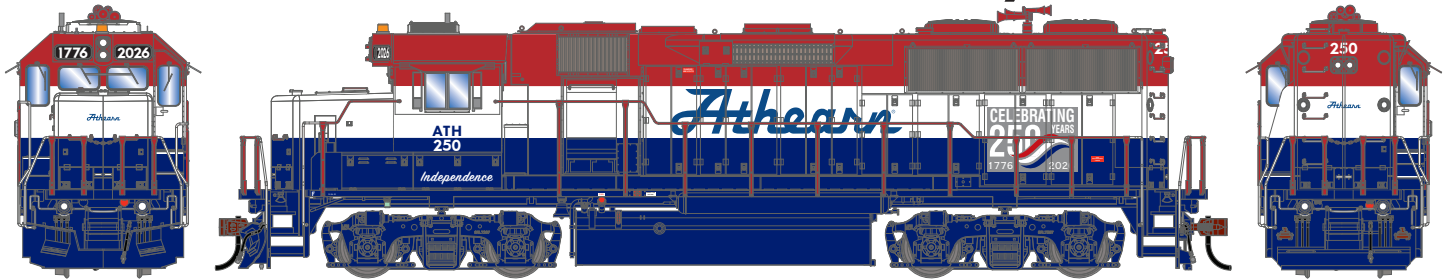


## USA 250th Anniversary



Era: 2026+

GP49, ATH 'USA 250th Anniversary' #250	without Sound ATHG-2421	with Sound ATHG-2431	<b>ATH FEATURES:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front and rear ditch lights</li> <li>• Cab A/C</li> <li>• Short snowplow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strobe</li> <li>• Cab wind deflectors</li> <li>• RS5T horn on stand</li> </ul>
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On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The goals of this celebration, among others, are to inspire Americans to participate, inspire community service, and honor the contributions of all Americans.

Athearn has decided to celebrate this event as well, with a commemorative locomotive and matching caboose (available separately).

Like the USA's 250th anniversary, this is absolutely a one-time-only piece and will not be re-released in the future!

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## Boston & Maine



Era: 1984+

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GP49, BM #400  
GP49, BM #407

<b>without Sound</b>	<b>with Sound</b>
ATHG-2422	ATHG-2432
ATHG-2423	ATHG-2433

### BM FEATURES:

- Sunshades
- Operating class lights
- Painted in BM's final paint scheme
- Cab wind deflectors
- Firecracker antenna

Boston & Maine was an esteemed Class I carrier based in New England. At one time, they operated an extensive network in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine.

They became part of Guilford Transportation Industries in 1983.

What if an independent BM had survived a bit longer to order new power from EMD, in the form of GP49s? Here's our take on what they would have looked like.

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## Ferrocarriles Nacionales de México



Era: 1984+

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GP49, NDEM #7900  
GP49, NDEM #7909

<b>without Sound</b>	<b>with Sound</b>
ATHG-2424	ATHG-2434
ATHG-2425	ATHG-2435

### NDEM FEATURES:

- High short hood
- "Trade-in" Blomberg-B trucks
- Operating class lights
- Leslie RS3L horn
- MU hose holder at each end

Ferrocarriles Nacionales de México (better known as N de M and after 1987) was the state railroad of Mexico from 1938 to 1998. The majority of their motive power was secondhand or rebuilt; in addition, they operated some of the last high-nosed 2nd generation diesels in passenger service.

Here is our take on a more modern replacement for these units, in the form of the GP49.

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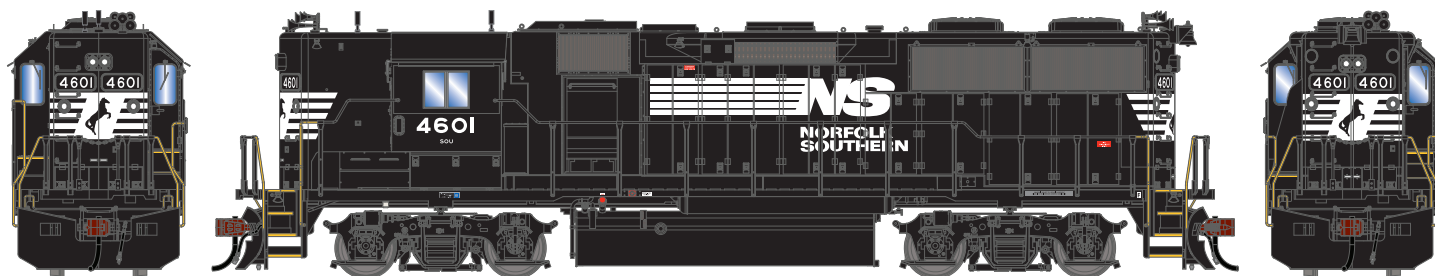
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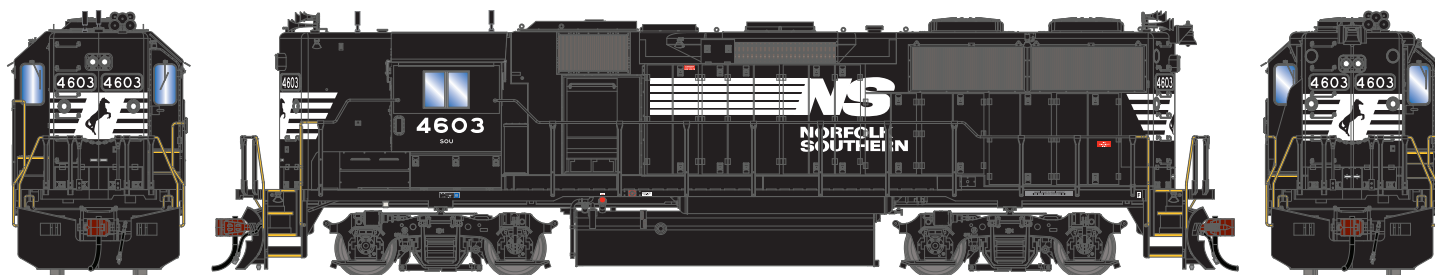


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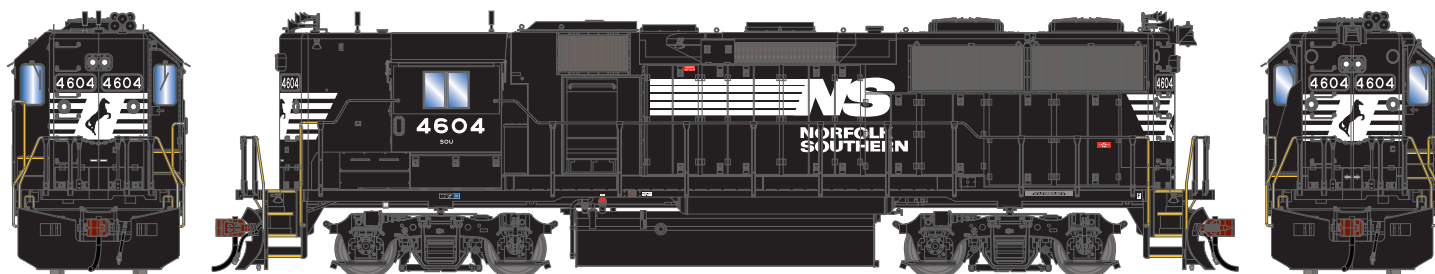
## Norfolk Southern



Era: 1980s+



Era: 1980s+



Era: 1980s+

GP49, NS #4601  
GP49, NS #4603  
GP49, NS #4604

without Sound	with Sound
ATHG-2426	ATHG-2436
ATHG-2427	ATHG-2437
ATHG-2728	ATHG-2438

### NS FEATURES:

- Walkway lights (non-operating)
- Bell mounted on the long hood
- Large snowplow at each end
- Operating class lights
- High short hood
- P-5 horn at each end
- Two Firecracker antennas

NS's fleet of GP49s were rebuilt from the former SOU GP39Xs in 1982. Norfolk Southern retired them in 2001, and they now are owned by Florida Tri-Rail.

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## Norfolk Southern - Executive



Era: 1980s+



Era: 1980s+

GP49, NS #4600  
GP49, NS #4605

<b>without Sound</b>	<b>with Sound</b>
ATHG-2429	ATHG-2439
ATHG-2430	ATHG-2440

### NS FEATURES:

- Walkway lights (non-operating)
- Bell mounted on the long hood
- Large snowplow at each end
- Cab A/C
- Front and rear ditch lights (flash effect with horn activation on DCC/sound version)
- High short hood
- P-5 horn at each end
- Two Firecracker antennas
- Operating class lights

Although NS retired their GP49s in 2001, what if they had kept them around for longer? We've adapted NS's attractive Executive scheme to the units as used on their business cars and research trains. They have also been equipped with ditch lights. Run them on Officer's Car Specials, test trains, MOW, or anything else you can think of!

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## SOUND-EQUIPPED MODELS ALSO FEATURE

- Onboard DCC decoder with SoundTraxx Tsunami2 sound
- Dual cube speakers for optimal sound quality
- Sound units operate in both DC and DCC
- Full DCC functions available when operated in DCC mode
- Engine, horn, and bell sounds work in DC
- All functions NMRA compatible in DCC mode
- Precision slow speed control
- Program a multiple unit (MU) lashup with lead unit only horn, bell, and lights
- Many functions can be altered via Configuration Value (CV) changes
- CV chart included in the box

## PROTOTYPE AND BACKGROUND INFO

Sensitivity to fuel economy in the 1970's justified the GP39-2 in EMD's catalog. It also laid the ground work for EMD to start exploring locomotive designs that utilize engines with larger piston displacement yet possess fewer cylinders. This approach has become the foundation to modern locomotive technology.

In 1983, EMD took this concept to the next step by introducing the GP49. Basically a 12-cylinder version of the GP50, it produced almost as much power as the 16-cylinder GP40-2, with supposedly better fuel economy. The model was not a huge success, with only 9 being sold in the open market, as well as 6 GP39Xs being upgraded to GP49 standards. Interestingly, an SD49 was also cataloged but generated no orders.

## GP49 SERIES LOCOMOTIVE FEATURES:

- Coupler cut levers
- Drop steps unless noted
- "Nub" style walkway tread
- Lift rings
- Walkway tread
- Lit number boards
- Lit signal lights and/or beacons, if equipped
- Bell placement & type per prototype
- Detailed fuel tank with fuel fillers, fuel gauges, and breather pipes
- Blomberg-B or Blomberg-M trucks with appropriate bearing caps
- Speed recorder unless noted
- See-through cab windows and full cab interior
- Fine-scale Celcon handrails for scale appearance
- Etched metal fan grilles
- Air tanks mounted below sill unless noted
- Body-mounted McHenry® scale knuckle couplers - Kadee® compatible
- DCC-ready features Quick Plug™ plug-and-play technology with 21-pin NEM connector
- Scaled from prototype resources including drawings, field measurements, photographs, and more
- Accurately painted and printed paint schemes
- Genesis driveline with 5-pole skew wound motor, precision machined flywheels, and multi-link drivetrain
- All-wheel drive with precision gears for smooth & quiet operation
- All-wheel electrical pickup provides reliable current flow
- Wheels with RP25 contours operate on all popular brands of track
- LED Lighting for realistic appearance
- Heavy die-cast frame for greater traction and more pulling power
- Packaging securely holds for the model for safe storage
- Minimum radius: 18"
- Trainline and MU hoses
- MU stands
- Windshield wipers
- Wire grab irons
- Sanding lines



## LEGENDARY LIVERIES

What are Legendary Liveries? An Athearn exclusive, they are the ultimate answer to "What if?" Featuring some of the most popular railroad paint schemes of all time, these models are perfect for collecting, proto-freelancing, or just plain fun! Whether company proposed paint schemes, canceled locomotive orders, or alternate takes on history, Legendary Liveries are fun and unique additions to any roster. Enjoy these items, and answer the ultimate railroad question of: "What if?"

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