



## Modeling the Rio Grande?

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Rio Grande utilized a distinctive oscillating light on the noses of their engines. For low nosed engines, use the following parts:

In HO-scale:

Details West 235-137

In N-scale:

Sunrise Enterprises 695-15611

Other Microscale decal sets in which you may be interested:

	HO	N
Diesel Data	87-48	60-48
ACI Plates	MC-4280	60-4280
D&RGW Diesel Stripes ('62-84)	87-1129	60-1129
D&RGW Diesels (1984-96)	87-28	60-28
D&RGW Diesel Stripes ('84-96)	87-271	60-271
D&RGW Cab Diesels ('42-51)	87-56	60-56
D&RGW Hood Diesels ('50-62)	87-96	60-96
D&RGW Cab Diesels ('51-85)	87-40	60-40
D&RGW Cab Diesel Stripes	87-1058	60-1058
D&RGW GP60 Diesel ('90-96)	MC-4083	60-4083
D&RGW Cabooses ('50-72)	87-200	60-200
D&RGW Cabooses ('72-96)	87-199	60-199
D&RGW Box Cars	87-82	60-82
D&RGW 40' Hi-Cube Box	MC-4311	60-4311
D&RGW Covered Hoppers	87-1047	60-1047
D&RGW Pssngr Cars ('86-96)	87-577	60-577

You should refer to photographs of the prototype whenever possible. The following books contain numerous photos of Rio Grande engines, although some may no longer be in print.

### References:

*Rio Grande Color Pictorial - Vol 1* by Copeland (Four Ways West) ISBN 1-885614-51-9  
*Rio Grande Diesels, A Pictorial History - Vol 1* by Strapac (Shade Tree) ISBN 0-930742-07-9  
*Rio Grande Diesels, A Pictorial History - Vol 2* by Strapac (Shade Tree) ISBN 0-930742-09-5  
*Rio Grande Diesels, A Pictorial History - Vol 3* by Strapac (Shade Tree) ISBN 0-930742-18-4  
*Rio Grande in Color - Vol 1* by Grenard (Morning Sun) ISBN 1-878887-11-4  
*Rio Grande in Color - Vol 2* by Grenard (Morning Sun) ISBN 1-878887-94-7  
*Rio Grande, Scenic Line of the World* by Sanders (Hyrail Productions) ISBN 0-9628699-8-8

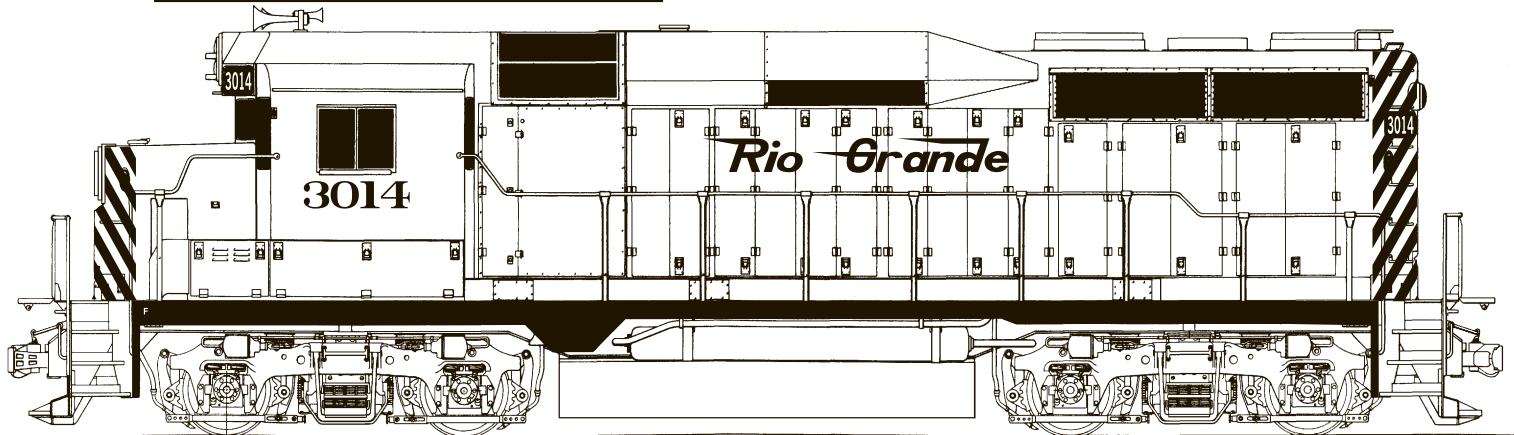
## MICROSCALE Decal

HO Scale 87-1128

N Scale 60-1128

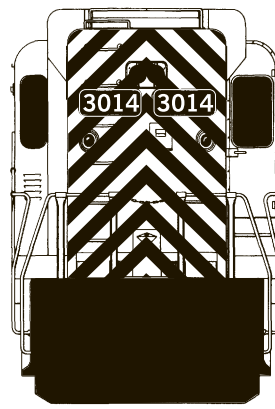
**Rio Grande  
Hood Diesels  
(1962-1984)**

**side A**



In the Spring of 1962, Rio Grande took delivery of their first GP30 road diesels. These locomotives also ushered in a new era with a new paint scheme - black with light orange lettering and striping. From that point on, all engines would be delivered in some variation of this scheme. Also, many older engines (GP7, GP9, SD7, SD9, switchers, etc.) were repainted in these new colors.

At the end of 1968, the Rio Grande lettering on the long hoods was enlarged - beginning with SD45 5337. Many, but not all, of the engines delivered with the smaller lettering (GP30, GP35, GP40, SD45) later received this scheme.



Extra striping to supplement this decal can be found on Microscale decal sets 87-1129 in HO and 60-1129 in N-scale.

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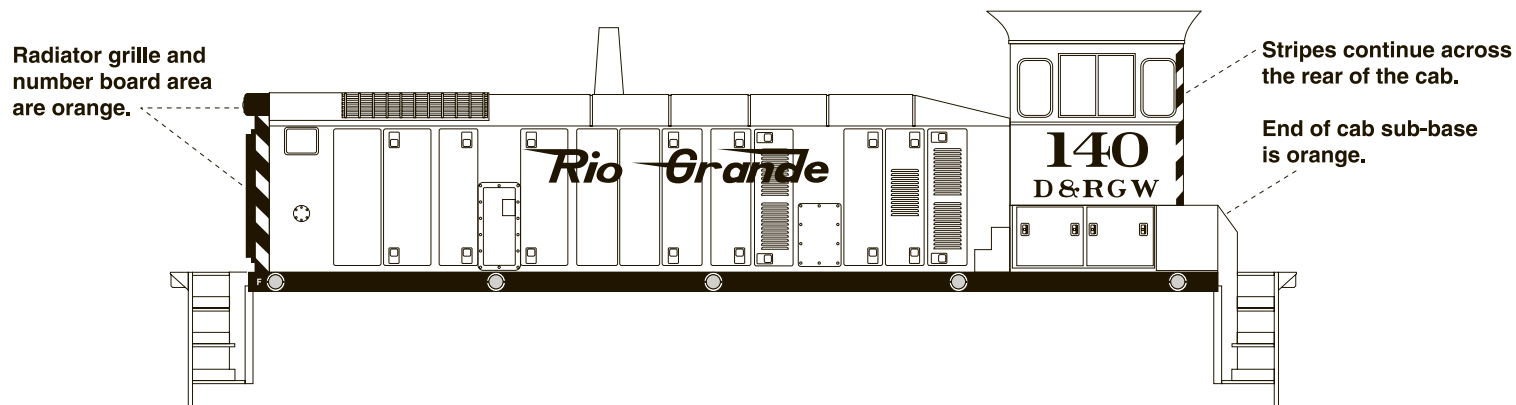
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Entire engine, except as indicated.

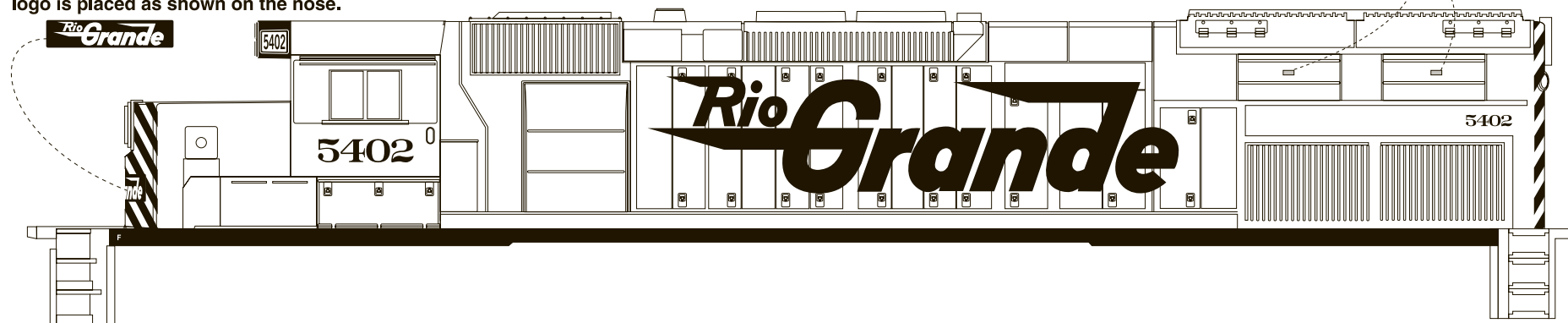
### ASPEN GOLD

Frame, pilots, snowplow, striping, number board area on cab.



**MICROSCALE Decal**  
 HO Scale 87-1128  
 N Scale 60-1128  
**Rio Grande**  
**Hood Diesels**  
**(1962-1984)**  
 side B

On engines with the large lettering, the orange on black "Rio Grande" logo is placed as shown on the nose.



Rio Grande Diesels Delivered In This Scheme			
Model	Numbers	Lettering (as del)	Relettered w/ Large Lettering
SW1200	130-139	Small	-
SW1000	140-149	Small	-
GP30	3001-3028	Small	3001, 3002, 3014, 3027
GP35	3029-3050	Small	3048
GP40	3051-3080	Small	-
GP40	3081-3093	Large	(delivered with large lettering)
GP40	3131-3153	see note ➡	(These engines have a darker orange)
GP40-2	3094-3130	Large	(delivered with large lettering)
GP60	3154-3156	see note ➡	(use set MC-4083 / 60-4083)
SD45	5315-5340	Small	5315, 5322, 5326, 5327, 5328, 5329, 5331, 5333, 5334, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5340
SD40T-2	5341-5413	Large	(delivered with large lettering)

Rio Grande Diesels Repainted Into This Scheme:		
Model	Numbers	Units Known To Have Received Large Lettering
44-Ton	38	-
VO-660	67, 70, 72, 73	-
NW2	100	-
S-2	101, 102, 105, 107, 112, 113, 121	-
H10-44	120?, 122, 123	-
H15-44	150, 151, 152	-
GP7	5100-5113	5103
RS-3	5204	-
SD7	5300-5304	-
SD9	5305-5314	-
GP9	5901-5954	5902, 5903, 5904, 5911, 5954