

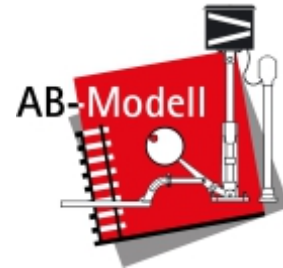
Dear friends of the narrow gauge railways,

we have a multitude of impressions at the International Toy Fair 2020 in Nürnberg and report on numerous interesting new products.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue

Your

AB-Modell-team



## N-Tram



We start our trade fair report today in Austria, more precisely with the Achensee-Bahn, which connects Jenbach with the same-titled destination high in the mountains.

We met Wolfgang Besenhardt at our stand and he presented his beautiful cogwheel locomotive.

The tiny one is powered by a 12V motor and has a real gear wheel drive. The controls are fully functional. A pendulum axle ensures a safe current collection. The model is exactly in scale of 1:160 and needs 6.5mm (cograil-)tracks for operation.

Interested parties please contact Mr. Besenhardt directly at [www.n-tram.de](http://www.n-tram.de)

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## Lemke



We're staying in the Alpine region, this time in Germany and visit the Zugspitzbahn, which connects Garmisch-Partenkirchen with the highest German mountain. The metre-gauge railway has an adhesion line in the valley and a cogwheel line up to the Zugspitze.

This year, the very nice models of the Zugspitzbahn in H0 could be seen (see pictures on the right). From the year 2021/22 on they will also be available in N! At Lemke's booth we could talk to Sven Franz, who explained some details about the project. So the models will be released in scale 1:150, will be priced below the H0 models and will run on 9mm gauge ex works. We are especially pleased that Lemke has also thought of the friends of the narrow gauge: exchange wheelsets are offered for the gauge conversion, so that the use on 6.5mm tracks can be easily implemented. So much foresight delights the Nm model railroader's heart!

At first the classics in dark blue/cream are realized. The set includes an adhesion locomotive and two four-axle passenger cars, a supplementary set includes two more passenger cars. As soon as we have the models, we will report in detail in the newsletter.

Pre-orders for the models are accepted. Please indicate the desired track gauge. Thanks a lot.

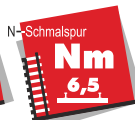


**H22070.N:** Zugspitzbahn, AEG-Tallok plus 2 Personenzüge, Hobbytrain-Modell für Spur N (9mm)



**H22071.N:** Zugspitzbahn, 2er-Set Personenzüge, Hobbytrain-Modell für Spur N (9mm)

## Kato



Now we are finally going to Switzerland and of course to the Rhaetian Railway.

We discuss the manufacturers listed below in alphabetical order. Let's start with Kato.

There were no new announcements, the available product range was exhibited. In a showcase there were samples of the already announced Ge4/4II 623 with "Glacier Express" advertising. The completely red machine with attractive GEX logo is a nice addition to the program.

The dark blue Gourmino dining car WR 3811 is a novelty of form. The exhibit, which is also shown in the showcase, makes an excellent impression and is equipped with lighting. A special eye-catcher should be the illuminated table lamps.

The Kato models are as usual in Japanese N-scale 1:150 and roll on 9mm tracks. We also offer these vehicles to all interested parties on 6.5mm gauge. The models should be available already in March.

Please send advance orders to our eMail address, indicating track gauge and desired coupler.



**KT-076.1N:** Ge4/4" 623 „Glacier Express“, Kato-Modell für Spur N (9mm)



**KT-011.1N:** WR3811, Speisewagen „Gourmino“, Kato-Modell für Spur N (9mm)

## MDS-Modell

For some years now, MDS model has also been busy in Swiss narrow gauge market. The models are manufactured in the Far East and correspond in their specifications to the Japanese N-scale. All models are scaled down 1:150 and run on N-scale tracks. The N standard coupler is mounted. It can easily be exchanged for a Kato short coupling.

Gunnar Müller presented his latest advertising locomotives, which will be released during the year.

The green Ge4/4II 621 "Traveco" will appear to match the VOLG freight cars.

Also new is the Ge4/4II 620, which advertises for the "RhB Club" and features an attractive sidewall decoration.

And now also available at MDS is the Ge4/4II 622 of the RhB partner railway in Japan: "Hakone Tozan Railway". This locomotive will probably be available in a few weeks, as the manufacturer told us.

The MDS locomotives are equipped with a Faulhaber-kind of motor and are available as analogue machines as standard. Each model can be purchased digitized ex works and for fans of the perfect soundscape there is a version with sound for each model. The speaker is placed by MDS under the resistance cover in the roof.

The locomotives are technically unchanged. Visually, the pantograph, which is now moulded in a dark grey plastic, is a striking feature, replacing the old one of the first generation of locomotives, which was designed in a light silver colour. This makes the model significantly more faithful to its prototype.

The locomotives can be ordered in advance from us. We are still working on a possibility for a safe gauge conversion. We ask the interested parties for a little more patience.

In the freight car segment, MDS is expanding its range of various sliding-wall cars. The models differ by different opening mechanisms, roof shapes and end walls, as well as the many printing variants.

This year the still missing third VOLG wagon with a motif of the village "Fläsch" will appear. In a double set, another "Calanda" car is coming together with a silver sister car. The "Möbel Pfister" carriage is available individually, while the two "Kuoni" models are available as a set again. Also new are the "Curea Elektro" and the "Rhäzünser/Passugger", which are available as individual models.

The cars roll on 9mm N-wheelsets ex works and can be converted by us to 6.5mm if required. For this purpose we recommend the exchange of the N standard coupler to the Kato short coupling, which is automatically included in the conversion. Since most of the models of the sliding wall wagon from the first production series are already sold out, we recommend all interested parties to pre-order their desired models soon. Variations once issued will not be produced a second time.

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MD-60010.N: RhB Ge4/4" 621, Traveco, Spur N (9 mm), mit Rapidokupplung, MDS-Modell



MD-60011.N: RhB Ge4/4" 620, RhB-Club, Spur N (9 mm), mit Rapidokupplung, MDS-Modell



MD-60012.N: RhB Ge4/4" 622, Hakone Tozan Railway, Spur N (9 mm), mit Rapidokupplung, MDS-Modell



MD-61010.N: RhB Schiebewagen Haikq-twyz5174 Volg Motiv Fläsch, Spur N, MDS-Modell



MD-61011.N: RhB Wagenset: Haik-qv5161 Calanda und Haikq-y5162 silber, Spur N, MDS-Modell



MD-61012.N: RhB Schiebewagen Haik-qv5128 Möbel Pfister, Spur N, MDS-Modell



MD-61013.N: RhB Wagenset: Haik-qv5132 Kuoni und Haik-qv5133 Kuoni, Spur N, MDS-Modell



MD-61014.N: RhB Schiebewagen Haikq-qv5166 Curea Elektro, Spur N, MDS-Modell



MD-61015.N: RhB Schiebewagen Haik-qv5168 Rhäzünser/Passugger, Spur N, MDS-Modell



## Pirata

A real firework of novelties burns this year the Italian small series manufacturer Pirata. The models are partly based on the Kato models. Own constructions are therefore also made in 1:150 for N-gauge. All new products presented here can be re-gauged to 6.5mm and equipped with either the N-standard or Kato short coupler.

We had time to talk in detail with Stefano Ramunno about the current projects.

The Arosa Express with its blue livery was one of the most striking vehicles on the RhB network. New designs are the 1st class and luggage cars, which cannot be taken from the Kato program and therefore are not expected until the end of the year. The Bärenlandwagen B2317 and the second, still missing B2315 in the blue livery are based on the 2nd class standard car I of Kato and are to be realized earlier this year.

The fleet of freight wagons will be significantly expanded. For this year, the two-axle covered freight car of the type Gbk-v is planned. The model is a complete in-house development from Pirata, is being realised as an injection moulded model and will be manufactured entirely in Italy. Three variants are initially on the production list.

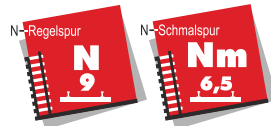
There will be a three carriage set which will contain entirely brown freight cars with a large RhB logo on the door. An advertising car for "Möbel badraun" in green and the very attractive turquoise-blue car with "Cargo Domizil" lettering complete the new two-axle wagon program.

We have not yet been able to obtain information on the conversion to narrow of this model. This should be possible by means of exchangeable wheel sets or possible conversion of the wheels. As soon as we have the models, we will keep you informed via newsletter.

Let's come to the Pirates' own constructions, which are made of etched brass and 3D printed parts.

Well-known are the three stake cars with double stakes, with double stakes and front boards, as well as with single stakes. The models will be released this year with a new operating number. In addition, there is a marked improvement in rolling behaviour due to the use of MDS bogies and thus easier conversion to the Kato short coupling.

So if you have missed your desired models from the first series, you now get a second chance for these beautiful handmade models at an attractive price.



**PI-9211.N:** RhB As1256 Arosa-Express, Spur N (9mm), mit Kato-Kurzkupplung, Pirata-Modell



**PI-9212.N:** RhB BD2481 Arosa-Express, Spur N (9mm), mit Kato-Kurzkupplung, Pirata-Modell



**PI-9213.N:** RhB B2317 Bärenland, Spur N (9mm), mit Kato-Kurzkuppl., Pirata-Modell, Basis Kato EW I



**PI-9214.N:** RhB B2315 Arosa-Express, Spur N (9 mm), mit Kato-Kurzkuppl., Pirata-Modell, Basis Kato EW I



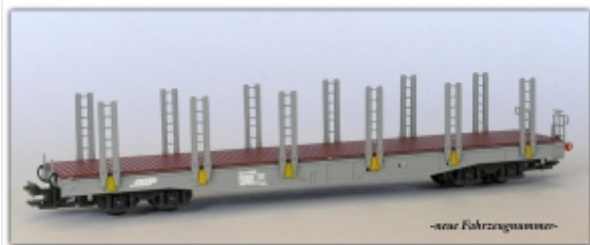
**PI-9110.N:** RhB 3-Wagen set Gbk-v braun, Spur N (9mm), mit N-Kupplung, Pirata-Modell



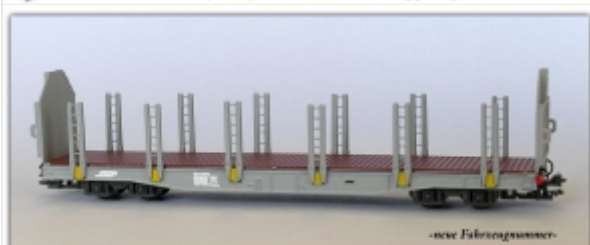
**PI-9111.N:** RhB Gbk-v 5609 Möbel badraun, Spur N (9mm), mit N-Kupplung, Pirata-Modell



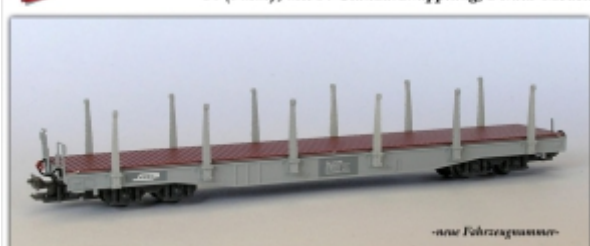
**PI-9112.N:** RhB Gbk-v Cargo Domizil, Spur N (9mm), mit N-Kupplung, Pirata-Modell



**PI-9103.N:** RhB Sp-w Rungenwagen mit Doppelrungen, Spur N (9mm), mit N-Standardkupplung, Pirata-Modell



**PI-9104.N:** RhB Sp-w Doppel-Rungenwagen / Stirnborde, Spur N (9mm), mit N-Standardkupplung, Pirata-Modell



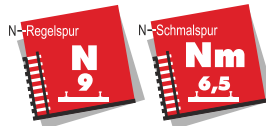
**PI-9105.N:** RhB Sp-w Rungenwagen mit Einzelnungen, Spur N, mit N-Standardkupplung, Pirata-Modell



## Pirata

A further four-axle freight car model, which is also made of etched brass, is newly announced: the carrying-car for containers of type SI is expected to be available towards the end of the year. This model will also run on the MDS bogies.

All Pirata novelties can now be pre-ordered from us. The models are available as normal or narrow-gauge vehicles, with N-standard or Kato short couplers. Please indicate your choice with your order.



## AB-Modell

Finally, we would like to refer briefly to our own trade fair presentation. All new vehicles of this year are handcrafted models made of etched brass and nickel silver, partly completed with cast and 3D printed parts and kept in scale 1:160. A use on 9mm-track is not possible.

The Ge4/4II 618 Bergün with RhB advertising lettering replaces the now sold out red 618 engine. With the Ge4/4II 622 Hakone Tozan Railway and Ge4/4III 650 UNESCO World Heritage we fulfill the wishes of our customers for these attractive designs. The four-axle baggage car comes in two RhB variants with a narrow silver and wide grey trim line, and as FO model. New is the bar wagon D4052 known as "Rhätia Stübli".

A completely new design is the cab car BDt 1751 with nickel silver body and smooth-running bogies.

In the range of freight carriages, our two carrying wagons of the types Sbk-v and Lb-v bring further Minitrix cooling containers with Coop motifs to your layout. This year there is the lettuce-design new.

The models can be ordered from us only.



**PI-9120.N:** RhB Tragwagen Typ SI, Spur N (9mm), mit N-Kupplung, Pirata-Modell



**Nm-223.2:** RhB Ge4/4" 618, rot, Bergün/Bravuogn, RhB-Werbung Neusilber, Faulhaber, Schwungmasse, Decoder



**Nm-224.2:** RhB Ge4/4" 622, creme/rot-orange, Hakone Tozan Ry., Handarbeitsmodell, Faulhaber, Schwungmasse, Decoder



**Nm-202.2:** RhB Ge4/4" 650 UNESCO Welterbe, blau/rote Front, Neusilber-Handarbeitsmodell für Nm (6,5mm)



**Nm-105.6:** RhB D 4052 - Gepäckwagen Rhätia Stübli, Neusilber-Handarbeitsmodell, für Nm 6,5mm



**Nm-113.1:** RhB NEVA-Steuerwagen BDt 1751-1758, modernisierte Version, breite hellbraune Zierlinie



**Nm-112.1:** RhB vierachsiger Gepäckwagen D4210 - 4213 mit schmaler, silberner Zierlinie



**Nm-112.3:** FO vierachsiger Gepäckwagen D4341 - 4342 mit silbernen Gepäcktüren, Furka-Oberalp

**Nm-013.12:** RhB Lb-v 7871, Tragwagen mit Coop-Kühlwechselbehälter Salat (Minitrix), für Nm (6,5mm)

**Nm-019.12:** RhB Sbk-v 7711, Tragwagen mit Coop-Kühlcontainer



**Nm-112.1:** RhB vierachsiger Gepäckwagen D4210 - 4213 mit schmaler, silberner Zierlinie



**Nm-112.2:** RhB vierachsiger Gepäckwagen D4210 - 4213 mit schmaler, silberner Zierlinie



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**Nm-112.2:** RhB vierachsiger Gepäckwagen D4210 - 4213 mit schmaler, silberner Zierlinie