

## ***Model Review - Atlas HO H-16-44***

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Atlas has produced HO Model FM H-16-44, numbers 2803 & 2804, and no number, in Zebra paint.

ATSF had 20 of the H16-44's, but only the first 10 were of the early "Loewy" body & cab with the sill mounted handrails design pictured below. Atlas did another run in 2006 with the square windows appropriate for 3010-3019.



Unnumbered model

They were built March-June 1951 as 2800-2809. However, these numbers interfered with the GP7s that were being delivered so they were renumbered 3000-3009 between July and August 1952. These are prototypical until the end of the Zebra paint scheme, circa 1960. Numbers 3010-3019 came with square cab windows.

The model is highly detailed and includes cab interior and crew. It has a DCC decoder installed but is set for cab control as delivered. Headlights and classification lights change according to direction. The decoder does hum slightly.

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Generally, these engines began operations on the coast lines in California and were moved to Kansas. From photos in books we can determine the following dates in blue they lasted until 1969.

2800 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, photos in Barstow 10/51; San Diego 3/52, renumbered to 3000 8/14/52, to Eastern Division 10/56, in Kansas City 1962 in blue paint.

2801 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 3/52; Cajon helper 6/52, renumbered 3001 7/28/52, Santa Fe Springs, CA, 8/53, San Diego 3/54; to Eastern Division 10/56, Topeka 1/59 (Rail Junction Slides sold a photo of 2801 listed as in San Angelo, TX, in 1951. That does not fit other records)

2802 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 10/51; Cajon helper 12/51 & 6/52, renumbered 3002 8/18/52, 2/53 Lamanda Park CA local, to Eastern Division 10/56, Topeka local #45 6/57, 3/58 on Pawhuska District, 1958-67 regular on St. Joseph - Henrietta local. Last engine on the Belt Line Spur around Richmond, MO, Jan. 11, 1960.

2803 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 9/51, renumbered 3003 7/22/52, San Diego 9/52; Lamanda Park, CA, 2/53; San Marcos, CA, local 8/56; to Eastern Division 3/57, St. Joseph's Branch local 2/58 with 3004; Kansas City 1963 in blue paint

2804 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego & San Bernardino 9/51, San Diego 10/52, renumbered 3004 7/21/52, St. Joseph's Branch local 7/59 with 3003. (Photo of 2804 and 2808 with freight in Ft. Worth, TX, in 1952 is suspect, *Iron Horses of Santa Fe Trail.*)

2805 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 11/51, renumbered 3005 8/6/52, to Eastern Division 10/56, 9/58 with 3009 in Emporia.

2806 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 10/51 renumbered 3006 8/18/52, San Diego 3/54, to Eastern Division 10/56; Topeka 8/57; 8/60 in blue paint

2807 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 9/51 & 2/52 renumbered 3007 7/23/52, Morena, CA, 3/53, to Eastern Division 10/56; Topeka 8/57, Kansas City 11/60 in blue paint, Emporia 1/66.

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2808 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 9/51; San Bernardino 12/51 renumbered 3008 8/13/52, Morena, CA, 3/53, to Eastern Division 1/57. 5/62 in blue on night freight to St. Joseph from Topeka. (Photo of 2804 and 2808 with freight in Ft. Worth, TX, in 1952 is suspect, *Iron Horses of Santa Fe Trail*.)

2809 originally assigned to the Valley Division, to Los Angeles Division 2/3/52, San Diego 12/51 renumbered 3009 7/28/52, San Diego 3/54; Cajon helper 5/56; Emporia, KS 9/58, to Eastern Division 3/57, 9/58 with 3009 in Emporia.

2810 renumbered to 3010 7/25/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 6/28/52, to Middle Division 6/29/52, to Oklahoma Division 8/29/52, Independence KS to Ralston OK turn 6/30/53. 8/64 in Argentine-Topeka-St. Joseph-Emporia-Superior pool.

2811 renumbered to 3011 7/25/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 6/28/52, to Middle Division 6/29/52, 12/63 Argentine in blue.

2812 renumbered to 3012 8/26/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 6/30/52, to Eastern Division 7/2/52, 5/61 Topeka in blue.

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2813 renumbered to 3013 7/27/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 6/30/52, to Eastern Division 7/2/52, Gridley KS 5/53, 4/61 Emporia in blue, 9/68 Burlingame and Carbondale KS.

2814 renumbered to 3014 7/28/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 7/4/52, to Oklahoma Division 7/5/52, Chanute KS to Iola KS turn 6/30/53

2815 renumbered to 3015 7/28/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 7/4/52, to Eastern Division 7/5/52, Moline KS switcher 6/30/53.

2816 renumbered to 3016 7/17/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 7/5/52, to Eastern Division 7/8/52, to Oklahoma Division 7/18/52, Coffeyville KS to Independence KS turn 6/30/53.

2817 renumbered to 3017 7/17/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 7/5/52, to Eastern Division 7/8/52, to Oklahoma Division 7/18/52, to Middle Division 12/7/52.

2818 renumbered to 3018 7/30/52, originally assigned to the Missouri Division 7/28/52, to Eastern Division 7/29/52, 10/52 Ottawa KS, 3/58 on Pawhuska District.

2819 renumbered to 3019 8/11/52; originally assigned to the Missouri Division 8/2/52; to Eastern Division 8/4/52; 8/52 in Argentine Yard; Ottawa, KS, 1953; 9/68 on trains 161/162 Burlingame and Carbondale KS in blue.

An extensive article by John Signor in the 3rd Quarter 2014 *Warbonnet* is an excellent resource on these locomotives.

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