

# HO Model of the Old Cass Railroad Shop Now Available



Built for the Cass Showcase, the operating diorama of Cass in its heyday, this model of the old railroad shop has attracted considerable interest among the visitors to the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park who enjoy the Showcase as part of their ticket price. MSR&LHA now offers an inexpensive kit that, identical to the Showcase model, consists of detailed, "pre-painted and weathered" building sides printed in full color on cardstock.

The kit, consisting of 19 sheets of highly detailed computer graphics, includes very thorough instructions. The somewhat novel construction methods take care, but it is not difficult to turn out an impressive high-quality model. The builder glues the cardstock graphics to foam board, then trims and assembles the wall components. The 36"x 14" shop can be built to fit a smaller space or its components used to freelance other buildings.

The full-size shop, built in 1922 by the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co., was subsequently owned by Mower Lumber Co. (1942-1960) and sold to the Cass Scenic Railroad in 1962. The shop was built from World War I government surplus buildings with corrugated sheet steel skin and industrial windows.

On the night of July 23, 1972, the building was destroyed by fire. Lost was a working example 19<sup>th</sup> Century machine shop practice and a large parts inventory. Two locomotives inside were damaged. Working outdoors, Cass employees kept normal operations during the 1972 and 1973 seasons. The modern replacement buildings were finished in 1974 and 1975. The present-day machine shop and engine house areas of the Cass Scenic Railroad locomotive shop building correspond in size and location to their counterparts in the old shop.



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## Order Form

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Yes, I would like to order a Cass Railroad Shop model kit. I understand that the cost includes postage.

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If you are not happy with the kit you can return it, complete and undamaged, for a full refund within 21 days of receipt.

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