

Billard A80D diesel railcar for Morvallon diorama (Ted Polet)

The 'Joffre' steam locomotive based on a Decauville, which for years has worked the H0 scale diorama Morvallon by Anneke Boelens in our museum, was recently retired. It was running on its third chassis and must have covered dozens of real kilometers during his five-year service. It is now standing in the loop of the station looking pretty heading a short train, after its successor took over the service.

The successor is a scale model of a Billard A80D diesel engine car, of which dozens have worked on French narrow railways. I painted a plastic body shell, detailed it and mounted it on a Japanese chassis, which I expect is better able to cope with the strenuous duty in the museum diorama. The Billard was commissioned on Saturday before Easter.

Materials used: Mougél superstructure with some plastic scrap for details, Tomytec chassis. The model runs like a charm.



