

The Train Sheet



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Fairbanks Morse



Our newest locomotive is a Fairbanks-Morse H12-44. The prime mover is an opposed-piston diesel where the pistons come together in the center of the engine; this type was designed before World War II to be used in submarines. This unit was built for the U.S. Army in January, 1953 as one of twenty to work at various military bases as switchers. Our unit was in service at the Sierra Ordnance Depot, Herlong, CA where it was used to switch ammunition cars. F-M's are rare today; they were a distant fourth in the locomotive building business and very few have survived the scrapper's torch. We are fortunate to have preserved this interesting unit. Photos by Ed Warren.

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- Details of Fairbanks-Morse locomotive.
- News and photos from around the Museum.
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