

## 5 Tips To Buy Antique Lionel Trains Online - Old Lionel Train Prices

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Model trains have come a long way since the days when they were wind up toys with mechanisms like a clock. Thanks to plastic that allows a more realistic look than metal, model trains have grown by leaps and bounds, and have spawned garden railway, and model train clubs all over the world.

However, what if you liked what you saw in a picture, or were looking for a new kind of hobby to get into and you went on the internet to find out more? It can be a daunting task, first, because there is so much variety available out there now, and secondly, whom do you buy from?

A very good place to start is by finding a model train club that is near to you. Networking is the best way to get started - all you have to do is show an interest by going to a club and asking questions and they are usually more than delighted to show you the whole new world of model trains.

Actually, a club is about the best thing to do, because when you want to buy they will steer you in the direction of a reputable dealer who keeps his client base because he has integrity. Someone who knows will be only too happy to help you through the maze that's out there on the internet. A good guideline is to go where the pro's go.

If you don't think you are ready to join a club just yet because you feel uncomfortable for some reason, you will find that you can go on the internet and join chat groups of fellow enthusiasts who will be only too happy to help. They will steer you in the right direction as far as what to get to start with, what brand to buy and who best to buy it from. This way you can get a good introduction into model trains.

The best way to spot a good dealer is to use your instinct - go with your gut. Don't go with the "Johnny hustle" artist who is out to sell you the most expensive thing he can for commissions. The professional asks questions about what kind of project you have in mind, whether it be large or small, for your self or your child, and what kind of budget you have.

This is just a guideline to buying a model train on the internet, so give it a try - you'll be chugging along in no time! You have many hours of enjoyment ahead of you.

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