USRA Heavy 2-10-2 – 1st Series

**PROTO FASTFACTS™**

In Service: 1919-1954

Original Allocation: B&LE (5), CB&Q (10), FW&DC&S (5), Erie (25), PRR(130)

Variants: Larger version of the 2-10-2 designed by United States Railroad Administration (USRA) during WWI

Primary Assignments: Drag freights and mineral traffic

Nicknames: “Heavy 2-10-2” and “Santa Fe Type”

Modern 2-10-2s appeared just before World War I and could generate pulling power that was only dreamed of a few years earlier. For roads that couldn’t accommodate articulateds, the USRA 2-10-2 was a good alternative, and was also a bit faster and easier to maintain. After the war, the original USRA heavy 2-10-2s found their niche in slow bulk service moving coal, ore and similar traffic where tonnage was more important than speed. While newer and more powerful engines quickly overtook the design after 1930, the USRA heavy 2-10-2s continued to give a good account of themselves with the last being retired in 1954.

Can’t find a hobby shop near you?
Call 1-800-4TRAINS (1-800-487-2467) or visit walthers.com

Early production models shown. ©2006 Wm. K. Walthers, Inc.