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About This Content

The mighty Union Pacific Challenger 4-6-6-4 is now available for Train Simulator, featuring four exciting and challenging scenarios specially created for the Sherman Hill route.

The stiff gradients of the Wasatch Mountains demanded newer, more powerful and efficient locomotives, leading to Union Pacific's chief engineers to design a 4-6-6-4 steam locomotive that utilised two sets of driving wheels each with their own steam cylinders. The Challenger's impressive articulated wheel arrangement made it one of the most successful large steam locomotive designs ever developed and was considered to be one of the most technologically advanced of its kind, providing both high horsepower and efficient operations.

Their mammoth weight made the Challenger a regular sight on UP's heavy mountainous freight routes but they were also put into service on the occasional passenger service through mountain territories to California and Oregon. In total, 252 Challengers were built between 1936 and 1943 by the American Locomotive Company and Baldwin Locomotive Works, just less than half for UP.

The Union Pacific Challenger V2.0 for Train Simulator is available in two liveries - the famous Union Pacific black livery and Union Pacific lined grey livery. Key features include TSX effects, new smoke and steam particle emitters, and enhanced cab interior.

The [Sherman Hills Add-On](#) (available separately) is required to play the scenarios included with this Add-On.

Scenarios

Four scenarios for the Sherman Hill route:

- Challenger Intro Run
- Challenger on Sherman Hill Cheyenne to Laramie
- Challenger Working at Wycon
- Challenger Working the BNSF Stub

More scenarios are available on Steam Workshop online and in-game. Train Simulator's Steam Workshop scenarios are free and easy to download, adding many more hours of exciting gameplay. With scenarios being added daily, why don't you check it out now!

[Click here for Steam Workshop scenarios.](#)

Key Features

- Union Pacific Challenger in Union Pacific black and lined grey liveries
- Realistic cab interior and sounds
- Improved locomotive physics and TSX effects
- Realistic raindrops and correct headlight illumination
- New smoke and steam particle emitters
- Quick Drive compatible

Title: Train Simulator: Union Pacific Challenger Loco Add-On
Genre: Simulation
Developer:
Dovetail Games
Publisher:
Dovetail Games - Trains
Franchise:
Train Simulator
Release Date: 23 Nov, 2012

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Minimum:

OS:Windows® Vista / 7 / 8

Processor:Processor: 2.8 GHz Core 2 Duo (3.2 GHz Core 2 Duo recommended), AMD Athlon MP (multiprocessor variant or comparable processors)

Memory:2 GB RAM

Graphics:512 MB with Pixel Shader 3.0 (AGP PCIe only)

DirectX®:9.0c

Hard Drive:6 GB HD space

Sound:Direct X 9.0c compatible

Other Requirements:Broadband Internet connection

Additional:Quicktime Player is required for playing the videos

English







This is a great DLC. When I first saw the pricetag, I was excited. I thought to myself, "What a great deal!" I couldn't wait for the download to finish.

Excitedly, I put the Challenger on my favorite test map, Pacific Surfliner. (Long, has many hills, and is good for finding out what a loco can do)

My excitement turned to dismay when I opened the throttle, and it all went downhill from there. Soon, I realized why it was so cheap.

The Challenger is completely unrealistic. The front engine set's number boards display a different number than the number on the cab. When the wheels are slipping, it is only the rear set of drivers, because an articulated acts like a lash up of diesels, or a double header: an engineer on each "loco" even though one is just a set of drivers.

The challenger can't keep steam up even when the throttle is closed. How do they solve this problem in the programming? When the boiler pressure hits less than 170 PSI, the generation rate shoots up, and the usage rate goes way down. (EG, the usage rate is at 2,475, it shoots down to half that, even with the throttle wide open. I gave up on using advanced controls and manual fireman when running the Challenger)

The whistle goes on for 3 seconds, even when I just tap the key.

The cylinder \u2665\u2665\u2665\u2665\u2665 don't work, even though there is a valve for it in the cab, and the bell is a rapid, high pitched dingdingdingding, instead of a deeper, slower dong--dong--dong.

The couplers on the cars that you get are broken: once you uncouple, you cannot recouple.

There are no interiors for the passenger cars and the caboose, either. (This is a minor complaint, but it is something that I wish they had taken the time to do)

You cannot use the in-cab injectors, you HAVE to use the toolbar.

The Challenger is a well modeled locomotive, but that does not redeem it. The running characteristics are junk. It cannot even reach 70 mph, which the real Challenger could do easily!. The Pros:

A nice looking model, seemingly very realistic

nice sounding whistle

nice old-school bell

Quite a few scenarios for Sherman Hill.

Cons:

The passenger cars included do NOT have a passenger view

the whistle loop is too long.

Extremely hard to see out of the cab window.

Overall, I would definitely recommend this DLC, especially to anyone who is a fan of UP steam.. I owned the DLC before it was ANTIQUE!!!. Looks a lot better than the pictures, comes with a black and a grey livery (both UP). The passenger cars and people have a bit to say for themselves though and no passenger view. Nice easy loco to drive and maintain however. 7/10.

Only buy this one if you want to make your collection complete. It drives, didn't encounter bugs, basically as base engine ok.

However not very advanced in scripting, animations or behaviour. On sale for a few bucks it is a nice additions, not worth full price though. If you love American steam, the Challenger is an excellent addon to have in your inventory. Although its an older model, the price is not bad, but wait for a sale, sometimes they'll sell it for a few cents.. go \u2665\u2665\u2665\u2665 your life. Not a particularly in depth simulation, but it's the Challenger. A fun little sim when you want something a bit simpler than the FEF-3.

This is a great loco pack considering its age. The train conveys the sense of power and enormity of the real Challenger, and while the inside of the cab is poorly rendered, the view from the cab out of its side windows, as the beast rocks about on its articulated frame, is awesome. The outside looks great, and the rolling stock is OK too. Definitely worth it - probably my favorite steam loco.. Here we are in TS2016 and this old stalwart of a model is still chugging along in the DLC store. A Railworks 2 model (2012), this is one of the oldest DLC locos available for TS, so don't expect anything grand if you decide to purchase it.

Please take the \$7.99 price tag seriously for what it is. It's at a reduced price because this mammoth is ancient (pun not intended). As part of the TS Classics range, you shouldn't expect anything technologically significant or magnificently designed. It may have been state of the art at the time it was released, but it pales in comparison to what is available now.

PROS:

- It's the only Challenger model for TS that is available to my knowledge.
- Will serve well for scenario creators on old steam routes.
- 3rd party minor upgrades are available on RWA.
- Reduced price tag that comes with the TS Classics range.

CONS:

- Disgusting stock sounds
- Disgusting cab
- Disgusting exterior
- Disgusting physics
- Just Disgusting (for today's standards)

Buy it if you need it for scenarios, or if you wish to own a little piece of history, but don't buy it thinking it's good content. Perhaps one day, DTG will look back and give this loco a makeover, but don't expect that anytime soon.. I bought this engine and I got to say, it is a really nice engine and it comes in two liveries and one career scenario and three or four standard scenarios. I recommend getting this if you like Union Pacific Steam trains and would like some scenarios for Sherman Hill.. I'm not going to complain about the graphics due to the age of the DLC, but the sounds aren't that great, and the interior of the cab looks empty, like they got it half way finished and decided not to put the rest of the gauges and controls in the cab.. If you love huge Union Pacific steam engines then I recommend this. It comes with associated passenger cars and a baggage car. Along with some freight cars.. The Union Pacific Challenger is one of the best detailed train in the game! and also my favourite! Its articulated body looks like its real and the best thing about this train is the sounds!

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