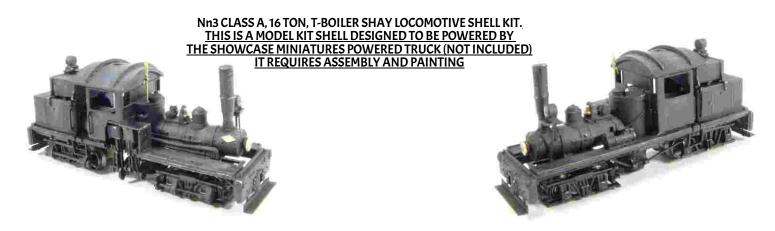


Michigan / California Lumber Co. Shay #2





EPHRAIM SHAY'S SIDEWINDER WAS, UNQUESTIONABLY, THE MOST POPULAR OF THE THREE MAJOR GEARED LOCOMOTIVES AMONG LOGGERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ABOUT 2000 WERE BUILT BETWEEN 1884 AND 1945, WHEN THE LAST SHAY LEFT THE LIMA PLANT. THEY RANGED IN SIZE FROM TINY 10 TON TEAKETTLES TO 4-TRUCK BEHEMOTHS, OF 150 TONS, AND COULD BE ORDERED TO SUIT A WIDE VARIETY OF TRACK GAUGES. ONLY A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF THESE UNIQUE MACHINES ARE LEFT TODAY. A FEW ARE STILL RUNNING WHILE OTHERS, FORTUNATELY, ARE PRESERVED IN PARKS AND MUSEUMS.

ONE OF THESE IS THE LIMA NO. 122 BUILT IN 1884 FOR THE RUMSEY LUMBER CO. OF BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. AFTER A SUCCESSION OF OWNERS, IT WAS ACQUIRED BY THE MICHIGAN-CALIFORNIA LUMBER COMPANY IN 1917 AND, AS THEIR #2, SERVED AS THE YARD SWITCHER IN CAMINO, CA UNTIL 1951 WHEN IT WAS RETIRED AND PUT ON DISPLAY THERE.

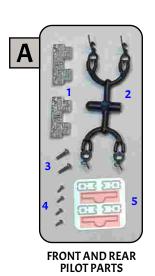
THROUGHOUT ITS LONG CAREER, VARIOUS REPAIRS AND CHANGES TOOK PLACE SO THAT THE ENGINE'S FINAL APPEARANCE, AS MICH-CAL #2, DOES NOT LOOK MUCH LIKE THE "TYPICAL" SHAY. IN FACT, IT IS QUITE UNIQUE IN THIS RESPECT. BOTH THE CAB AND THE TANKS ARE HOMEMADE ADDITIONS ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER ALTERATIONS TO ITS ORIGINAL FORM. WHEN BUILT, #122 WAS A WOOD BURNER AND HAD 26 INCH WHEELS. MICH-CAL CONVERTED IT TO BURN OIL AND SUBSTITUTED 24 INCH WHEELS. ORIGINALLY CLASSED AS A 13 TON LOCOMOTIVE, THESE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS BROUGHT ITS WEIGHT UP TO 18 TONS. A FINE EXAMPLE OF THE INGENUITY OF LOGGING ROAD MASTER MECHANINCS.

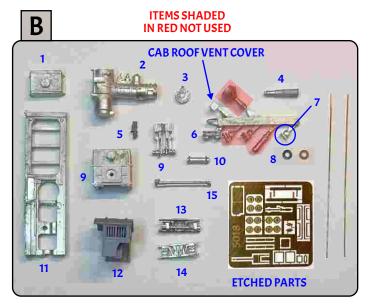
.... information courtesy the Precision Scale Co.





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