

Large Scale Models of DSP&P Locomotives

Part 5: The LGB DSP&P 2-6-0 Moguls

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LGB produced its first 1:22.6 "G" scale model of a 2-6-0 Mogul in 1985. It was inspired by DSP&P steam locomotives of 100 years earlier and was a reasonable replica of the Cooke Locomotive Works 2-6-0's delivered to DSP&P in 1884, numbers 69 through 74. The first models arrived molded in garish red and green plastic and lettered as DSP&P #18. DSP&P #18 was a Mogul but one built by Dawson and Bailey, not Cooke,

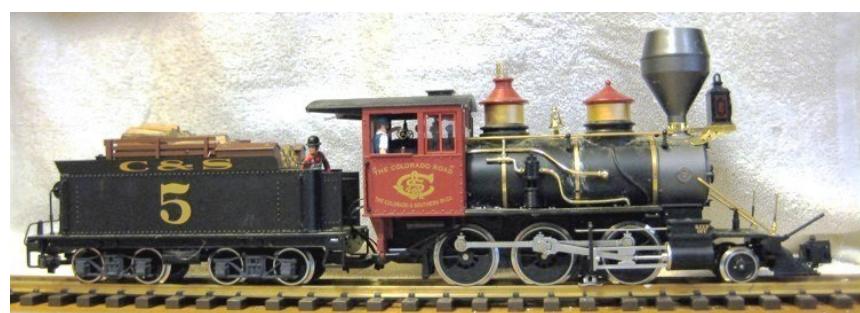
The model had ornate domes and headlight,



Builder's photo of DSP&P #18. LGB photo



Builder's photo of DSP&P #71, photo by the author



Builders photo of C&S #5, photo by the author.

the famous Nesmith smoke stack (with no rivet detail), and a wood load in the tender, even though these locomotives never burned wood. After this, LGB produced many versions of their Mogul, including 6 of the 7 modernized C&S Cooke Moguls (#6 through 10), with simulated steel cabs, smooth domes, straight stacks, and coal in the tender. Some had bear trap spark arrestors or snowplows. An ornate old-time version was produced as C&S #5.

The October 1986 *Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette* carried an article by Glenn Joesten showed a repaint and detailing of the original DSP&P #18 into DSP&P #71, with appropriate colours on the cab, boiler, and tender. In 1988, LGB discontinued #18, replacing it with #71 with a paint job similar to Glenn's. In 2005, a re-issue of the red and green Mogul, numbered DSP&P #20, was made for a commemorative set with passenger cars.

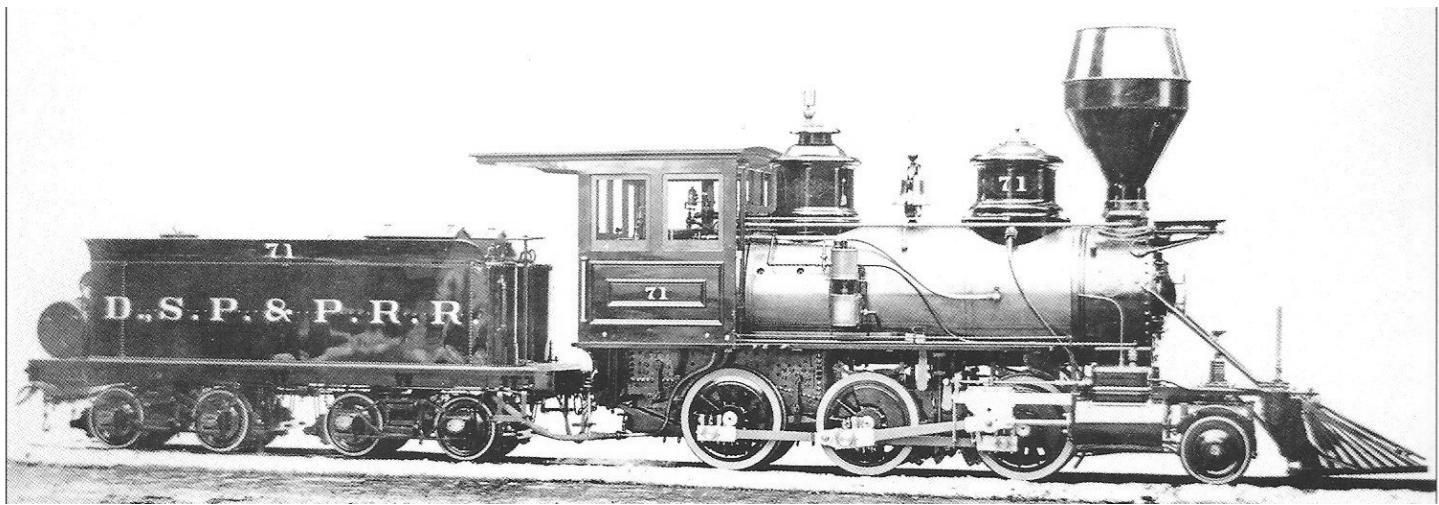
The level of detail on all LGB Moguls is moderate compared to the brass models discussed in previous articles. The model bears a strong resemblance to the builder's photo of #71, but I can't vouch for accuracy of the dimensions. The finish is good but a little weathering will help subdue the plastic look.

The original LGB Mogul was not "sound-ready". It is relatively easy to add basic LGB-style sound sensors or full DCC and an American steam sound module in the tender. Some more recent LGB Moguls came with factory sound.

With a tender swap, I created DSP&P #19 from the D&RG version and an eBay purchase netted a kit-bashed DSP&P #17 to complement my #18 and #71. All ran very well and could be double-headed easily, after installing couplers on each pilot.



Double headed LGB 2-6-0's on the author's outdoor railway



Cooke builder's photo of DSP&P #71 for comparison to the models of DSP&P #63 for comparison to the models.