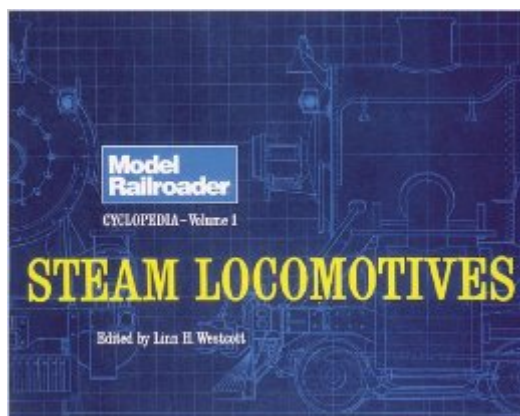


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# Model Railroader Cyclopedia, Vol. 1: Steam Locomotives



## Synopsis

Presents details and measurements of steam locomotives from their first appearance to their final days. Includes nearly 1,000 rare photos and over 127 HO scale plans, notes, and specifications for almost all steam locomotives in North America.

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## Customer Reviews

Maybe I looked at a different book than the previous reviewer. This is dynamite. It's obviously great for model makers, but I like it just for the reference info and the photographs. Couple this with Drury's Guide to North American Steam Locomotives and it's a great reference set.

I've been searching for this book for years and finally I have one. A must for model locomotive builders and detailer or anyone interested in the workings and operation of steam locomotives!! The information in this volume is outstanding and the illustration are perfect for understanding the placement and operation of the many appliances that made a locomotive operate. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in steam locomotives modeling or prototype locomotives.

The book all model railroader must have. Blueprints are perfect to check dimensions of models and there is also the models' histories.

Were someone to come up to me and ask for a single book that would be the most informative to introduce them to steam locomotives, I would not hesitate to recommend this one. It has a very informative section that discusses basic steam locomotive theory and the systems, controls and devices on a steam locomotive and what each does. There is a wonderful cut-away drawing of a typical steam locomotive that shows these components in their relationship to others. The remainder of the book explains the various locomotive classifications and provides numerous examples of each classification, along with hundreds of pictures that illustrate them very well. Highly recommended.

This is a truly excellent reference for those of us who are hooked on steam. It contains hundreds of crisp, clear black & white photos of every major & most minor steamers used on American railroads. It contains photos & excellent line drawings of virtually every steam locomotive produced from the early 1900s to the end of steam in the early 60s. The line drawings are all HO scale which is very nice for modeling. There is also a section on the components of steam locomotives which is very informative for the modeler. I highly recommend this book for any steam locomotive modeler or just for those who love steam engines.

If you are looking for a first class reference on both vintage and modern North American steam locomotives, you need not look any further than this book. The drawings are crisp and accurate, and the photos and illustrations include essential information on the various fittings present on all steam locomotives. The late Linn Westcott did hobbyists proud with this work, and despite its' age it is still fresh. The introductory chapter gives all the pertinent information required to understand how steam locomotives work, and the descriptive texts for each drawing, while short, give the reader enough information on the locomotive type. The index and bibliographic references give good information to those readers who wish to dig deeper into the subject. The best part is that you can copy or scan the drawings for personal use without excessive restriction, which is a great help for model railroaders who kitbash or build their own locomotives. If you are into virtual railroading and build your own 3D models for the various rail simulators using 3D modelling software, the drawings with their dimensions make excellent backdrops when building 3D models. I recommend this book to any railroad modeller who contemplates detailing, kitbashing, or scratchbuilding his own model steam locomotives.

The drawings and photographs in this book are invaluable for anyone wishing to build or detail

steam locomotives. The drawings are finely done including variations where appropriate. The photos in black and white have all been chosen for their clarity. The best thing is that it covers most of the more popular and well known locomotives from USRA 0-6-0s to Union Pacific Big Boys.

I purchased this book in the early 1960's and have enjoyed it ever since. I am glad to see it in print again so that another generation can enjoy it also. It contains many illustrations and scale drawings (HO) and I have made several models from it.

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