



# Johnstown America AutoFlood III

Thank you for purchasing the Johnstown America AutoFlood III rapid discharge coal hopper from Rapido Trains Inc! Please note that the minimum radius for these cars is 9 3/4 inches. Be sure to give your model a quick inspection to ensure that the couplers are working correctly and the wheels are in gauge before putting it on your layout.

## **PROTOTYPE HISTORY**

Production began on these all-aluminum body railcars in 2004. What followed was thousands of orders for these rapid discharge hoppers, which have traversed almost all of North America. With millions of tons of coal per year being mined and hauled out of various locations across the continent, you would be hard pressed to not have seen one of these prototype cars in a modern day coal train.

This 4200 cubic foot, exterior post prototype (not to be confused with other prototype exterior-post or interior post models) is primarily used as a rapid discharge car which can unload their cargo in a matter of seconds via the bottom bay doors. However, the car can also be equipped with a rotary coupler at the A end of the car (or on both ends on double-rotary cars), as indicated by the color blocks on the cars' ends, for either bottom discharge or rotary unloading based on the infrastructure at the final processing facility.

Our model has been scaled from manufacturer drawings, field measurements and hundreds of photos. In doing so, we have been able to add loads of detail to this car so that we could produce the best rapid discharge coal hopper on the market!

## **LIMITED WARRANTY**

Rapido Trains Inc. will send you any parts found to be missing or defective on this freight car, provided they are available. This warranty does not cover any damage from shipping — including loose parts — that may occur after the car has left our warehouse. It also does not cover unexpected plunges to the train room floor.

Please call 1 (855) LRC-6917 or email us at [trains@rapidotrains.com](mailto:trains@rapidotrains.com)

## **HELP AND SUPPORT**

Please contact us if you have any problems with your freight car. Also please visit the Product Support section of our web site, as we often address common issues. The Product Support section of our web site also includes an exploded diagram of your car.

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