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Prototype: German Federal Railroad (DB) class 218 general-purpose locomotive. Diesel hydraulic locomotive with electric train heating. Version in a pure orange / light gray paint scheme as the "City-Bahn" locomotive on the route Cologne – Gummersbach.

Model: The locomotive has an mfx digital decoder and a sound generator. It also has controlled Softdrive Sine high-efficiency propulsion and a compact design maintenance-free motor. 4 axles powered by means of cardan shafts. Traction tires. The headlights are maintenance-free warm white LEDs, they will work in conventional operation, and can be controlled digitally. The locomotive has separately applied metal grab irons on the sides and ends. It also has detailed buffer beams.

Already sold out at the factory.

Dimensions: Length over the buffers 18.9 cm / 7-7/16 inches.

City-Bahn. Branch lines have always been problem children for the German railroad. In 1984, the German Federal Railroad took a new approach to increase the attractiveness of service on little used routes. The project went under the name City-Bahn and initially one route for selected for this service: Cologne – Gummersbach. Silberlinge / Silver Coins commuter cars were used as rolling stock and were rebuilt to the latest standard at that time. A train café was set up in one of the cars and the exterior of these trains was borrowed from the paint scheme for the S-Bahn in the Rhine/Ruhr area. The paint scheme for the locomotives was adapted to that of the trains in order to achieve a high level of recognition for the City-Bahn product. Class 218 diesels were used on the route Cologne – Gummersbach. The railroad was able to register a clear increase in passengers thanks to the City-Bahn, and this increase was the result of the dense service at regular intervals. Without a doubt the City-Bahn concept kept rail service alive on routes threatened with abandonment until it was replaced by its successor, the Stadt-Express or as we would say City-Express.