

Lionel Erie Lackawanna Alco PA1 Diesel and Passenger Car Sets

Write-up submitted by: Joe Smolinski

Pictures by: Joe Smolinski

I am a huge Lackawanna fan. So when I saw that Lionel came out with an Alco PA1 diesel set (6-18116) I had to get them. This is an A and B unit set that was produced in 1993. This set includes the typical features you'll find on many Lionel diesel engines:

- die-cast metal stamped frame, operating knuckle couplers, trucks, wheels and axles
- eight wheel drive and traction tires on the powered unit
- powerful dual motors and diesel Railsounds
- the length of both engines combined is 34 ½ inches



Lackawanna Alco PA 858



Lackawanna Alco PA 859

The features that really make this engine set so special is the attention to the details Lionel included. I love the fan detail on the roof. You can actually see the fan blades through the covered grill work.



Fan Detail



Cabin Detail with Engineer Figure

The cabin detail is also very special. There is an engineer figure at the controls who gained access into the cab through opening cab doors. The paint scheme is the vintage Erie

Lackawanna gray with yellow and maroon striping. The crisp lettering is done in yellow that includes the Lackawanna moniker "Radio Equipped".

To make the set complete in 1994 Lionel came out with a 6 car passenger set (6-19131 thru 6-19136) to complement the Alco PA1's. Since this would be my first Erie Lackawanna passenger set I had to get these as well. Likewise, these Lionel passenger cars include the typical features such as :

- metal chassis wheels and axles
- die-cast metal trucks
- operating knuckle couplers
- each car is 16" long



6 car Lackawanna Passenger Set



Observation Car with Lackawanna Drumhead

What makes these passenger cars stand out is the detailed features. The cars feature an aluminum body. When you lift these cars up you can feel their weight and rock solid construction. The cars that have passenger silhouettes are illuminated which is really exciting when you run the train with the lights off in the room to simulate night time. The mail and baggage cars have sliding doors that add to the realism of this set.

With the combined length of the engines and passenger cars being over 11 feet in length, that's a lot of Lackawanna to love.