

Durham & Southern 364

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I recently acquired a model of Durham and Southern (D&S) 364. I picked it up because I like the Durham and Southern, and their locomotives, both Baldwins and Electro Motive Diesels (EMDs). All in all, this model was just too good to pass up.



My model of D&S 364

I also decided it would be fun to research the locomotive number to see what I could learn about the real unit. Looking on the internet I found several pictures on D&S Baldwins, but never with 364 in the lead. I did however learn that D&S had purchased some used Baldwins from Norfolk Southern. This pointed me in the right direction to continue my research.

I next went to the book *The Original Norfolk Southern Railway, 1883-1974* written by Robert Reisweber and Dalton "Billy" McDonald. I learned that Norfolk Southern (NS) had ten (1501-1510) Baldwin DRS 6-4-15 locomotives. The model designation stands for Diesel Road Switcher, 6 axles, 4 axles powered, 1500 horsepower. Three of the units were sold to the D&S. When D&S acquired the units, they did not need the six-wheel (A-1-A) trucks so they converted the units to conventional 4-wheel (B-B) trucks. This made the locomotives DRS 4-4-15s. Per the book I learned that NS 1507 became D&S 364.



D&S 365 and 362, an example of the Baldwin DRS 4-4-15 locomotives
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I encourage others to research the prototypes for your models. You will inevitably discover some facts of which you were previously unaware. Most of all have fun.