

Productionstart of Standard-Coaches I

Dear friends of the 1:160 scale Swiss narrow gauge railway,

the time has finally come: the Standard Coach I is rolling in. The complete kits have been available since April and we were able to present hand samples at the N-Convention.

We hope you enjoy reading our news.

Your

AB-Modell-Team



- Handmuster - Projektstand November 2022 -

Nm-114.1: RhB Einheitswagen I, Stammnetz, A1223-1243 (1.Kl.)
Neusilber-Handarbeit, Beschriftung der 1990er Jahre

A 1223 - Einheitswagen I Nm-114.1

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no.

Red colour, 1990s lettering

narrow, silver stripe

available numbers: A1224, A1230 and A1241

AB 1519 - Einheitswagen I Nm-114.3

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no.

Red colour, 1990s lettering

narrow, silver stripe

available numbers: AB1519 and AB1533

B 2341 - Einheitswagen I Nm-114.2

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no.

Red colour, 1990s lettering

narrow, silver stripe

available numbers: B2349, B2350, B2352 and B2364

Price

We are pleased to be able to offer you the standardised coach I at an attractive price. The pre-order price applies to all orders already placed with us and will be confirmed to our customers by e-mail within the next few days. The price is based on the last EW II sold in 2023. New orders will be accepted at the regular price.

We would like to thank all customers who have contributed to the realisation of this model with their pre-order.

features	price/item-#
RhB standardised coach I variants A / AB / B, lettering 1990s nickel-silver, handmade model for Nm (6,5mm-track)	EUR 349,00 Nm-114.1/2/3 Vorbestellpreis EUR 320,-²
RhB standardised coach I kit, incl. building instructions (EW II) and decals	EUR 104,00 Nm-114.xB

Vorbestellpreis/early-order-price/prix précommande

² Vorbestellung bis
Reservation until
Réservation jusque

31.07.2025

Availability of kits and orders for models only
while stocks last.

Prototype

From 1962, the Rhaetian Railway procured new passenger carriages, after a large part of the fleet consisted unchanged of old two- and four-axle vehicles, some still from the beginning of the company.

The new carriages were based on the standardised carriages of the Swiss Federal Railways with entrances above the bogies and a large passenger compartment with a central aisle in the middle of the carriage, separated into smoking and non-smoking areas by an intermediate door. There were also luggage compartments and WCs at the ends of the carriages.

By 1966, the Rhaetian Railway had put a total of 70 vehicles of the three types A (1st class), AB (1st and 2nd class) and B (2nd class) into service and had the largest standardised fleet of carriages in the railway company's history.

Later, shortened standardised coaches I were added for the RhB's direct current lines, as well as control and intermediate coaches for the shuttle trains in the Rhine Valley, all based on the same modular principle. Taking into account the special designs, the number of EW I wagons reached 118 units.

From 1990, the carriages were successively subjected to a refit programme. The seating comfort and equipment were modernised and the doors were converted to electric closing. In recent years, the EW I have been taken out of service due to the acquisition of new modern railcars and by 2025 their number will have shrunk significantly.

Model

The EW I is a new design from the Lok-Schlosserei company, with the well-known smooth-running bogies that ensure perfect rolling characteristics. In combination with the metal wheelsets made in Germany, the models run excellently.

We use the Nn3/Z coupler from MicroTrains. This means that all wagons in this series are absolutely compatible with our other models and can be easily coupled with most vehicles from other small series manufacturers.

The models are extensively painted and labelled with fine screen-printed decals. A double matt lacquer coating at the end ensures the long-term grip of the lacquer, permanent colour stability and easy cleaning of the car surface with a dry, lint-free cloth.

We produce the series after carrying out the refit measures. The vehicles are given the look of the 1990s, in RhB red without door handles, with a narrow silver trim strip and silver doors. Choose your favourite model from three different types (A, AB, B) with different vehicle numbers. The vehicle numbers listed above are available.

We have received several enquiries from customers asking whether we would also like to produce the shortened carriages for the Bernina railway? These models are not intended for production, as the short EW I were already offered by Lemaco in the 1990s and can be found again and again on the various sales platforms.

We publish current prices on our website
at www.n-schmalspur.de. To stay up to date,
please subscribe to our newsletter.
Thank you very much.

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Development and Production Period

The further development of the Einheitswagen I from the EW II took much longer than we had originally anticipated. The reasons for this are manifold and can hardly be summarised in a few words. Keywords include the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, but also production problems with the 3D printed parts, which took an unexpectedly long time.

In 2021, production had already progressed so far that we presented the project for the standardised wagon I in the 2022 Novelties Sheet. In 2023 and 2024, we were still optimistic that we would be able to start production of the models by the end of each year at the latest. Unfortunately, we underestimated the uncertainties. We were actually able to take delivery of the last components for the models in April 2025. Since then, we have been preparing for production, which we will finalise in the course of August.

We are therefore all the more pleased to be able to present you with a very beautiful model that will delight both collectors of narrow gauge vehicles and model railway enthusiasts with a layout.

Production of the pre-ordered models is expected to start at the beginning of September. We hope to be able to deliver the first vehicles at the end of this year. Series production will continue until 2026. The model will remain in our programme for as long as we have kits in stock.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience.

Order Numbers for Finished Models and Kits

All models of the type Einheitswagen I have the order number Nm-114.x, where the x is set for the respective vehicle variant:

- 1 - 1st class coach with 1990 labelling scheme
- 2 - 2nd class coach with 1990 labelling scheme
- 3 - 1st/2nd class coach with 1990 labelling scheme

Model railway enthusiasts who would like to order a kit should add a B after the order number, e.g. Nm-114.1B for a 1st class coach with 1990 lettering scheme. The kits are supplied with printed building instructions (of the EW II).

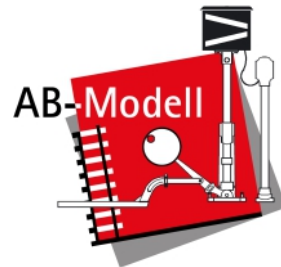
Finished models are completely assembled, with MicroTrains couplers and are ready for use.

The figures of travellers usually offered, which we install in the models at the factory at the customer's request, are available under the order number Nm-111.R (for all variants). The set contains 6 seated figures. A maximum of 2 sets can be placed in the 1st and 1st/2nd class carriages and a maximum of 3 sets in the 2nd class carriage. Please note that, depending on availability, we may install figures from Preiser or use other replacement figures.

It is not yet known whether we will offer further variants of the EW I. Clarifications with the company Lok-Schlosserei as to whether we can offer a slightly shortened model, e.g. for the realisation of FO vehicles at a later date, are still ongoing.

We will keep you up to date on all new developments via our newsletter.

We publish current prices on our website at www.n-schmalspur.de. To stay up to date, please subscribe to our newsletter. Thank you very much.



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Information on the Current Year 2025

We are working hard to clear the backlog from previous years. As a result, you have received far fewer newsletters this year.

The reorganisation measures are beginning to bear fruit. **MDS models** are no longer available from us. Please contact the manufacturer at www.mds-modell.eu. **Kato models** are largely sold out. There are still a few remaining items, which you can find in our price list on our website. If you are interested in N-models, please contact the general importer Lemke, N-narrow gauge enthusiasts should contact www.meterspur-schweiz.com for rebuilt Nm-models from Kato.

It has been agreed with **Pirata** that we will accept all N-models that are available until 31st of December 2025. After that date, all unfulfilled orders will be cancelled. We will keep interested parties informed about the availability of their pre-order. **Accessories** will be sold off successively and will no longer be procured. Anyone still looking for material to customise their layout is therefore well advised to consult our price list and cover their requirements while stocks last. Some accessories are still available from www.spur-n-teile.de and www.n-track.de.

Thanks to the reorganisation, we were able to clear some backlogs in the first half of the year:



Old orders for **tank wagons** were delivered in the first quarter. We are planning to launch a small new series with different vehicle numbers in the near future. Information on this will follow later.



The **MTGN railcars** were delivered in the spring. A follow-up series is planned for 2026. Please order by the end of 2025.



The **MOB models** of the Ge4/4 8000 locomotive and the standard coach I set (based on Kato) with the current Regio colour scheme in midnight blue and pearl white were delivered to customers in April. A further model in this livery is planned for 2026. Details will follow later.



The second series of the **Rollschemel** is with the customers. We only have minimal kit and model stocks of both types left before this vehicle is sold out.



We are currently delivering the last **Ge4/4s** in the various colour and design variants. This attractive model is therefore sold out and can no longer be ordered!



We will continue to produce the **baggage wagons** until around the end of August. The 2-axle version is sold out, and we only have small remaining stocks of the 4-axle version. If the latter model is still missing in your collection, please order in good time.

