

Lionel 2353 F3 AA Santa Fe twin diesel
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This is my Lionel 2353 F3 AA Santa Fe twin diesel O gauge locomotive built in 1952. I received this set for Christmas in 1953. And, although it is 63 years old, it still has all its beauty and luster. The 2353 contains dual Pullmor motors and magnetraction for great pulling power, and runs magnificently even to this day. The set also contains the 2500 series aluminum passenger cars. These are the 2531 observation car, 2532 vista dome car, 2533 and 2534 coaches, 2530 Railway Express car, and the matching 2343 C – B unit. All the passenger cars have people silhouettes in all the windows.

Recently, my set was used in the movie “Carol” starring Kate Blanchette filmed right here in Cincinnati. It looked fantastic in a night scene. All the lights in the passenger cars were shining brilliantly as it raced around the tracks.

If anyone is interested in nostalgia, without all the modern wonders, I would definitely recommend the very reliable 2353.

Respectfully,
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