





#### EMD SD38-2 (50-54)

In the year 2000, the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad acquired a fleet of eleven SD40T-3 locomotives which were essentially remanufactured SD45T-2's. Once the rebuilt units became operational, the Bessemer found itself with a locomotive surplus. While many of the B&LE's older first generation units were retired, a group of five EMD SD38-2's were transferred to the Union Railroad. B&LE engines 870, 872, 876, 879, and 890 arrived on the URR in August 2000. The 2,000 horsepower units had their class lights

removed and they were renumbered 50-54 before entering service. The Bessemer logo under the cab window was painted over and a decal of the Union Railroad logo replaced it. The SD38-2's were placed into service on the URR on September 2, 2000. They are the largest and most powerful diesels ever owned by the Union. The 52, 53 and 50 are pictured outside the Hall Shops one week before they entered revenue service on the URR.

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