

# TINPLATE TRADITIONS™

By MTH Electric Trains®

## TINPLATE TRADITIONS™ No. 437 Switch Tower Operating Instructions

Thank you for purchasing the TINPLATE TRADITIONS™ 437 Switch Tower by M.T.H. Electric Trains.® This tinsplate model combines the designs of yesteryear with the quality and craftsmanship of today's M.T.H. Products.



The 437 Switch Tower is illuminated with an internal lamp, the rear of the No. 437 Switch Tower is equipped with six knife switches along with provisions to connect up to four No. 222 Electrical Control Switches.

Electrical connection for the internal lamp is by way of two binding posts on the rear of the No. 437 Switch Tower. The binding posts are located to the left of the six knife switches.

The six knife switches can be wired to control electrical accessories, insulated track sections, building lights, or streetlights. The knife switches should not be used to control automatic accessories such as the Nos. 78 and 078 Automatic Train Controls, Nos. 69 and 069 Warning Bell, Nos. 77 and 077 Crossing Gates, Nos. 76 and 076 Electric Block Signals or the Nos. 80 and 080 Semaphores.

# Service & Warranty Information

## How to Get Service Under the Terms of the Limited One-Year Warranty

When you suspect an item is defective, please check the operator's manual for standard operation and trouble-shooting techniques that may correct the problem. Additional information may be found on the M.T.H. Website. Should you still require service, follow the instructions below to obtain warranty service.

First, e-mail, write, call or fax a M.T.H. Authorized Service Center (ASC) in your area to obtain Repair Authorization. You can find the list of ASCs on the M.T.H. Website, [www.mth-railking.com](http://www.mth-railking.com). Authorized Service Centers are required to make warranty repairs on items sold *only* from that store; all other repairs may-- or may not be done at the store's own discretion. If you did not purchase the item directly from the ASC, you will need to select a National Authorized Service Center (NASC). These centers are compensated by M.T.H. to perform warranty service for any customer whose repair qualifies for warranty service. A list of NASC retailers can be located on the M.T.H. Website or by calling 1-888-640-3700. Should the warranty no longer apply, you may choose either an ASC or NASC retailer to service your M.T.H. Product. A reasonable service fee will be charged.

**CAUTION:** Make sure the product is packed in its original factory packaging including its foam and plastic wrapping material to prevent damage to the merchandise. There is no need to return the entire set if only one of the components is in need of repair *unless otherwise instructed by the Service Center. **The shipment must be prepaid and we recommend that it be insured. A cover letter including your name, address, daytime phone number, e-mail address (if available), Return Authorization number (if required by the service center, a copy of your sales receipt and a full description of the problem must be included to facilitate the repairs. Please include the description regardless of whether you discussed the problem with a service technician when contacting the Service Center for your Return Authorization.***

Please make sure you have followed the instructions carefully before returning any merchandise for service. Authorized M.T.H. Service Centers are independently owned and operated and are not agents or representatives of M.T.H. Electric Trains. M.T.H. assumes no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for material left in their possession, or work done, by privately owned M.T.H. Authorized Service Centers.

If you need assistance at any time email MTH Service at [service@mth-railking.com](mailto:service@mth-railking.com), or call 410 381-2580.

## Limited One-Year Warranty

**All M.T.H. products purchased from an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant are covered by this warranty.**

See our website at [www.mth-railking.com](http://www.mth-railking.com) or call 1-888-640-3700 to identify an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant near you.

M.T.H. products are warranted for one year from the date of purchase against defects in material or workmanship, excluding wear items such as light bulbs, pick-up rollers, batteries, smoke unit wicks, and traction tires. We will repair or replace (at our option) the defective part without charge for the parts or labor, if the item is returned to an M.T.H. Authorized Service Center (ASC) or M.T.H. National Authorized Service Center (NASC) within one year of the original date of purchase. This warranty does not cover damages caused by improper care, handling, or use. Transportation costs incurred by the customer are not covered under this warranty.

Items sent for repair must be accompanied by a return authorization number, a description of the problem, and a **copy of the original sales receipt from an Authorized M.T.H. Train Merchant**, which gives the date of purchase. If you are sending this product to an Authorized Service Center, contact that Center for their return authorization.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights that vary from state to state. Specific questions regarding the warranty may be forwarded to M.T.H. directly.

Service Department  
M.T.H. Electric Trains  
7020 Columbia Gateway Drive  
Columbia MD 21046-1532



# AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER

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Information: 410-381-2580 Fax: 410-381-6122

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