



The H8/AG 'Allegheny' Class Project Update Number Two

As our Allegheny project draws to a close we felt that it was an appropriate time to share some of the development images that have been compiled over the last several months of work. We could go on for pages and pages about the effort that all involved have put into this project, but as it is said by many, the images speak far louder than words. It is also an appropriate time to again thank Mr. Lee at SJ Models our builder in South Korea for his dedication to excellence.

As we have said from the outset, we do not use preexisting parts that have been used on other importer's previous projects and likewise, we choose to do our own thorough research with the assistance of individuals with serious knowledge regarding our subject prototypes. With every project that we have done, we have raised eyebrows with the results of our research, quite often it has not supported what the common perception has been regarding the details of our subject prototypes. While we certainly consider what has been written by others about our subjects, we have learned the hard way not to take those writings as 'gospel'. We much prefer the direct confirmed knowledge of our technical supporters as well as the information that can be culled from hundreds of photographs that are constantly referred to trying to establish in no uncertain terms what the standards were for our chosen prototypes. Our process never involves the use of previously produced models as reference for our projects. Modelers often wonder why so many different model examples of the same prototype have the same mistakes, that tends to be because previously produced models provided by importers to their builders have been used as reference for new projects in an effort to shortcut the process, that is much easier and less expensive than undertaking a serious research effort.

As you review the images presented here in, keep in mind that many of the photos are of in-process development with the final details yet to be 'polished'. Our intent is to show the extent of the detailing and to convey just how serious we were about our research. Many of the detail features you will see have never been included on an O scale model before, for that matter on any scale model. We hope that what you see reaffirms you in your decision to reserve one of our Allegheny class model locomotives. As always, we look forward to your comments.

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