



MLW M420

MR-20b
MR-20c **Class**

Rapido Trains Inc. is proud to reveal its latest all- Canadian model in HO Scale, Montreal Locomotive Works M420 locomotive, MLW's answer to the popular GMD GP38-2.

The early 1970s were a time of massive change in Canadian locomotive design. CN's, Bob Radford, Chief Mechanical Engineer worked with MLW designers, locomotive crews and the unions to devise a new cab design for freight road locomotives. This would become known as a (Canadian) Comfort/Safety Cab. The first units to be equipped with this cab was the M420 and it hit the rails in 1973, just a few weeks before the similarly-equipped GP38-2(W).

The M420 was equipped with the ALCO 12V-251c3 prime mover producing 2000 H.P. Most M420 units rode on MLW ZWT (Zero Weight- Transfer) trucks. The only exception to this were the 5 units built for the Providence & Worcester, which rode on ALCO trade-in FA trucks. The P&W required a different bolster design and different truck spacing, making them unique.

MLW constructed 103 M420s between May 1973 and February 1977 for four railways including CN (80), BCR (16 including eight B units), Ferrocarriles del Estado (2), Providence & Worcester (5).

CN would take delivery of the M420s in 3 groups: MR-20a class 2500-2529 (delivered 1973), MR-20b class 2530-2559 (delivered 1974), and MR-20c class 2560-2579 (delivered 1976).





All of the CN units were retired by 1998 and today many of these locomotives have found second careers on short lines all over North America.



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Pre-production Sample



MSRP		\$359.95 DC/DCC/Sound
		\$249.95 DC/Silent
		\$335 DC/DCC/Sound
		\$225 DC/Silent

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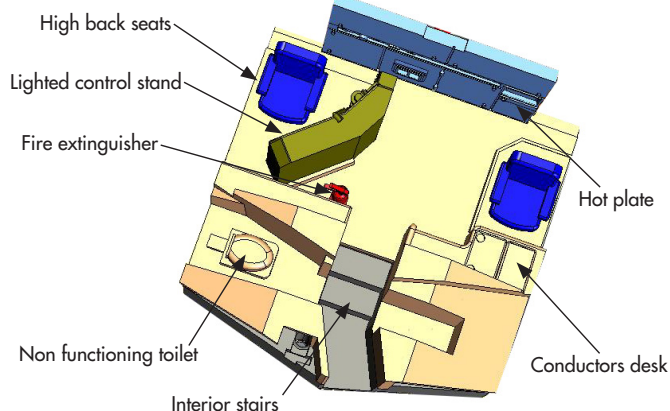
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Our HO Scale MLW M420 locomotive features:

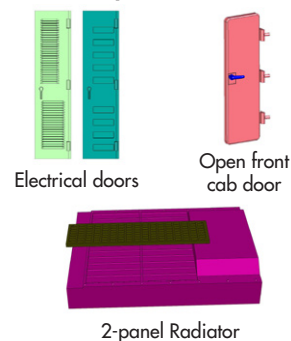
- 3D scanned from an actual M420. This is as close to real as it gets!
- MR-20b and MR-20c classes available in the first run
- Rapido's innovative dead straight metal side handrails with plastic stanchions
- Incredible underframe detail including traction motor cables and other piping, rerailer and a silly number of separately-applied parts
- Two or three panel radiators, louvered or large opening electrical cabinet door, open or closed truck bearings
- Operating headlights, rear lights, tri-colour class lights, and illuminated cab control stand
- Highly detailed cab interior with optional open front door
- Heavy, die-cast chassis with Rapido's improved silky-smooth drive
- DC/Silent (21-pin DCC Ready) or DC/DCC/Sound (Rapido Sound by TCS)
- Accurate sounds recorded from a real M420
- Factory-installed Macdonald-Cartier couplers mounted at the correct height

Full cab interior



Road #	Item # DC/Silent	Item # DC/DCC/Sound	CN Class	Paint Scheme
2530	33001	33501	MR-20b	As delivered stripes
2539	33002	33502	MR-20b	As delivered stripes
2544	33003	33503	MR-20b	As delivered stripes
2557	33004	33504	MR-20b	As delivered stripes
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2564	33005	33505	MR-20c	As delivered stripes
2567	33006	33506	MR-20c	As delivered stripes
2575	33007	33507	MR-20c	As delivered stripes
2578	33008	33508	MR-20c	As delivered stripes
2572	33009	33509	MR-20c	Red/Orange cab roof
2574	33010	33510	MR-20c	Red/Orange cab roof
	33011	33511		Undecorated

Optional Parts



Canada & US MSRP

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