

Conrail Cyclopedia

MT-6 Slug: Comprehensive Locomotive Rosters

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When Conrail took over operations back in 1976, they retired many of the first generation diesels that had been in hump duty, leading to a major shortage of those engines. In 1978 and 1979, Conrail decided to construct a fleet of slugs using worn-out Alco RS-11, RSD12, and RSD-15 units. Conrail removed the diesel engine, generator, and cab from the original units. The underframe, trucks, traction motors, and blowers remained. The hoods were chopped down and patched up. Details of individual slugs varied depending on the original unit and what the shops had on hand. As a result, the former-RSD15 MT-6's

are slightly longer than other units due to the longer RSD-15 frame. Those slugs that came from six-axle Alcos became classed as MT-6's (Motor Trailer 6-axle). Conrail began rebuilding their MT-6 slugs around 1988. The original 3-axle Alco trucks were replaced with EMD trucks from retired SD7's and SD9's.

Back in 1975 Penn Central in their DeWitt shops did create one six-axle slug from an RSD-5 carbody with portions of an RS-1 hood. Created from PRR 8450 and numbered as PC 9949. In 1976 Conrail renumbered this as CR 6849 and paired it with an "AEH12" also numbered 6849, which was an RSD-15 that had been repowered with a 12-cylinder EMD 567 prime mover, producing only 1,200hp spread across 12 traction motors. In 1979 the mother and slug were set aside and renumbered around December that year as 6899. The units were retired on January 30, 1980 and then sold to NI&M scrappers. (X2200S #72, p24) By May 31, 1999, all 29 MT-6's remained in active duty. These units were transferred to CSX and Norfolk Southern on June 1, 1999. The other units had been sold to other railroads or scrapped.

Unit #	Reblt	Former	Prior	Previous	Previous	Removed	Fist Disposition	#
CR 1100	06/78	CR 6874	PC 6874	PRR 6874	PRR 8674	05/31/99	to NS 1100	(1)
CR 1101	08/78	CR 6873	PC 6873	PRR 6873	PRR 8673	05/31/99	to NS 1101	
CR 1102	08/78	CR 6872	PC 6872	PRR 6872	PRR 8672	05/31/99	to CSX 1006	
CR 1103	09/78	CR 6864	PC 6864	PRR 6864	PRR 8664	05/31/99	to NS 1102	
CR 1104	09/78	CR 6865	PC 6865	PRR 6865	PRR 8665	05/31/99	to CSX 1007	
CR 1105	10/78	CR 6878	PC 6878	PRR 6878	PRR 8678	05/31/99	to NS 1103	
CR 1106	10/78	CR 6868	PC 6868	PRR 6868	PRR 8668	05/31/99	to CSX 1008	
CR 1107	11/78	CR 6869	PC 6869	PRR 6869	PRR 8669	05/31/99	to NS 1104	
CR 1108	11/78	CR 6863	PC 6863	PRR 6863	PRR 8663	05/31/99	to NS 1105	
CR 1109	11/78	CR 6866	PC 6866	PRR 6866	PRR 8666	05/31/99	to CSX 1009	
CR 1110	12/78	CR 6867	PC 6867	PRR 6867	PRR 8667	05/31/99	to NS 1106	
CR 1111	12/78	CR 6875	PC 6875	PRR 6875	PRR 8675	05/31/99	to NS 1107	
CR 1112	12/78	CR 6876	PC 6876	PRR 6876	PRR 8676	05/31/99	to CSX 1010	
CR 1113	01/79	CR 6870	PC 6870	PRR 6870	PRR 8670	05/31/99	to CSX 1011	
CR 1114	01/79	CR 6871	PC 6871	PRR 6871	PRR 8671	05/31/99	to CSX 1012	
CR 1115	01/79	CR 6860	PC 6860	PRR 6860	PRR 8660	05/31/99	to CSX 1013	
CR 1116	02/79	CR 6862	PC 6862	PRR 6862	PRR 8662	05/31/99	to CSX 1014	
CR 1117	02/79	CR 6859	PC 6859	PRR 6859	PRR 8659	05/31/99	to NS 1108	
CR 1118	02/79	CR 6858	PC 6858	PRR 6858	PRR 8658	05/31/99	to CSX 1015	
CR 1119	05/79	CR 6857	PC 6857	PRR 6857	PRR 8657	05/31/99	to NS 1109	
CR 1120	09/79	CR 6879	PC 6879	PRR 6879	PRR 8679	05/31/99	to NS 1110	
CR 1121	08/79	CR 6861	PC 6861	PRR 6861	PRR 8661	05/31/99	to CSX 1016	
CR 1122	07/79	CR 6877	PC 6877	PRR 6877	PRR 8677	05/31/99	to NS 1111	
CR 1123	06/79	CR 6855	PC 6855	PRR 6855	PRR 8655	05/31/99	to NS 1112	
CR 1124	04/79	CR 6856	PC 6856	PRR 6856	PRR 8656	05/31/99	to NS 1113	
CR 1125	12/79	CR 6812	PC 6812	PRR 6812	PRR 8612	05/31/99	to NS 1114	
CR 1126	10/79	CR 6816	PC 6816	PRR 6816	PRR 8616	05/31/99	to NS 1115	
CR 1127	12/79	CR 6814	PC 6814	PRR 6814	PRR 8614	05/31/99	to CSX 1017	
CR 1128	10/79	CR 6813	PC 6813	PRR 6813	PRR 8613	05/31/99	to CSX 1018	

Notes:

1. For a brief time, CR 1100 was originally numbered CR 6820.