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Hello Andy

Rich Trowbridge from the Independent Hi-Railers here with some correction info on the Canadian Grain Hoppers that seem to be "missing" from the 2006 catalog.

1. First things first.

This design (20-97601) is incorrect. The car is all aluminum (a flat silver would work) and NOT brown as shown here. I photo-shopped your graphic to show you how it should look below.



Correct all aluminum car with yellow panels, orange text & graphics.



Below are a couple prototype images. They're rusty from the steel roofwalks "bleeding" down the side. This eventually gives them the "brown" color that you may have based your images on. It's very hard to find a "clean" photo. These are the best i've got.



2. Next, this design (20-97600) has some small, but significant errors. A proto reference is below





Please match the typeface, (Helvetica, not Helvetica Condensed) and match line-spacing, proportions & scale. Also, note the French "CANADIEN" spelling that goes on ONE side of the car and the American English "CANADIAN" spelling on the OTHER SIDE. Your cars should have both.

Next, the road number and reporting marks on your graphics would mean that this hopper should be medium gray (like UP gray) and not white. If you're making the white car, use the plain CN reporting marks (not CNIS) and road numbers that fall in range with the one in my photo.

3. Lastly, Your color choice on this car (20-97602) is close, BUT BE CAREFUL. Lionel did this car and made it WAY too orange (yuck!). It should be like a Flower Pot "Terra Cotta" only MORE brown. Like I said, your image here looks close, but below are some proto images for additional reference.





Thanks as always for your appreciation of "customer input" I have more images if you need them.

BTW, how's the Grand Trunk Western GP40's coming along? Did my GP9 shell make it back from China yet? No rush, just wondering.

Sincerely,

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