "notch" and sill-mounted railings. The MLW versions were mostly built with nose-mounted headlights, Dofasco trucks and split-side 2,000 gallon fuel tanks. Later, CP modified their fleet heavily, which remained in service until 1998.

The C-425 was cataloged as an "upgraded" C-425, outputting 100 more horsepower than its counterpart. The C-425 used the same 251C prime mover as their C-424 counterpart but used GE's 598 main generator, which was also used on GE's U25B series. The C-425s featured the normal ALCO "notch" ends, squared-off radiator sides and two phases: I and II. The Phase II models had razorback-style steps, larger sill cutouts, and both air tanks on the engineer's side. 91 examples were built for six railroads — all American. Once again, of these 91 built, they featured many road-specific details. N&W ordered 18 with their usual high-hood specifications. PRR and NH requested a unique horizontal headlight so the horn could be fitted just above it for catenary clearance purposes. Erie Lackawanna's 12 were later sold to the British Columbia Railway, which became cult icons!

Of the 271 C-424 and C-425s built, a large quantity remains in-service over 60 years after they rolled off ALCO's Schenectady shop floor. Our Century models include all the features and details you've come to expect from a Rapido model and then some!

### THE RAPIDO "CENTURY" SERIES ALCO/MLW C-424 AND ALCO C-425 LOCOMOTIVES FEATURE:

- Rotating bearing caps (where appropriate)
- Multiple nose, long hood and cab variations (nose light, high nose and sand fill caps)
- Full lighting package including track lights, walkway lights and three-color class lights
- Heavy die-cast frame with many separate details
- With or without dynamic brakes (where appropriate)
- Full interior details
- Metal grab irons
- Prototypically correct tread patterns on walkways
- Correct details for different phase variations (C-424 Ph. I, II and III / C-425 Ph. I and II)
- GE/Hornell rebuild features correct "bump-out" panel, cut down rear radiator wings and more!
- Walkway or sill-mounted handrails, using Rapido's innovative dead-straight metal handrails with plastic stanchions
- Etched-metal steps with fold-over step edge designs
- Correct GSC or Dofasco trucks
- Traction motor details on trucks with rubber sanding lines
- Road-specific fuel tanks
- MoPower capacitor system for uninterrupted DCC running
- DC/DCC ready or Dual-Mode DC/DCC/Sound (recorded from a real Century locomotive!)
- Suggested minimum radius: 18"

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### Canadian National — Noodle Scheme MR-24b (Black/Red/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3206	45001 <input type="text"/>	45501 <input type="text"/>
3210	45002 <input type="text"/>	45502 <input type="text"/>

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### Canadian National — Noodle Scheme MR-24c (Black/Red/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3228	45003 <input type="text"/>	45503 <input type="text"/>
3239	45004 <input type="text"/>	45504 <input type="text"/>

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### Canadian National — Stripes Scheme MR-24b (Black/Red/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3209	45005 <input type="text"/>	45505 <input type="text"/>
3211	45006 <input type="text"/>	45506 <input type="text"/>

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### Canadian National — Stripes Scheme MR-24c (Black/Red/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
3223	45007 <input type="text"/>	45507 <input type="text"/>
3236	45008 <input type="text"/>	45508 <input type="text"/>

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### Canadian Pacific — Script Scheme DRS-24b (Maroon/Grey/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4208	45009 <input type="text"/>	45509 <input type="text"/>
4232	45010 <input type="text"/>	45510 <input type="text"/>

### Canadian Pacific — Script Scheme DRS-24c (Maroon/Grey/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4244	45011 <input type="text"/>	45511 <input type="text"/>
4248	45012 <input type="text"/>	45512 <input type="text"/>



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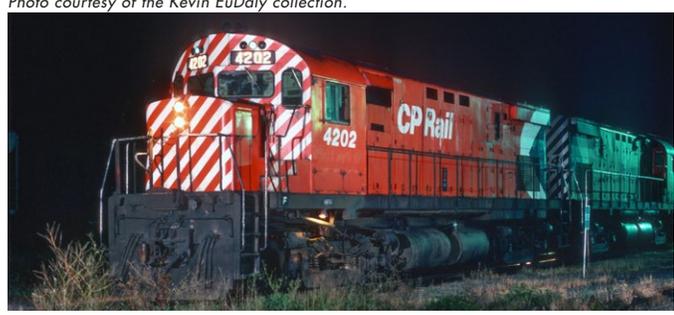
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**CP Rail — Multimark, 5" Stripes (A5M)  
DRS-24b (Red/White)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4202	45013 <input type="text"/>	45513 <input type="text"/>
4217	45014 <input type="text"/>	45514 <input type="text"/>

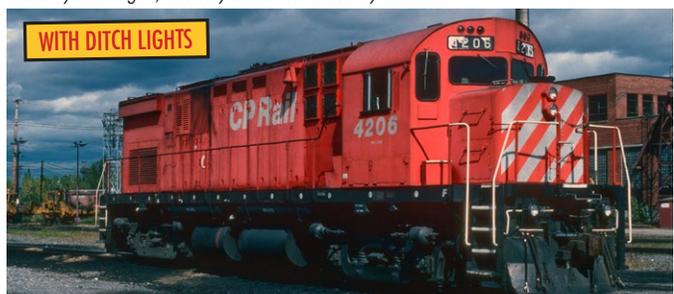
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**CP Rail — Multimark, 8" Stripes (A8M)  
DRS-24b (Red/White)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4209	45017 <input type="text"/>	45517 <input type="text"/>
4223	45018 <input type="text"/>	45518 <input type="text"/>

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**CP Rail — No Multimark, 8" Stripes (A8NM)  
(Red/White) — (4224 - DRS-24b / 4247 - DRS-24c)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4224	45021 <input type="text"/>	45521 <input type="text"/>
4247	45022 <input type="text"/>	45522 <input type="text"/>

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**CP Rail — Multimark, 5" Stripes (A5M) / PR Train  
DRS-24c (Red/White)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4239	45015 <input type="text"/>	45515 <input type="text"/>
4242	45016 <input type="text"/>	45516 <input type="text"/>

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**CP Rail — Multimark, 8" Stripes (A8M)  
DRS-24c (Red/White)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4233	45019 <input type="text"/>	45519 <input type="text"/>
4250	45020 <input type="text"/>	45520 <input type="text"/>

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**Reading Railroad  
RSA-14 (Yellow/Green)**

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
5202	45023 <input type="text"/>	45523 <input type="text"/>
5209	45024 <input type="text"/>	45524 <input type="text"/>



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## Conrail — (ex-Reading Patch-Out) RSA-14 (Yellow/Green/Black)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2490	45025 <input type="text"/>	45525 <input type="text"/>
2496	45026 <input type="text"/>	45526 <input type="text"/>

Photo courtesy of Ron Hawkins.



## Belt Railway of Chicago (Gray/Black/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
600	45027 <input type="text"/>	45527 <input type="text"/>
605	45028 <input type="text"/>	45528 <input type="text"/>

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## NdeM (Dark Green/Red)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
8108	45029 <input type="text"/>	45529 <input type="text"/>
8109	45030 <input type="text"/>	45530 <input type="text"/>

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## Erie-Lackawanna — GMY Scheme (Gray/Maroon/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2403	45031 <input type="text"/>	45531 <input type="text"/>
2409	45032 <input type="text"/>	45532 <input type="text"/>
2415	45033 <input type="text"/>	45533 <input type="text"/>



## Delaware & Hudson — GE/Hornell Rebuild C-424m (Blue/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
451	45034 <input type="text"/>	45534 <input type="text"/>
453	45035 <input type="text"/>	45535 <input type="text"/>
455	45036 <input type="text"/>	45536 <input type="text"/>



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#### Spokane, Portland and Seattle (Dark Green/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
310	45037 <input type="text"/>	45537 <input type="text"/>
316	45038 <input type="text"/>	45538 <input type="text"/>

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#### Burlington Northern — ex-SP&S "Patch" (Dark Green/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4252	45039 <input type="text"/>	45539 <input type="text"/>
4261	45040 <input type="text"/>	45540 <input type="text"/>

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#### Burlington Northern (Cascade Green/White/Black)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
4254	45041 <input type="text"/>	45541 <input type="text"/>
4258	45042 <input type="text"/>	45542 <input type="text"/>
4262	45043 <input type="text"/>	45543 <input type="text"/>

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#### New Haven — Trustee Scheme (Black/Orange/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2553	45044 <input type="text"/>	45544 <input type="text"/>
2555	45045 <input type="text"/>	45545 <input type="text"/>
2559	45046 <input type="text"/>	45546 <input type="text"/>

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#### Penn Central — ex-New Haven (Brunswick/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2453	45047 <input type="text"/>	45547 <input type="text"/>
2457	45048 <input type="text"/>	45548 <input type="text"/>

#### Conrail — ex-New Haven (Blue/White)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2455	45049 <input type="text"/>	45549 <input type="text"/>
2457	45050 <input type="text"/>	45550 <input type="text"/>



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### Norfolk and Western — Hamburger Logo High Short Hood (Black/Yellow)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
1007	45051 <input type="text"/>	45551 <input type="text"/>
1009	45052 <input type="text"/>	45552 <input type="text"/>
1013	45053 <input type="text"/>	45553 <input type="text"/>

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### Pennsylvania (Brunswick Green/Deluxe Gold)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2423	45054 <input type="text"/>	45554 <input type="text"/>
2429	45055 <input type="text"/>	45555 <input type="text"/>
2443	45056 <input type="text"/>	45556 <input type="text"/>

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### British Columbia Railway (Green/Yellow/Black)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
803	45057 <input type="text"/>	45557 <input type="text"/>
806	45058 <input type="text"/>	45558 <input type="text"/>
809	45059 <input type="text"/>	45559 <input type="text"/>



### Mohawk, Adirondack and Northern (Green/Yellow/Black)

Road #	Item # (DC/Silent)	Item # (DC/DCC/Sound)
2454	45060 <input type="text"/>	45560 <input type="text"/>
2456	45061 <input type="text"/>	45561 <input type="text"/>



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