

As the 1960s began, the Canadian National Railway found itself with a large fleet of wood end cupola vans (caboose for everywhere outside of Canada), which were in need of replacement. After testing their initial prototype steel van in 1964, CN placed an order for 150 copies from Hawker Siddeley, which were specifically designed for them. The body shells were constructed in Trenton, Nova Scotia, while the final assembly was completed at Hawker Siddeley's previous Fort William, Ontario plant (now Thunder Bay).

The H-S Vans were numbered 79200 to 79349 and delivered in 1967. They were favorites amongst crews on the CN. They featured creature comforts such as: Waugh full-cushion underframes, electric lighting and power via an axle-driven generator, roller bearing trucks, a pair of oil stoves, a refrigerator, hot plate and much more. Their styling and design would set the standard for future Van orders. Few changes were made to these cars over their 30-year service lives with CN. The most notable changes were the paint schemes and some were modified for international service which features like; FRA compliant window glass with orange side sills and end striping to denote that service.

The CN Hawker Siddeley Van features:

- Super-detailed underbody including all separate air and brake piping
- Operating Marker lights, Track Light and Step Lights, Cabin Lights and separately controlled cupola light
- Improved, full interior lighting
- Super-detailed Barber-Bettendorf caboose trucks with all-wheel pickup
- Full detailed multi-coloured interior
- Interior handrails in the cupola
- See-through, etched metal end platforms and steps
- Full end detail, including uncoupling levers
- Separate grab irons installed at the factory
- Metal Semi-Scale Knuckle Couplers mounted at correct height







HAWKER SIDDELEY VAN











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Item #	Road Number	Item #	Road Number
166001	79207	166005	79310
166002	79240	166006	79318
166003	79253	166007	79323
166004	79268	166008	79329



Canadian National - Late (Black Steps)

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Item #	Road Number	Item #	Road Number	
166009	79210	166013	79258	
166010	79223	166014	79260	
166011	79229	166015	79277	
166012	79242*	166016	79291	

*79242 Features stencil lettering

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166018	9104	166019	9106





