

# Summer New Items 2022





# SDG / Fichtelberg Railroad

Since July 19, 1897, steam trains puff several times a day over the 17.4 kilometer / 10.87 mile line between Cranzahl and the highest situated town in Germany, the resort of Oberwiesenthal. From its departure point at the Cranzahl Station, at 654 meters / 2,125 feet above sea level, this narrow gauge line runs almost constantly uphill via Unterneudorf, Neudorf (Ore Mountains), Kretscham-Rothensehma, Hammerunterwiesenthal to the end station at the resort of Ober-

wiesenthal at 894 meters / 2,905 feet above sea level. A "highlight" of this railroad is surely the crossing of the large, 100 meter / 325 foot long and 20 meter / 65 foot high, steel truss pillar viaduct shortly before the end station, whereby the approximately one hour run through the Erz Mountains scenery by itself is an adventure. The Fichtelberg Railroad is currently operated by the Saxon Steam Railroad Company, Inc. (SDG), which has 22 steam locomotives of the classes

"sächs. VII K Old Design" and "sächs. VII K New Design" on its roster. Road numbers 99 776 and 786 on the Fichtelberg Railroad are currently not operational, while road number "VII K Old Design" 99 741 and road numbers "VII K New Design" 99 772, 773, and 794 are used in scheduled service. The diesel locomotive, road number L45H 083, is of Romanian production and is available for work trains.



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VI

## 36362 SDG Passenger Car

This is a model of an SDG type KB passenger car, as is still currently used on the Fichtelberg Railroad. The paint scheme and lettering are prototypical for Era VI. The car has complete, prototypical interior details. It also has metal wheelsets. Length over the buffers 58 cm / 22-13/16".



VI

## 36370 SDG Passenger Car

This is a model of an SDG type KB passenger car, as is still currently used on the Fichtelberg Railroad. The paint scheme and lettering are prototypical for Era VI. The car has complete, prototypical interior details. It also has metal wheelsets. Length over the buffers 58 cm / 22-13/16".







## VI

### 32357 SDG Observation Car

Trains have been running on the Fichtelberg Railroad for 125 years from Cranzahl to Oberwiesenthal, formerly as daily passenger trains, presently only as steam powered museum trains. Naturally, the cars have been adapted to current needs, so for example there is an open-air observation car, which is based on an old passenger car. The passenger cars – which originated on the Royal Saxon State Railroad – were updated and adapted to the current desires of the passengers.

This is a model of an SDG type KC4 open-air observation car, as is still currently used on the Fichtelberg Railroad. The paint scheme and lettering are prototypical for Era VI. The car is finely detailed and has prototypical interior details. It also has metal wheelsets.

Length over the buffers 58 cm / 22-13/16".

*Issued for the 125th anniversary of the  
Fichtelberg Railroad from Cranzahl to Oberwiesenthal*





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## **21481 SDG Steam Locomotive, Road Number 99 1741**

This is a model of an SDG / Fichtelberg Railroad class 99.73 (also called VII K) narrow gauge steam locomotive. The paint and lettering are prototypical for Era VI as a museum locomotive as it currently looks in use on the Fichtelberg Railroad. Two powerful Bühler motors with ball bearings drive the wheel sets. Traction tires. The locomotive has an mfx/DCC decoder with many light and sound functions, such as headlights that change over with the direction of travel, firebox lighting, cab lighting, running sounds, a whistle and much more. The locomotive has a built-in smoke generator with steam exhaust synchronized to the wheels as well as cylinder steam. The locomotive has many separately applied details including cab doors and a smoke box door that can be opened. Length over the buffers 51 cm / 20-1/16".

- Powered by two Bühler motors with ball bearings
- Articulated running gear, ensuring operation on the R1 Radius of 600 mm / 23-5/8"
- Steam exhaust synchronized to the wheels
- Cylinder steam
- Digitally controlled running gear lights
- Digitally controlled cab lighting
- Digitally controlled flickering of the boiler fire in the firebox
- Smoke box door can be opened and interior details of the smoke box are indicated

*Altered details corresponding to the prototype included  
Running sounds will also work in analog operation*





Since the German State Railroad could not do without the class 99.73 locomotives in wide use in Saxony, several of these locomotives were updated towards the end of the Sixties. On the one hand, they were given a basic overhaul, on the other – and this was immediately visible – they were equipped with new water tanks and coal bunkers, which were welded instead of riveted. These locomotives bore the main

load on many narrow gauge lines with higher levels of traffic, in this case on the Fichtelberg Railroad from Cranzahl to Oberwiesenthal, the highest situated town in Germany at 915 meters / 2,974 feet above sea level. Operation on this 18 kilometer / 11 mile route was initiated as early as 1897, so that it can celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2022.

As in the past, class 99.73 narrow gauge locomotives are used there, together with suitable cars – including open observation cars. The prototype of the LGB model, the over 90 year old road number 99 1741-0, can still show its stuff even today.



## VI

### 48575 RhB Type Haik-v Sliding Wall Boxcar

These four-axle sliding wall boxcars are widely used on the Rhaetian Railroad network. They are seen on more than just freight trains. Now and then, they are coupled to an express train. The walls can be opened completely, thus making the cars easy to load and unload. As a rule, entire pallets can be loaded with a forklift entering the car. Many of the cars are adorned with advertising, but there are also some running unadorned in an unpainted aluminum look.

This is a Rhaetian Railroad (RhB) 4-axle sliding wall boxcar with RhB lettering. The car has doors with vertical braces and a short roof over the brakeman's platform. The car is prototypically painted and lettered. Naturally, the sliding doors can be opened and closed like the prototype.

The car has metal solid wheels.

Length over the buffers 62 cm / 24-3/8".











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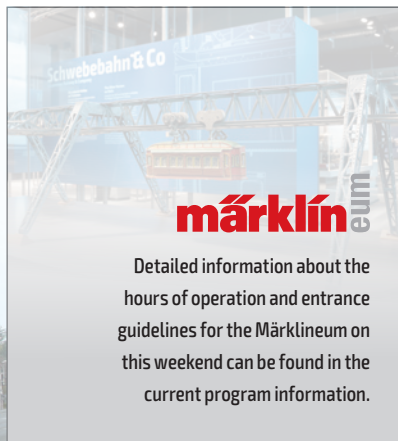
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