



# New York Central Railroad

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## Prototype Information

**Train Type:** Pacemaker Priority Unit Freight Train

**Engines:** four Fairbanks-Morse C-Liners (ABBA)

**Origination:** Cleveland, Ohio

**Era:** 1955

**Destination:** Chicago, Illinois

**Route:** Sandusky, Toledo, Goshen, La Porte, Gary

**Consist:** Pacemaker box cars, Pacemaker trailers on flat cars

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## Train Information

**Motive Power:**  Analog  DCC  Sound

Four powered Life-Like engines w/ Digitrax decoders installed

**Number of cars:** 112  Caboose  FRED

**Length:** 32.8 ft = 5250 scale ft = 0.99 scale miles

**Speed:** 50 mph (approximately)

**Conductor:** Steve (Razor) Gillett

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In order to satisfy the demand for timely shipping of LCLs (Less than a whole box Car Load), many of the larger railroads developed priority shipping programs to expedite these smaller shipments to their destination and minimize the time the shipments sat in a box car at a yard or on a siding.

The New York Central Railroad's program was named the Pacemaker Service. Specially painted red and gray box cars were given priority routing and were quickly loaded and unloaded at destinations along the NYC System. After unloading, the NYC used a fleet of similarly painted trucks to deliver the shipments to individual customers.