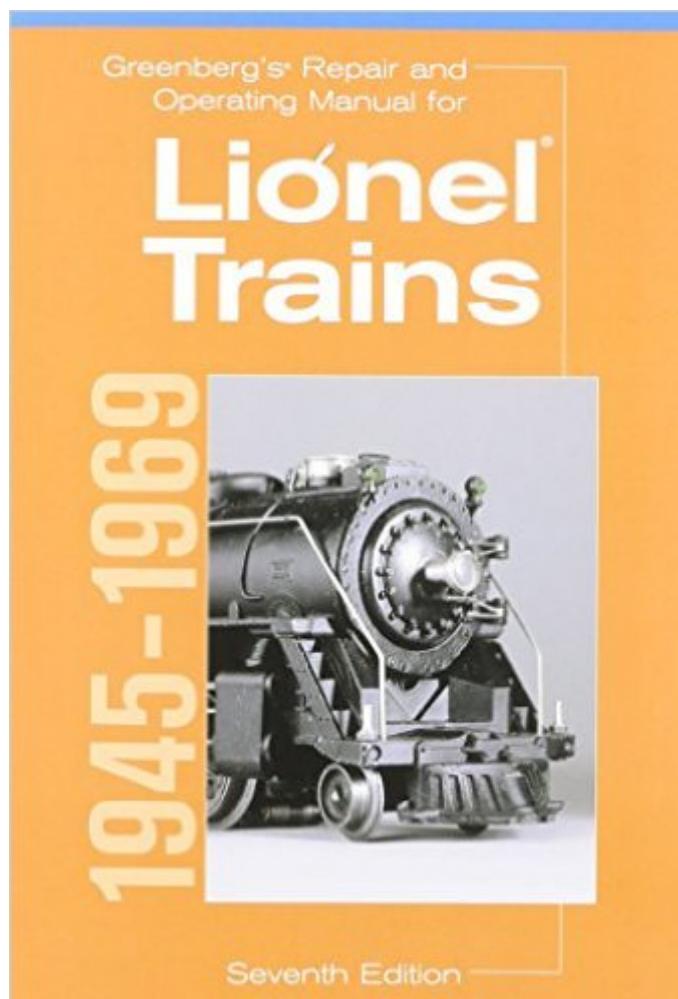


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Customer Reviews

This book has become one of my standard references for repair, restoration and operation. It is easy to understand, has great diagrams, and covers most Lionel pieces for this period. It is also valuable as a reference for operating those pieces with missing instructions! I highly recommend this book to anyone from beginner to pro with an interest in old Lionel.

I have many of the original Lionel service notes included in this book. The original service notes were printed on 8.5 by 11 inch paper; these originals lack the clarity which is standard for today's printing technology. Take the "not so crisp" originals, reduce them in size to 6.03 inches by 8.42 inches (this is the size of the book) and it becomes a chore to read the book without a magnifying glass, and even then some of the numbers (identifying the parts) can't be read. The sad thing is the author has done a good job in correcting and updating the material, but the publisher went the cheap, cheap, cheap route. If you must buy, be sure to include a magnifying glass!

If you own and/or operate postwar Lionel trains this book is a must have. It is the postwar Lionel bible with exploded views, wiring schematics, part numbers, and repair tips. Yes, you will need reading glasses the print is extra small.

I recently purchased this book and highly recommend it to anyone interested in collecting Post War Lionel. It has already saved me at least ten times what I paid for it in repair costs. I am thirty-five years old and have never owned a "new" train. I operate all of my father and uncle's old Lionel trains. Most of the accessories I own are Post War era and were purchased at train shows or as used items at local train stores. The older stuff just seems to have more character. That being said, they do not always operate as effectively as possible. Since I bought this book I have repaired a 342 culvert loader, two semaphores, a 140 banjo signal, a 252 crossing gate, and a 221 steam engine. I am by no means a train repair specialist, but this book made doing repairs much easier. The book provides exploded views of almost everything Lionel built from 1945-1969. It also provides parts numbers (as well as original prices for those parts), and explanations for how each item works as well as trouble shooting tips for most items. Although the print is small it is still clearly readable for me. This book has been a great resource and has allowed me to buy items in fair or poor condition (at a fraction of the cost of something new) and refurbish it to something that looks good and works very well.

This is a conveniently sized book that anyone interested in repair, maintenance, and operation of Postwar Lionel Trains will find very useful. It has exploded diagrams listing original part numbers along with trouble shooting and repair information found in Lionel's original service station manuals. A great reference work for anyone maintaining Lionel trains.

I would highly recommend this book - even if at times you may need a magnifier to read all the details. Here is the Low Down on The Book:

- 1) Reproduced Original diagrams, operating instructions and repair instructions for just about every Lionel Train and Accessory during the period listed.
- 2) Part Numbers are clearly listed to make internet searches easier.
- 3) Easy to read index to find the model you are looking for.
- 4) Tracking down and purchasing the material would cost much more than the price of this book. You will find yourself either carrying this book around or opening it each time you work on your train set.

This is a book of basically original reproductions of Lionel material, so remember they will be dated and not as user friendly as material produced today. This is a must have for your bookshelf if you are seriously considering repairing or maintaining your collection. Here

is a link to Maintenance DVD that I purchases and reviewed: Maintenance & Repair Guide for Lionel Electric Trains & Accessories Modern Toy Train Repair & Maintenance (Classic Toy Trains Books)

Content of the book seems to be scanned owner operating instructions and service manual pages. Much of the text was either so small in font size or such poor quality of print that it was necessary to scan and enlarge pages of interest. I was very tempted to return the book. In the future I will not be purchasing books from this publisher.

This book contains a lot of useful information. It did provide the information I was seeking to repair a couple of old locomotives. But, the book is very poorly indexed, it contains many references to Section titles that I don't think exist, and many of the diagrams look like third generation copies, making it hard to see any detail. Having said that, refer back to the first sentence. It was worth the cost to me and probably would be to you as well.

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