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Model: KAT-K101658

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Thank you for purchasing the Kato TGV Thalys PBKA 10-Car N-Scale Model Train Set. This highly detailed model replicates the renowned European high-speed train, the Thalys PBKA, which operates routes connecting Paris, Brussels, Cologne, and Amsterdam. Unlike the PBK model, the PBKA features a distinctive rounded locomotive design. This model represents the current paint scheme introduced in 2016, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Thalys service. The set is designed with connectable couplers, allowing for combination with other compatible Kato TGV sets, such as the PBA or another PBKA, to recreate realistic train formations.



Image 1.1: The Kato TGV Thalys PBKA 10-Car N-Scale Model Train Set, showcasing its distinctive red and silver livery and rounded locomotive design.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- This product is a precision model and contains small parts. It is not suitable for children under 14 years of age.
- Always handle the model train with care to avoid damage to delicate components.
- Ensure that the power supply used for the model railway is appropriate for N-scale trains and meets all safety standards.
- Keep fingers and loose clothing away from moving parts during operation.

- Do not immerse the train or its electrical components in water or expose them to excessive moisture.
- Unplug the power supply before performing any maintenance or adjustments to the train or track.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Your Kato TGV Thalys PBKA set includes the following components:

- 10-Car TGV Thalys PBKA Train Set (consisting of two power cars and eight passenger coaches)
- Instruction Manual

Please inspect all contents upon opening the package to ensure everything is present and undamaged. If any items are missing or damaged, please contact your retailer or Kato customer support.

4. SETUP

4.1 Track Preparation

- Ensure your N-scale track is clean and free of dust, debris, or oil. Use a track cleaning tool or a soft, lint-free cloth with a small amount of track cleaning fluid.
- Assemble your track layout on a flat, stable surface. Ensure all track sections are securely connected and form a continuous electrical circuit.
- Connect your N-scale power pack to the track according to the power pack's instructions.

4.2 Placing the Train on the Track

- Carefully place each car of the 10-car set onto the track, ensuring all wheels are properly seated on the rails.
- Start with one power car, then connect the passenger coaches in the correct sequence, followed by the second power car. Refer to diagrams if provided with the physical product for the exact car order.
- The Thalys PBKA set features connectable couplers. Gently push the cars together until the couplers engage. Ensure a secure connection for reliable operation.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Basic Operation

- Once the train is on the track and the power pack is connected, slowly increase the throttle on your power pack. The train should begin to move smoothly.
- Adjust the throttle to control the speed of the train. Avoid sudden changes in speed, especially at high settings, to prevent derailments.
- Use the direction switch on your power pack to change the direction of travel. It is recommended to bring the train to a complete stop before reversing direction.

5.2 Lighting Functions

- The power cars are equipped with directional headlights and taillights. These lights will illuminate automatically based on the direction of travel.
- Some models may feature interior lighting in the passenger coaches. This lighting typically activates when power is supplied to the track.

5.3 Coupling and Uncoupling

- The Thalys PBKA set uses specific couplers designed for close coupling and reliable connection.

- To couple cars, gently push them together until the couplers click into place.
- To uncouple, carefully pull the cars apart. Avoid excessive force to prevent damage to the couplers or car bodies.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning Wheels and Track

- Regularly clean the wheels of your train cars and the track to ensure optimal electrical contact and smooth operation.
- Use a soft, lint-free cloth or a specialized track cleaning tool. For stubborn dirt, a small amount of N-scale compatible track cleaning fluid can be used.
- To clean wheels, gently hold the car upside down and use a cotton swab dampened with cleaning fluid to wipe the wheel treads.

6.2 Lubrication

- Periodically, the moving parts of the power cars (e.g., gears, axles) may require a very small amount of specialized model train lubricant.
- Apply lubricant sparingly with a toothpick or fine applicator. Avoid over-lubrication, as this can attract dust and hinder performance. Refer to specific Kato maintenance guides for detailed lubrication points if available.

6.3 Storage

- When not in use, store your model train set in its original packaging or a dedicated storage case to protect it from dust, light, and physical damage.
- Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperature fluctuations.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

7.1 Train Not Moving

- **Check Power Supply:** Ensure the power pack is plugged in and turned on, and that the track feeders are securely connected to the track.
- **Check Track Continuity:** Verify all track sections are properly joined and that there are no breaks in the electrical circuit.
- **Clean Wheels and Track:** Dirt or oil on wheels or track can prevent electrical contact. Refer to Section 6.1 for cleaning instructions.
- **Check for Derailments:** Even a slight derailment can cut power to the train. Ensure all wheels are on the rails.

7.2 Derailments

- **Track Alignment:** Ensure all track joints are smooth and perfectly aligned.
- **Speed:** Reduce speed, especially on curves and turnouts.
- **Coupling:** Verify that all cars are properly coupled and not binding.
- **Obstructions:** Check for any foreign objects on the track.

7.3 Lights Not Working

- **Power Supply:** Ensure the train is receiving power from the track.
- **Direction:** Directional lights only illuminate in the direction of travel.
- **Bulb/LED Failure:** In rare cases, a bulb or LED may have failed. Contact Kato support for replacement options.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kato
Model Number	KAT-K101658
ASIN	B08XZS4117
Scale	N Scale
Train Configuration	10-Car Set (2 Power Cars, 8 Passenger Coaches)
Prototype	TGV Thalys PBKA High-Speed Train
Color	Red

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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