

GE B36-7 LOCOMOTIVE

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Rapido Trains Inc. is very pleased to announce the General Electric B36-7 locomotive, never before released in ready-to-run HO Scale!

The four-axle GE B36-7 was a high-horsepower speed racer built to appeal to railroads in the early 1980s looking to turbocharge their growing intermodal business. There were few drag freights or slow-moving manifests for these thoroughbreds in their early years. They could usually be found in multiples at the head of the hottest of hot piggyback and autorack services and the new double-stack container trains.

Replacing the "Universal Series" U36B in the GE catalogue, the first locomotives were built at Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1980. By the last year of production in 1985 some 222 locomotives had been constructed for US railroads with a further eight for export.

The design found customers in several of the larger Class 1s of the period: Santa Fe, Conrail, Seaboard System, Southern and Southern Pacific. With the mergers of the mid-1980s and the Conrail split of 1999 the bulk of the fleet ended up with CSX and Norfolk Southern. Circa 2000 the CSX roster was overflowing with B36-7s, with around 140 former Conrail and Seaboard units operating all over the eastern half of the US. The ex-Seaboard fleet

was officially retired towards the end of 2009, but examples were still working into 2011.

The turbocharged 16-cylinder 7FDL prime mover rated between 3,600hp and 3,750hp and upgraded alternator and traction motors proved to be a reliable combination. They were well liked by railfans and were among the last of the Dash 7s in Class 1 service, outliving the six-axle variants by a number of years.

The increased power also meant increased noise. As well as the larger silencer (introduced in 1979), GE attempted to mitigate this with a pair of sound baffles either side of the radiator section. These were installed on all the Cotton Belt, Santa Fe and Southern locomotives and the first 15 Conrail units. By 1983 GE had replaced the twin radiator fans with a single large fan to reduce noise - three additional grilles in the doors in the radiator section made this upgrade obvious - and only Southern retained the baffles beyond 1986, and even then only the lower of the two on each

side. The Rapido model correctly replicates **ALL** of these details as appropriate.

For the first time in HO Scale, the Rapido HO B36-7 reproduces all of the incredible features of the prototype to precision. How do we know that? Because thanks to the kind folks at Transkentucky Transportation (now the largest operator of B36-7s in North America) we made a 3D laser scan of a real B36-7 - number 5815! In addition, Minnesota Commercial allowed us to make extensive measurements of their huge and eclectic collection of Dash 7s in Saint Paul so we could ensure that our model detail variations match the prototypes!



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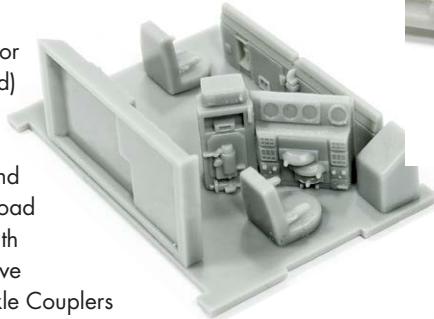
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The Rapido HO B36-7 features:

- 3D laser scanned from an actual B36-7 for 100% accurate shape and dimensions
- Incredible underframe detail including piping and a ridiculous number of separately-applied parts
- Full cab interior, with correct orientation for standard or Southern units
- Dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- A crazy level of road-specific detail options, with different pilots, antclimbers, plows, fuel tanks, air dryers, antennas, bell location, wind deflectors, headlight locations, air-conditioning units, beacons, different bodies, multiple nose and rear end styles, three versions of drop step and so on...
- With or without class lights (as appropriate)
- Conrail locomotives have unique 'built out' style class lights
- ATSF, Conrail and Southern locomotives have single or double baffles appropriate to era and road number
- Three styles of operating, flashing ditch lights, front & rear (as appropriate)
- Working headlights in correct location for road name, switchable number boards at both ends and cab interior lighting
- SP locomotive has working dual Oscitrol lights and red Gyralte
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (ESU LokSound) decoder options
- Accurate sounds recorded from actual B36-7 locomotives (TTI and Minnesota Commercial) under load
- Rapido's proven 5-pole motor with dual flywheels & silky-smooth drive
- Metal Macdonald-Cartier Knuckle Couplers



A note about the pre-production samples

There are still a few parts missing from these samples and a few details to add (including rivets and some tread plate texture) but it's clear there has never been a 1970-80s GE locomotive in HO scale with this level of road-specific detail.

British Columbia Railway



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Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe



- Early body
- Factory installed noise baffles
- ATSF antil climber
- Air Conditioning unit
- Flashing amber beacon
- Battery box / Nose louvers
- Blanked nose headlight position
- Brass Leslie RS-3L horn
- Optional snubbers on truck
- Optional large Salem air dryer
- ATSF fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations
- EOTD antenna
- Class lights at front only
- ATSF specific pilot / small plow

Road # Item # DC/Silent

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7494	18004	<input type="text"/>	18504	<input type="text"/>
7499	18005	<input type="text"/>	18505	<input type="text"/>

British Columbia Railway red/white/blue



- Ex-Santa Fe units w/late body
- ATSF antil climber
- BCOL rebuilt numberboards with cab-mounted bell
- battery box / nose louvers
- additional truck snubbers
- large Salem air dryer
- no class lights
- nose-mounted headlights
- working BCOL style ditch and rock lights at both ends
- ATSF fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations
- unique BCOL front handrails
- ATSF specific pilot with small plow at both ends
- brass K5L horn (all bells forward)

Road # Item # DC/Silent

3607	18006	<input type="text"/>	18506	<input type="text"/>
3613	18007	<input type="text"/>	18507	<input type="text"/>

Conrail as delivered



- Late body with additional grills
- optional large noise baffles
- Conrail antil climber
- unique CR built out class lights
- Conrail cab signal box on walkway behind fireman's side
- of cab
- Conrail fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations with optional spare knuckles
- Conrail specific pilot with small plow
- Leslie RS-3L horn mounted on long hood
- With or without pilot-mounted ditch lights
- Also available with CSX or NS patched numbers.

Road # Item # DC/Silent

5004	18008	<input type="text"/>	18508	<input type="text"/>
5013	18009	<input type="text"/>	18509	<input type="text"/>
5031	18010	<input type="text"/>	18510	<input type="text"/>
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Conrail as delivered w/Ditch Lights



Road # Item # DC/Silent

5025	18012	<input type="text"/>	18512	<input type="text"/>
5054	18013	<input type="text"/>	18513	<input type="text"/>

Conrail as delivered - CSX patched numbers



Road # Item # DC/Silent

5787	18014	<input type="text"/>	18514	<input type="text"/>
5790	18015	<input type="text"/>	18515	<input type="text"/>

Conrail as delivered - NS patched numbers



Road # Item # DC/Silent

3606	18016	<input type="text"/>	18516	<input type="text"/>
3611	18017	<input type="text"/>	18517	<input type="text"/>

CSX Transportation YN2 "Bright Future"



- Ex-SBD units with late body
- No antil climber
- Plated class lights
- Large Salem air dryer
- MU cabling on front
- CSX/SBD fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations
- Hinged drop step
- CSX pilot w/large plow
- Brass K5L24 horn
- CSX/SBD sunshade brackets
- With or without frame-mounted ditch lights
- Also available with white-painted cab roof for post 2000s

Road # Item # DC/Silent

5870	18018	<input type="text"/>	18518	<input type="text"/>
5895	18019	<input type="text"/>	18519	<input type="text"/>
5923	18020	<input type="text"/>	18520	<input type="text"/>

PLEASE NOTE that the MNNR and TTI units are conditional announcements. If they don't make our minimum quantities then they will not be made.

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CSX Transportation YN2 w/Ditch Lights



Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound
5809	18021	18521
5851	18022	18522
5912	18023	18523

CSX Transportation YN2 w/Ditch Lights & White Roof



Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound
5836	18024	18524
5877	18025	18525
5885	18026	18526

Minnesota Commercial Railway



- Ex-Southern Pacific unit with late body	- SP fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations	- Brass Nathan P3 horn	- CSX/SBD fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations
- No antilimber	- SP specific pilot with small plow	- Large equipment box on fireman's side behind cab	- correct filler/gauge locations
- Plated class lights	- Pilot-mounted ditch lights both ends	- Nose-mounted headlights	- Hinged drop step
- Fixed drop step		- Plated cab headlight	- SBD specific pilot with large
- Large Salem air dryer		- Plated SP light package	plow
Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound	Item # DC/DCC/Sound
75	18027	18527	

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Pre-Production Samples

Norfolk Southern



- Ex-Southern unit with early body and high short hood	- correct filler/gauge locations	- Walkway light castings (not operational)
- No antilimber	- SOU/NS specific pilot with large plow both ends	- Firecracker antennas
- Class lights both ends	- Bell at long hood end	- Optional single noise baffles
- Hinged low mounted drop step	- Brass Nathan P5 horns at each end	- Correctly oriented cab interior
- SOU/NS fuel tank with		- NS/SOU sunshade

Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound
3815	18028	18528
3817	18029	18529
3820	18030	18530

Seaboard System



- Late body	- CSX/SBD fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations	- Brass KL5R24 horn
- No antilimber	- Hinged drop step	- SBD/CSX sunshade brackets.
- Class lights	- SBD specific pilot with large	
- Small air dryer		

Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound
5847	18031	18531
5859	18032	18532
5861	18033	18533
5898	18034	18534
5925	18035	18535

Southern Railway "Tuxedo"



- Early body with high short hood and no antilimber	- correct filler/gauge locations	- operational)
- Class lights both ends	- Large plow at both ends	- Firecracker antennas
- Hinged low mounted drop step	- Bell at long hood end	- Single noise baffle with optional double baffles
- SOU/NS fuel tank with	- Brass Nathan P5 horns at each end	- Correctly oriented cab interior
	- Walkway light castings (not	- NS/SOU sunshade

Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound
3816	18036	18536
3818	18037	18537
3819	18038	18538

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Southern Pacific as delivered



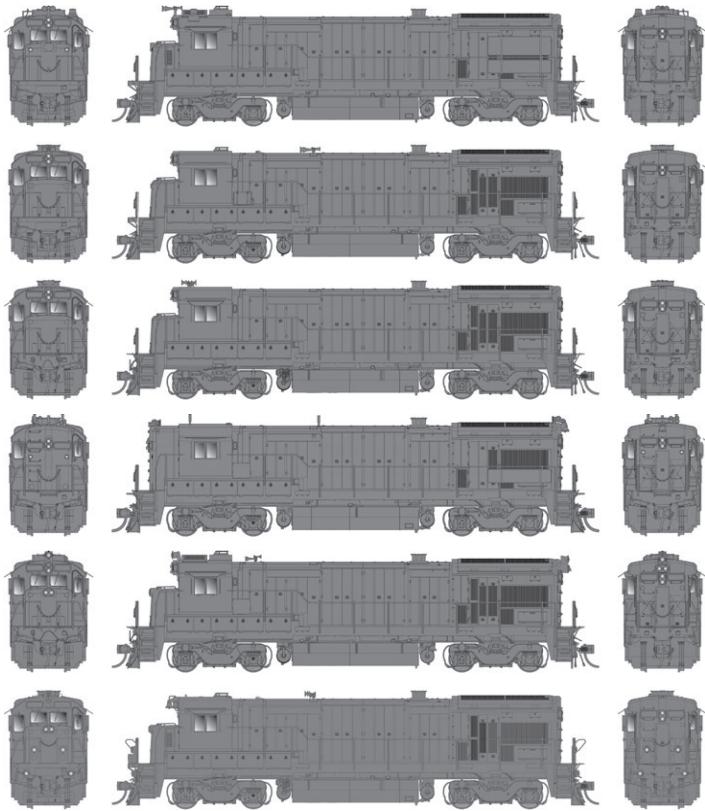
- Late body with additional grills
- SP fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations
- No anticlimber
- SP specific pilot w/large plow
- Fixed drop step
- Brass Nathan P3 or K5H horns
- Large equipment box on
- fireman's side behind cab
- Nose-mounted headlights
- Dual-beam clear lens Oscitral
- Red "emergency" gyralites

Road #	Item #	Item #
DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound	

7754 w/dual K5H horns	18039	18539
7756 w/dual K5H horns	18040	18540
7760 w/single P3 horn	18041	18541
7764 w/single P3 horn	18042	18542
7767 w/single P3 horn	18043	18543



Undecorated (six versions)



Transkentucky Transportation

- Ex-SBD/CSX Transportation units with late body
- No anticlimber
- Plated class lights
- Large Salem air dryer
- MU cabling on front
- CSX/SBD fuel tank with correct filler/gauge locations
- Hinged drop step
- CSX pilot w/large plow
- Brass horn
- CSX/SBD sunshade brackets
- Operational frame-mounted ditch lights
- Two paint schemes available



Road #	Item #	Item #
DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound	

5815	18050	18550
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Road #	Item #	Item #
DC/Silent	DC/DCC/Sound	

5911	18051	18551
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Road #	Item #	Item #
ATSF	18044	18544
CR	18045	18545
SBD/CSXT	18046	18546
SOU/NS	18047	18547
SP/UP	18048	18548
BCOL	18049	18549



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