



Cincinnati Division 7, MCR, NMRA Monthly Contest Rules Clarification



We've had some questions recently about which models qualify for which of our 3 model contest categories. In particular, the "Box Stock" category seems to be a source of confusion. If you visit our official contest rules on our website, you'll see that category is for models you built from a kit, with or without minor improvements. Under no circumstances are ready-to-run models allowed, either built that way by a manufacturer or by another modeler.

In order to minimize such confusion in the future, I've changed the name of that particular category to "**Kit-Built**" instead of "Box Stock". As such, here's a snapshot of all 3 of our model categories. For further details, please see the complete contest rules and regulations within the Contest page of our website.

1. **Kit-Built** (formerly Box Stock) – Models you've assembled from a manufacturer's kit. Minor improvements such as different couplers, painted handrails, different trucks, etc. still come under this category. Purchased or Ready to Run (RTR) models are not allowed. An Athearn diesel locomotive would qualify for entry in this category if assembly of the handrails, horn, headlight glass, etc. was required.
2. **Kit-Bashed** – Models you've built comprising at least 2 of these elements:
 - a) Significant quantities and levels of super-details added by the modeler
 - b) Splicing parts of 2 or more models to create one unique model
 - c) Custom painting and/or weathering
3. **Scratch-Built** – Models you've built where the basic model is constructed from scratch. No splicing of commercial models can be incorporated. Commercially available wheels, mechanisms and detail parts can be used.

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