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NEW MODEL REVIEWS

by S.E. Staff

Fleischmann. "HO" SBB Loco Ae 3/6 I. This model is made for the Swiss market, but I dare say some will find their way into the UK. Body detail is really excellent especially in view of the fact that the body is metal. Pulling power is superb due to a combination of the sturdy drive mechanism and the hefty weight (600 grms) of the loco. Couplings are easily changed from the Fleischmann hook to the Roco type. Roof detail is very finely portrayed. Swiss price approx £86.00

Fleischmann. "HO" SBB Coaches. Two new coaches, also only for the Swiss market, have been produced to go with the SBB Loco Ae 3/6 I. They are the type AB4 and B4. Scale and detailing was correct on both coaches. No internal lighting was fitted but should be quite easy to instal. Numbering and lettering is the computer number system. Swiss price £14.00 approx.

Hobbytrain. "N" SBB RAe TEE II. "Gotthardo" A six car set for this train has been produced by this company. Detailing is of the highest standard, with running qualities to match. Power is picked up by the end coaches and passed via a special clip in each coach to the central power car, which is fitted with the four pantographs. The motor drive is connected to both of the three axle bogie units. Slow running is very good and because of the power pickup method used, the problem of stalling should not occur. I am sure this model will be very popular.

Hobbytrain. "N" BLS Autozug set. A full 8 car set of car carrying wagons for the BLS Lotschberg transit trains has been released. Detailing was very good but the yellow colour used for the railings tended to be a little on the bright side. A full set of transfers for the wagon numbering is also supplied.

Bemo. "HOM and HOe" The long awaited RhB Triebwagon has finally appeared in the shops. The detailing and running qualities of the model is quite in keeping with the very high workmanship expected from this company. The model is available in two paint styles, one (1065/1 Hoe, 1265/1 HOM.) with the RhB lettering and the other (1065/2 or 1265/2) with the new logo. Each model comes with its little packet of "D I Y" detailing parts. Power pickup is either via the wheels or the pantograph.

ROCO. "HO" SBB Ee 3/3. 16385. A really fine model of the workhorse of the SBB yards. Detailing is very good. The model is fitted with a flywheel motor drive system which gives very good performance. The power changeover switch for the pantograph is located under a vent in the hood of the loco. Once again a packet of "D I Y" parts, including exchange couplings for Fleischmann and the new Roco delayed uncoupling unit is supplied. The model is supplied with two sets of numbers.

HRF. "HOM" SBB Brunig and RhB. Type Ua Rollschemel wagon. The quality of the workmanship is quite breathtaking. Detailing is really superb, right down to the movable wheel clamps. As the model is made from brass, the price is naturally higher than plastic items, but the modeller gets a model that is correct in every detail. Six different numbers are available from the Brunig model.