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## About This Content

As part of GE Transportation Systems' Dash 8 Series, the popular Dash8-40C is one of the most popular locomotives in the series, and is now available for Train Simulator.

Built by General Electric between 1987 and 1992, more than 500 Dash8-40C locomotives entered service for a number of US railroad companies. The Series was the first to be fitted with a microprocessor equipped engine control system, which was later to be adopted on a number of diesel locomotives.

With an output of 4,000hp and a top speed of 68mph (109 km/h), the Dash 8 was considered a heavy duty freight locomotive and was fitted with standard GE equipment, including dynamic braking but without display screens, preferring to retain old style gauges and dials on a tall console in the driver's cab.

Alongside CSX Transportation and Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern originally purchased 89 units and inherited more Dash 8s from Conrail when the two railroads merged. The Dash8-40C for Train Simulator recreates the original locomotive with narrow nose as it operates for Norfolk Southern.

Features of the model include instrument and cab lighting, dynamic braking and Norfolk Southern coal gondolas.

The locomotive is also Quick Drive compatible, giving you the freedom to drive the Norfolk Southern Dash8-40C on any Quick Drive enabled route for Train Simulator, such as those available through Steam. Also included are scenarios specifically for the [Norfolk Southern Coal District](#) route (available separately and required to play these scenarios).

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## Scenarios

Four scenarios for the Norfolk Southern Coal District route:

- Training: Dash 8-40C Simple Controls
- Training: Dash 8-40C Expert Controls
- Long Haul for Alicia
- Delivery of Coal

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

- Dash8-40C in Norfolk Southern livery
- Dynamic braking
- Cab and instrument lighting
- NS coal gondolas
- Quick Drive compatible
- Scenarios for the Norfolk Southern Coal District route
- Download size: 57mb

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Title: Train Simulator: Norfolk Southern Dash8-40C Loco Add-On

Genre: Simulation

Developer:

Dovetail Games

Publisher:

Dovetail Games - Trains

Franchise:

Train Simulator

Release Date: 11 Sep, 2014

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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,German







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i love the interior of this loco. The sounds are most likely accurate to the actual engine, however i was hoping for something different. my ONLY COMPLAINT on this particular model is this : the headlights and ditch lights do NOT show that they're actually illuminated, however when you are in the dark, it does illuminate the path in front of the loco. but on the model itself, they are dark. not sure whats the problem there, any suggestions from anyone would be appreciated.. The model isn't bad, but it's not good either. Here's my breakdown of it.

Pros:

- Very nice detail, including logo size, font, caps covering Ex-Conrail marker lights.
- Lights are incandescent, typical for an NS Standard Cab Dash 8.
- Accurately displayed.
- In cab controls are somewhat good.

Cons:

- Default Kuju Gevo sounds as usual for all GE Freight engines.
- Axel size is a bit small. This is typical on DTG engines.
- Takes getting the engine up to 500 RPM to start, which often results in going into Notch 8 just to get it running.
- Cab controls are a bit unusual.

Asside from the cons, I recommend this add-on, but not at full price. It's better to get it on sale as spending 20 dollars on it is crazy. It's not worth the whole cash amount but it is still a good add on to have especially if you love Norfolk Southern. Horn sounds can be fixed with mods of course.. If you look closely at this locomotive's interior, you will notice that it's AMP speedometer and MPH speedometer, they are both wrong. For example, when you put the throttle on 12%, you'er using 220 AMPS and the AMPS speedometer will say you're useng close to 280 AMPS and when you're traveling at 10MPH, the MPH speedometer says you traveling at 12 or 13 MPH. Other than that, its a great locomotive I just wish they chose a different horn and bell sound effects 'cause it has the horn and bell form the Union Pasific ES44AC.. i love railworks and if and when they come out with multi player,railworks will become even more fun,so yes i recommend this to others.. I do love this engine. but the it has the defalt sounds but i just look past that. the ditch lights dont flash yet. But over all its a nice engine. i do recommend this

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Yet another major screw-up from Dovetail. I was hoping this locomotive would be good, and the main reason I got it was so I could have something to drive on the Norfolk Southern Coal District route that wasn't ANOTHER ES44AC and the Dash 9-40CW. Seriously, how many ES44ACs have we had in Train Sim over the years? It's like the Class 66 all over again.

But that's enough stalling. Now I should have a look at the Dash 8, and believe me. It's not good.

I'll start off by talking about the physics. When running light engine, the loco takes off like a rocket even when you put the throttle in Notch 2. It reminds me of the Class 150V1, prior to Dovetail releasing an update for it. I've seen many diesel locomotives in my time, and even though they were all in New Zealand, I think I have some room to say that diesels don't accelerate anywhere near as quickly as the NS Dash 8 in Train Sim. Coupling up to a big rake of loaded coal hoppers slows down the acceleration rate, but perhaps a bit too slow. You have to put the throttle in Notch 5 or 6 just to get it moving. The brakes are equally disappointing. Even when you apply the brakes to 26% on the F4 HUD, the brake pressure skyrockets to at least 40%. Much like the NS ES44AC included with the Coal District route, and the CSX SD80MAC, the brakes on the Dash 8 take as much time to release as it takes for me to get a girlfriend. Yes, I went there. Don't judge me.

In other words, the brakes on the Dash 8 take an insanely long time to release. For example - I am coasting along at 25 miles per hour, and I see a warning for an upcoming 20 speed limit. I apply the brakes to say - 30 to 38% - and by the time the brakes are fully released, I'm down to 18 miles per hour. I don't know whether or not the brakes on the real thing act like this, but they're just far too slow for me. Again, it's the same situation on the NS ES44AC and CSX SD80MAC.

And what about the actual model. Much like the other trains that DTG makes, the model is actually very accurate to the real thing. It captures the look of the real NS Dash 8-40C almost perfectly, although I do think the front of the loco looks a little out of proportion.

The sounds are just as disappointing as the physics. The engine sounds are very similar to - if not, the same - as the ES44AC, and the horn sounds exactly like the Southern Pacific C44-9W or Dash 9 from the Donner Pass route. I don't know of any other locos that use the same horn. It's just a very generic horn sound that I wish DTG would stop using. Another problem I found was in the flange squeal sounds. They are exactly the same as the sounds on the Class 395, Class 801, Kawasaki M8 and who knows how many other trains. Basically I've heard these same flange squeal sounds a million times, and the fact that DTG keep using those sounds show me that they are just lazy, and don't really have respect for the source material.

Lastly I'll talk about the locomotives features, or lack-there-of. Normally you press 'I' on the keyboard to turn on the instrument lights, but on this loco, the key command doesn't work. You have to physically click and drag the switch, which isn't very easy to find. Strangely, the usual 'pressing 'L' to turn on the cab light' works, so there is no excuse not to have the same for the instrument lights. On quite a few U.S. diesels made by Dovetail (can't remember them all off the top of my head), you can switch on the number-board lights and step lights. You can't do that with the Dash 8, nor can you switch on/off the ditchlights at will. They only come on when you sound the horn; there is no working switch that lets you turn them on/off yourself. As usual, the cab windows don't open, and neither do the doors. This is a common problem with DTG products that really ticks me off, especially when there's quick a few trains from them where the windows do open (Class 377, UP Gas Turbine, BR 155 and 1938 tube stock spring to mind).

In conclusion, I think the Norfolk Southern Dash 8-40C add-on for Train Simulator was yet another cheaply-made/rushed product with little to no respect for the source material. I can-not recommend this locomotive at all, unless you are desperate for more Norfolk Southern engines, like myself. My review of this loco has now concluded.. Nice engine, I love it but it has small flaws

- Same engine sound from the ES44DC
- No flashing ditch lights
- Wrong horn
- Bad bell

If you look past that its fine! Mods make it better anyway. The engine looks really nice on TOFC's and Stacks trains. I recommend you to wait until it goes on sell but it's good!. To those that cannot find the loco in their games -- there are no scenarios included with this DLC that incorporate the NS Dash8-40C. It does show up in the Quick Drive library, but otherwise



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you need to download a scenario from the Workshop (free) that uses this DLC, or use it in your own creations. PS, the headlights work fine in my configuration.. What DTG does not provide in the description:

Windows and doors inoperable

Sun visors inoperable

No numberboard lights (even after update)

No step lights

One setting for headlights (Bright)

Ditch lights only flash. Does not appear to be in game

. Wait for a sale to buy this, it has the same loco sounds as the Kuju ES44AC, ditch lights don't flash, and, wonky physics.. The Dash8-c is a good locomotive that Union Pacific, CSX, and Norfolk Southern still use some of these engines in service. Its great for long distance trains or local trains. **DO NOT PAY \$20 FOR THIS, WAIT FOR A SALE!!!!**

This DLC is not worth \$20. You get only 1 locomotive and thats it!

There is a list of key details that are NOT included with this DLC.

-Ditch lights only work when horn is used.

-Incorrect horn.

-Incorrect bell.

-Same sounds as Dash 9 pack.

-No numberboard lights.

-Inoperable doors and windows.

-No sun visor.

-1 headlight brightness (high).

-The brakes on take an insanely long time to release, even when you set the brake mode to easy.

The plus side: The model is very accurate to the real thing.

Overall: Wait for a sale, don't waste \$20 on one incomplete locomotive!

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