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GE DASH 8-40B Diesel Locomotive Owner's Manual

TRAINmaster COMMAND EQUIPPED

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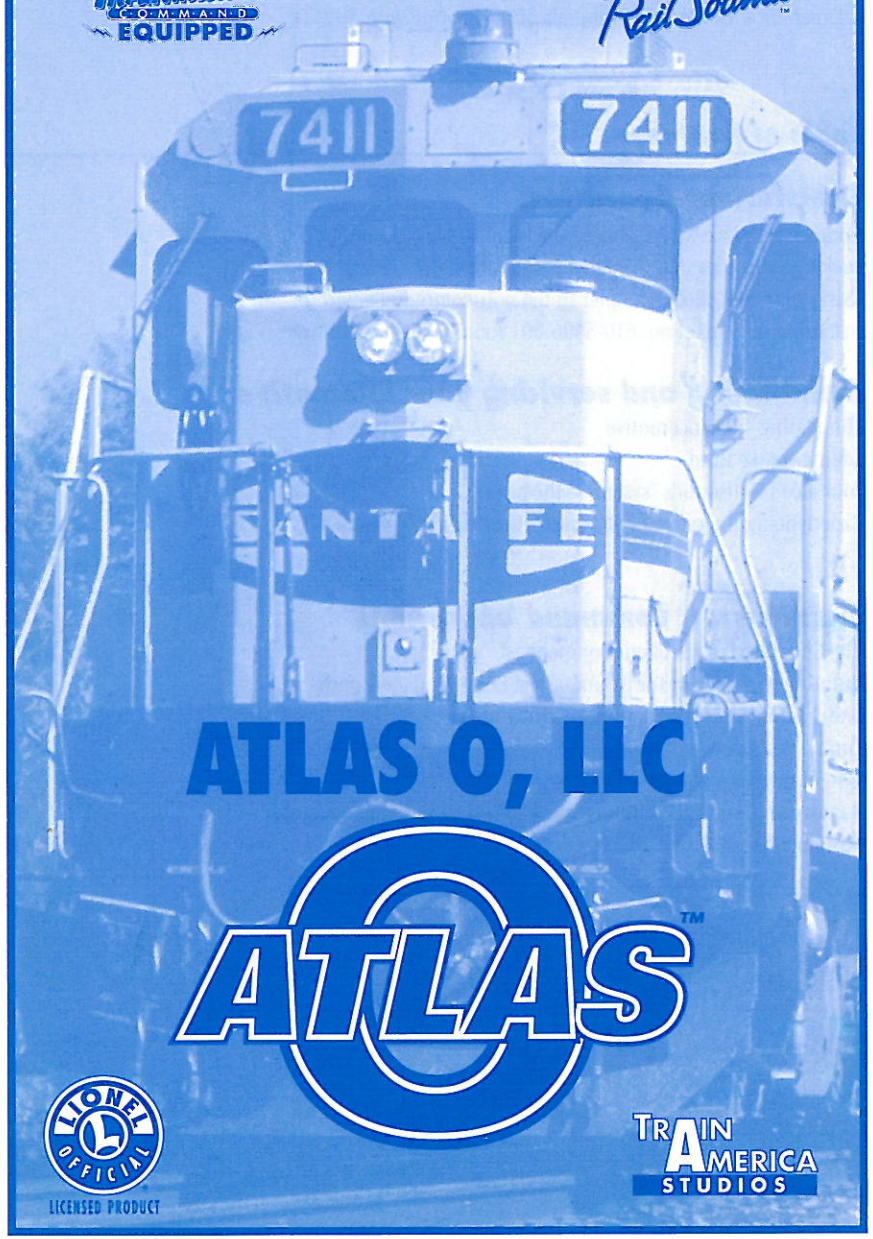

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Assigning your locomotive a new ID#

Example ***Assign a new I D# to your Command-equipped loco***

Command Base ON
Place the loco on track
PowerMasters set to CMD or traditional power supplies ON FULL
Set the locomotive reverse unit control switch to PROGRAM
Turn track power on (PowerMasters):

Press BOOST

Program the loco with a new ID#:

Press ENG

Press a number you choose (the ID#)

Press SET

Set the reverse unit control switch to FORWARD/RUN

Your loco set remembers its ID# forever; change it <u>any</u> <u>time</u> with these steps

As your fleet of Command-equipped locomotives grows, you'll want to give your loco a more individualized number. Choose from any between 1 and 99. To make things easy, use a portion of yourloco's cab number.

Turn the Command Base ON and place the locomotive on track. Power up, then set the loco's reverse unit control switch to PGM (see the illustration on page 6). Using CAB-1, press ENG, the locomotive ID# (you select: ?), then press the SET button located under CAB-1's removable panel. Hear the horn blow (or see the headlight flash if Railsounds is off); that's the R2LC confirming the new ID#. Set the reverse unit control switch to RUN. Your loco is ready for operations with its all-new ID#.

We recommend that you choose an easy to remember ID# for your engine. Some possibilities are part of the engine road number, your age, any two digit number that is not used by another engine. Write the number on a small piece of tape and put this on the bottom of the fuel tank to aid in remembering.

Reprogramming R2LC circuit boards to restore features

Due to the inevitable derailments, static, and the *negative* nature of electricity, it is possible that your R2LC could someday lose its setup program.The symptoms of this condition would be unresponsiveness in command mode. This can be easily remedied by "reprogramming" your R2LC using the following steps.

STEP 1: Move switch on locomotive from run to program.

STEP 2: Turn on Command Base.

STEP 3: Place locomotive on track, then turn on power to track.

STEP 4: Press "ENG" then input locomotive's ID#. Press "SET"

STEP 5: Press "ENG", then the ID#, "AUX1", then press **8** for your locomotive.

STEP 6: Turn off power to track, wait ten seconds.

STEP 7: Remove locomotive from track, move switch from program to run.

STEP 8: Place locomotive back on track, turn power on to track.

STEP 9: Press "ENG" and ID#, then operate as normal.

Transformer operations

Running your Atlas O loco with a Lionel/ Lionel-compatible transformer

1 Place your locomotive on Atlas O or compatible O gauge track.

2 Power up your loco with your transformer.

- **Your loco is designed to operate on 8-18 volts alternating current.** Virtually all Lionel and Lionel-compatible alternating-current transformers are suitable.
- **Do not power your 3-rail loco with direct current** (DC). Damage to sensitive electronic components may occur.

3 Move 'em out!

- **Get your loco moving.** Press the DIR button on your CAB-1 remote or Lionel transformer. This sequences the Lionel reverse unit to the next operating state.
- **Adjust track voltage** until your locomotive moves at your desired speed. To increase speed, increase track voltage. To decrease speed, reduce voltage. To stop the locomotive, cut track power.
- **See page 4 for information on locking your loco in a single operating state**

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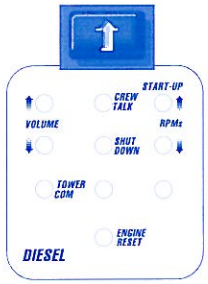
CAB-1 numeric keypad commands for your locomotive

AUX1



When you press AUX1 on CAB-1, you turn the numeric keypad into 10 command buttons. The keypad lets you control extra command features (until you press any top-row button like SW, ACC, RTE, TR, or ENG). ***Railsounds sounds in bold italic.***

0 Stops and resets the loco.Resets the locomotives's direction to FORWARD. Resets Railsounds to automatic RPM operation. ***Horn blows. RPMs return to automatic.***

1 Raises the volume of Railsounds. ***Sound volume increases.***

2 **CrewTalk™** is the sound of inaudible walkie-talkie communication.

3 Raises Railsounds RPM level. Starts up Railsounds. ***RPMs increase. Startup sequence commences.***

4 Lowers the volume of Railsounds. ***Sound volume decreases.***

5 Activates the Railsounds shutdown sequence. Just like the real thing, *your loco's RPMs must be at idle for shutdown to occur.* Press 6 repeatedly to lower RPMs until they won't descend further. Your locomotive is now at idle. Press 5 to initiate the shutdown sequence, following Crewtalk sound. ***Crewtalk sounds, Diesel shutdown commences.*** Remember, the horn, bell, and RPMs will not sound until you *restart* Railsounds.

6 Lowers Railsounds RPM level. ***RPMs decrease.***

7 **TowerCom™** is an audible announcement from the dispatcher. *There is a four second delay in this function.*

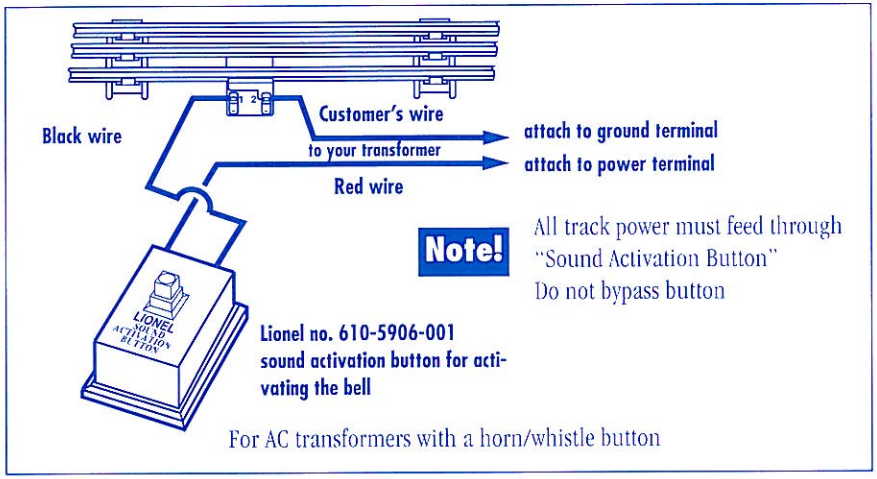
8 Smoke off ***Crewtalk sounds***

9 Turns on the smoke generator. Press and hold 9 (10 seconds maximum) to intiate Smoke Boost™-it super heats the smoke generator and enhances smoke output when you start running your locomotive. See notes on filling or turning off the smoke generator on page 7. ***Crewtalk sounds***

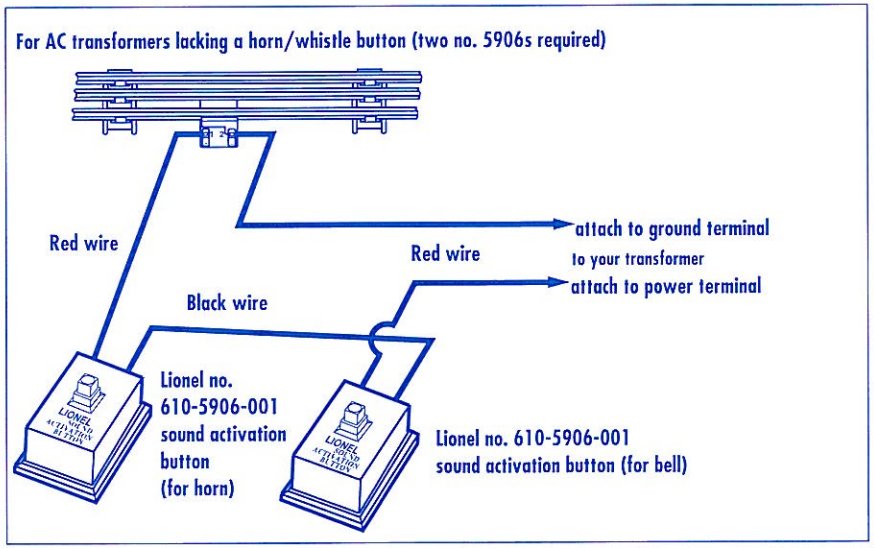
Transformer operations

Installing the Lionel no. 610-5906-001 sound activation button

To operate the bell and horn sounds when operating your loco with conventional transformers, you'll need to install the Lionel no. 610-5906-001 sound activation button (available separately from Lionel). Connect the button(s) as shown below.



For AC transformers with a horn/whistle button



Note! The no. 610-5906-001 sound activation button (available separately) works with any Lionel AC transformer except no. 6-4690 Type MW. Transformers made by other manufacturers may not be compatible with Railsounds.

TrainMaster Command operations

The Command control environment

Lionel TrainMaster Command is the advanced model railroad control system from Lionel. Your Atlas O loco is equipped with a Liontech Command reverse unit.

TrainMaster Command gives you the power to operate multiple Command-equipped locomotives *on the same track, at the same time.*

To operate in Command, you need a Command Base and a CAB-1 remote. Find them both at your authorized Lionel retailer.

1 Place your locomotive on Atlas O or compatible O gauge track.

- **Make sure track power is OFF before placing on the track.**
- **Make sure your Lionel Command Base is ON** and its communications wire is connected to the COMMON post on your Lionel transformer *or* the U on any of your installed PowerMasters.
- Once positioned on the track, **increase track voltage to FULL** (on PowerMaster, slide the CMD/CONV switch to CMD).

2 Address your locomotive using CAB-1.

- **Press ENG and 1** on the numeric keypad of your CAB-1 remote. This command is sent by CAB-1 to the Command Base, which then translates your command into digital code. That code is sent around your railroad's outside rails in the form of a digital "halo." All Command-equipped locos listen to this digital communication, but they do not respond until they hear their individual ID number—in this case, "1."
- **The digital language of TrainMaster Command—and not track power—controls the actions of Command-equipped locos.** Track power is simply like gasoline in the tank of your car—it gives you the power to go places, but it doesn't tell you where to go or how fast to get there.
- **All Command equipped locomotives come factory-programmed with an ID# of "1."** To change the ID# of your loco, see page 13.

3 Move 'em out!

- Throttle up or press any command button on CAB-1. Your loco will respond to your every command. Read on.

Maintaining and servicing your locomotive

Adding fluid to your Locomotive's smoke generator

Your locomotive is equipped with a smoke generator that produces safe, clean white smoke during operation.

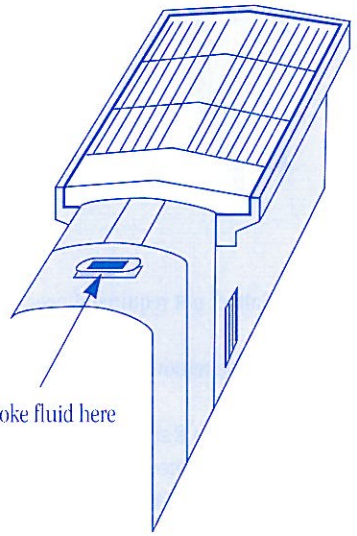
The smoke generator requires the periodic addition of Lionel or Lionel compatible smoke fluid in order to function. Pierce the tube end with a pin, then add 35-40 drops of fluid into the locomotive's stack. See diagram for location of smoke generator duct. Smoke production will commence momentarily, faster if you run your locomotive at speed. When smoke production wanes, add more fluid (four to eight drops).

If you prefer to have a *smoke free* locomotive, there is a switch located on the bottom of the engine under the cab marked SMK/NO SMK (see page 7 for location). Move the switch to NO SMK and your locomotive will stop smoking.

When using Command Control, you can incraese smoke production through THE CAB 1. Press AUX1 and 9 (press for a maximum of 10 seconds) to boost the smoke unit. When the smoke unit is on *Always* keep a small amount of smoke fluid in the locomotive's smoke generator; the generator's element can become damaged if operated without fluid. Smoke production is greater at higher voltages and when the locomotive is pulling a heavy load or long consist.

NOTE: Your locomotive is shipped with the smoke unit turned off. Move the control switch to SMK to begin smoke operation (see drawing on page 6 for location of switch).

Smoke fuid is not included with locomotive. It is available at your local hobby retailer.



Maintaining and servicing your locomotive

Your Lionel Railsounds system—the basics

This Atlas O Locomotive is equipped with Lionel Railsounds®. Your loco features digital samples from real-life diesel locomotives for the *ultimate* in realism.

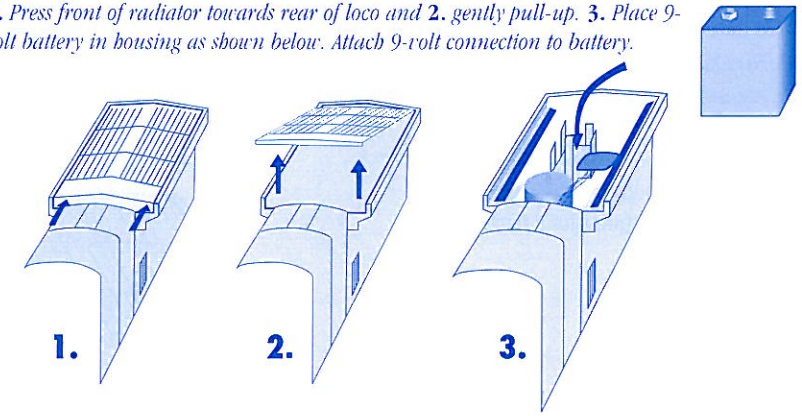
You may choose to install a 9-volt *alkaline* battery (included) in your loco.This ensures interruption-free operation of Railsounds in conventional operation. The battery clip is located under the radiator toward the rear of the engine. Remove the radiator, refer to the diagram on this page.

When you first apply track power, the loco's Railsounds system produces sounds of the locomotive at rest. As the loco moves, the RPM's increase with the locomotive's speed.

To silence the diesel roar (horn and bell remain unaffected), slide the Railsounds switch on the underside of the locomotive to NO SND (see page 6), *before powering up the locomotive.*

Installing a 9-volt alkaline battery in your loco

1. *Press front of radiator towards rear of loco and* **2.** *gently pull-up.* **3.** *Place 9-volt battery in housing as shown below. Attach 9-volt connection to battery.*



Note! Battery not required if operating in Lionel Command Control only

Note! Please remove protective cover from battery clip

Note! Although Railsounds is powered by track voltage, *the battery is required* for uninterrupted operation and shutdown sequences in conventional operation. Use only alkaline batteries.

Note! Discontinue locomotive power *for 10 seconds* before changing the Railsounds ON/OFF switch position.

Note! If Railsounds "drops out" during track power interrupts (direction change), replace the battery.

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Experiencing the range of your locomotives Railsounds system

With Railsounds, you experience the sounds of real railroading like never before. Simply put, it's the most sophisticated, authentic model railroad sound system in the world.

- **Four diesel-roar levels.** Your loco's speed determines the level of diesel RPM roar—*automatically, if you prefer*: idle, half throttle, three quarters or full-speed output.
- **MultiHorn™.** A different horn sound at different speeds—a Railsounds exclusive.
- **Mechanical bell.** Press BELL on your CAB-1 or transformer to begin the effect, again to discontinue.
- **Reverse unit reset sound.** Power down your track, wait for 3-5 seconds, and listen for the air-release sound—that's the loco telling you its Lionel Command reverse unit has just *reset to forward operation.*
- **Shutdown sequence.** No other model railroad sound system shuts down like Railsounds. Turn off track power, and after the air-release reset sound, you have two seconds to restart your loco.If you're done with operations, Railsounds will commence with a realistic diesel shutdown sequence about two seconds after the air-release reset occurs.

Notes on Railsounds

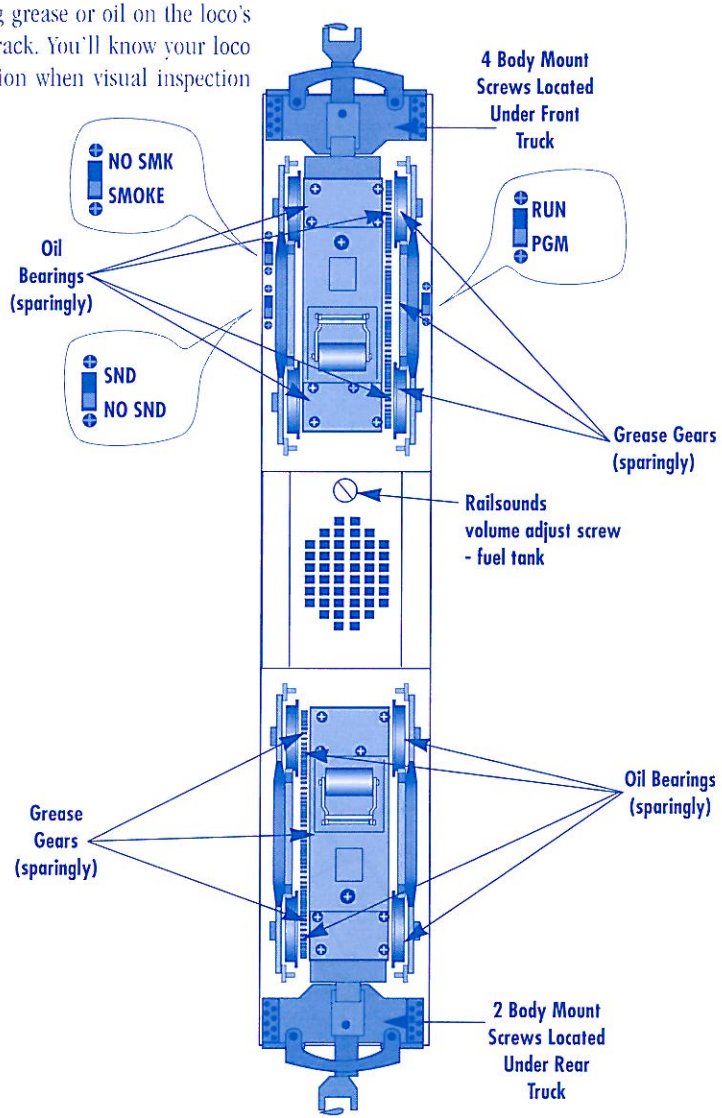
- Turn the volume knob clockwise or counter clockwise in the location shown on page 6 to adjust sound output.
- Listen for incidental locomotive sounds during Railsounds operation. They're automatic and, of course, authentic.
- The 9-volt alkaline battery you installed ensures *continuous* loco diesel roar in conventional operation.
- Longer track-power interruptions (including locomotive derailments) cause Railsounds to shut down after about 7 seconds.
- For even *more* authentic Railsounds effects, operate in the TrainMaster Command environment.

Maintaining and servicing your locomotive

Lubricating your Locomotive

Help your Atlas O loco lead a long and productive life on your railroad by maintaining it properly.

Two basic rules to keep in mind: *never* over-lubricate (a small amount will do), and avoid getting grease or oil on the loco's wheels *or* your track. You'll know your loco requires lubrication when visual inspection reveals dryness on the parts indicated in the illustration. Remove accumulated dirt and dust before lubricating, and always lubricate any locomotive emerging from prolonged storage.



TrainMaster Command operations

Running your locomotive in the TrainMaster Command environment

Example ***address Locomotive #1***

PowerMasters set to CMD or traditional power supplies ON FULL

ENG **Press ENG**

1 **Press 1 (the ID#)**

Throttle up/press any command button

Your Command-equipped loco comes factory-programmed with an ID# of "1." To get your locomotive in action, set PowerMasters to CMD or set all power supplies on full. Press ENG and "1" on CAB-1. Turn the throttle or press any command button; your loco is ready for Command operations.

CAB-1 commands for your locomotive

COUPLER F — Front coupler releases. ***Coupler release sounds.***

COUPLER R — Rear coupler releases. ***Coupler release sounds.***

AUX 1 — Activates keypad.

AUX 2 — Press AUX2 to turn your locomotive's headlight on and off.

Turn the THROTTLE to the right to accelerate, left to decelerate.

Press HALT to shut down *all* Power-Master electrical output on your railroad. Stops *all* Command-equipped locomotives in operation.

Press WSTL/HRN to activate the loco horn. release it to discontinue. ***MultiHorn diesel horn sound.***

Press BELL once to activate the bell, again to discontinue. ***Diesel mechanical bell sound.***

Press DIR—the locomotive decelerates to a complete stop; turn the throttle up, and the locomotive will accelerate in the new, opposite direction. THERE IS NO NEUTRAL STATE. ***Diesel air-release sound.***

Press and hold BOOST for extra power. Release BOOST and your loco will return to previous speed.

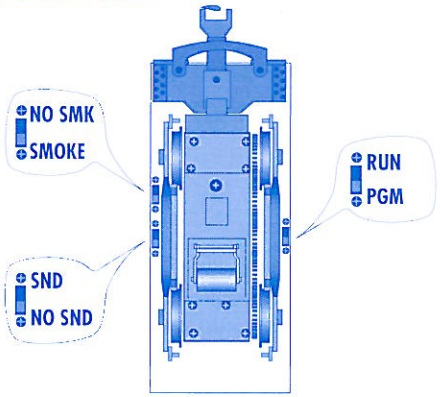
Press and hold BRAKE to slow down or stop. Release BRAKE and return to the previous speed. ***Squealing brake sounds.***

Transformer operations

Locking your locomotive into a single operational state

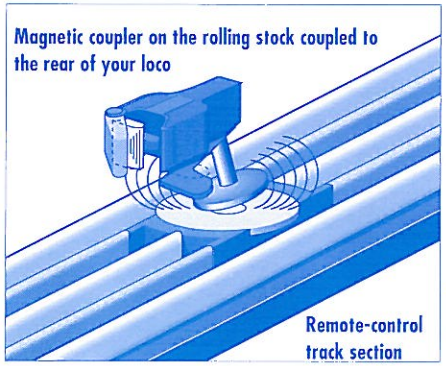
To select a single operational state for your Atlas O loco (example: forward only), you can deactivate the R2LC's sequencing function with the reverse unit control switch.

Get your locomotive moving in the desired direction, then *slow it down without stopping*. Set the reverse unit control switch to PROGRAM. The loco is now "locked" into your chosen direction. When you no longer want single-direction operation, just slide the reverse unit control switch back to RUN.



Using your locomotive Electrocoupler in the non-Command environment

To use your loco's Electrocoupler in the non-Command environment, you must first couple a piece of rolling stock equipped with traditional magnetic couplers directly to your loco's electrocouplers. The magnetic coupler on the rolling stock will then react to the magnetic field generated by a remote-control track section (available separately). Place your rolling stock's coupler "trigger disc" over the central coil of a remote-control track section and press uncouple on the controller. The magnetic field pulls the disc downward, and the coupler opens.



Note! Your loco's electrocouplers will NOT open manually or by using a remote-control track section

TrainMaster Command operations

Tuning your locomotive's performance

MOMENTUM

TrainMaster Command's momentum feature simulates the labored performance of a locomotive pulling a heavy load. Press L, M, or H (located under CAB-1's removable panel) for light, medium, or heavy momentum. The locomotives's R2LC remembers this setting until you change it. For quick locomotive response, choose L.

BRAKING AND BOOSTING

There's more to starting and stopping than just turning the CAB-1 throttle. Use the BOOST and BRAKE command buttons—they give you incremental control of speed *and* are the superior way to handle grades, gradual stops-and-starts, and more. Plus, using BRAKE in the Command environment gives you a bonus Railsounds effect—the ultra realistic sound of squealing brakes.

SOUND QUALITY

To achieve your preferred Railsounds master volume level, we recommend you adjust your loco volume control set screw (see page 6 for location). Turn the set screw left or right to reach the desired volume level.

For quick remote-control of volume *below* the master setting—for example, muting—use the CAB-1 numeric keypad's volume control. Press AUX1 and then 4 on the numeric keypad to lower overall Railsounds output.

HIGH VOLTAGE SETTING

Press SET, headlight will flash. Get your locomotive moving to the maximum speed you want it to run, press BOOST. Use this to keep your locomotive from excess-speed derailing. Turn off the high voltage setting by pressing SET, then BOOST, holding each for one second.

STALL

Make your loco feel more responsive by setting a "stall" voltage. Get your locomotive moving, then press SET; the locomotive will stop. Turn the throttle clockwise to get the locomotive moving, then decrease speed until the locomotive just stops. Then press SET again; the R2LC remembers the stall setting until you change it. To clear stall, press SET twice, holding it for one second each time.

Note! These settings will be lost when you assign a new engine ID number.

Welcome to Atlas O!

Atlas O is proud to introduce this highly-detailed model of GE's DASH 8 diesel locomotive. All locomotives feature the prototypical accuracy and superior performance that is the hallmark of every Atlas O product.

Equipped with the latest version of Lionel TrainMaster® Command and Railsounds 4.0, these locomotives sound and operate as good as they look!

Experience the sights and sounds of railroading with Atlas O!

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