

Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society Incorporated

File No. 4

Diesel Locomotive

Builders Plates & Number Boards

Hardware Collection

Boston & Maine Railroad / Maine Central Railroad

Diesel Locomotive Builders Plates & Number Boards

- Diesel Locomotives have always been identified with the name of their builders by means of a metal plate mounted on each side of the locomotive.
- They were cast in all shapes and sizes, in various types of metals, with the name of the locomotive builder, serial number, location of the company, and year date of completion.
- Diesel Locomotive number boards have always been used to identify the number of the Diesel Locomotive.
- They were cast in all shapes and sizes, metal, glass, plastic, with the number of the locomotive.
- Two Number boards were mounted on each side of the locomotive, front and back.



Boston & Maine Railroad

RS-3 Number Board 1506
Alco RS-3 Built: 5/1954
Serial Number 80733

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



Boston & Maine Railroad

S-3 Number Board 1184
Alco S-3 Serial No. 79773
Built: 5/1952

Donation by; Jay Ballard



Boston & Maine Railroad

E7A Number 3817

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 5624

Built: 7/1948

Retired: 11/1959 - Sold for Scrap

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP9 Number Board 1821

EMD GP9 Built: 12/1957 Serial No. 23219

Rebuilt from GP9 #1721.

Transferred to Springfield Terminal #50

Retired: 7/1990

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP9 Number Board 1720

EMD GP9 Built: 11/1957 Serial No. 23218

Scrap:

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP9 Number Board 1749

EMD GP9 Built: 9/1957 Serial No. 23247

Scrap: late 1989 at Billerica Shop

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP-9 Number 1702

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 23200

Built: Feb 1957

Scrap:

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP-9 Number 1736

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 23234

Built: June 1957

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 71

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Boston & Maine Railroad

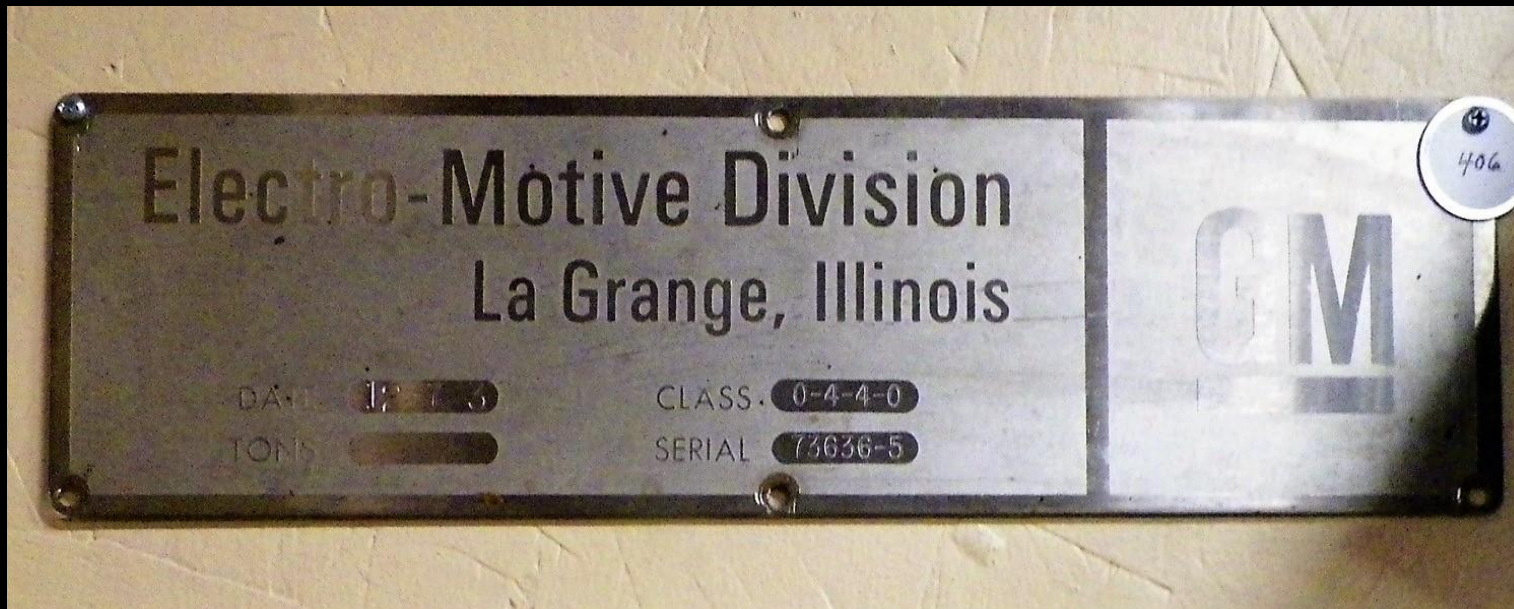
NW2 Number 1206

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 3092

Built: 9/12/1946

Scrap: ?

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP38-2 Number 205

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 73636-5

Built: 1973

Named: "Hannah Dustin"

Returned to Lessor and then to:

Kansas City Southern as #4016

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP-9 Number 1733

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 23231

Built: June 1957

Scrap:

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



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GP-9 Number 1733

Location: Ayer, MA

Date: 3/21/1971

Author: Gil Ford

Owner: Boston & Maine Railroad Hist Soc.



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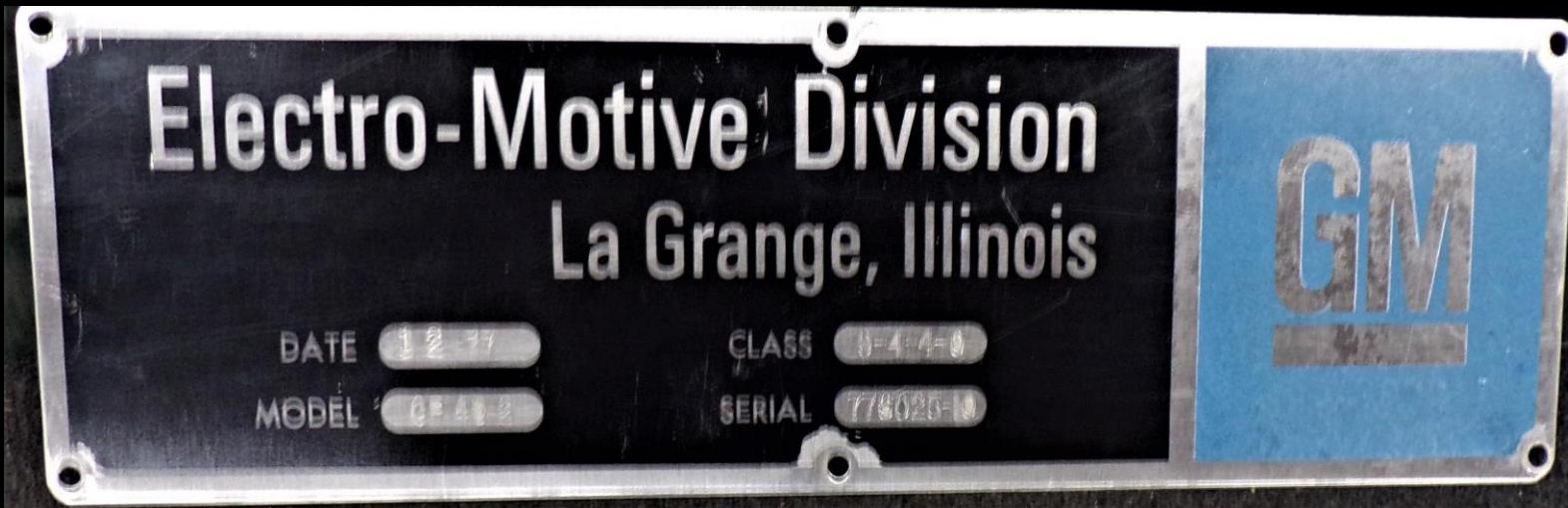
GP38-2 Number 210

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 73636-10

Built: 12/ 1973

Returned to Lessor & Resold To KCS #4021

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP40-2 Number 309

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 776025-10

Built: 12/1977

Sold to HELM (HATX) #507

Resold to V.T.R.

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP40-2 Number 306
EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 776025-7
Built: 12/1977
Returned to Lessor
Re-numbered HATX 514
Re-numbered CP 4657
Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



Boston & Maine Railroad

GP40-2 Number 312
EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 776025-13
Built: 12/1977
Returned to Lessor
Re-numbered HATX 516
Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk

Springfield Terminal

SW1 Number Board 1401

EMD SW1 Serial No. 18187 Built: 7/1953 Former SW1 B&M #1120

Donation by; Robert Grodzicki



Boston & Maine Railroad

F7A Number Board 4266

Built by; EMD 3/1949 - Side Number Board, Serial No. 8476

Unit was restored to its original Maroon and Gold scheme and runs on the North Conway Scenic R.R. in New Hampshire. Donation by; R. Richard Conard



Class DS Yard Switchers

Maine Central purchased seven GE 44-ton switchers between 1941 and 1947 for the use in Augusta, Brunswick, Livermore Falls, Vanceboro, Eastport, and the unconnected upper and lower yards at Lewiston.

The Brunswick assignment proved too heavy for a 44-ton switcher; but they eliminated need for a firemen and 0-6-0 maintenance crews in the remaining locations. The ALCO S-1 and S-3 replaced the 44-ton switchers at some locations in the mid 1970s; but light rail on the Eastport branch required a 44-ton switcher until service to Eastport was discontinued in 1978.

Maine Central Railroad

G.E. 44 Ton Number 12

G.E. Builders Plate Serial No. 15037

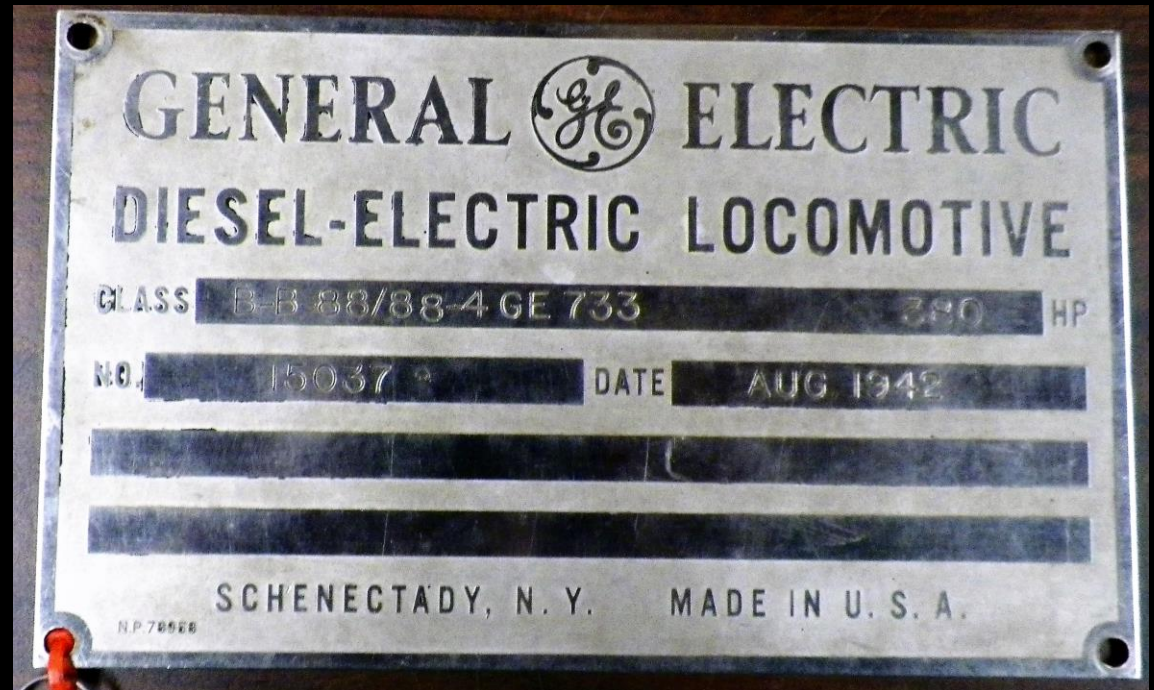
Class DS-1 Switcher

Built: Aug 1942

Retired: 9/1975

Sold: 11/1975 to Striegel, then to Sydney Steel,
Sydney, NS Canada.

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

Alco S-3s were purchase by 1953. These switchers worked in the larger yards and replaced 4-6-0s on the Harmony branch, Maine Central.

Maine Central Railroad

Alco/G.E. S-3 Number 961

G.E. Builders Plate Serial No. 80290

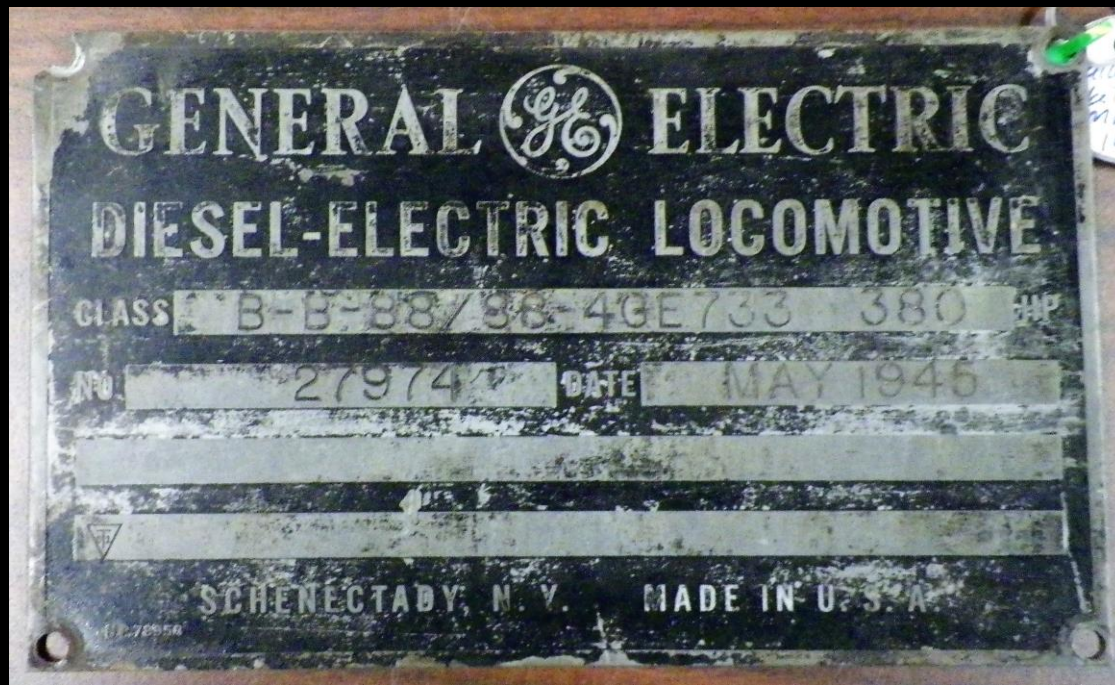
Built: March 1953

Retired 1975

Traded for U18B

Donation by; Jerry Cook





Maine Central Railroad

GE-44 Ton No. 14

General Electric Builder Plate

Serial Number 27974

Class DS-1 Switcher

Built" May 1945

Retired: 12/1977 –

Sold 7/1978 to Merrilees as IREX 14

Re-sold to:

International Minerals and Chemicals

Scrap: 1992



GE-44 Tonner No. 14

Side Headlight Number Board

Donation's by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 561

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 12362

Built: 10/1950

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 22

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 563

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 12364

Built: 10/1950

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 24

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 562

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 12363

Built: 10/1950

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 23

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 565

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 12366

Built: 10/1950

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 14

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 577

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 17418

Built: 10/1952

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 18

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 578

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 17419

Built: 10/1952

Sold to Midwest Steel & Alloy

for scrap 3/1988

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 568

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 19302

Built: 12/1953

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Re-numbered 15

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 579

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 17420

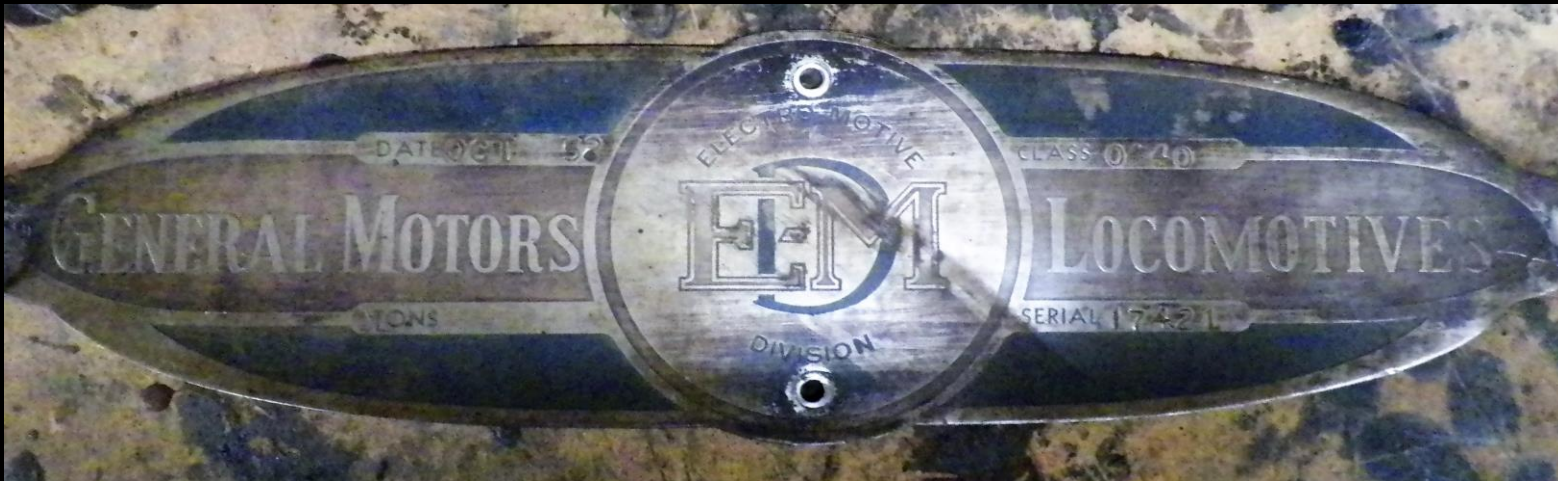
Built: 10/1952

Unit was chopped nosed in 1980

Sold by GTI for scrap.

To Midwest Steel & Alloy 3/1988

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP-7 Number 580

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 17421

Built: 10/1952

Transferred to Springfield Terminal
Re-numbered 19.

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

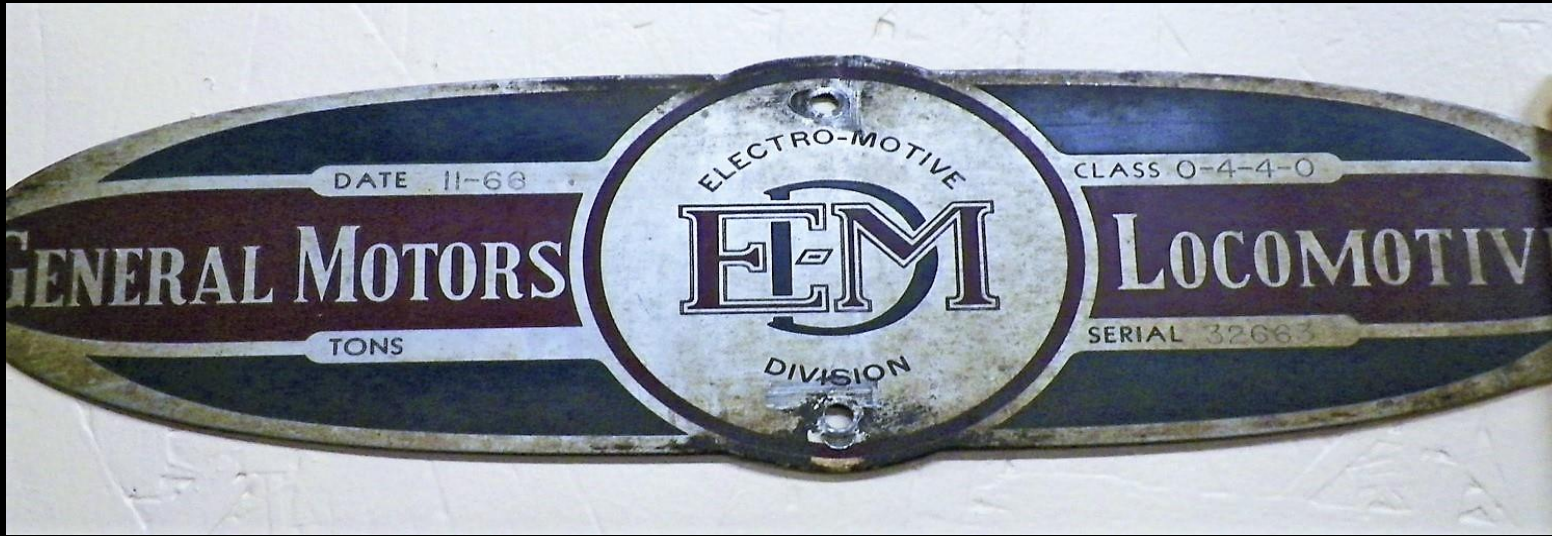
GP-7 Number 581

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 13553

Built: 12/1950

Transferred to Springfield Terminal
Re-numbered 20

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP38 Number 254

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 32663

Built: 11/1966

Wrecked 8/1968 at Cumberland Mills, ME.

Re-built: with new cab & short hood.

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

SWI Number 331

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 12370

Built: 9/1950

MU-equipped

Renumbered 931 in 1984

Renumbered 1430 in 1987

Transferred to Springfield Terminal

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP38 Number 254

Morgan Guaranty Trust Plate

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Maine Central Railroad

GP38 Number Board 254

Built: 11/1966 EMD Serial No. 32663
Wrecked 8/1968 at Cumberland Mills,
ME, rebuilt with new cab & short
hood.

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



Boston & Maine Railroad

Number Board 6211

Budd RDC-2 Phase 1c

Built: 8/1995 Serial No. 6227

Sold to MBTA 12/1976

#6211 was a regular on the "Conway Branch", as she handled both passengers and light packages, once the Boston-Dover-Portland RDC job was split up at Dover, the RDC-2/RDC-3 (6200/6300) and some times a RDC-1 (6100) assigned to the run were 50/50 on the rear end, at that times, a "car knocker" was still assigned at Dover but the engineer still had to make the uncoupling to make the trains separate.

B&M Buddliner, RDC-2 #6211 at Bedford Depot Park Bedford, Massachusetts.

Information from: Wayne Gagnon
Photography by; Richard Symmes
Donation by; Michael Pace





Boston & Maine Railroad

Number Board 6103

Budd RDC1 Serial No. 5509

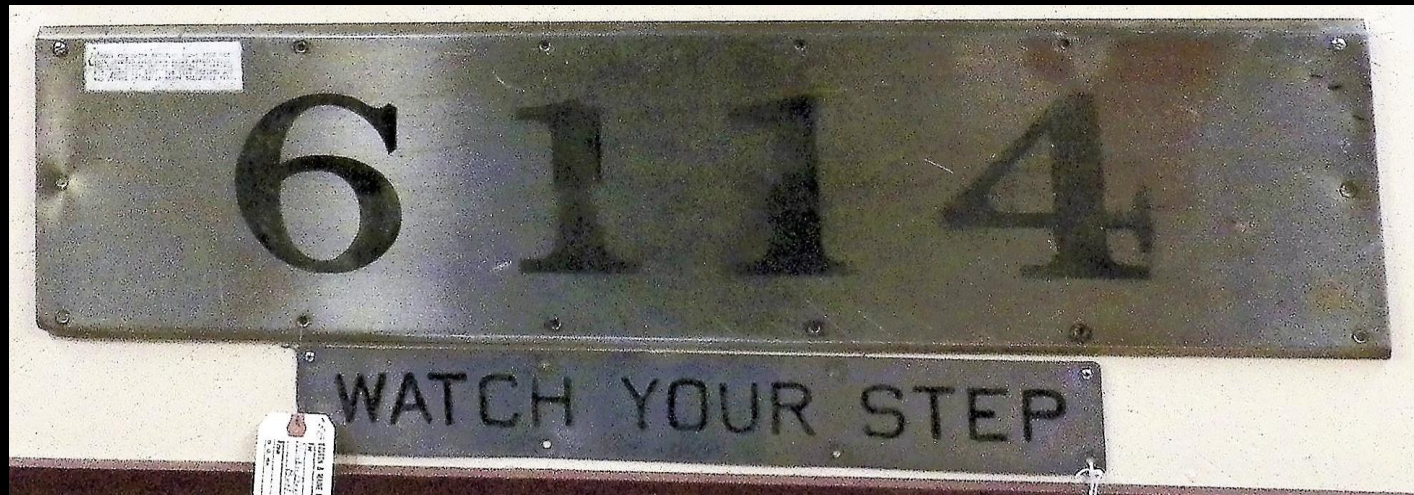
Built: 4/1953

Sold to MBTA 12/1976

Re-built to an unpowered "Boise Budd"
by M-K in 1982 and re-numbered 402

Scrap: 1985

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



Boston & Maine Railroad

Number Board 6114

Budd RDC1 Serial No. 6109

Built: 4/1955

Unit was wrecked after running into the
Turntable pit in Boston on 3/15/1972

Sold to MBTA in 12/1976

Sold for scrap: 1987

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolek

Boston & Maine Railroad

Number Board 6302

Budd RDC-3 Phase 1B Serial No. 5908 Self Propelled RPO / Baggage

Built: 6/1953 Sold to MBTA 12/1976

Unit was converted to steam generator car in late 1978.

Rebuilt to a "Boise Budd" control car by M-K 11/1982 and renumbered #427.

Donation by; Douglas F. Kydd





Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority

GP-9 Number 901

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 22856

Built: 1/1957

As ex-GTW 4908 to GMRC 901

Donation by; Jerry Cook



Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority

F40-PH Number 1004

EMD Builders Plate Serial No. 776066-5

Built: 9/1978

Donation by; Jerry Cook

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Acknowledgment

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