

Locomotive Inspection - DCC Addendum

1. All locomotives, except dummy units, must be equipped with a DCC decoder. We strongly recommend that they be programmed for DCC only and not have a DC option.
2. The DCC address will normally be the locomotive number, or the lead loco number in a permanent or basic consist.
3. Loco owners must research the loco number card catalog to make sure that the loco number is not already claimed. If in use by another member, you must either assign a new unique number as the DCC address or renumber the loco.
4. Owners must fill out and maintain a DCC address card in the club master file. The card will include the loco description, number, DCC address, owner's name and the decoder make and type, if known.
5. DCC decoders should be programmed to start moving at a low speed step on the throttle. Maximum speed should conform to the prototype. Momentum is optional.
6. Locomotives can be pre-programmed by the owner at home or programmed at the club using the PowerCab throttle in the Pacific Southern shop. Motive power inspectors can provide programming help if needed.
7. Sound-equipped locomotives should have the sound volume set to a reasonably low level, so that having many such-equipped units on the layout will not overwhelm the room environment.