

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad

Prototype Information

Train Type: Express Mixed Freight

Engines: six EMD GP-20s

Origination: Albuquerque, NM

Era: 1979

Destination: Chicago, Illinois

Route: Topeka, Kansas City, Peoria

Consist: box cars, flat cars, gondolas, hoppers and tankers

Train Information

Motive Power: Analog DCC Sound

Six powered Life-Like engines w/ TCS decoders installed

Length: 32.6 ft = 5215 scale ft = 0.99 scale miles

Speed: 40 mph (approximately)

Conductor: Steve (Razor) Gillett

ATSF's passenger engines were painted in the famous red and silver "War Bonnet" scheme and their freight engines were painted blue and yellow. In their quest to improve safety, the "War Bonnet" design was modified in yellow and blue freight colors to create an easily recognizable paint scheme on their freight engines. The bright yellow nose was very easy to see. These engines show both freight paint schemes.

The Santa Fe Railroad tracks linked the port cities of Chicago, Houston/Galveston, Los Angeles/Long Beach and San Francisco/Oakland and connected with many of the eastern railroads in both Chicago and Kansas City. In the late 1970s, the ATSF was one of the largest and most profitable railroads in the country.