

ORGANIZE! YOUR MODEL RAILROAD (Collectors)

This version of ORGANIZE! YOUR MODEL RAILROAD is designed for use by people who enjoy collecting model railroads. It is ideal for maintaining an easy-to-update inventory of cars, structures, parts and materials you have; what you paid for them; their condition; and what they are currently worth.

The user definable capabilities of the MULTIMEDIA Home Database allow you to adapt the software to meet your specific requirements. For example, if you have an interest in a specific area, you can adapt the software to catalog very detailed information about that area.

The filename for this catalog is: MODEL-RR

Please note that a second format, designed specifically modelers is included in this package. The catalog name used for that format is RAILROAD. If you wish to use the RAILROAD catalog format you need to install it separately from this format. Please check the README file for information on installing other catalog formats.

The following are descriptions of what each line was designed to catalog. You are not limited to this information. You can enter anything on any line and ORGANIZE! Your Model Railroad will be able to conduct correct searches and sorts. Also keep in mind that, if needed, you can change the length or title of any line.

Although you may have more than one for many of the items in your collection, we have set up this format so you can make a separate entry for each item. This will allow you to track any differences in condition or value. If you have groups of exactly identical items, which you do not wish to catalog separately, you can modify this format to include a quantity line.

Manufacturer (25) - The name of the company that manufactured the item being cataloged. If you built this item, then put your name on this line.

Model Number (10) - Enter the manufacturer's model number.

Color (15) - Describe the color(s) this item is painted.

Variation (40) - If there are differences in this specific item from what is normally expected, describe those variations here.

Condition (40) - Describe the condition of this item. Is in mint (new, unused), excellent or good condition. There is enough room on this line to also include a comment about the condition.

Year Built (5) - Enter the year this item was originally manufactured.

Not Used - An unused line is included between the information on the upper part of the screen describing the item and the next section which is related to where it was purchased and its value. If you need to catalog additional information, this line can be used by going to the "Set Up Catalog Format" function on the utilities menu.

When Purchased (8) - Enter the date this item was purchased.

Where Purchased (50) - Who did you purchase this item from? If you feel you might want to go back to look for additional items you can also enter an address or phone number on this line.

This software can also be used to catalog item you want to purchase. In that case this line would be used to identify a dealer who you know has the item you want. When entering information about an item you want to purchase enter all of the same information about it just as you would if you already owned it. However, on the CURRENT VALUE line put the word "Want" instead of a value. You can then search for the word "Want" and quickly print a wanted list. However, when the software totals the value of your collection it will not add this item to the total value.

Of course, you could also set up a separate line for cataloging whether an item is on your wanted list, available for sale list or your not for sale inventory list.

Original Cost (8) - Enter the amount you paid for this item.

Always use the same number of digits when entering values. If the values of items in your collection ranges from \$1 to \$1000, then the \$1 items should have their values entered as 0001 which uses the same number of digits as 1000. If you need to include cents some entries, such as in \$1.50, but not on others, you do not need to type ".00". Digits to the right of the decimal point, while significant in determining the value of an item, do not effect how a computer sorts values.

Current Value (8) - What is the current value of this item. Depending on what your interests are this could be the replacement value or it might be the amount you could get if you wanted to sell it.

Not Set - Another blank line is included at this point to separate the financial information from the notes. This line can be "turned on" and used, if you need to use it.

Notes - three lines of 60 characters each - These lines are used for any addition information you want to catalog about this item. You could put the name of the railroad, a description of identifying marks, or whatever other information you feel is important.

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