



N.C. Hibbett Train Collection

Union Pacific M10000 Passenger Trainset



Introduction

The M-10000 was a three-car trainset, with a combined power/baggage/railway post office car, one 56 passenger coach car, and a 52-passenger coach car with a food galley. It operated on the Union Pacific railroad from 1934 to 1942. This integrated body trainset was built by Pullman Standard of lightweight aluminum and used construction techniques to save weight. The engine was a Winton 600 Hp V-12. Note that each car shares a truck with another car. It was the first streamlined passenger train to be delivered in the United States, and the second to enter regular service.

The original trainset was sent on a nationwide publicity tour in 1934. During its 13,000-mile tour it hit speeds of 110 mph. It was inspected by President Franklin Roosevelt in Washington D.C. and spent five months on display at the Chicago World's fair. It was nicknamed "Little Zip".

After the tour it was named "City of Salina" and was placed in revenue service between Kansas City, Mo. And Salina, Kansas. After traveling 995,000 miles, its engine needed replacement. The Union Pacific decided it was not cost effective to do so and scrapped the trainset. The aluminum was recycled for use in military aircraft during WW II. The Union Pacific had five other trainsets built of similar design.

This is a Marx toys version. It has one more car than the original. This is another great example of tinplate trains. Its green color was never used by Union Pacific. The original UP color was Armour Yellow and Leaf Brown with red striping between the two colors. The cars use a single pin to attach them together.

The Consist

- M10000 Power, Baggage, and Railway Post office
- Passenger Coach
- Passenger Coach
- Passenger Buffet Car. This car has a rounded end.

The two passenger coaches are identical.

