

# Model Handling

## Do

- ❑ Wash hands before handling models.  
*Oil in hands ruins flat finishes and weathering.  
Acryli-clean will remove oil.*
- ❑ Note any fragile detail on the model and avoid touching.  
*Wind screens, sun shades, handrails, etc.*
- ❑ Note any special connection between diesel units.  
*Draw bars, MU hoses*
- ❑ Pick up diesel by the fuel tank or truck – cup hand.
- ❑ Pick-up steam engines by the drivers and the tender – Both hands.  
*Lift engine higher to keep draw bar attached.*
- ❑ Always pull locomotives one at a time.  
*Pulling a whole train breaks couplers and cause hands to slip.*

## Don't

- ❑ Pick up a diesel by the dynamic brake.
- ❑ Push a locomotive.
- ❑ Pick up by handrails.
- ❑ Pick-up a steam locomotive with one hand with the tender attached.
- ❑ Force anything.  
*If it doesn't move there is usually a reason.*