



# Early Berkshires B&A - IC - B&M - C&NW TA&G - TH&B 2-8-4s

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In 1925, the Lima Locomotive Work's new #A-1 2-8-4 initiated the "Super Power" era of steam locomotives. Featuring a larger firebox, super-heater, feedwater heater, outside dry pipe, integrally cast frames and cylinders, articulated training truck, stoker, limited cut-off, tandem rods, multiple front-end throttle, pilot deck-mounted air pumps, etc., etc., etc.! The A-1 was the latest in steam locomotion. With the New York Central watching, the A-1 was lettered for the Boston & Albany, and put into service in the B&A mainline toughest operating district. The A-1 performed well enough for the B&A (NYC) to order 25 copies (Class A-1a) which soon replaced the B&A's Consols, Mikes, 2-10-2s and Mallets!

The A-1 then went on a &Super Power& demonstration tour which made a &Super Power& believer of the C&O and other roads. The Illinois Central immediately ordered 50 copies (called "Limas"), and later the A-1 itself.

This EARLY BERKSHIRE project will feature the A-1, the B&A Class A-1a "Berk"s, B&M Class T1a,b, TA&C, TH&B and the IC "7000"s.

As usual, we are indebted to those folks who publish the information and photos we need. We urge you to buy their books and photos.

LIMA - the history by Eric Hirsimaki (1986, Hundman Publishing, Inc.)

Boston & Albany, The New York Central In New England Volume 2 by Robert Willoughby Jones (1997, Pine Tree Press)

North American Steam Locomotives: The Berkshire and Texas Types by Jack W. Farrell (1988, Pacific Fast Mail)

Steam Locomotives of the New York Central Lines Volume I by William D. Edson, H.L. Vail, Jr (1997, New York Central System Historical Society)

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DP-2572	Illinois Central Class A-1 2-8-4 Berkshire [Series 7000-7024, Elesco FWH	_____
DP-2580	C&NW Class J4 2-8-4 Berkshire [Series 2800-2812], Worthington FWH	_____
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DP-2591	Santa Fe #4197 or TBD (ex-B&M #4003,TBD) Series 4193-4199 2-8-4 , Elesco FWH, 6-axle rolltop coal tender	_____
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