



4-6-6-4 Challenger Steam Locomotive

Lionel Lionmaster 4-6-6-4 Challenger Steam Locomotive and Tender #3976 (6-38023) cataloged 2002/2003, List price \$799.95



Two Tone Gray and Black paint make this engine special

I purchased this Challenger in 2003 and enjoy it more every time I run it. I usually pull a Union Pacific water tender behind the coal tender and usually 6 or 7 UP Yellow passenger cars. This set looks great on the rails as the locomotive and coal tender are almost 28" and the passenger cars are each over 16" long each. Lionel has many fine examples of railroading history but the Challenger is one of my favorites. I enjoy having a big engine that can still maneuver my 48" diameter track. The deep tone two tone whistle really gets your attention all the time. Lionel's 4-6-6-4 challenger series are very powerful locomotives and a great addition to anyone's collection.

Up close one can see the fireman figure, ready to regulate the steam pressure by making sure the fuel is making its way into the boiler. One can also clearly see the Equipment Trust plate behind the crew on the tender, along with the controls and gauges in the cab



The crew is nicely detailed



One can read the UP Equipment Trust plate

The painting is five stars with its beautiful two tone gray boiler with yellow accent stripe. This locomotive features Trainmaster Command Control, Railsounds and Lionel's Odyssey System. Also features two powerful maintenance free

motors, fan-driven smoke generator, die-cast electro coupler, (rear of the tender) wireless tether connection between Loco and tender, brilliant headlight, crew talk and tower com (in command) traction tires, directional lighting and flickering firebox. Also a minimum O31 diameter curves. But my layout is minimum 48" diameter.



Backup light detail continues to make this locomotive impressive



Flickering Fire Box

Detailed drive wheels

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