

Metropolitan Express Train (MET)



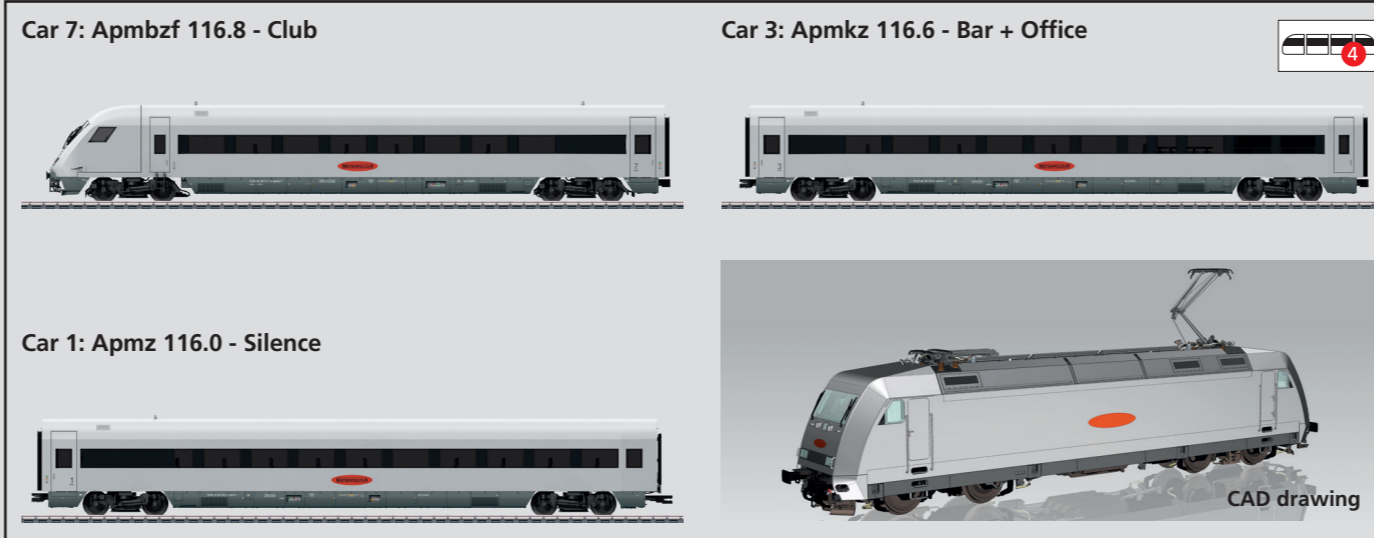
All aboard!
Luxurious express train service
between Cologne and Hamburg!



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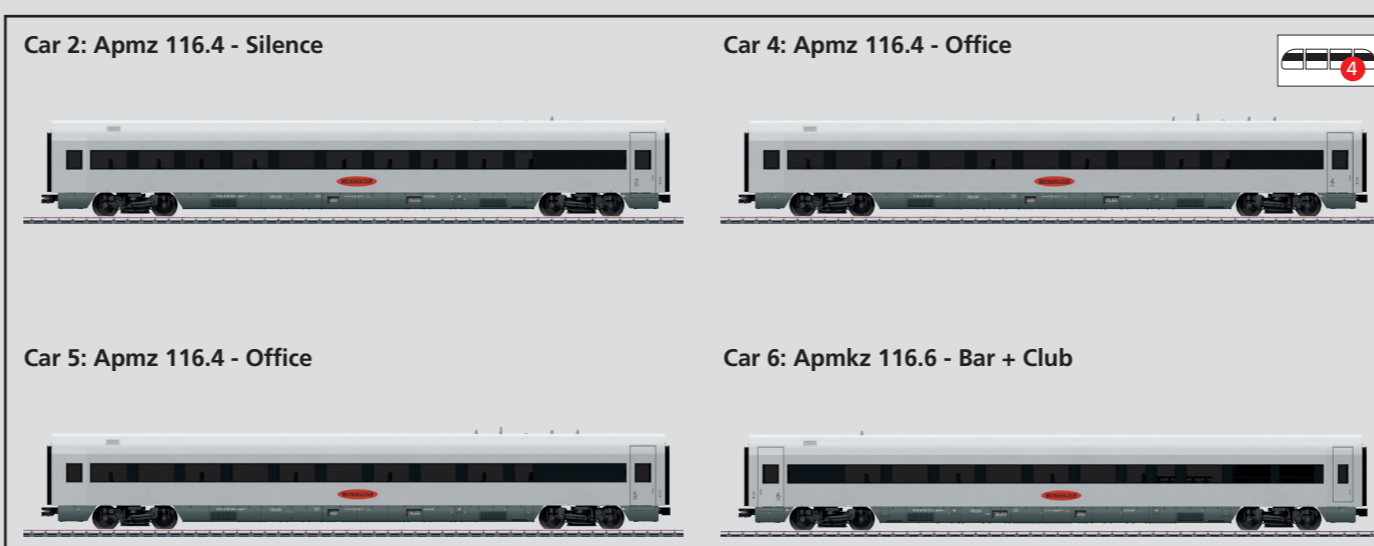
The luxuriously equipped train sets of the Metropolitan Express Train (MET) were in service on the Cologne-Hamburg route between 1999 and 2004. The trains were operated by Metropolitan Express Train GmbH, a subsidiary of DB Reise & Touristik, which later became DB Fernverkehr. In regular operation, the push-pull trains were each hauled by a special class 101 locomotive, which was equipped for use in front of push-pull trains and an on-board computer adapted for the MET. Initial plans to convert used IC coaches for the trains were quickly abandoned. Instead, two train sets were ordered from FTD Fahrzeugtechnik Dessau. The trains were put into regular service from August 1999. Due to declining ticket sales, operation was

discontinued at the timetable change in December 2004. Unlike other DB AG passenger trains, the Metropolitan was not divided into classes. Instead, the carriages were divided into different seating areas. When the train sets were put into service, there were three areas: two Silence carriages for resting passengers, three Office carriages for working passengers and two Club carriages for all other passengers. All carriages were significantly higher than 1st class at the time and had wooden panelling, leather seats and brushed stainless steel ceiling panelling. An espresso and cocktail bar were available in the club and office areas, with non-alcoholic drinks and a „business snack“ included in the fare.

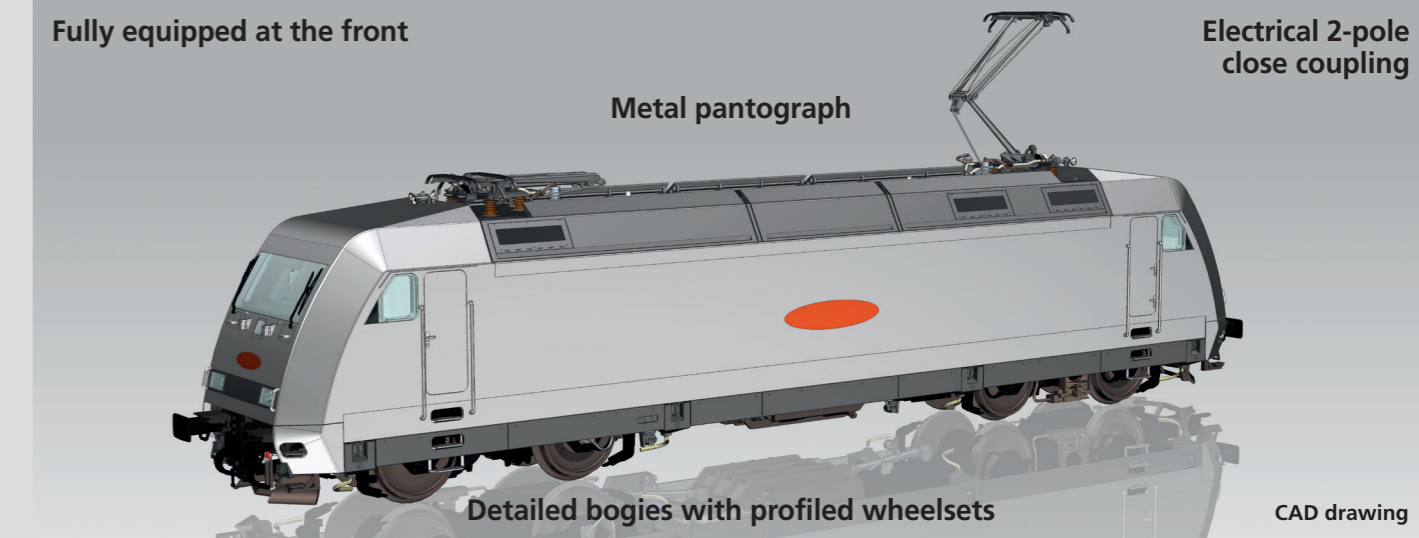


Metropolitan set BR 101 + 2 Passenger car + 1 Control car DB AG V
 58150
 58151 **PIKO TrainSound**® onboard

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28350 4-pk Metropolitan Passenger car set DB AG V



True-to-original, indirect interior lighting
 Spring-mounted rubber bead and bellows transitions



Multi-part, multi-colored interior design



Driver's cab and driver's desk lighting

The four-piece train set (#58150/58151) consists of a class 101 express train locomotive, an Apmz 116.0 express train car, an Apmkz 116.6 express train car, order number 3, and an Apmbzf 116.8 express train cab control car, order number 7. The four-piece car set (#28350) consists of an Apmz 116.2 order number 2, two express train coaches Apmz 116.4 order numbers 4 and 5 and an express train coach Apmkz 116.6 order number 6. From the outside, the models impress with their elegant appearance, which is in no way inferior to that of the prototype. The perfectly flush-fitted,

crystal-clear windows allow a view into the interior. All coaches have an individual, matching interior design. Another highlight are the sharply engraved bogies and the detailed reproduction of the wagon floors. Sculptural engravings and prototypical paintwork with sharply contoured lettering round off the exterior impression perfectly. On the layout, the powerful class 101 locomotive moves the car set over the tracks as smooth as silk. All of the carriages also have harmonious indirect interior lighting to create a harmonious ambience.

You can find a short information video at <https://www.youtube.com/@PIKOSpielwarenGmbH>