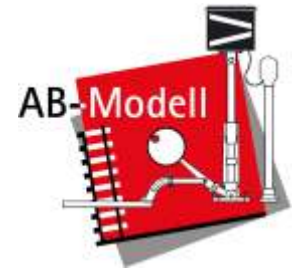


# Customer Information

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Dear friends of Swiss narrow-gauge railways, the year 2024 is drawing to a close and we would like to thank all our customers for their loyalty and patience.

At the same time, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you about important changes in the distribution of our products.

We have been building models for over 40 years, now in our 28th year under the AB-Modell company label. We have not grown any younger during this time, although the hobby keeps us young. With a great deal of commitment, we have added numerous products to our programme, which are increasingly costing us time and energy. We have therefore decided to give up the sale of 1:150 scale models and accessories. Of course, this will not happen overnight, but will be a gradual process in 2025.

Details on the individual product areas are listed below.

With this measure, we hope to be able to normalise the now almost endless delivery times for our handcrafted models, which are not affected by the restructuring.

We thank you for your understanding and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Yours

AB-Modell-Team

## Kato

Kato has been active in the Swiss narrow-gauge railway market since 2013 and surprised everyone at the time with the Glacier Express starter set. The Japanese scale of 1:150, which is rather unusual for us continental Europeans, was only briefly a topic of conversation and is now well established, as the sales figures for Kato models show. At the games fair and N-Convention in Stuttgart in November, we were able to speak to the German representative Yuriya Nakahara. Kato is planning great locomotive and wagon novelties for next year. You can look forward to it!

### Existing Orders

Orders that we have confirmed to you will be delivered next year as soon as we receive the models. These are primarily the models originally announced for autumn 2024, which are now expected in early 2025.

### New Orders

We are no longer accepting new orders for Kato material. This does not apply to rolling stock and spare parts that we still have in stock. Please take a look at our price list at [www.n-schmalspur.de](http://www.n-schmalspur.de) where we list all currently available vehicles. Only while stocks last.

### Kato N-Narrow Gauge

Models that have been converted to 6.5mm can be ordered - as before - from our friend and business partner Marco Schilensky at [www.meterspur-schweiz.com](http://www.meterspur-schweiz.com). You can shop there conveniently via the online shop.

### Kato N-Gauge

The Kato models are available from your model railway dealer or from the new German representative Lemke at [www.lemkecollection.de](http://www.lemkecollection.de). Products that can be pre-ordered are also listed there.

## MDS

In 2017, the company MDS announced its own 1:150 models, including the frequently requested Ge4/4II and the attractive sliding wall wagons. The numerous advertising models have now become popular collector's items and are in great demand.

Unfortunately, we were unable to meet Gunnar Müller in Stuttgart, but he has already told us by telephone that further special series of his vehicles are planned.

### Existing Orders

We have delivered almost all of the orders confirmed to you.

### New Orders

We are no longer accepting new orders for MDS material. The stock has been reduced to a few sliding wall wagons and two locomotives. You can still find available models in our price list at [www.n-schmalspur.de](http://www.n-schmalspur.de).

### MDS N-Narrow Gauge

Unfortunately, the attractive Ge4/4II is not available as an Nm model.

You can easily re-gauge the goods wagons yourself:

- Pull the bogie downwards,
- remove the axles from the bearings,
- press our replacement axles into the axle bearings,
- reinsert the bogie.

That's it! No milling work is necessary.

Replacement axles can still be ordered from us and are available as long as stocks last. It has not yet been clarified whether fully regauged models will be available from [www.meterspur-schweiz.com](http://www.meterspur-schweiz.com) at a later date.

### MDS N-Gauge

In addition to its own webshop, MDS has also published a list of dealers on its website [www.mds-modell.eu](http://www.mds-modell.eu), where you can also purchase the N models.

## Pirata

In 2018, Pirata launched the first 1:150 scale models with the stake wagons made of etched brass supplemented with 3D printed parts. In addition, repaints and conversions based on the Kato rolling stock appear frequently.

Some of the numerous announcements date back to 2020, but it is not known when they will be delivered. In addition, new model variations that had not previously been announced often appear.

We spoke to Stefano Ramunno in Stuttgart. A new magnetic coupling is also available for Kato wagons, among others. The green Ge4/4II with round headlights and two advertising locomotives based on the Ge4/4III were also on display

(Watson, RhB locomotive with large sidewall advertising). The announced Arosa wagons stood in the display case as unpainted 3D-printed hand samples.

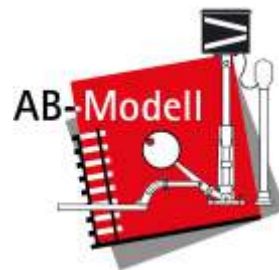
### Existing Orders

We will try to deliver the open orders in 2025, if available through Pirata.

We reserve the right to cancel models that will not be available in the foreseeable future. We will of course inform you of any changes to your vehicle order by e-mail.

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### Pirata (continued)

#### New Orders

We are no longer accepting new orders for Pirata models. We only have very small stocks (2 models) left in the warehouse, which are still being sold off. You can find these in our price list at [www.n-schmalspur.de](http://www.n-schmalspur.de).

#### Pirata N-Narrow Gauge

As most of the Pirata models are based on Kato vehicles, their conversion is generally identical to that of Kato. As before, you can order the conversion to 6.5 mm from our friend and business partner Marco Schilensky at [www.meterspur-schweiz.com](http://www.meterspur-schweiz.com).

#### Pirata N-Gauge

The Pirata models are available from your model railway dealer or from Lemke at [www.lemkecollection.de](http://www.lemkecollection.de). The delivery status is displayed with each model.

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### Accessories N/Nm and 0/0m

Katos' entry into the market for narrow-gauge prototypes in Switzerland has also caused the range of matching accessories to skyrocket.

In order not to tie up our capacities unnecessarily, we have decided to remove this category from our sales programme. In detail:

#### Our Scenery Accessories

Whether barrier systems or platform markings; we are pleased to inform you that our kits will continue to be sold in the future. The existing material has already been handed over to Daniel Mechling, [www.spur-n-teile.de](http://www.spur-n-teile.de). He will continue to market it under his own label.

It has not yet been finalised in detail which other products are going to be sold there in the future.

It will take a little time before the kits are available from Spur-N-Teile, as Mr. Mechling and his team first have to familiarise themselves with our products.

#### N-Track-Accessories

In addition to its range of kits for high-quality vehicle models, the Dutch small series manufacturer now also has a fairly sophisticated range of accessories. In addition to track-related kits, it is above all the fine overhead line parts that are so appealing.

We will continue to stock and sell off the N-Track programme for the time being. Available as long as stocks last. N-Track also has its own webshop, which you can reach at [www.n-track.de](http://www.n-track.de).

#### Mafen-Signals

We have only recently restocked our warehouse with new signals from Barcelona and can continue to deliver at favourable conditions. We are also still waiting for delivery of the flashing lights that were originally expected in April 2024. Your pre-orders remain valid. We will be in touch as soon as the signals have arrived.

The remaining signals will be sold off until our warehouse is empty. Only while stocks last.

#### Klett-Modellbau

The Klett company has attracted attention in recent years with fine accessories such as chimes, track scales and Hippische Wendescheibe, some of which are in working order.

Stocks of their accessories will be sold off until our stock is exhausted. You can also obtain the Klett models from [www.spur-n-teile.de](http://www.spur-n-teile.de).

#### Sommerfeldt Catenary N and 0

Any material still in stock will be sold off. We no longer accept orders exceeding our stock. You can usually purchase the components from your local model railway dealer.

#### Our 0/0m-Scale Catenary Program

We are no longer replenishing our stocks of overhead line parts for the 1:45 scale. Stocks will continue to be sold off. The same applies here: only while stocks last.

The 1:45 accessories from Klett-Modellbau will remain in our programme as a special edition for one year until further notice.

### Nm-Small Series Models

Our handcrafted models for the Nm gauge are not affected by the above-mentioned changes, i.e. we will concentrate on the production of these models in future and hope to normalise the delivery times, which have got out of hand in the meantime. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers once again for their patience.

Nevertheless, we are also planning some changes in this model segment, some of which have already been implemented. In principle, we will not follow up one series with another. So if a model is sold out, it will remain so. Exceptions are vehicles for which we can offer a different livery or labelling. These are shown in our price list as 'new edition under review'.

The series are limited. Please order your desired model in good time before it is marked as sold out!

If you purchase kits that are still available on the market, please bear in mind that we cannot build such models to order! We do not have the necessary capacity for this. Thank you for your understanding.

### Newsletter

You can currently subscribe to our newsletter for the topics

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  - Ne gauge
  - Accessories in N/Nm/Ne
  - Accessories in 0/0m/0e
- for the time being.

We will continue to offer this for the time being, as some models and accessories may also be of interest to buyers of our hand-built models. In the longer term, we will concentrate on presenting Nm models. In order not to miss any model or information, we still recommend subscribing to our free newsletter.

We publish current prices on our website at [www.n-schmalspur.de](http://www.n-schmalspur.de).

To keep up to date with the latest please subscribe to our newsletter. Thank you very much.