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Update on Powerline Products and Production.

THE 48/830 CLASS LOCOMOTIVES

The release of the 48/830 Class

The expected in shop release date of the latest release 48/830 Class locomotives will be **Friday 25th February 2000**.

Powerline Models Pty Ltd has announced **Friday 25th February** as its official release date, and locomotives should be available in store that day. Obviously only those stores with an order will be supplied. The first exhibition this year to feature the 48/830 Class locomotives on sale will be the AMRA Camberwell Model Train Exhibition at the Camberwell Civic Centre on March 10-12.

Get in quick because we do not expect these to last long!

The cost of the 48/830 Class Locomotives.

Powerline Models Pty Ltd has released the following suggested retail prices for its newly released models. These are purely a guide on what you should expect to pay.

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| P239 | Austrac 48 Class #4814 | \$165 |
| P239 | Austrac 48 Class #4836 | \$165 |
| P235B | Freight Corp 48 Class #4806 | \$130 |
| P235B | Freight Corp 48 Class #4862 | \$130 |
| P237A | A.N 830 Class #846 | \$140 |

Yes finally they arrive

A lot of doubters thought Powerline was finished and that the 48/830 Class locomotives would never arrive. Well those who were observant at exhibitions across Australia would have known better because pre production samples were exhaustively tested for days at a time on a

layout called Rippon Lea. Like many car manufacturers Powerline puts its models through a lot of punishing test before they are released. Along the way improvement and modification are made as well as minor tweaks and adjustments.

The Boxing insert

The plastic insert for the 48/830 Class locomotives has changed and improved to provide a better class of packaging and improved storage. Now your 48/830 Class locomotive is safer then ever and it will not fall out or be damaged when you pull it out of its box.

Updated History Sheet.

In each box with each 48/830 Class is a brief history or update telling you a little about the prototype. This again has been authored by Mr Peter Clark whose knowledge and research can be seen in many articles and books. I can safely say that Peter has forgotten more then I know about railways.

The 48/830 Class production run

This current production of the 48/830 Class locomotives is only a small production run. It is not a Limited Edition production but less have been produced then even a limited edition production run. The reason for this is that Powerline is looking at smaller production runs so that a broader range of products can be produced. This will result in more liveries or models being available in a shorter period but will have the affect of most lines selling out quickly. The result will be if you do not buy when its available on the shelf then you will miss out.

Features to check out

The new 48/830 Class locomotives have a few small improvements. The improvement include the following: new mark 3 motor with bigger bearings, new motor housing for better air flow, improved

wheel stamping for better wheels, new traction tyres, modified lighting fixtures for improved lighting and less risk of damage, modified pilot, Flettner vent, and improved painting. Overall it is an improved model which will take pride of place on any layout.

Where can I get a 48/830 Class locomotive?

From orders received to date 48/830 Class locomotive are available from the following shops:

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Hobbytronics
Albany
Stanbridge Hobbies
Mt Lawley
Perth Hobby Centre
Perth

VICTORIA

Train World Pty Ltd
East Brighton
Martins Models
Doncaster East
Victoria Hobby Centre
Melbourne
Hobbies Plus
Stratford

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Orient Express
Unley
Grahams Corner
Mt Barker
Junction Models
Clearview
South Aust Hobby Centre
Adelaide

QUEENSLAND

Voglers & Son
Ipswich
The Turntable
Zillmere

NEW SOUTH WALES

All Aboard
Mittagong
Baileys Bicycle
Parkes
Bergs Hobbies
Parramatta

Casula Hobbies
Liverpool
Denbar Model R
Berry
GTs Sportscards Plus
Wagga Wagga
Hobbies in the Hills
Castle Hill
Frontline
New Castle
North Coast Hobby C
Lismore
Penrith Toy & Hobbies
Penrith
Port World of Models
Port Macquarie
Forest Miniatures
French's Forest
The Signal Box
Springwood
Vic Barnes Cycles & M
New Lambton
Woodpecker Model
Pendle Hill
Windsor Handicraft
Windsor
The Train Shed
Luddenham
Toms Disc Hobby W
West Ryde
Punchbowl Hobby
Bankstown

If one of these stores is not near you and your local store has no stock or is too far away, contact :

Powerline Direct
P.O. Box 2100,
North Brighton, 3186.

For all your Powerline needs.

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NEW AND COMING ITEMS

Train Sets to come soon

Powerline Models Pty Ltd after the release of its 48/830 Class locomotives will be preparing to release a range of train sets. These train sets will be assembled and packed in Australia using boxes and inserts made in Australia. They will feature rust free nickel silver Atlas track. Details of these sets will be released in March with orders being taken from Powerline dealers. From the little known to date there will be a 48/830 Class based set and possibly a few surprises in the near future.

Wooden Boxes

Some of you will remember in 1997/1998 Powerline released wooden boxes for its locomotives, presentation sets and train sets. A limited number are now available for readers of the Powerline Update. The presentation set holds four Powerline boxes, ie 1 loco and 3 pieces of rolling stock and then there are twin and single boxes for locomotives. These are priced to sell at \$15 for a single box, \$20 for a double, \$25 for a triple and \$30 for a presentation box, plus postage. Few of these remain and they make great storage boxes. Furniture finished in deep brown or black with a sealed finish and sliding lids. Once they are gone that's all folks.

Gondolas due in March 2000.

P511U NOBX undecorated blue, P512U undecorated Indian Red NOBX, P510 BDX-NSWR Black, P676A undecorated yellow gondola P671 V/Line gondola and P674 A.N gondola should all be available again in March 2000. All though available decorated some 5 years ago this is the first time the blue and the Indian red gondolas have been available undecorated. At this point in time quantities will be limited but since these are made and assembled in Australia we do expect more again soon.

What is next ??

As indicated Powerline is now holding its cards close to its chest with all details being released first in the Powerline Update. Obviously the Big Locomotives with the new and improved SM/2 mechanism is not far away with the following locomotives being re released with the new mechanism: 81 Class Stealth, 81 Class Freight Rail, BL Class National Rail and G Class V/Line. Those of you who have visited a Powerline display at the one of many exhibitions attended across Australia would have also seen the BL GM Demonstrator, BL Class Steel Link and the National Rail 81 Class. Although none of these are confirmed for production they give you some clue as to what is to come.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Using American rolling stock?

Want to use Australian also?

One of the biggest dilemmas with beginners and general modellers is the

non-compatible coupler issue. The most common is the use of American and Australian locomotive and rolling stock together. Powerline has solved the problem with two P1007 and P1007A couplers. P1007 is used in basic Model Power and cheap Life Like models where a pin or a sprung pin holds in the couplers. It is as easy as pull one out and slot the other in. With Athern, Roundhouse, Concor, Mantua and other brands using a Kadee number 5 type box or ones that have knuckle couplers already fitted, it is a simple replacement using P1007A. P1007A replaces most Knuckle or Kadee style couplers as well as fitting in most American style draft boxes made to take a Kadee number 5. The advantages are simplicity, a more reliable coupling, less break aways and more fun running what you want to.

Fitting Kadees to Freightline rolling stock

All the current Freightline productions can be easily converted to Kadee. Kadee No 17 or 18 clip straight in to the Freightline product. It is simply a matter of pulling out, unclipping, the fitted coupler and pushing in, clipping in, the Kadee. It really is a clip out and clip in conversion and easily done.

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ASSOCIATED DISTRIBUTORS

Associated Distributors wishes to announce the following.

The Ready to Run CL Class

These were not ready for the planned end of January release. The problems involved were not the models fault but due to lack of time and too many other things to do. These models are practically hand built and take a lot of time from start to finish especially when done on a part time basis. The number actually being released has been limited to the number of mechanisms available which just meets current accepted orders, as such no further orders are being accepted at this time. The current orders are being worked on as you read this with other avenues being explored.

The CL Body, ready to go.

The CL bodies have been made available painted and finished with Kadees fitted. These are available in Commonwealth Railways Marron & Silver, Australian

National Railways Maroon & Silver and In Australian National Green and Yellow. With this special supply there is no choice in numbers. These bodies fit on to a Powerline BL mechanism or an Athern SD40-2.

AL Body Kit with A.N decals.

Supplies of these are very low with the second run close to sold out. These body kits fit a Powerline BL mechanism, an Athern SD40-2 mechanism and to my surprise an Athern F45 mechanism. This body kit comes complete with pilots, sand boxes and A.N decals.

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Repairs and Warranties

On all new Powerline locomotives there is a 12-month warranty. The details of this are supplied in the box of your new Powerline locomotive which requires you to send in a warranty form with some form of proof of purchase, which must have the date and place of purchase on it. This is all to be sent to the listed address. The Powerline Production Centre, P.O. Box 1025G, Glenquarie LPO, Maquarie Fields, NSW 2564.

When returning a Powerline locomotive for repair it important that you return it to the place of purchase. The hobby shop/Powerline dealer will then inform Powerline and then send the locomotive to the Powerline Production Centre. Models received for repair, especially if it is a warranty issue, must be from a Powerline dealer and the place from which you purchased the locomotive.

Powerline Models Pty Ltd does not take responsibility for locomotives sent to the wrong place or directly to its office. Any locomotive returned must be done so through your dealer and they will organise to have it looked at by The Powerline Production Centre.

Please note that any unauthorised modifications, tinkering or repairs will invalidate your warranty. Powerline Models Pty Ltd and The Powerline Production Centre are the only places authorised to do any repair or warranty work. All non-warranty repairs or modifications have a minimum charge of \$10 plus parts and postage.

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