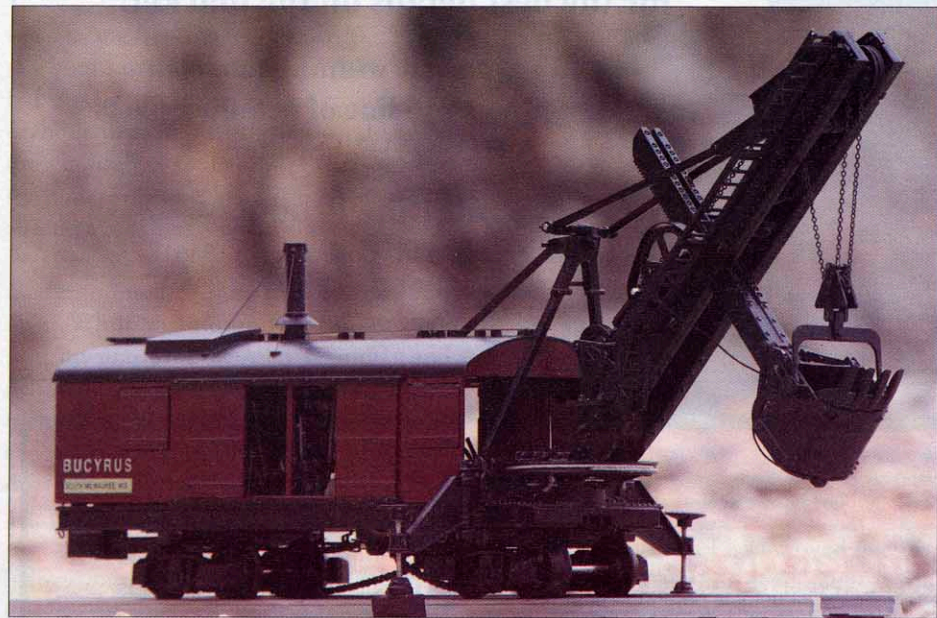


## New O-scale steam shovel breaks new ground for Toy Trucker & Contractor



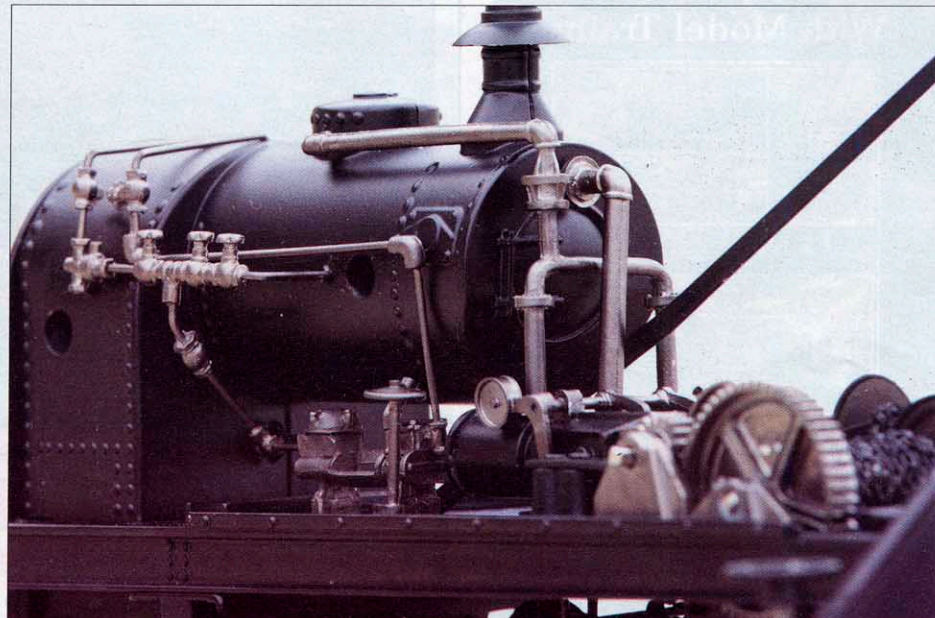
Toy Trucker & Contractor's new Bucyrus steam shovel will be a fascinating addition to an O-scale layout.

**O** — Toy Trucker & Contractor has announced its first-ever railroad-scale model, a Bucyrus 95-ton railcar-mounted steam shovel in 1:48 scale.

The new model's prototype was the largest of the steam shovels built by Bucyrus between 1895 and 1901 and was among the types of heavy equipment used in the construction of the Panama Canal. Bucyrus supplied more than

three-quarters of the excavators used on the Canal project. After the completion of the Canal, the steam shovels were used in mining operations in Ohio, Montana, and Alaska.

The museum-quality replica was developed by TWH Collectibles in cooperation with Bucyrus and features all-metal construction. Functional details include chain and rope winches to operate the boom and



The boiler housing lifts off to show this fully plumbed replica of the boiler, complete with functional coal door.

bucket, outriggers, truck suspension, sliding doors, and opening windows. The boiler housing is removable, exposing the boiler and piping. The undercarriage is fully detailed with an individually linked drive chain and brakes.

Toy Trucker and Contractor's O-scale model measures sixteen inches long and over eight inches high. It weighs in at more than three pounds.

The limited-edition model is expected to be delivered in June 2007. It is priced at \$300.00, plus shipping and handling, and is available exclusively from Toy Trucker & Contractor's General Store. For more information, visit the Toy Trucker & Contractor web site.

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