

Welcome to Gn15

Big Trains, Small Space

These trains are in Gn15. This means they are G scale (roughly 1:24 to 1:22.5) and that they run on scale 15 inch gauge track.

Despite their size, Gn15 equipment is the same scale as LGB equipment. The secret to Gn15 is that, while the trains are G scale, the track they run on is HO scale (or OO if you're from the UK.) On30 equipment, because it also runs on HO track is also commonly modified into Gn15 by modellers.

While many modellers in this scale enjoy scratchbuilding or kitbashing their own equipment, there is a selection of different commercial kits available of both locomotives and wagons.

Gn15 models minimum gauge railways, considered to be lines with gauges between 15 and 23 inches. The term minimum is used instead of miniature because of the nature of the work by these rail lines. Minimum gauge trains perform work in mines, farms, factories and other industrial or estate facilities, while miniature railroads are big models, built for passengers to ride in a fashion almost like an amusement park ride.



Fifteen inch gauge railroading was invented by Sir Arthur Heywood when he built a private estate railroad of his own design at Duffield bank in England. That gauge was later used at several other lines, both minimum and miniature.

While there are large layouts, an important part of Gn15 culture is an interest in micro layouts. Micro layouts are complete, working railways in less than 4 square feet. Indeed, the very first Gn15 home layout was built in just a square foot! With Gn15 and micro layouts, you DO have the space for a home layout. More information about mi-



If you are interested in more information or this wonderful scale, visit the home of Gn1: (and minimum gauge modelling in general) on the internet, www.Gn15.info. We hope to see you posting in the Gnatterbox, our forum, soon.

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