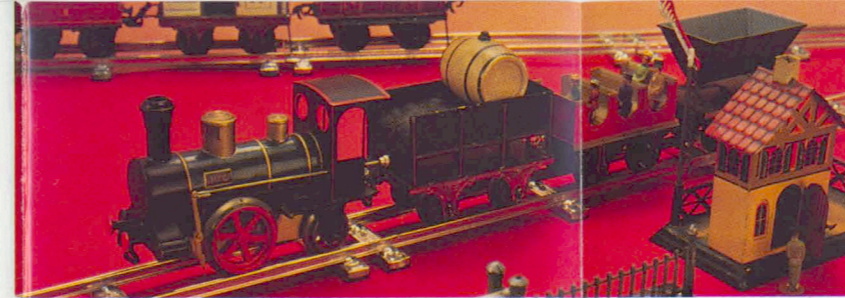
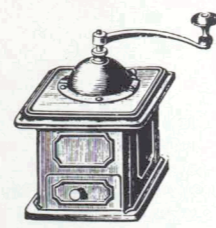
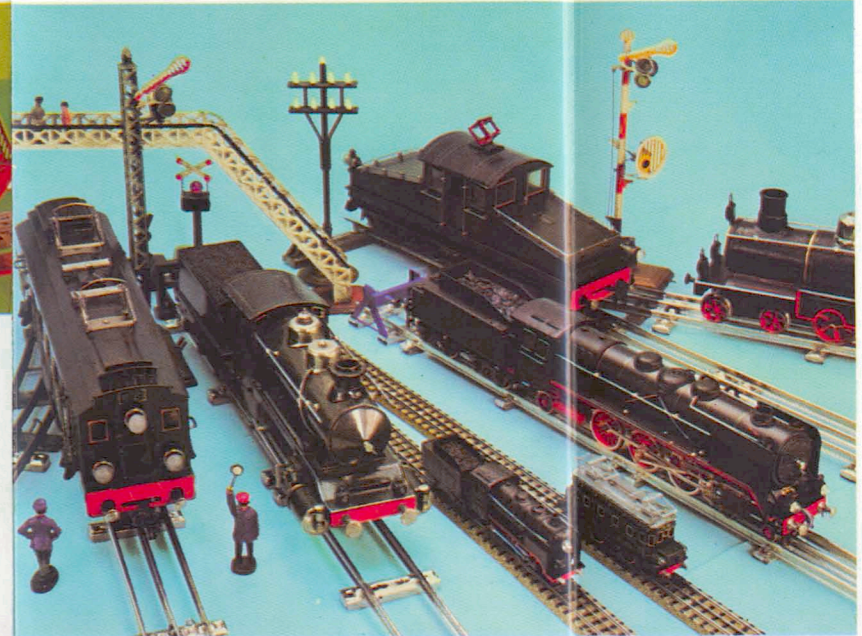
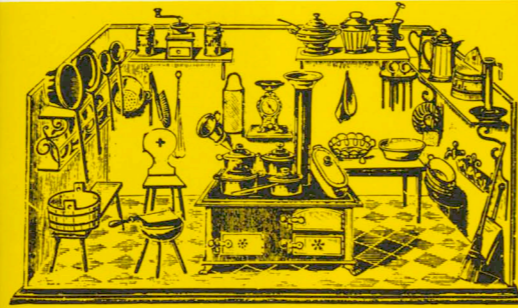


120 YEARS OF MÄRKLIN



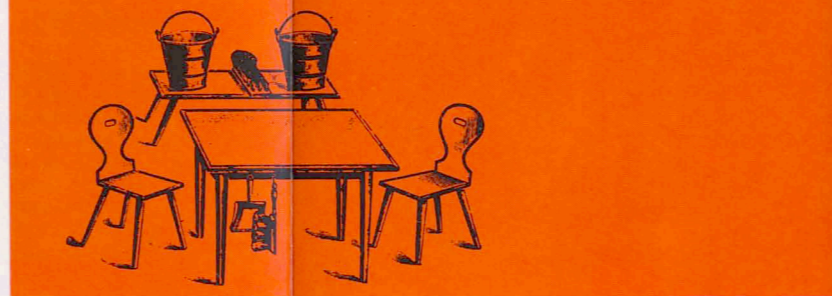
The Märklin H0 gauge, reduced to 16.5 mm (5/8"), proved particularly popular after 1945. The number of enthusiasts grew steadily and Märklin developed rapidly. Like fullscale railroads, the equipment and operation of model railroads, became more complex and varied.



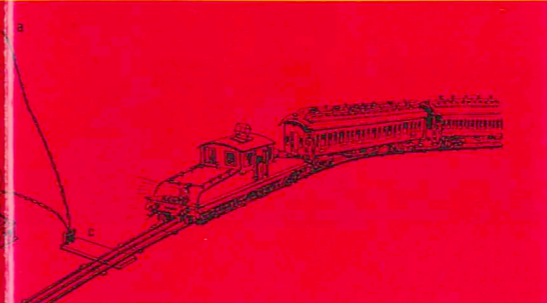
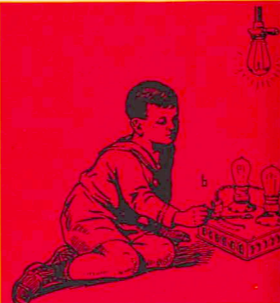
December 7th 1835 was an important date in the early history of the technological era. On this day the first German railroad, between Nürnberg and Fürth, was opened to traffic.

It was not long before enthusiastic railroad modelers got busy. The Märklin clockwork railroad of 1891 led the way. It had a figure-of-eight track and could be extended to include turnouts and crossings.

From 1859 onward, the year in which the firm was founded, Friedrich Wilhelm Märklin manufactured, among other things, doll's furniture, buggies and carrouseles. In 1888 his sons Eugen and Karl registered the firm as "Märklin Brothers" (Gebrüder Märklin).

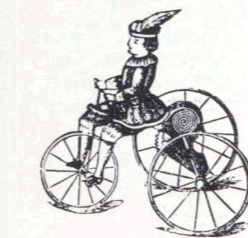


From 1935 onward model railroading was given a boost by the Märklin H0 gauge. H0 (half-zero) means half the size of the zero-gauge which was commonly used up till then. The smaller gauge led to easier handling, greater variety and space saving.



At the Leipzig spring fair of 1900, nine years after the clockwork train, Märklin unveiled the first model railroads with steam and electric propulsion. Electrical operation was a risky business, as full mains voltage was used.

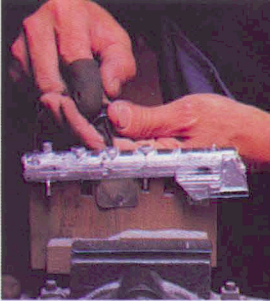
The breakthrough came in 1926 with the Märklin 20 Volt system. The mains alternating current supply was transformed down to 20 Volts. This enabled the railroads to be used children without any danger.



Märklin railroads are a good investment. Historic models fetch good prices at auctions, and locomotives and cars of 1950 can now be worth several times their original cost. The "Northlander", produced in limited quantities by Märklin in 1978, is attracting good offers by collectors already.

MÄRKLIN TODAY

Quality begins at the stages of design and tooling. Märklin standards required the investment of about one million DM in production plant for the I-gauge P8 locomotive, for example.



Märklin H0

is the ideal gauge, in 1:87 scale, for robust handsized railroad modeling. Technically the center-stud system allows trouble-free functioning. Märklin H0 offers a wide range of models for extending your layout.



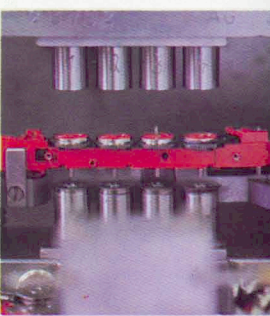
The I-gauge steam locomotive 5797 is modeled on the Prussian P8. Electronically it can produce exhaust and whistle noises just like the original.



To date Märklin have produced more than 17 million locomotives and 50 million cars. The effects of this vast experience are to be seen in the quality of every model.

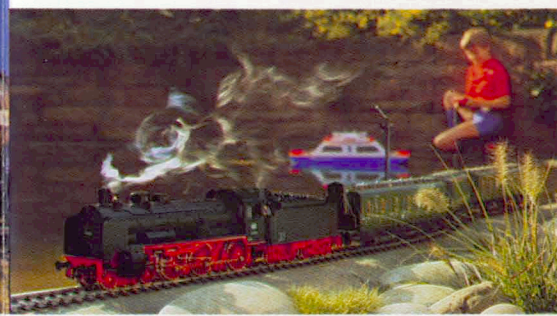


Märklin railroads can be relied on. About three million DM are spent simply on quality control of our products each year.



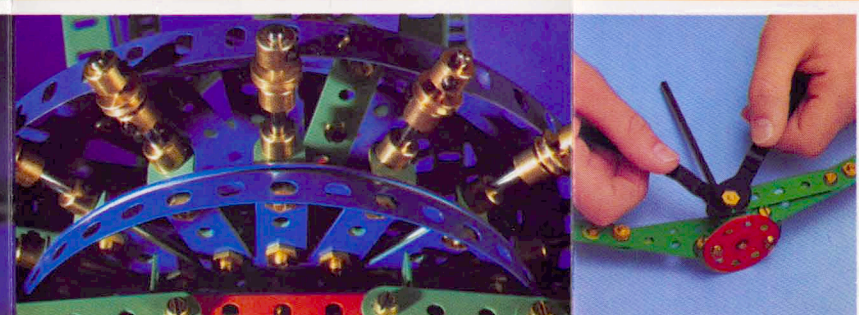
Märklin I

is the large scale for use indoors, on the patio or in the yard, in 1:32 scale. It can be assembled and dismantled quickly anywhere, for a party in the cellar or out of doors, for example. Experienced modelers will appreciate the accurate reproductions; children will love the details on the models.



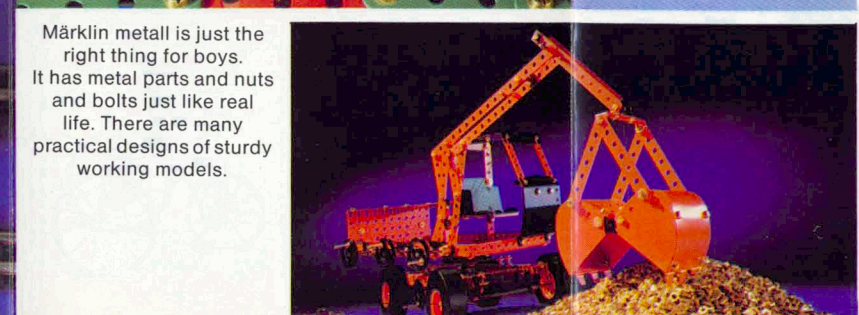
Märklin sprint

The reliable roadholding of the models on this automobile race track make them a joy to use. The race cars with their steerable front axles have fantastic cornering ability – see them in a power slide!



Märklin metall

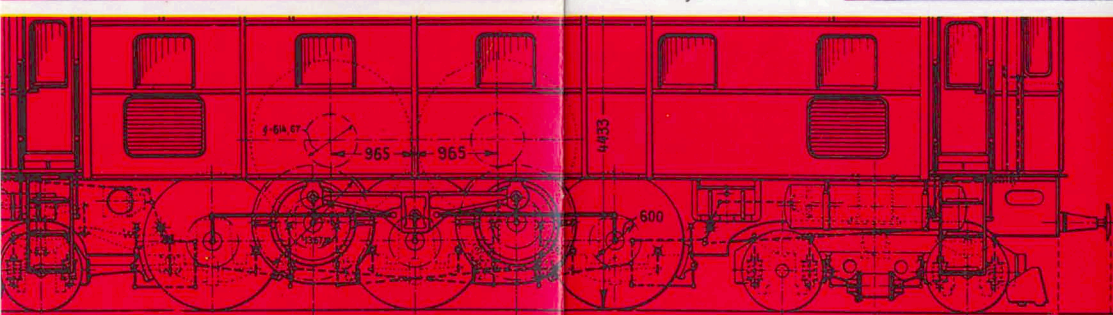
This construction set using real nuts and bolts is now providing endless pleasure to a third generation of modelers.



Märklin metall is just the right thing for boys. It has metal parts and nuts and bolts just like real life. There are many practical designs of sturdy working models.

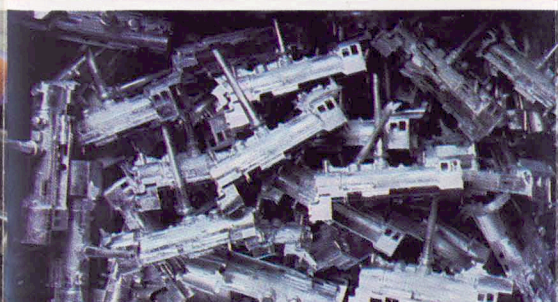
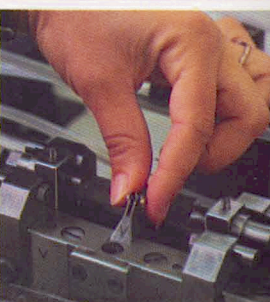
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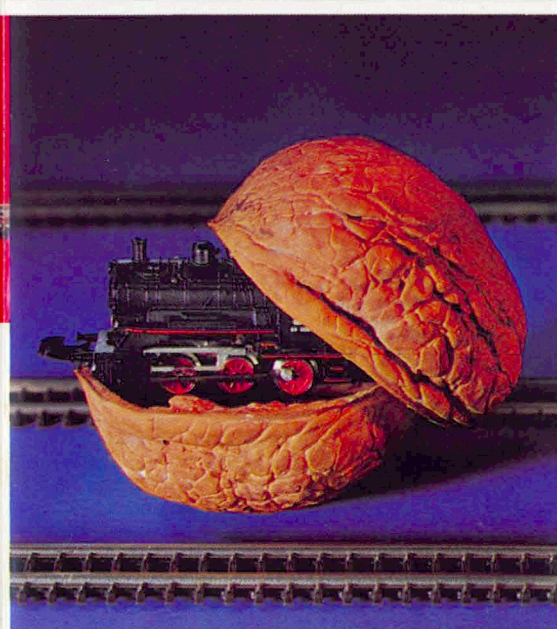
Model railroading and Märklin are inseparably linked. This is not just a matter of tradition. The same dedication is to be found in Göppingen today, in the planning, development and production of new models. This ensures the continued growth of the Märklin range, offered on three different gauges, so that the railroad modeler can always find what he wants.

There are many stages in production along the route from planning to final check-out. These illustrations give just an idea of the great pains taken to produce precision-made models.



Märklin mini-club

is the smallest electric railway in the world, in 1:220 scale, but it gives the complete satisfaction of the bigger models. Its uniqueness is enhanced by a loving attention to the smallest details. With a magnifying glass you can even read the inscriptions.



mini-club locomotive 8885, pulling 6 express coaches, holds the world endurance record. It has run for 1219 hours without stopping.

