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RAILROAD REPORT

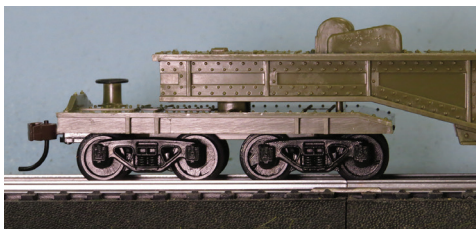
Ten Hut!

Rock Island Hobby's new Military Action HO rail cars

This month we feature two HO-scale military rail cars from Rock Island Hobby's series of five Military Action Rail Cars. Rock Island Hobby is a new line distributed through Heartland Hobby Wholesale.

First, let's look at the Big Gun Car (P/N 032163). It rides on four sets of trucks and 16 wheels. This is a big gun with an overall scale length of 72 feet. This rail car would be more comfortable on a wider radius track to reduce the not-so-scale overhang on the curves. The gun can be tilted up approximately 30 degrees and all of the cars in this series are fitted with Bachmann knuckles for compatibility.

The cars are molded in detailed Army green with black trucks and other detail pieces, and white-screened lettering. The rail cars are

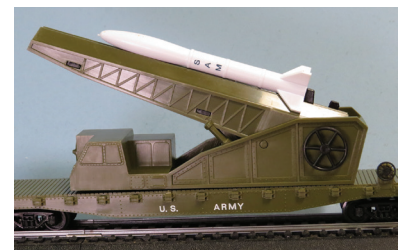


also weighted to lower the center of gravity, making them stable on curves. When adjusting the launch angle, the side adjustment wheels move in

The second car is the Missile Launcher, (P/N 032180). The Missile Launcher is shorter, with a

scale length of approximately 45 feet. The Missile Launcher can be tilted up approximately 30 degrees and rotates 360 degrees. Like the Big Gun, when adjusting the launch angle, the side adjustment wheels move in unison for added realism.

The Missile Launcher includes three launchable missiles that can go more than 6 feet, so watch where you aim. Personally, I like it but then again, I'm from the days of lawn darts, cap guns and sling shots!



The price point on the Military Action Rail cars is very comfortable for your customers. Whether it's for a themed layout, diorama or for display for a military person, these cars are a great choice. These Army Cars can also make you nostalgic. Way back when, I had a similar set, and these RIH cars brought back a wave of nostalgia for me. This ef-

fect, and the price, will make these an impulse purchase to the 40-and-over crowd as well as parents and grandparents introducing their kids to the hobby.



The other cars in the series include a Tank with transport car, a Box Car and the ever-popular Exploding Box Car. Once users have a Missile Car they need something to aim at besides their siblings. The Exploding Box Car should be suggested, and it will fly apart when hit with a missile.

The Rock Island Hobby Army Rail Cars, the street lights we looked at in the last issue, vehicles and foliage are all available through Heartland Hobby Wholesale now. **HM**

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