

# PRIME MOVER MODEL RAILROAD DECALS

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## NYS&W Budd RDC

M-5 thru M-8



**Background History:** The New York, Susquehanna and Western had its first "Budd RDC period" in the 1950's, when it purchased four units, M-1 thru M-4, to service commuters along its New Jersey line. Forty years later, history repeated itself as the revitalized and reorganized railroad purchased four Budd RDC's from commuter railroad Metro-North in August of 1992. These four cars, which were renumbered M-5 thru M-8, were purchased for a forthcoming shuttle service on the Susquehanna's former-DL&W Syracuse line. Two cars (M-5 and M-7) were ready in time for this new service, called OnTrack, which premiered on September 24th, 1994. The RDC's shuttle passengers between Armory Square in downtown Syracuse, Carousel Mall, and Syracuse University. The service has proven to

**DECAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** 1. Make sure the surface to be decal is clean and smooth. If the surface is not glossy or reasonably smooth, spray it with a gloss lacquer (such as Testors Glosscote). Surfaces that are not glossy are microscopically rough and can give a finished decal a "hazy" appearance. 2. Cut the lettering off the decal sheet with a sharp knife or a pair of scissors. Be sure to cut as closely to the edge of the lettering as possible to minimize visible decal film. 3. Place the decal in water until it slides easily on its backing. 4. Slide the decal off its backing carefully onto the model, using a toothpick if necessary. If needed, add a drop of water to help maneuver the decal into its final position. 5. Blot the decal with a lint-free paper towel to remove excess water. After dry, remove any extra glue with a paintbrush dipped in water; blot dry again. 6. Apply a decal setting solution (we suggest Champ's "Decal Set" or Walther's "Solvaset") so that the decal will fit around any crevices or details. IMPORTANT: If using Solvaset, use sparingly or dilute with water so as not to dissolve the ink. After solution is applied, DO NOT touch the decal until dry. If any bubbles appear, slit them with a sharp blade and apply solution again. 7. Give the model a final overspray of a dull lacquer finish (such as Testors Dullcote) to hide any decal film and to protect the decals.

be a tremendous success, and the Budds should have many more years of passenger service.

**The Model:** The Budd cars are painted in a scheme that is quite different from its original bretheren. The entire ends of the cars are painted maroon (Polly Scale Wisconsin Central maroon is a close match), wrapping around onto the roof until the fluting is reached. The letterboard is also painted maroon, as is the entire non-fluted panel surrounding the side windows. The lower grabirons on each end are painted yellow, as are the ends of the uncoupling rods. The underframe is black, and the rest of the car is in its natural unpainted stainless steel (bright silver). The letterboard is lettered with centered yellow "SUSQUEHANNA" lettering. Please note that there are two spacings of this lettering on the decal sheet: wider spacing for scale-length RDC's, and a narrower spacing for shorter Athearn RDC's. On both ends of the letterboard are small white ovals featuring the car's number. Centered on the lower fluted section on a rectangular piece of stainless steel is the car's number in black lettering. The ends of the car feature the car's number in yellow, centered above the left hand (operator's) window, and in line with the headlights. Large S-ball logos are centered on the panel beneath both left and right hand windows (please note that the Athearn model will have to have the fluting removed to accomplish this). A small pilot, black with yellow "tiger stripes", is mounted beneath the coupler on each end. To either side of coupler are a pair of MU receptacles, one red and one yellow. The yellow receptacles have a black "D" on them (reference title photo). As always, follow prototype photos for the most accurate results.

### Useful References:

Railpace Newsmagazine, November 1994.

## NYS&W Current RDC Roster

No.	Built	Heritage
M-5	4/52	ex-MNCR 18, exx-AMTK 18, exxx-PC 68, nee-NH 23
M-6	2/53	ex-MNCR 11, exx-AMTK 11, exxx-PC 37, nee-NH 37
M-7	3/53	ex-MNCR 43, exx-PC 43, nee-NH 43
M-8	4/53	ex-MNCR 65, exx-PC 65, nee-NYC M465

Sources referenced for roster: NYS&W T&HS, Railpace Newsmagazine