

FP45 in WP colors

We were asked by a WP modeler in Germany:

Can you give me some info / links to this question? – Google did not find an answer:

Did the WP ever buy the EMD FP45 and paint it as the recent ATHEARN announcement shows the?

<http://www.athearn.com/Products/Default.aspx?ProdID=ATHG28611>

I am pondering to add it to my California Zephyr if it ever run with it!

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Eugene Vicknair responded:

Hello!

No, the Western Pacific never ordered the EMD FP45 model, nor any cowl body locomotive. This is a fantasy model by Athearn (although a nice looking one!).

Western Pacific did contemplate purchasing SD45s for freight service. For the Zephyr (and the last years of the Exposition Flyer and Royal Gorge) the railroad used F3As, F3Bs, FP7s and F7Bs.

In the late 1960s, they did run a couple Zephyrs with GE U30Bs as an experiment.