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# Toy Trains HO Scale

Toy train models are very popular. They are often the source of joy to many hobbyists as they provide challenge and they make the hobbyist a more focused person. **Toy trains HO scale** are common as they are quite handy and they are more economical and challenging to make.

Models come in different scales and as scales, they follow a distinct ratio in toy train models. **Toy trains HO scale** sets are more popular than other scale sizes, like the OO which is more popular in the United Kingdom. The HO scale is the most popular scale in the toy train modeling. The ratio for the HO scale is 3.5 mm is 1 foot in real life. This is half size smaller than the OO scale. The small sized scale for toy trains HO scale made it more challenging but it was preferred by hobbyists since they can cover a lot of space in a given area.

The market for toy trains with HO scales were not always popular. As mentioned earlier, OO scale was preferred in certain areas. But in the 1950s, toy trains HO scale slowly took off in the United States as the hobbyists began to look for more "realistic" hobbies. Although the HO scale toy train was more difficult to put and arrange, it was highly preferred because of the economy it gives to the hobbyist. In the 1960s, **toy trains HO scale** overtook the trains with OO scale and other toy train manufacturers decided to churn out HO scale toy trains to meet the demands of the market. Currently, only the United Kingdom uses the OO scale in the toy train industry while United States and continental Europe uses the HO scale. There are also a number of people who follow the HO scale in Britain but they are quite few.

Many kits, models and supplies are made to meet the demands of the market because they are too popular. One can even choose different kinds of models of model toy trains who have been scales to have HO proportions. They range from toy train carriages, locomotives, rolling stock, cars, building and scenery. These are all available from a large number of manufacturers. Models usually come in three varieties that go from easiest to hardest. The easiest model to assemble is the Ready to Run Models. These are ready to use models; they can be used after you take them right from the box. The next in the difficulty level is the Shake the Box models. These are simple, easy to assemble kits that are suitable for beginners. They have fewer pieces to assemble compared to the Craftsman model kit which has more pieces and more complex designs.

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