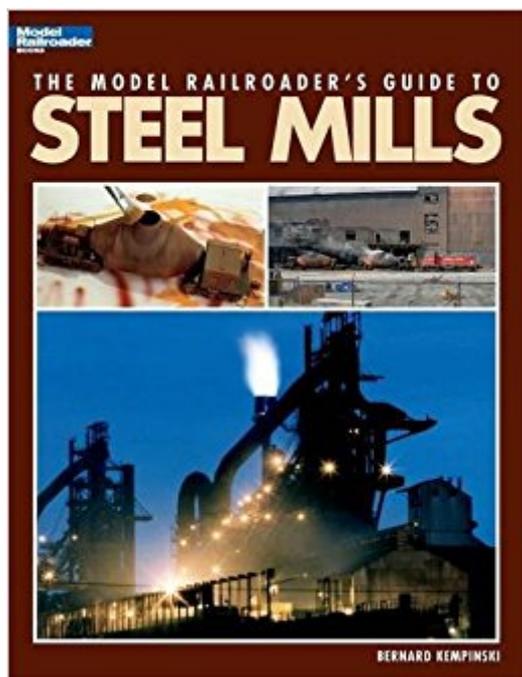


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# The Model Railroader's Guide To Steel Mills



## Synopsis

The Model Railroader's Guide to Steel Mills makes modeling this archetypical American industry possible for the average modeler. Author and expert Bernard Kempinski explains the industrial process and the massive complex built around steel production. The reader will better understand how to create a realistic mill area and set up its rail operations. Chapters are included for steelmaking, steel mill railroads, steel mill track planning, and modeling tips.

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Having bought the Walthers/Cornerstone Steel Mill kits some years ago and the Walthers book, I was a little disappointed under the impression that the book contained little information on the accompanying model kit. Years later a new book: "Steel Mills" now has appeared and I was surprised at how detailed yet easy to understand everything is explained here. Unfortunately I will have to alter some of my buildings on my layout as now for the first time I actually understand what exactly they do and how. There are many track plans included for all sizes of layouts and many photos of the actual kits and how to arrange them, as well as drawings of the buildings showing their functionality. To me this is the perfect mix between information about the prototype, and how to model it using the Walthers kits. If you buy the models you should buy this book.

Great book. Shows everything you need to do to make a wonderful portrayal of a steel mill complex on your MR. Or diorama. This book saved me an incredible amount of money. How? By showing me that my room for what I wanted to do was much too small! If I had not purchased this book -- just

started buying materials, etc. I would have wound up with a lot of stuff in a closet. Now, I can negotiate a proper space in the garage or ... and show my wife why I need it. Since she likes my hobby efforts so far -- it may be possible. Then, I can use this great book to build it! In the meantime it is a great read. Explains a whole lot of "good stuff" about steel mills. If your steel mill is "off layout" allows a creative mind to envision many mill support ideas/possibilities to on layout. N scale will take 6' x 4' for a small modern mill, an older style would be a bit smaller. A 10' by 5' would give you a nice model in N scale. However, you could go all out just doing a mill complex that would be a whole large bedroom project. There are more kit materials in HO scale. But it will take a whole lot of room. If you are interested in a steel mill model or even to arm chair it, buy it!

Great detail and a great launching off point if you have no understanding of the steel making process past or present. Gives a nice, short and sweet historical account of steel and its relevance to railroads and serves as a great springboard into researching more in depth modelling ideas.

Bernard Kempinski's *MODEL RAILROADER'S GUIDE TO STEEL MILLS* tells how to add a realistic steel mill to a model railroad layout, showing how to model a steel mill operation, plan a layout in HO and N scales, and more. The focus is on ironmaking and steelmaking processes and includes mill structures, supporting railroads, track planning ideas, and building techniques. Any rail hobbyist will welcome this.

An excellent aid for anyone contemplating building a steel mill on their layout. Gives a lot of background on steel mills, perhaps could have done with a few more track plans and mill arrangements, but lots of photos and information. Recommend !

Well written, concise, profusely illustrated. Excellent source of information on steel mills. For someone interested in heavy-duty operations oriented model railroading, an invaluable source.

If you are considering building a model railroad layout in which the steel industry plays a major or important part, you will find this book a fabulous mine of information.

Best book yet from MR. It is very informative so you understand what you are modelling and it has a very nice set of layout plan examples. I hope they make more industrial books like this.

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