

The PIKO BR 103

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Realistic painting and printing



Electric locomotive BR 103 flagship of the DB passenger train service



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Driver's cabin with engineer



Delicate scissor pantographs



Available as an attractive G-Scale model
for the first time!

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The six-axle electric locomotives of the class 103 were considered for many years the flagship in heavy passenger traffic by the German Federal Railroad. They are deemed one of the most popular German locomotive series. The DB started in 1965 to use a pilot lot of 4 engines as high-speed locomotives. Through 1974, an additional 145 production series locomotives were ordered and put into service. With a continuous output of 7,440 kw (9,980 hp), the BR 103 locos are still considered to be among the most powerful single-unit locomotives. The first series locomotives were delivered with scissor pantographs. From 1976 on, single-arm type SBS65 pantographs were used. In addition, over the years, the machines lost their skirting and received buffers without covers. With their elegant and timeless design, these noble racehorses shaped German high-speed passenger service for many years and were already cult objects while in regular service. Starting in 1997, the 103s were gradually phased out. By 2003 they were replaced by the new class BR 101. Several locomotives are preserved and operational.



37440 DB IV BR 103 Electric Loco



suitable accessories:

For realistic sound, the BR 103 can be upgraded with a PIKO sound module #36229 and a PIKO loco decoder #36122.

- Completely new construction
- Detailed painting and printing
- ball-bearing axles and chrome-plated wheels
- Illuminated driver's cabin with engineer
- Many separately attached parts
- Realistic scissor pantographs

Even after 50 years - thanks to their timeless appearance - the legendary cult locomotives of the BR 103 series are among the visual highlights on German railway lines and attract a lot of attention. This is a newly-tooled model of this iconic engine for the TEE and IC service of the DB. In showing the original prototypical skirts, scissor pantographs, and red/beige paint in the short version, PIKO is fulfilling the heart's desire of many G-scale operators and lovers of attractive locomotives. As the first model of this class in G-Scale, the PIKO BR 103 distinguishes itself by replicating all the external appearance characteristics of its prototype. The finely painted and printed model impresses with maximum reliability, robustness, ball-bearing axles, chrome-plated wheels and directional lighting. The cab includes an engineer figure and control stand. To emphasize further, there are many individually applied details such as hand grabs and windshield wipers. In addition the BR 103 from PIKO also has high pulling power and excellent driving characteristics. The model is prepared for easy installation of a digital decoder and sound system, as well as engine compartment lighting.

