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# **Gilbert American Flyer S Gauge Operating Repair Guide Volume 2 Gilbert American Flyer S Gauge Operating And Repair Guide**

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2013

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A.C. Gilbert S-Gauge  
armatures and fields. Full-  
color reference manual***

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**supporting component  
recognition, troubleshooting  
(expected values), and  
specifications for  
rebuilding/rewinding those  
components. Contains unique  
material obtained from  
original A.C.Gilbert factory  
Bills of Materials.**

***In November 1940, 44 young  
military cadets graduated  
from the first Army Air Corps  
Navigational Class at Miami  
University in Coral Gables,  
Florida. The cadets came from  
all parts of the United States-  
from the urban areas of the  
East Coast, westward to the  
Appalachian Mountains, to  
the Midwest and prairie  
states, to the Rocky  
Mountains, and the West***

***Coast. These young men came from the inner cities, the farmlands, the mountains, and coastal regions, and they were all volunteers. Most were college-educated and in the prime of life. World War II was raging in Europe and it was becoming increasingly difficult for the United States to remain neutral. A few farsighted men in our small Army Air Corps saw the essential requirement for trained celestial navigators in our military aircraft. The instructor for this navigational class was a 34-year-old high school dropout by the name of Charles J. Lunn. Charlie Lunn had first learned the art of***

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**celestial navigation aboard  
freighter ships in the  
Caribbean and later as the  
navigator aboard Pan**

**American Airline planes flying  
to Europe and Asia. This book  
was written by one of those  
young navigators, Edgar D.  
Whitcomb, from Hayden,  
Indiana. Ed Whitcomb tells  
about these young comrades-  
in-arms and draws vivid word  
portraits of them as we learn  
of their assignments to Air  
Corps units. We learn how  
they survived and how some  
died in World War II. We  
learn about Ed's own pre-  
Pearl Harbor assignment with  
the 19th Bombardment Group  
at Clark Field in the  
Philippines and the**

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unfortunate, and perhaps  
American Flyer S Gauge  
inexcusable, decision not to  
deploy our B-17 Flying

Fortress bombers immediately  
after the attack on Pearl  
Harbor resulting in the loss of  
40 percent of those aircraft as  
they sat parked at Clark Field  
when the Japanese destroyed  
that vital military air base on  
the afternoon of 8 December  
1941. Charles J. Mott,  
Colonel, USAR, Retired

This is a completely revised  
book. Please consider this and  
not the earlier 3rd Edition.  
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the information of the highly  
reviewed 3rd Edition. - Tom  
Barker Over the past six years  
I have provided the 3rd  
Editions of my Gilbert



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***American Flyer Operating and  
Repair Guide books. Both  
Volume 1 and Volume 2 have  
been declared excellent  
helpers for those engaged in  
the repair and operation of  
these fine trains. More and  
more new AF enthusiasts are  
joining the thousands of  
experienced Gilbert American  
Flyer operators and collectors  
as evidenced by the growing  
numbers in the Facebook  
Groups. In conjunction with  
these groups I have  
discovered many new ideas  
that have been lingering  
around regarding the repair  
and operation of these fine  
trains and accessories. Some  
topics are common ideas and  
are just sitting around in the***

**ordinary vernacular (like  
using a hair dryer to flex  
balky plastic engine shells).**

**Neophytes need to have a  
reference beyond my original  
Guides to document many of  
these "everybody knows" AF  
topics. My second Volume  
approached that goal, but  
there are still many more  
ideas to expand the newbies'  
knowledge. The Second  
Volume also had an extensive  
Index for quick reference to  
the many topics in both  
books. Now, in a vastly  
enlarged 4th Edition, I have  
incorporated and expanded all  
the topics of Volume 1 and  
Volume 2, added an additional  
100 pages of new topics  
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***pictorial wiring diagrams, a  
huge chapter on accessories,  
and a reorganization of the  
book that guides the reader  
into the philosophy of AF  
repair. Plus a complete Index  
to all topics. The cost of  
producing a book like this  
(even in the age of print on  
demand) is especially high for  
color. Therefore, I am offering  
both a black and white version  
at a reasonable price of  
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for \$56.95. (Color printing is  
5 times the cost of B&W). The  
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by 10 inch format that fits  
easily on a workbench. It has  
a wider center space so the  
information does not get lost  
in the crease between facing***

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***How do otherwise considerate  
human beings do cruel things  
and still live in peace with  
themselves? Drawing on his  
agentic theory, Dr. Bandura  
provides a definitive  
exposition of the psychosocial  
mechanism by which people  
selectively disengage their  
moral self-sanctions from  
their harmful conduct. They  
do so by sanctifying their  
harmful behavior as serving  
worthy causes; they absolve  
themselves of blame for the  
harm they cause by  
displacement and diffusion of  
responsibility; they minimize  
or deny the harmful effects of***

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***their actions; and they dehumanize those they maltreat and blame them for bringing the suffering on themselves. Dr. Bandura's theory of moral disengagement is uniquely broad in scope. Theories of morality focus almost exclusively at the individual level. He insightfully extends the disengagement of morality to the social-system level through which wide-spread inhumanities are perpetrated. In so doing, he offers enlightening new perspectives on some of the most provocative issues of our time, addressing: Moral disengagement in all aspects of the death penalty—from***

***public policy debates, to jury decisions, to the processes of execution The social and moral justifications of major industries—including gun manufacturers, the entertainment industry, tobacco companies, and the world of "too big to fail" finance Moral disengagement in terrorism, and how terrorists rationalize the use of violence as a means of social change Climate change denial, and the strenuous efforts by some to dispute the overwhelming scientific consensus affirming the impact of human behavior on the environment "Al Bandura is the most cited individual in the history of psychology for***

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disengagement—morality  
tales for all time, illuminated  
by the psychology of how  
people do harm to themselves  
and others."-- Susan T. Fiske,  
Psychology and Public Affairs,  
Princeton University 'If you  
have wondered why good  
people do bad things, and  
even terrible and horrible  
things, then this is the only  
book you ever will have to  
read." ----Robert J. Sternberg,  
Professor of Human  
Development, Cornell  
University "Dr. Albert  
Bandura is one of the great  
behavioral scientists of our  
time. His superb  
contributions include a deep  
analysis of human morality,**



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**its fundamental importance  
and the complexity of its  
development." ---David A.**

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Cornell Medical College;**

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look at the variations  
of the O gauge windup CV  
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by Louis Marx & Company  
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original examples,  
experienced collectors  
and period  
advertisements are  
combined with full color  
pictures to illustrate  
the details of the

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accurate, current market  
values for American  
Flyer S gauge trains and  
accessories manufactured  
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manufacturers like  
American Models and MTH.  
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source of pricing  
information.

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years to become one of  
the most popular and  
enduring construction  
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like American Models and MTH.  
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repair and maintain American Flyer  
S gauge trains and accessories. Easy-  
to-follow diagnostic guide includes  
detailed photos, diagrams, and parts  
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duplicating parts. By Thomas B.  
Barker. 8 1/2 x 11; 80 pgs.; 129 illus.;  
softcover.*

*American Flyer S Gauge*

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Corps, traces the evolution of the  
corps from the appointment of  
the first signal officer on the eve  
of the Civil War, through its  
stages of growth and change, to  
its service in Operation DESERT  
SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Raines  
highlights not only the  
increasingly specialized nature  
of warfare and the rise of  
sophisticated communications  
technology, but also such  
diverse missions as weather  
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form of superior  
communications is considered to  
be sine qua non to modern

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York Times 10 Best Books of  
2021 A Time 10 Best  
Nonfiction Books of 2021  
Named a Best Book of 2021 by  
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Washington Post, The Boston  
Globe, The Economist,  
Smithsonian, Esquire,  
Entropy, The Christian  
Science Monitor, WBEZ's  
Nerdette Podcast, TeenVogue,  
GoodReads, SheReads,  
BookPage, Publishers Weekly,  
Kirkus, Fathom Magazine, the  
New York Public Library, and**

***the Chicago Public Library  
One of GQ's 50 Best Books of  
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Century Longlisted for the  
National Book Award Los  
Angeles Times, Best  
Nonfiction Gift One of  
President Obama's Favorite  
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#1 New York Times bestseller  
examines the legacy of slavery  
in America—and how both  
history and memory continue  
to shape our everyday lives.  
Beginning in his hometown of  
New Orleans, Clint Smith leads  
the reader on an unforgettable  
tour of monuments and  
landmarks—those that are***

***honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation's collective history, and ourselves. It is the story of the Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the estate where Thomas Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty while enslaving more than four hundred people. It is the story of the Whitney Plantation, one of the only former plantations devoted to preserving the experience of the enslaved people whose lives and work***

***sustained it. It is the story of Angola, a former plantation-turned-maximum-security prison in Louisiana that is filled with Black men who work across the 18,000-acre land for virtually no pay. And it is the story of Blandford Cemetery, the final resting place of tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers. A deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of American history, How the Word Is Passed illustrates how some of our country's most essential stories are hidden in plain***

***view—whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods like downtown Manhattan, where the brutal history of the trade in enslaved men, women, and children has been deeply imprinted. Informed by scholarship and brought to life by the story of people living today, Smith's debut work of nonfiction is a landmark of reflection and insight that offers a new understanding of the hopeful role that memory and history can play in making sense of our country and how***



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thrilled with this first-ever,  
gloriously illustrated guide to  
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than 200 photos and  
illustrations, starting with the  
very first pre-1920s trains,  
from the engine to the  
caboose, along with the  
individuals who designed and  
built them, the stores that sold  
them, and the most intriguing  
tabletop train displays. For***

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***The Marx Mechanical***

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Including Storytown,  
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***Plasticville***

Following responses from numerous discussions/arguments with (mostly older) "train guys" as to whether American Flyer trains had two or three rail track, it seemed some clarification was in order. It also appeared that, while the post-war "S" gauge two-rail period is quite well covered, there is very little information still in print on their immediate ancestors. The purpose of this little guide is to present, to the people who are unaware of their

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existence, the three-rail "Tru-Model" toy trains of the A. C. Gilbert Company, of New Haven CT, which were introduced at the 1939 New York World's Fair, and which were produced until the war-imposed shutdown of non-essential manufacturing, in July 1942. Dimensions and color schemes are provided, throughout the work. Wheel arrangements follow the Whyte system of course. Lengths given exclude couplers. Locomotive lengths given include the proper tender. At LEAST one large color photo is included for EACH distinct item, and EVERY set is illustrated in catalog format, in

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color! Captions are self-explanatory. All (220+) photographs were taken by the author, of specimens from his personal collection, unless specifically credited otherwise. While an attempt was made to show 'better-grade, collectible' specimens, the cars are representative of vintage TOYS, and are not intended to represent the pristine, mint-in-the-box, items available to only a very wealthy few. It should be noted that when Gilbert brought American Flyer in 1938 there was a substantial amount of salable (but non-scale) "Chicago" inventory on hand. Prior to that

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time, most toy trains, in general, were quite unrealistic in appearance, particularly car length. If you wanted more realism, you had but one choice - build from scratch! This guide does NOT cover ANY of that pre-1940 "Chicago Flyer" material! The 1939 American Flyer catalog first introduced the die-cast 3/16" scale equipment, but only in the four most expensive sets, which would become the two top-of-the-line locomotives. By 1940, the conversion to 3/16" scale (including the first pressed-steel cars) was well under way, but it was not until the 1941 catalog

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that ALL offerings were of Gilbert's new 3/16" scale design. The first post-war catalog (for 1946) does not list the very limited remaining stock of "O" gauge trains which was sold off as soon as possible so as to concentrate on the brand new - and more exciting - two-rail lineup. There is some intentional redundancy in the descriptions, since it is felt that many users are going to simply look in the index for "their" car(s), and I wanted them to be able to find everything in one place, without their having to crawl page by page. It should be noted that legitimate, factory produced,

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items are known with some feature(s) differing slightly from the "standard" versions of the items presented here. Money was saved wherever possible, and shortcuts were taken, particularly as to colors, and markings. Nothing was wasted - some cabooses were even made on tender frames! The most common off-beat example being that some cars will have two "American Flyer Lines" decals instead of the normal one, plus the car number. Paint shades may vary. It must be remembered that their intent was to produce operable toys, hopefully at a profit, for the enjoyment of



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(mostly) children, and they were not following any rigid rules to satisfy 'nit-picking' collectors in the then far-distant future. Within certain parameters almost anything is at least possible and, after 80 years, some repairs, repaints, etc. have themselves acquired the patina of genuineness and antiquity. The author takes full responsibility for the accuracy of any opinions regarding such specimens which may be stated in this work. The author welcomes input from fellow collectors having any corrections, or further information, regarding these trains, which may be

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