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This is officially the first issue of the Powerline Update for 2005. Without going into too much detail 2005 marks a new beginning for Powerline Models Pty Ltd with years of planning projects and productions coming to the fore. This new beginning coincides with a growth within the industry that many believe cannot be sustained. If that is the situation we may see the demise of some but non the less Powerline Models Pty Ltd will be at least one of the survivors.

The T-Class.

Pre-production samples.

Yes all the pre-production samples have arrived. The bodies, the walk ways, the valences, castings, cabs, windows and all the running gear. The results have been most pleasing and may be on display at up coming exhibitions. All the tooling is now complete and the project is well on track for production. Powerline Models Pty Ltd could well deliver the T Class early but there are no plans to do so and the release date will still be Nov/Dec 2005

Look out for samples at an exhibition near you.

Standard Features.

Full Metal Chassis
5 Pole Skew wound can motor
Twin flywheels
RP25 wheels
All wheel drive
All wheel pick up
Kadee® metal knuckle couplers
Powerline couplers
Separately applied detail
Brass etch grills
DCC decoder, runs on DC and DCC.

Yes all the above come standard in the Powerline T Class. Plus you also get the body detail and finish that modellers have grown to expect from Powerline Models Pty Ltd. Make no mistake this is a new beginning and a sign of things to come.

The T Class Mechanism.

Yes this is an all new Powerline mechanism. This is not a borrowed or re-engineered existing mechanism from off the shelf. This is Powerline's own mechanism and a sign of things to come.

This mechanism comes fitted to a metal chassis, it has a 5 pole skew wound can motor, twin flywheels and drive to all wheels with electrical pick coming from all wheels. This mechanism also comes standard with a DCC decoder fitted that will operate on a standard, conventional, DC layout as well as an NMRA DCC compliant layout. This mechanism will be one of the best available for a RTR mass produced Australian HO locomotive, if not the best. You asked for it and now you are getting it.

The T Class Couplers

Metal Kadee ® couplers and the standard Powerline couplers come standard with the T Class. Change over is easy and the coupler you use is your choice. Metal knuckle couplers mean a more secure and reliable knuckle coupler.

Liveries in place for 2005.

In November/December 2005 Powerline Models Pty Ltd plans to release the following T Class locomotives.

T Class Series 2 High Cab

T Class series 3 Low Nose

PT2-1 Victorian Railways

PT3-1 Victorian Railways

PT2-2 V/line

PT3-2 V/line

PT2-4 WCR

PT3-6 Freight Australia

Future T Class Plans

Powerline Models Pty Ltd plans, over time, to produce every livery and locomotive number it can within the T class series it is producing. In time this will result in some 8 liveries per series T Class and a plethora of locomotive numbers. This will not happen all at once but over time it will happen. It is planned to keep the T Class in production for some years, producing a new livery or variation every year.

Powerline Models Pty Ltd will also be doing the H-Class in the near future.

So over time Powerline Models Pty Ltd will be producing every T Class Series 2, T Class series 3 and H Class it can possibly do plus maybe the CK. That is liveries and locomotive numbers. So if the locomotive you want is not available yet or has not been announced yet, wait because if Powerline Models Pty Ltd can do it they will.

Introductory Offer

A \$50.00 deposit per locomotive with Powerline Models Pty Ltd for an advanced order of a T Class secures and guarantees that order and the introductory price of \$198.00. Yes \$198.00 for the Powerline T Class with all its standard features. Orders are being accepted now by Powerline Models Pty Ltd. This offer will expire November 2005.

Powerline Retailers are also able to guarantee and secure T Class orders with a \$50.00 deposit per locomotive. Retailers can take orders and do the regular back order but there is no guarantee on supply as orders with deposits will be supplied and guaranteed. Back orders without deposits will get what is left and available on a first come first served basis.

T-Class ETA.

November or December 2005 is the expected arrival time for the T Class first production run. The new Powerline Models T Class will be here in time for Christmas 2005.

The production samples have arrived, the tooling is complete and the project is running on time, just.

Final Comment.

There may be many rumours circulating about Powerline Models Pty Ltd and the T Class but rest assured Powerline is here to stay and the T Class production is going ahead. The T Class will be the best of its type and this is only the beginning of things to come from Powerline Models Pty Ltd.

The market place and the modellers have a choice and Powerline Models Pty Ltd for the first time in 10 years has put together an advanced order opportunity directly to the modellers. If in any doubt wait and see.

**DO NOT BUY ANY OTHER T CLASS UNTIL YOU SEE OUR T CLASS
You will be glad you did.**

The 48 Class

The current locomotives available are:

P230B Tuscan 4897 & 48116

P232A Candy 48107, 48121 & 48125

P233A Red Terror 4894 & 4895

P234Y Silvertown 48s35 & 48s37

P239 Austrac 4814 & 4836

Retail Prices.

Powerline Models Pty Ltd does not set, enforce or decide on the retail price of its products in retail stores. The retail price is set by the retailers and they decide how it will be. Powerline Models Pty Ltd has however given SRRP, Suggested Recommended Retail Price, based on what some retailers have told us they will sell for or from what we have been told the mark up on the wholesale price will be. Therefore any retail price presented by Powerline Models Pty Ltd is purely a suggestion or guideline.

Powerline Direct is a separate entity to Powerline Models Pty Ltd. It sets its retail price based on what other shops in Melbourne sell Powerline product at. Powerline Direct does not discount and is not there to compete with retail stores.

RTR N Scale X Class

Still limited stocks available.

PNX-1 Freight Australia

PNX-11 Freight Victoria

PNX-1 and PNX-11 are both now available and can be purchased from your local Powerline retailer.

PNX-12 N-Scale X-Class in VR blue and yellow is expected to become available in July/August 2005.

Orders for the VR X-Class are being accepted now and again this will be a limited production run. Orders can be via Powerline Retailers or through Powerline Direct. There will be no cut off date as yet as production is still underway. Production is expected to be only 100 units.

The X-Class in N-Scale by Powerline Models Pty Ltd features a one piece resin body, an Atlas SD-9 mechanism, Micro-Trains® MAGNE-MATIC 1016 Knuckle couplers, correct decals, brass hand rails and all assembled and finished by hand. Each and every locomotive is different due to paint, livery, logo and locomotive number differences available.

New from Link Line

In 2005 Link Line is to release a steam locomotive. This locomotive is to be similar to locomotives that operated in Australia and can be modified to suit locomotives that ran in NSW and Victoria. It is not intended to be for the modellers but more a steam locomotive for beginners, starters and young enthusiasts. The expected retail price is to be around the \$150.00. A release date is yet to be set but it will be in 2005.

Exhibitions

Warrnambool

It's interesting and friendly exhibition never ceases to surprise and to show some very interesting layouts and displays. A new European layout by Tony with some great overhead gear, cantenary, the great S.A.R.M.A layout was in attendance and at full strength and then there was the un-streamlined S Class VR Steam locomotive with deflectors S304. Yes a 7 ¼ inch live steam S Class locomotive with the number 304. This locomotive is well engineered and very well made but represents an individual flair with its number and its name. There were also many other displays including a Hornby collectors layout, Powell Town HO narrow gauge by Colin Konig, an N scale layout by Andrew and partner and many more. All in all a good exhibition. It's a shame that a special train or even a steam trip can not be organised for when this exhibition is on.

Corio

This annual exhibition was the place to go for rail modellers and enthusiast over the Australia day weekend. Unfortunately Australia day weekends now are not as numerous as they once were but non the less the Corio Model Railway Exhibition continues to be a must visit. 2005 was no exception with many good displays and layouts in attendance. This exhibition is also one of the few to host a modelling competition at the exhibition. I strongly recommend many of you modellers out there to have a go and build something to enter next year.

Boxhill

Roger Lloyd and his devoted crew all work hard to put together this exhibition by the AMRA Victorian Division. There is a lot to see here with many layouts on display as well as many retailers and producers in attendance with displays and promotions. This exhibition like Corio also runs modelling and layout competitions at the exhibition. This years exhibition was also the starting place for the official launch of the T Class campaign.

Hobsons Bay

This exhibition is promoted as the Australian Model Railway Exhibition as it aims to be an exhibition of Australian model trains. It was here that many heard that BGB had once again been sold and this time to interests in South Australia. There

were many retailers and manufacturers in attendance with models, products and samples to interest all. Like many exhibitions there was much to see and to learn for those willing to look, take interest and ask questions.

Canberra.

Finally an Exhibition outside Victoria, the Albury Narrow Gauge Convention aside. This model railway exhibition at the National Hockey Centre is greatly underestimated and has a lot to offer. Far be it for me to start grading exhibition as each has its merits but outside of Sydney this is one of the best in NSW. For those living in Canberra this exhibition offered displays, retailers and products they would not otherwise see or have easy access to. From Z to G all the scales were represented on layouts and on display stands plus any tool and most accessories you may require. Layouts include modern and past Australian N and HO, old tinplate, European, English and American. A must visit for all living in and around Canberra and this can be seen by the number of people I know visited from Sydney and north of Sydney.

Exhibitions in 2005

Hobart
Brisbane
Packenham
Adelaide
Boronia
Morwell
Stawell
Newcastle-Honeysuckle
Sunshine
Hobart
SA Convention
Gold Coast
Mildura
Liverpool-Hurstville

Future Exhibitions

Powerline Models Pty Ltd attends many exhibitions each year in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. Should any club or group running an exhibition in any of these states wish to have Powerline Models Pty Ltd attend their exhibition please feel free to contact Ian Comport. The address is:

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We are always looking to attend new and different model railway exhibitions and may be able to assist organisers with additional displays, layouts and stalls.

Powerline Update back issues

Back issues of the Powerline Update are available on the Internet at the Powerline web site www.powerline.com.au or from Powerline Direct at P.O. Box 2100 North Brighton 3187. The cost off the Internet site is free for back issues but mailing out of back issues is becoming costly and we request that a stamped self addressed envelope be sent as well as an additional 50 cent stamp cover costs and speed up delivery.

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The Powerline Update is accepting original submissions, articles and write-ups from its readers and those with a common interest.

All writings must be on topics concerning either; model trains, Australian model trains, HO scale model trains, Australian Railways, Powerline model trains, model train modifications, model train detailing, model train layouts, DCC, train and/or railway exhibitions, model train clubs, electrical issues within model trains, and issues of interest within the hobby.

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