**Kato 106-0018**

# Kato N Scale Santa Fe Super Chief Starter Set

Model: 106-0018 | Brand: Kato

## Introduction

Welcome to the world of N Scale model railroading with your new Kato Santa Fe Super Chief Starter Set. This set provides a complete and easy-to-assemble railway experience, perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike. Featuring Kato's reliable UNITRACK system, you can quickly set up an oval layout and begin operating your train. The modular design allows for future expansion, enabling you to create more complex and personalized layouts.
This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your model train set to ensure years of enjoyment.

## Package Contents

Your Kato N Scale Santa Fe Super Chief Starter Set includes the following components:

- 1 x EMD F7A Santa Fe Warbonnet Locomotive
- 3 x Super Chief Corrugated Passenger Cars
- Kato UNITRACK Oval (approximately 4'x3' or 1337mm x 677mm)
- 1 x Kato 12V Power Pack
- 1 x Re-railer Tool
- Instruction Manual (this document)

## Setup Instructions

1. **Prepare the Surface:** Choose a flat, stable surface for your layout. Ensure there is enough space for the 4'x3' (1337mm x 677mm) oval track.
2. **Assemble the UNITRACK:**

   Kato UNITRACK features a snap-together design for easy assembly. Carefully align the track sections and press them firmly together until they click into place. Ensure all connections are secure to prevent derailments and ensure proper electrical contact.




*Image: The Kato N Scale Santa Fe Super Chief train set assembled on an oval track.*

3. **Connect the Power Pack:** Locate the feeder track section (a track piece with wires attached). Connect the wires from the Kato 12V Power Pack to the terminals on the feeder track. Plug the power pack into a standard electrical outlet.
4. **Place the Train on the Track:** Carefully place the locomotive and passenger cars onto the track. Use the included re-railer tool to assist in aligning the wheels with the rails. Ensure all wheels are properly seated on the track.

## Operating Instructions

1. **Power On:** Ensure the power pack is plugged in and the train is correctly placed on the track.
2. **Control Speed and Direction:**

   The Kato 12V Power Pack features a rotary knob for speed control and a switch for direction. Turn the knob clockwise to increase speed and counter-clockwise to decrease speed. Use the direction switch to change the train's travel direction (forward or reverse).




*Image: A typical model train power controller, similar to the one included in your set.*

3. **Headlight Operation:** The EMD F7A Santa Fe Warbonnet locomotive is equipped with an operating headlight that illuminates when the train is in motion.
4. **Stopping the Train:** To stop the train, turn the speed control knob counter-clockwise until the train comes to a complete halt. You can then switch off the power pack if desired.

## Maintenance

- **Track Cleaning:** Regularly clean the track rails with a soft, lint-free cloth to remove dust and debris. For stubborn grime, use a specialized track cleaning fluid. Clean tracks ensure optimal electrical contact and smooth operation.
- **Wheel Cleaning:** Periodically inspect and clean the wheels of your locomotive and cars. Dirt and lint can accumulate on the wheels, affecting performance. Use a cotton swab dampened with track cleaner to gently clean the wheel treads.
- **Lubrication:** Refer to the specific locomotive manual for lubrication points and recommended lubricants. Over-lubrication can attract dust and hinder performance.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store your train set in a clean, dry, and dust-free environment. Keep components in their original packaging or in protective cases to prevent damage.

## Troubleshooting

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| Train does not move. | Power pack not plugged in or turned on.<br>Loose track connections.<br>Dirty track or wheels.<br>Train not properly on track. | Ensure power pack is connected and switched on.<br>Check all track sections for secure connections.<br>Clean track rails and train wheels.<br>Use re-railer to properly seat the train on the track. |
| Train derails frequently. | Improperly connected track sections.<br>Train moving too fast on curves.<br>Obstruction on track. | Verify all track connections are flush and secure.<br>Reduce train speed, especially on curves.<br>Clear any objects from the track. |
| Locomotive headlight not working. | Train is stationary.<br>Dirty track or wheels preventing electrical contact. | Headlight operates only when the train is moving.<br>Clean track rails and locomotive wheels. |

## Specifications

- **Brand:** Kato
- **Model Number:** 106-0018
- **Set Name:** Santa Fe Super Chief
- **Scale:** N Scale
- **Rail Gauge:** 9mm (Narrow Gauge)
- **Track Layout:** 4'x3' (1337mm x 677mm) Oval UNITRACK
- **Locomotive:** EMD F7A Santa Fe Warbonnet
- **Rolling Stock:** 3 x Super Chief Corrugated Passenger Cars
- **Power Source:** Corded Electric (Kato 12V Power Pack)
- **Control Method:** Wired Controller, Manual Operation
- **Materials:** Metal, Plastic
- **Assembly:** Required
- **Origin:** Made in Japan

## Warranty and Support

This Kato N Scale Santa Fe Super Chief Starter Set is covered by a**60-day warranty against manufacturer defects**. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or further inquiries, please contact Kato customer support. Visit the official Kato USA website for contact information and additional resources.

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