



Rail King  
4-6-6-4  
Challenger  
OPERATOR'S MANUAL



### Compatibility

This engine will operate on any traditional O-31 Gauge track system, including M.T.H.'s RealTrax® or ScaleTrax™ or traditional tubular track. It is also compatible with most standard AC transformers. (See page 19 for a complete list of compatible transformers and wiring instructions.)



Freight Yard Sound



Passenger Station Announcement

**PLEASE READ BEFORE USE AND SAVE**

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**CAUTION: ELECTRICALLY OPERATED PRODUCT:**

Not recommended for children under 10 years of age. M.T.H. recommends adult supervision with children ages 10 - 16. As with all electric products, precautions should be observed during handling and use to reduce the risk of electric shock.

**WARNING:** When using electrical products, basic safety precautions should be observed, including the following: Read this manual thoroughly before using this device.

- M.T.H. recommends that all users and persons supervising use examine the hobby transformer and other electronic equipment periodically for conditions that may result in the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, such as damage to the primary cord, plug blades, housing, output jacks or other parts. In the event such conditions exist, the train set should not be used until properly repaired.
- Do not operate your layout unattended. Obstructed accessories or stalled trains may overheat, resulting in damage to your layout.
- This train set is intended for indoor use. Do not use if water is present. Serious injury or fatality may result.
- Do not operate the hobby transformer with damaged cord, plug, switches, buttons or case.

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# Set Up Checklist

- Lubricate the locomotive
- Prime the smoke unit
- Check to see whether the battery needs to be charged for full sound effects

## Lubrication

You should lubricate the engine to prevent it from squeaking. Use light household oil and follow the lubrication points marked “L” in Fig 1. Do not over-oil. Use only a drop or two on each pivot point.

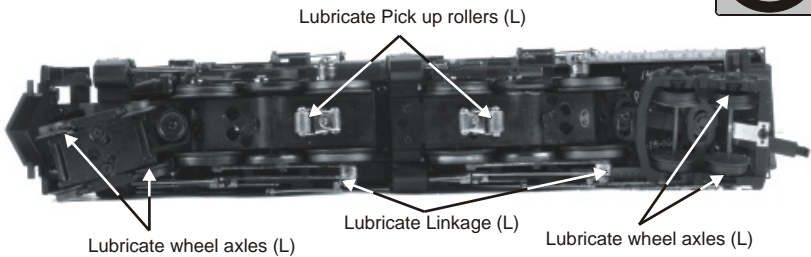


Figure 1. Lubrication Points on the Locomotive

## Preparing the Smoke Unit

When preparing to run this engine, add 15-20 drops of smoke fluid through the smokestack. We recommend M.T.H. ProtoSmoke, Seuthe, LGB, or LVTS fluids. Do not overfill the unit or the fluid may leak out and coat the interior engine components.

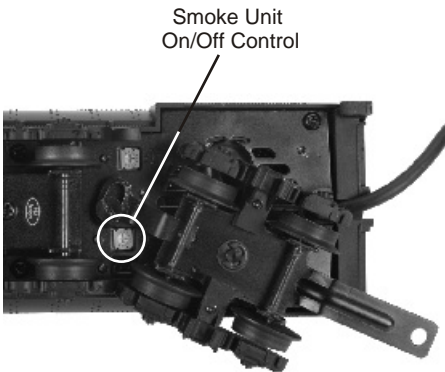
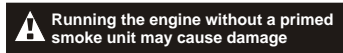
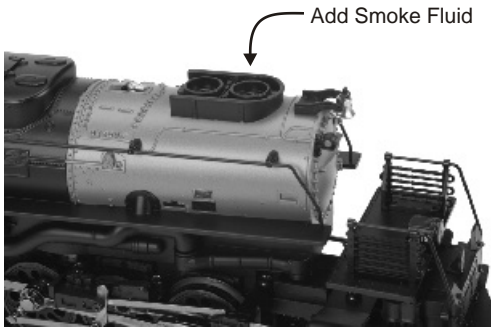


Figure 2. NOTE: Smoke Unit Switch is now a volume pot type control. The amount of smoke can be varied by the adjustment of the smoke control under the tender. By rotating the control, the smoke can be varied from off to full force or any amount in between.

If you choose not to add the fluid (or have already added the fluid but choose to run smoke-free), turn off the smoke unit volume control located under the tender (see Fig. 2). Failure either to add fluid to the unit or to turn it off may damage the smoke unit heating element and/or wicking material.



*Figure 3*

## **Placing the Engine on the Track**

Place the engine on the track, then insert the reverse unit plug that extends out of the tender into the receptacle at the back of the boiler cab. **WARNING: DO NOT CONNECT THIS ENGINE TO A TENDER FROM ANOTHER ENGINE; IT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE.**

Connect the draw bar between the engine and tender. The draw bar hole located farthest from the tender is for applications such as display. The second hole is for normal operation on the track. At this point, you are ready to begin running your engine.

## **Checking the Battery**

You may find, if your locomotive was built several months before you set it up, that the rechargeable battery has run down and needs to be charged before operating. If you notice that the sounds are garbled, test and charge the engine as described in the "Self-Charging Battery Back-Up" on page 14.

# Basic Operation

The Throttle knob controls how fast your train will travel. Turn the throttle knob up ½-way, until the engine and caboose lights shine bright. Put the engine into motion by pressing the Direction button on your transformer once. (hold it for approximately 1 second)

If the engine does not begin to move as soon as you firmly press the Direction button, you may not have sent enough voltage to the track to make the train move. Turn the throttle up a bit higher until the train begins to move.

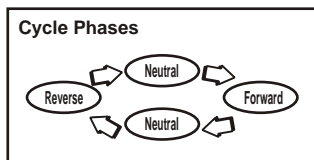
## Activating Features

**Throttle** - To increase or decrease track voltage, and therefore train speed, turn the throttle control knob. Turning clockwise will increase voltage and speed, while turning counterclockwise will decrease voltage and speed. The engine will maintain the speed you set after you release the throttle until you turn it again to change the voltage and speed.

**Bell** - To sound the bell, in an engine equipped with a bell firmly press and release the Bell button. To turn the bell off, press and release the Bell button again. The bell will continue to ring from the time you turn it on until you press and release the button again to turn it off.

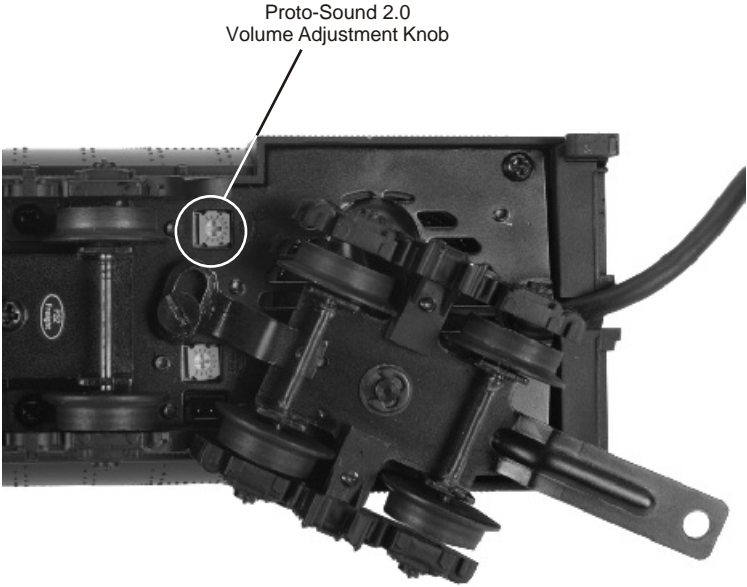
**Horn/Whistle** - To sound the whistle, firmly press the Horn/Whistle button. The whistle will sound for as long as you continue to depress the button. It will stop when you release the button.

**Direction** - Your train is programmed to start in neutral. The train will always cycle neutral-forward-neutral-reverse with each press and release of the direction button. The engine is programmed to restart in neutral each time the track voltage is turned off for 25 seconds or more.



# Manual Volume Control

To adjust the volume of all sounds made by this engine, turn the master volume control knob located next to the fuel tank clockwise to increase the volume and counter-clockwise to decrease the volume.



*Figure 4. Manual Volume Adjustment Knob*

# Proto-Sound 2.0 Operating Instructions

This manual contains the operating instructions for Proto-Sound 2.0 in conventional mode only. Instructions for accessing DCS command mode features accompany the DCS Remote Control System equipment.

## Activating Proto-Sound 2.0 Conventional Mode Features

Proto-Sound 2.0 features are activated by sequences of Bell and Horn button pushes described below. Please read the full descriptions of each feature before using it. To use these buttons to activate features rather than to blow the horn or ring the bell, you should tap the buttons very quickly with a ½-second pause between button presses. You may need to practice your timing to make this work smoothly.

| Timing Chart                     |                 |                                  |                 |                                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Press<br>Horn<br>Short &<br>Firm | ½ Sec.<br>Pause | Press<br>Bell<br>Short &<br>Firm | ½ Sec.<br>Pause | Press<br>Bell<br>Short &<br>Firm |
| Total Time Lapse: 1 ½ Seconds    |                 |                                  |                 |                                  |

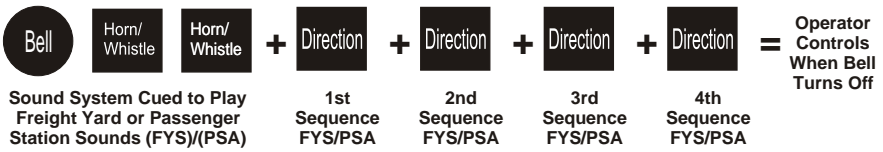
| Feature to Be Activated:                           | Button Code:                                |
|--|---|
| Freight Yard Sounds/Passenger Station Announcement | 1 Bell, 2 Whistle/Horn                      |
| Fire the Rear Coupler                              | 1 Bell, 3 Whistle/Horn                      |
| Fire the Front Coupler                             | 1 Bell, 4 Whistle/Horn                      |
| Speed Control On/Off                               | 1 Whistle/Horn, 2 Bells (From Neutral Only) |
| Lock into a Direction/Unlock                       | 1 Whistle/Horn, 3 Bells                     |
| Reset to Factory Defaults                          | 1 Whistle/Horn, 5 Bells (From Neutral Only) |

## Freight Yard Sounds (FYS) or Passenger Station Announcements (PSA):

Your engine is equipped with a sound package of either freight yard or passenger station sounds that you can play. Each sequence described below will play as long as it is left on, randomly generating sounds, but be sure to allow approximately 30 seconds between the button pushes described below to allow the FYS/PSA sufficient time to run through each sequence.

- To cue the sound system to play the FYS/PSA, quickly but firmly tap the Bell button once followed by 2 quick taps of the Horn/Whistle button while the engine is moving. Tap the buttons quickly but allow approximately ½ second between each press
- Press the Direction button once to stop the engine. This will trigger the first sequence of FYS/PSA. The reverse unit is temporarily disabled so that the train will not move as you use the Direction button to trigger the sounds, and Proto-Sound 2.0 has disabled operator control over the Horn/Whistle and Bell buttons until the full FYS/PSA sequence is complete.
- After waiting about 30 seconds for that sequence to run, press the Direction button again to trigger the second sequence of FYS/PSA.
- After about 30 seconds, press the Direction button again to trigger the third FYS/PSA sequence.
- Again, after allowing about 30 seconds for that sequence to run, press the Direction

- FYS/PSA will continue, and within a few seconds, the engine will start and move out on its own at the current throttle setting, in the same direction it was traveling when you began the sequence. Once the bell turns off, the operator regains control of the transformer's Bell and Horn/Whistle buttons and can ring the bell or blow the horn/whistle as usual.



### Tips on Using FYS/PSA

- You can terminate FYS/PSA at any time by turning off power to the track for 15 seconds.
- You do not have to be in Forward to use FYS/PSA. At the conclusion of the full sequence, the train will pull away from the station in whatever direction you were going when you activated the feature.
- You can use FYS/PSA even if you are double-heading with another engine. If the second engine is not equipped with Proto-Sound 2.0, you must remember not to leave the throttle at a high voltage level once you have stopped the engine to run the FYS/PSA. Otherwise, the engine without FYS/PSA will begin vibrating on the track as its motors strain to move the train, since they cannot be automatically disabled during the FYS/PSA cycle (or if an original Proto-Sound engine, FYS/PSA are triggered differently and that engine's motor-disable feature will not be active when you run FYS/PSA in Proto-Sound 2.0).
- FYS/PSA can be triggered from Neutral. It will operate the same as if triggered while in motion except that, at the conclusion of the FYS/PSA, the engine will depart in the next direction of travel, as opposed to the direction it was traveling before entering Neutral.

### Proto-Coupler® Operation

This locomotive is equipped with one or more coil-wound Proto-Couplers for remote uncoupling action. Because Proto-Couplers are controlled through the Proto-Sound 2.0 microprocessor, they do not require an uncoupling track section or modification to your layout to function. You can fire a coupler from neutral or while in motion. Use the code shown below (and in the chart on page 7) to fire the coupler(s).

#### Rear Coupler:

To fire the rear coupler, quickly tap the Bell button once followed by three quick taps of the Horn/Whistle button, allowing approximately 1/2 second to lapse between each quick button press. The sound of the liftbar and air line depletion will play, and the knuckle will be released.





### Front Coupler:

To fire the front coupler (if your engine has one), quickly tap the Bell button once followed by four quick taps of the Horn/Whistle button, allowing approximately 1/2 second to lapse between each quick button press. The sound of the liftbar and air line depletion will play, and the knuckle will be released.



### Speed Control:

M.T.H. engines equipped with Proto-Sound 2.0 have speed control capabilities that allow the engine to maintain a constant speed up and down grades and around curves, much like an automobile cruise control. You can add or drop cars on the run, and the engine will maintain the speed you set.

While the engine is programmed to start with the speed control feature activated, you can opt to turn it off. This means the engine's speed will fall as it labors up a hill and increase as it travels downward. It is also affected by the addition or releasing of cars while on the run. Because the engine will run more slowly at a given throttle voltage when speed control is on than when it is off, you should adjust the throttle to a lower power level for operation with speed control off to avoid high-speed derailments. When speed control is off, the volume will drop to allow for better low voltage operation.

To turn speed control on and off, put the engine in neutral, then quickly tap the transformer's horn/whistle button one time then quickly tap the Bell button two times, allowing approximately 1/2 second to lapse between each quick button press. Repeat the 1 horn/whistle, 2 bells code to return it to the other condition. You will want to do this during the initial neutral upon start-up if you ever couple this engine to another engine that is not equipped with speed control to avoid damaging the motors in either engine. Each time you shut down the engine completely, it will automatically turn speed control on.



### Lock into a Direction:

You can lock your engine into a direction (forward, neutral, or reverse) so that it will not change directions. To do this put the engine into the direction you want (or into neutral to lock it into neutral), run it at a very slow crawl (as slowly as it will move without halting), and quickly but firmly tap the Horn/Whistle button once followed by three quick taps of the Bell button, allowing approximately 1/2 second to lapse between each quick button press. Two horn/whistle blasts will indicate that the engine has made the change. The engine will not change direction (including going into neutral) until you repeat the 1 horn/whistle, 3 bells code to return the engine to its normal condition, even if the engine is kept without power for extended periods of time.



### Reset to Factory Defaults:

To override the settings you currently have assigned to the engine and reset it to its factory defaults, while in Neutral tap the Horn/Whistle button quickly once, followed by five quick taps of the Bell button, allowing approximately ½ second to lapse between each quick button press. Two horn/whistle blasts will indicate that the engine has made the change.



### Automatic Sounds:

Certain Proto-Sound 2.0 sound effects automatically play in programmed conventional mode conditions:

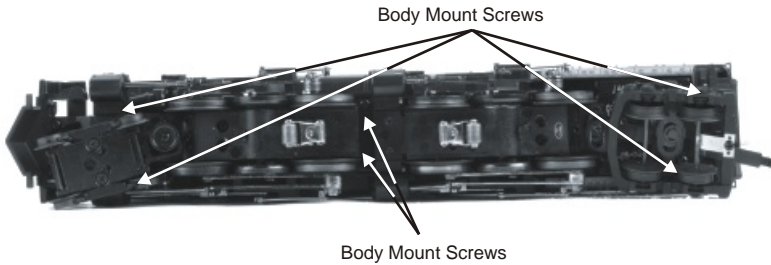
- Squealing Brakes play any time the engine's speed decreases rapidly.
- Cab Chatter plays at random intervals when the engine idles in neutral.
- Engine Start-up and Shut-down sounds play when the engine is initially powered on or is powered off for five seconds or more.

# Maintenance

## Lubricating and Greasing Instructions

The engine should be well oiled and greased in order to run properly.

Regularly lubricate all axles and pickup rollers to prevent squeaking. Use light household oil, such as that found in M.T.H.'s maintenance kit. Do not over oil. Use only a drop or two on each pivot point.

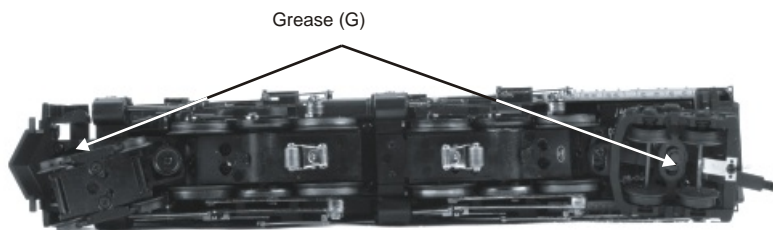


*Figure 5: Removing the body*

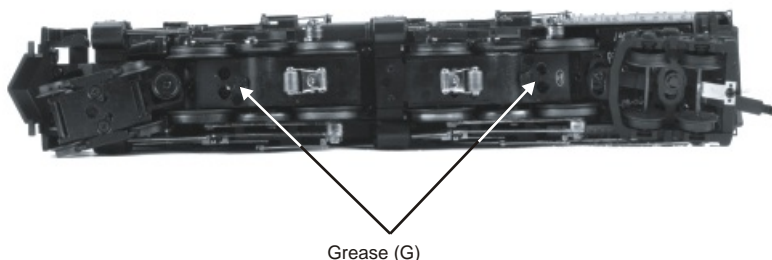
The locomotive's internal gearing was greased at the factory and should not need additional grease until after 50 hours of operation or one year, whichever comes first. Follow the greasing instructions below. To access the gear box and axles, do the following:

1. Turn the engine upside down.
2. First remove the six body mount screws to separate the chassis from the boiler and tender shell. Four of the screws in the engine are located through holes in the drive blocks. Truck may need to be moved to see the screws. 3. Remove the Phillips screw (marked "GREASE") located at each set of wheels (Fig. 6) and the gearbox cover screws (Fig. 7).
4. Use a grease tube dispenser to put a small amount (approx. 1-2 ml.) of lithium-based grease into the gearbox and axles.
5. Replace the screws and reassemble the boiler.

You should also grease the leading and trailing locomotive truck tongues to enhance their ability to slide on the chassis. Follow the grease points shown on Fig. 6.



*Figure 6: Lubricating the Grease Points*



*Figure 7: Motor Gearing Grease Plate Screws*

## Cleaning The Wheels, Tires, and Track

Periodically check the locomotive wheels and pickups for dirt and buildup which can cause poor electrical contact and traction and prematurely wear out the neoprene traction tires. Wheels and tires can be cleaned using denatured (not rubbing) alcohol applied with a cotton swab.

To clean the track, use RailKing Track Cleaning Fluid or denatured (not rubbing) alcohol and a clean rag. Unplug the transformer and wipe the rails of the track, turning the rag frequently to ensure that you are using clean cloth on the rails. Thereafter, keep an eye on the track and clean it when it gets dirty to ensure good electrical contact and to lengthen the life of the tires.



## **Traction Tire Replacement Instructions**

1. Remove the side rods from the wheels in order to slip the new tire over the grooved drive wheel. Make sure to note the position of all rods before removing.
2. Make sure the old tire has been completely removed from the groove in the drive wheel, using a razor blade or small flathead screwdriver to pry away any remains.
3. Slip the new tire onto the wheel. You may find it useful to use two small flathead screwdrivers to stretch the tire over the wheel. 4. If you twist the tire while stretching it over the wheel, you will need to remove and reinstall the tire. Otherwise your engine will wobble while operating. 5. Make sure the tire is fully seated inside the groove. Use a razor blade to trim away any excess tire that doesn't seat itself inside the groove properly.
6. Reinstall the side rods in the same positions as noted. Failure to align rods may cause binding or damage to the drive system.

One set of replacement tires is packaged with your model. Additional sets are available directly from the M.T.H. Parts Department (phone: 410-381-2580; e-mail: [parts@mth-railking.com](mailto:parts@mth-railking.com); mail: 7020 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046-1532). The locomotive's headlight is controlled by a constant voltage circuit in the engine. The headlight is easy to remove and replace when it burns out. The bulb has a quick disconnect plug that attaches the bulb harness to a light circuit. Replacement bulbs are available directly from the M.T.H. Parts Department.

# Headlight Replacement Instructions

A constant voltage circuit in the engine controls the locomotive's lights. They are easy to remove and replace when they burn out. To replace the light bulbs in the engine remove the 6 screws that attach the boiler as shown in fig. 5 on page 12. Then remove the boiler.

You can obtain replacement bulbs directly from the M.T.H. Parts Department (phone 410-381-2580; email parts@mth-railking.com; mail 7020 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046-1532.

## Headlight:

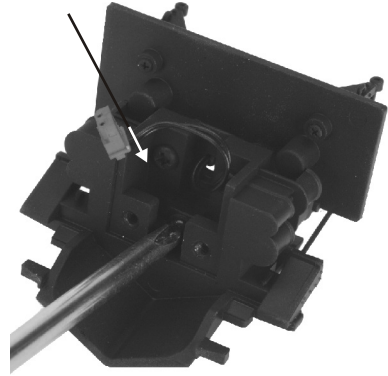
1. Remove the pilot assembly.
2. Remove the screw that attaches the headlight shell.
3. Unplug the blue connector in the front of the boiler shell. See fig. 8
4. Gently pull on the wires to remove the light bulb from the headlight shell.
5. Gently push the new light bulb into the headlight housing.
6. Reconnect the blue connectors.
7. Reassemble pilot and headlight shell.

## Marker LEDs:

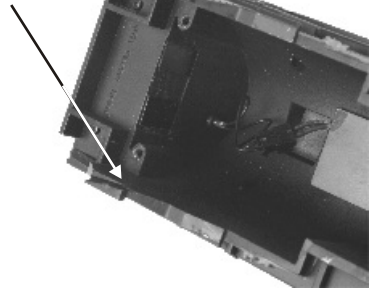
The marker lights are illuminated by Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs). LEDs draw very little current and should last a long time when compared to light bulbs. However, if one LEDs fails, both must be replaced as set, since they are wired together. *To replace the front LEDs:*

1. Unplug the yellow connector in the front of the boiler shell. See fig. 8
2. Gently pull on the wires from the bottom of the marker housings and through the sides of the smoke box.
3. Gently thread the new LEDs through the sides of the smoke box and into the marker light housing.
4. Reconnect the yellow connectors.

To Access Headlight  
in Pilot Assembly



To Access  
Cab Lights



Figures 8 and 8a

The marker lights for the tender can be replaced following the same procedure use for the engine. Remove the six screws that attach the tender body to the tender frame as shown in fig. 8b.

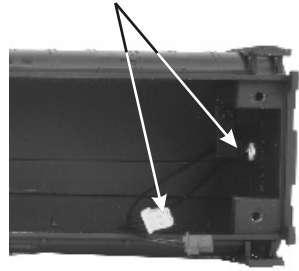
*To replace the Tender Marker LEDs:*

1. Unplug the yellow connector in the rear of the tender shell. See fig. 8b
2. Gently pull on the wires from the bottom of the marker housings and through the rear of the tender shell.
3. Gently thread the new LEDs through the rear of the tender shell and into the marker light housing.
4. Reconnect the yellow connector.

**Cab Interior Light:**

1. Unplug the black connector at the rear of the boiler shell. See fig. 8a
2. Gently pull on the wires to remove the light bulb from the backhead.
3. Gently push the new light bulb into the backhead.
4. Reconnect the black connector.

To access Tender Marker LEDs



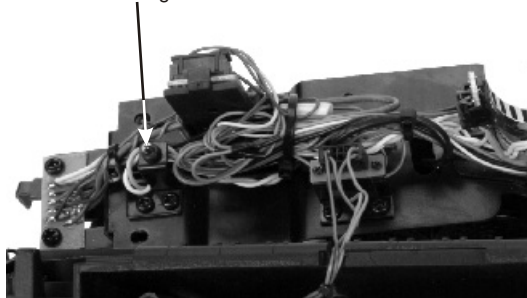
*Figure 8b*

**Firebox Glow Lights:**

1. Unplug the black connector at the rear of the engine chassis. See fig 9.
2. Gently pull on the wires to remove the light bulbs from the bracket.
3. Gently push the new light bulb into the bracket.
4. Reconnect the black connector.

After replacing the light bulbs replace the boiler shell and the 6 screws. Be careful not to pinch any wires when placing the boiler shell back on the chassis

Firebox Lights



*Figure 9*

# Self Charging Battery Back-up

The special NiCad 2.4v self-charging battery recharges continuously during train operation and should last for up to five years. The battery is a dry battery that should not leak or cause any damage to your engine. Depending upon when your engine was built, it may need to be charged right out of the box. If engine sounds seem distorted or garbled at low voltages or become silent when power from the transformer is turned off, test the battery to determine whether it should be recharged or replaced.

**Test:** Put the engine in neutral and leave the track voltage at 10-12 volts (high enough for the lights to shine brightly) for 15 minutes.

**Recharge:** If the sounds are improved at the end of the 15-minute test charge, the battery charge has run down and can be recharged. There are a number of

Remove brace over batteries.  
Remove & replace batteries.

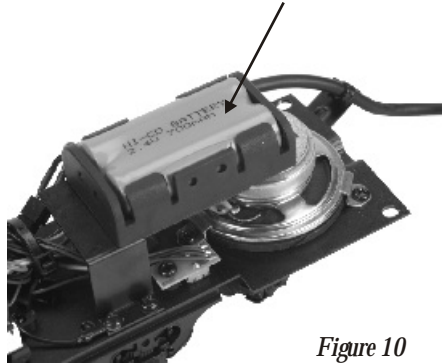
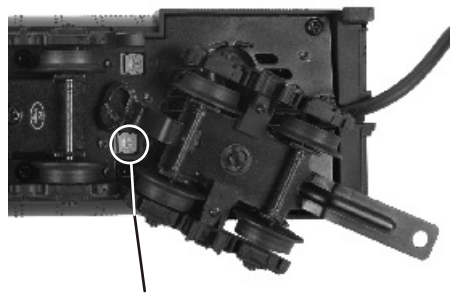


Figure 10

- Leave the engine in neutral with track voltage at 10-12 volts for 6-7 hours so the battery can fully recharge (if your engine has a smoke unit, be sure it is turned off).
- Use M.T.H.'s battery recharger (sold separately) that plugs into a wall outlet and a special port under the engine to recharge the battery overnight without leaving it on the track.

**Replace:** If the sounds are not improved at the end of the 15-minute test charge, it is time to replace the battery. Available through M.T.H. Parts.

**DO NOT** substitute alkaline batteries for these NiCad batteries. Using alkaline batteries in this system can result in damage to the PS 2.0 circuit board and/or the batteries.



AC Battery Recharging Jack

Figure 11



## ProtoSmoke® Unit Operation

This locomotive contains a smoke unit that outputs smoke through the smokestack on the boiler of the engine. The smoke unit is essentially a small heating element and wick that soaks up and then heats a mineral oil-based fluid that emits a harmless smoke. The smoke is then forced out of the stack by a small electric fan.

With a few easy maintenance steps, you should enjoy trouble-free smoke unit operation for years.

When preparing to run this engine, add 15-20 drops of smoke fluid through the smokestack. (see figure 4) We recommend M.T.H. ProtoSmoke, Seuth, LGB, or LVTS fluids (a small pipette of ProtoSmoke fluid is included). Do not over fill the unit or the fluid may leak out and coat the interior engine components.

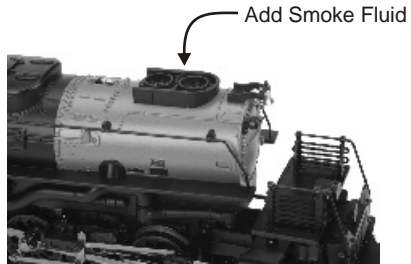
If you choose not to add the fluid (or have already added the fluid but choose to run smoke free), turn off the smoke unit switch located under the tender body. (see figure 5) Failure to either add fluid to the unit or to turn it off may damage the smoke unit heating element and/or wicking material.

When the smoke output while running begins to diminish, add another 10-15 drops of smoke fluid or turn the smoke unit off.

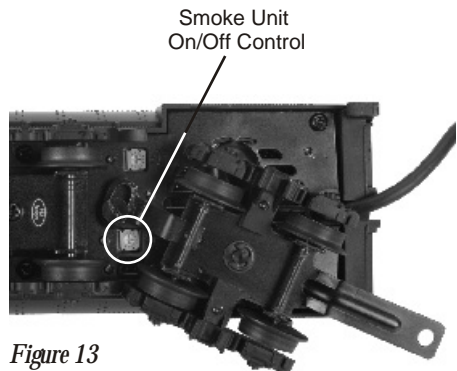
When storing the unit for extended periods of time, you may want to add about 15 drops of fluid to prevent the wick from drying out.

After removing the engine from storage, add another 25 drops of fluid, letting the wick soak up the fluid for 15 minutes prior to operation.

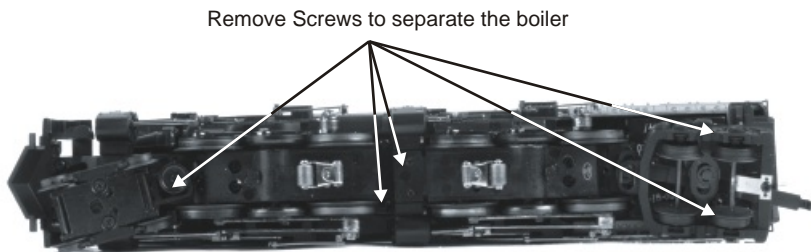
If you experience poor or no smoke output when the smoke unit is on and has fluid, check the wick to see if it has become hard, blackened, and non-absorbent



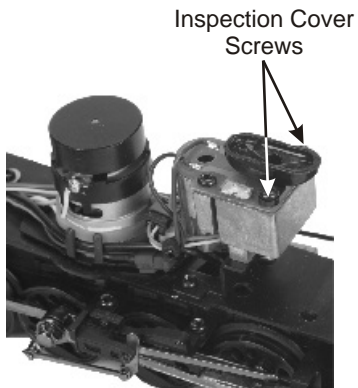
*Figure 12*



*Figure 13*



*Figure 14*



*Figure 15*

# Troubleshooting Proto-Sound® Problems

Although Proto-Sound 2.0 has been designed and engineered for ease of use, you may have some questions during initial operation. The following table should answer most questions. If your problem cannot be resolved with this table, contact M.T.H. for assistance (telephone: 410-381-2580; fax: 410-423-0009; service@mth-railking.com, 7020 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia MD 21046-1532).

| <b>Starting Up</b>  | <b>Remedy</b>  |
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| When I first turn the power on, the engine will not begin to run. I have to turn the throttle off and then on again to get the engine to operate. | This is normal behavior. To prevent accidental high-speed start-ups, Proto-Sound 2.0 is programmed to start up in neutral anytime track power has been turned off for several seconds. |
| <b>Whistle/Horn</b>   | <b>Remedy</b>  |
| When I press the whistle/horn button, the bell comes on instead.  | Reverse the transformer leads.   |
| I can't get the horn to blow when I press the whistle button.   | You may be pressing the button too quickly. Try pressing the whistle/horn button more slowly, taking approximately one full second to fully depress the button.                        |
| <b>Bell</b>   | <b>Remedy</b>  |
| When I press the whistle button, the bell sounds.   | Reverse the transformer leads.   |
| I can't get the bell to ring when I press the bell button.  | You may be pressing the button too quickly. Try pressing the bell button more slowly, taking approximately one full second to fully depress the button.                                |
| The bell won't work on a separate bell button.  | Check the wiring of the separate button.   |
| <b>Coupler</b>  | <b>Remedy</b>  |
| When I try to fire the coupler, FYS starts.   | You are waiting too long between whistle button presses.   |
| The Proto-Coupler won't let the engine uncouple on the fly.   | Try lubricating the coupler knuckle with a dry graphite lubricant. Do NOT use oil.   |
| The coupler does not fire or stay coupled.  | The coupler needs to be cleaned. Wipe with denatured alcohol (not rubbing alcohol) and let dry.  |

| <b>Cab Chatter</b>   | <b>Remedy</b>   |
|--|---|
| Sometimes the Cab Chatter sounds don't play.   | Cab Chatter plays only in neutral at random intervals.  |
| <b>Lock-out</b>  | <b>Remedy</b>   |
| I can't get the engine to run after I power up the transformer. It sits              | The engine is locked into the neutral position. Follow the procedure in the "Lock into a Direction" section.  |
| The engine won't lock into forward, neutral, or reverse.                             | Engine speed must be below 10 scale mph (approx. 10 volts or less in conventional mode).  |
| <b>Volume</b>  | <b>Remedy</b>   |
| The sounds seem distorted, especially when the whistle or bell is activated.         | Proto-Sound 2.0 volume is set too high. Turn the volume control knob on the bottom of the chassis counter-clockwise to reduce the volume.   |
| <b>Battery</b>   | <b>Remedy</b>   |
| The engine will not leave the initial neutral setting.                               | Check to be sure the battery is installed and fully charged. See the "Self-Charging Battery Back-Up" section.   |
| I get no sounds when the engine shifts between directions.                           | The battery may be dead or need to be charged. See the "Self-Charging Battery Back-Up" section.   |
| After I turn off my transformer, my engine continues to make sounds before quitting. | Proto-Sound 2.0 is designed to continue to sound for a few seconds after power to the track has been shut off.  |
| <b>FYS/PSA</b>   | <b>Remedy</b>   |
| The FYS/PSA sounds occasionally repeat themselves.                                   | Proto-Sound 2.0 has a built-in random number generator that randomly selects each sound clip to play. Because there are a limited number of sound clips available in each FYS/PSA sequence, it is probable that some of these sound clips will be repeated from time to time. |

| FYS/PSA  | Remedy  |
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| Once in FYS/PSA, the engine doesn't go into reverse.   | So that FYS/PSA effects can be as realistic as possible, Proto-Sound 2.0 disables the reversing unit whenever FYS/PSA is enabled. This way the engine remains still at its stop as the operator cycles through the FYS/PSA sequences. |
| When the FYS/PSA enters its last sequence the bell automatically comes on.   | FYS/PSA is programmed to start ringing the bell at that point. After approximately 12 seconds it will automatically turn off.   |
| When FYS/PSA is enabled, pressing the whistle and bell buttons has no effect.  | Because FYS/PSA must control various effects in each sequence, Proto-Sound 2.0 takes control of these sound effects until you exit  |
| I push the direction button but the next sound clip in the sequence does not play or the engine does not come out of FYS/PSA after fourth press of the direction button. | Each FYS/PSA clip must play for approx. 30 seconds before FYS/PSA will advance to the next step in the FYS/PSA cycle. Wait at least 30 seconds in each FYS/PSA sound clip before pressing the direction button.                       |

# Transformer Compatibility and Wiring Chart

Proto-Sound 2.0 is designed to work with most standard AC transformers. The chart below lists the many compatible transformers. Note that many of the operational commands described in these instructions require a bell button, so if your transformer does not have its own bell button, you should consider adding one to get the full benefit of the system. In addition, the chart details how the terminals on these transformers should be attached to your layout.

| <b>RECOMMENDED AC TRANSFORMERS</b>    |                        |                       |                         |                     |                         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Transformer Model</b>              | <b>Center Rail</b>     | <b>Outside Rail</b>   | <b>Min/Max. Voltage</b> | <b>Power Rating</b> | <b>Transformer Type</b> |
| MTH Z-500                             | Red Terminal           | Black Terminal        | 0-18v                   | 50-Watt             | Electronic              |
| MTH Z-750                             | Red Terminal           | Black Terminal        | 0-21v                   | 75-Watt             | Electronic              |
| MTH Z-1000                            | Red Terminal           | Black Terminal        | 0-21v                   | 100-Watt            | Electronic              |
| MTH Z-4000                            | Red Terminal           | Black Terminal        | 0-22v                   | 390-Watt            | Electronic              |
| Lionel 1032                           | U                      | A                     | 5-16v                   | 90-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1032M                          | U                      | A                     | 5-16v                   | 90-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1033                           | U                      | A                     | 5-16v                   | 90-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1043                           | U                      | A                     | 5-16v                   | 90-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1043M                          | U                      | A                     | 5-16v                   | 90-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1044                           | U                      | A                     | 5-16v                   | 90-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1053                           | U                      | A                     | 8-17v                   | 60-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel 1063                           | U                      | A                     | 8-17v                   | 60-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel LW                             | A                      | U                     | 8-18v                   | 75-Watt             | Standard                |
| Powermaster                           | U                      | A                     | 8-18v                   | 135VA               | Electronic              |
| All-Trol                              | Left Terminal          | Right Terminal        | 0-24v                   | 300-Watt            | Electronic              |
| Dallee Hostler                        | Left Terminal          | Right Terminal        |                         |                     | Electronic              |
| Lionel LW                             | A                      | U                     | 8-18v                   | 75-Watt             | Standard                |
| Lionel KW                             | A or B                 | U                     | 6-20v                   | 190-Watt            | Standard                |
| Lionel MW                             | Outside Track Terminal | Inside Track Terminal | 5-16v                   | 50V.A.              | Electronic              |
| Lionel RS-1                           | Red Terminal           | Black Terminal        | 0-18v                   | 50V.A.              | Electronic              |
| Lionel RW                             | U                      | A                     | 9-19v                   | 110-Watt            | Standard                |
| Lionel SW                             | U                      | A                     | Unknown                 | 130-Watt            | Standard                |
| Lionel TW                             | U                      | A                     | 8-18v                   | 175-Watt            | Standard                |
| Lionel ZW                             | A,B,C or D             | U                     | 8-20v                   | 275-Watt            | Standard                |
| Lionel Post-War Celebration Series ZW | A,B,C or D             | Common                | 0-20v                   | 135/190 Watt        | Electronic              |

\* Conventional Mode Only

# Additional Features Accessible With The DCS Remote Control System

(Additional equipment required)

While conventional mode operation of a Proto-Sound 2.0 engine yields wonderfully realistic sound and several train control features, command mode operation allows the user to access a world of command functions never before accessible to O Gauge railroaders. With the addition of the DCS Remote Control System (including a DCS remote handheld and Track Interface Unit) users gain many advanced features, including:

- DCS Proto-Speed Control - Establishes desired locomotive speed in scale miles per hour increments via a thumbwheel control and allows operator to set maximum speed and acceleration/deceleration rates
- ProtoSmoke® Variable Output Control - Controls how much smoke each engine outputs and matches smoke to locomotive speed
- Locomotive Lighting Control - Controls locomotive headlights, marker and interior lights, beacon lights, ditch lights, and MARS lights
- Emergency Stop-Single button push stops all Proto-Sound 2.0 trains but does not turn off the power
- One Touch Global Mute/UnMute-Single button mutes or unmutes all DCS-controlled locomotives' user-defined actions, including sound, lights, and smoke
- Proto-Dispatch Operation-Public Address-like feature allows users to speak through locomotive speaker during operation
- Proto-Cast-Allows users to play audio recordings through locomotive speaker during operation
- Proto-Doppler Sound Effects Set Up-Users can configure locomotive for Doppler Operation, including setting distance points for Doppler start, repeat, and stop modes
- Independent Volume Control of Engine Sounds, Bell, Horn & Whistle for each Locomotive
- Control up to 50 different DCS-Equipped Locomotives at one time with multiple TIUs
- Proto-Effects™ Set Up-User can select individual Proto-Effects™ operations to be active or inactive, including cab chatter, train wreck sounds, coupler sounds, Direction Control Set Up-User can set initial individual start-up direction (start in forward or reverse) for double-heading operations
- Locomotive Consist Set-up-User can determine locomotive values for consist make-ups, allowing multiple locomotives belonging to a consist to operate together

# Service & Warranty Information

## How to Get Service Under the Terms of the Limited One-Year Warranty

When you suspect an item is defective, please check the operator's manual for standard operation and troubleshooting techniques that may correct the problem. Additional information may be found on the M.T.H. Website. Should you still require service, follow the instructions below to obtain warranty service.

First, e-mail, write, call or fax a M.T.H. Authorized Service Center (ASC) in your area to obtain Repair Authorization. You can find the list of ASCs on the M.T.H. Website, [www.mth-railking.com](http://www.mth-railking.com). Authorized Service Centers are required to make warranty repairs on items sold *only* from that store; all other repairs may-- or may not be done at the store's own discretion. If you did not purchase the item directly from the ASC, you will need to select a National Authorized Service Center (NASC). These centers are compensated by M.T.H. to perform warranty service for any customer whose repair qualifies for warranty service. A list of NASC retailers can be located on the M.T.H. Website or by calling 410-381-2580. Should the warranty no longer apply, you may choose either an ASC or NASC retailer to service your M.T.H. Product. A reasonable service fee will be charged.

**CAUTION:** Make sure the product is packed in its original factory packaging including its foam and plastic wrapping material to prevent damage to the merchandise. There is no need to return the entire set if only one of the components is in need of repair *unless otherwise instructed by the Service Center*. The shipment must be prepaid and we recommend that it be insured. A cover letter including your name, address, daytime phone number, e-mail address (if available), Return Authorization number (if required by the service center, a copy of your sales receipt and a full description of the problem must be included to facilitate the repairs. Please include the description regardless of whether you discussed the problem with a service technician when contacting the Service Center for your Return Authorization.

Please make sure you have followed the instructions carefully before returning any merchandise for service. Authorized M.T.H. Service Centers are independently owned and operated and are not agents or representatives of M.T.H. Electric Trains. M.T.H. assumes no responsibility financial or otherwise, for material left in their possession, or work done, by privately owned M.T.H. Authorized Service Centers. If you need assistance at any time email MTH Service at [service@mth-railking.com](mailto:service@mth-railking.com), or call 410 381-2580.

## Limited One-Year Warranty

All M.T.H. products purchased from an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant are covered by this warranty.

See our website at [www.mth-railking.com](http://www.mth-railking.com) or call 410-381-2580 to identify an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant near you.

M.T.H. products are warranted for one year from the date of purchase against defects in material or workmanship, excluding wear items such as light bulbs, pick-up rollers, batteries, smoke unit wicks, and traction tires. We will repair or replace (at our option) the defective part without charge for the parts or labor, if the item is returned to an M.T.H. Authorized Service Center (ASC) or M.T.H. National Authorized Service Center (NASC) within one year of the original date of purchase. This warranty does not cover damages caused by improper care, handling, or use. Transportation costs incurred by the customer are not covered under this warranty.

Items sent for repair must be accompanied by a return authorization number, a description of the problem, and a copy of the original sales receipt from an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant, which gives the date of purchase. If you are sending this product to an Authorized Service Center, contact that Center for their return authorization.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights that vary from state to state. Specific questions regarding the warranty may be forwarded to M.T.H. Directly

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