

Checking frame numbers on EMD locomotives

Generally, the best way to explain looking for an order (or frame) number on MOST EMD locomotives (not GMD's – most Canadian built units will not have them) is by looking at the unit from the side. It will be found at the far right, on the frame, usually to the left of the steps.

Frame numbers are located on BOTH sides of the locomotive:

- at the front (F) on the engineer's side.
- at the rear on the fireman's side.

Long hood forward configuration does not make a difference.

Sometimes frame numbers are covered up or obscured by:

- FRA mandated reflective tape
- thick or multiple layers of paint
- ground or sanded off from metal work or numerous paint jobs

Due to the above, sometimes it is necessary to check both sides of a locomotive in order to "fill in the blanks". The numbers 3 and 5 may look similar at times, as will 3 and 8 under certain conditions.

EXAMPLE: You might see 512__-_5 on side, but the other side might read 5__3-15. It *might* be assumed that the frame/order number for this locomotive is 5123-15.

Below are illustrations of where to find an order number on an EMD locomotive.

FRONT



Order / sequence #: 5123-15

EMD Serial #: 16858

Model: GP7

Build Date: July 1952

Chicago & North Western #1589

Chicago & North Western #4287

Central Kansas Railway #4287

Harbor Line #101

Pacific Harbor Line #101

JLCX #101 (@ Farmers Elevator Cooperative in Jansen, NE – pictured above)**

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REAR



Order / sequence #: 5136-11

EMD Serial #: 16469

Model: GP7

Build Date: July 1952

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific #1260

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific #4508

Chicago & North Western 4162

Peavey Grain #4162

Frontier Coop #4162 (@ Silver Creek, NE – pictured above)

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