

NYC 4-6-4 DREYFUSS HUDSON #5454

1:29 SCALE • 45 mm GAUGE



ENGINEERING SAMPLE SHOWN

The New York Central 'Hudsons' were some of the most iconic east coast locos produced in the 20th Century and their loss has been widely mourned since the last example was scrapped. The 'Hudson' 4-6-4 evolved from the Pacific wheel arrangement, the additional trailing wheel set giving room for a bigger firebox and the fitting of a booster to the rear truck to improve the starting of heavy trains. Although locos of the 4-6-4 wheel arrangement already existed (being known as a Baltic in Europe), the NYC examples came to be known as 'Hudsons' following a conversation between the NYC's motive power superintendent, Paul Keifer, and the railroad's president, Pat Crowley.

In all the New York Central 'Hudsons' numbered 275, built in Classes J-1 and J-2 from the late 1920's and J-3 during the late '30s. Streamlined variants of each class duly appeared and the last ten J-3a's, including our #5454, carried bodywork created by industrial designer Henry Dreyfuss. In 1938 Dreyfuss was commissioned by the railroad to design streamlined train sets in Art Deco style, with the locomotives and passenger cars painted in blues and grays. The streamliners made their initial runs in June, 1938 and were probably the most famous American passenger trains of all time, the 'Empire State Express' (New York - Buffalo) and the '20th Century Limited' (New York - Chicago). The NYC made full use of the design's radical looks in its publicity and many posters from that era feature the J-3a's; a member of the class also represented the NYC at the 1939 World's Fair alongside streamlined engines from the Pennsylvania RR and the LMSR in Great Britain. The Achilles' heel of the class was a lack of sure-footedness and they were gradually supplanted by NYC 'Mowhawk' 2-8-4's and finally the 'Niagara' 4-8-4's on the heaviest trains. Ultimately the New York Central dieselized in the 1950's and all the 'Hudson's' had been withdrawn by 1956, none being preserved.

SPECIFICATIONS

Scale	1:29
Gauge	45 mm
Mini. radius	48 in.
Dimensions	40.28 x 4.28 x 6.39 in.
Construction	Brass & stainless steel

Electric Model

Power	0~24V DC Pittman motor
	Full cab interior design
Features	Constant lighting
	Sound ready

Live Steam Model

Power	Live steam, butane fired
Boiler	Copper, two flues
Valve	D-valve
Valve gear	Baker (working)
Working pressure	60 psi

Features	Two safety valves
	Pressure gauge
	Water level gauge
	Lubricator w/ drain valve
	Cylinder drain valve
	Axle pump
	Tender water pump
	R/C ready

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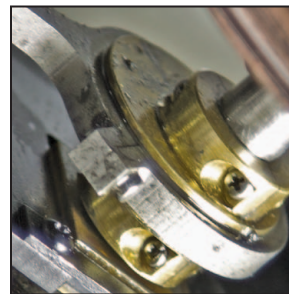
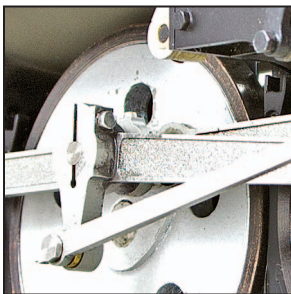
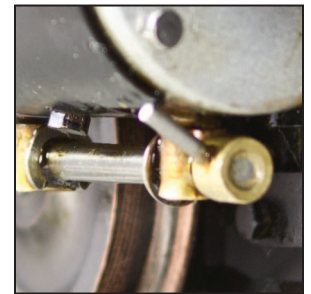
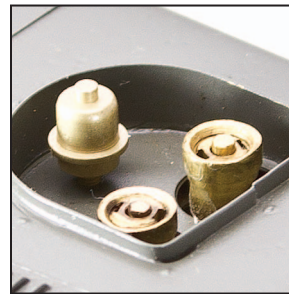
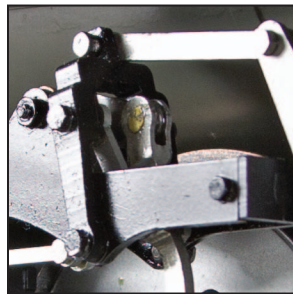
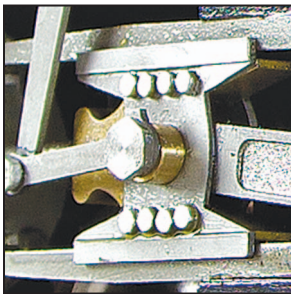
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ORDER INFORMATION

Electric Models

SKU	Description
G951-01	NYC 4-6-4 Dreyfuss Hudson #5454, Electric
G951-01S	NYC 4-6-4 Dreyfuss Hudson #5454 w/ Phoenix Sound, Electric

Live Steam Models

SKU	Description
G751-01	NYC 4-6-4 Dreyfuss Hudson #5454, Live Steam

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