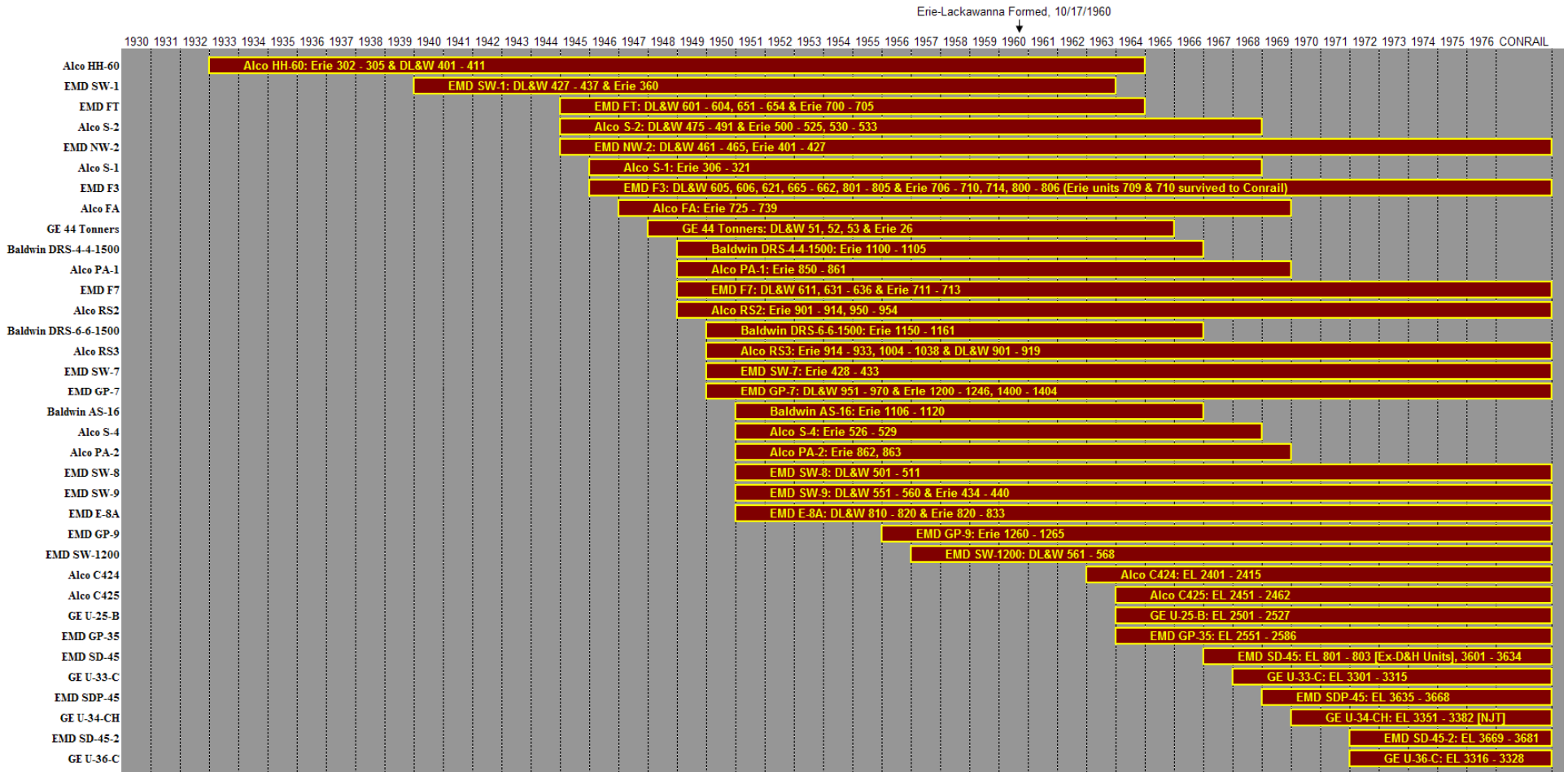


DL&W, ERIE AND ERIE LACKAWANNA DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE TIME LINE

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I created this time line as a way for modelers to quickly determine if a particular diesel locomotive was in use during the time that they model.



You should refer to photos from the time period you model to determine what paint scheme was in use at any given time on a particular locomotive. For example, DL&W RS-3 Alco's were delivered in an all black paint scheme but these locomotives were painted into different Erie Lackawanna paint schemes over the years. For instance DL&W RS-3 #904 was delivered in the standard DL&W switcher paint scheme of all black. It carried this paint scheme into the Erie Lackawanna as shown by the photo below.



EL RS-3 1042 (Former DLW 904) - Scranton PA, 3/26/1961 {Larry Berger Collection} <http://www.rr-fallenflags.org/el/loco/dlw1042.jpg>



EL RS-3 1042 - Hammond IN - 8/12/1963 - {Larry Berger Collection} <http://www.rr-fallenflags.org/el/loco/el1042alb.jpg>

Later between 1961 and 1963 she was painted into the original EL paint scheme inspired by the Erie Railroad's paint scheme shown above.



EL RS-3 1042 - Marion OH - circa 1966 to 1968 - {GPE Photo} <http://www.rr-fallenflags.org/el/loco/el1042age.jpg>

Then by 1966 this locomotive was painted into the final EL Gray, Maroon and Yellow (GMY) paint scheme shown above.

Photos also provide clues to what details changed over time. For instance, by 1963 EL #1042 received the Erie style marker lights available from the ELHS store. Happy Modeling.