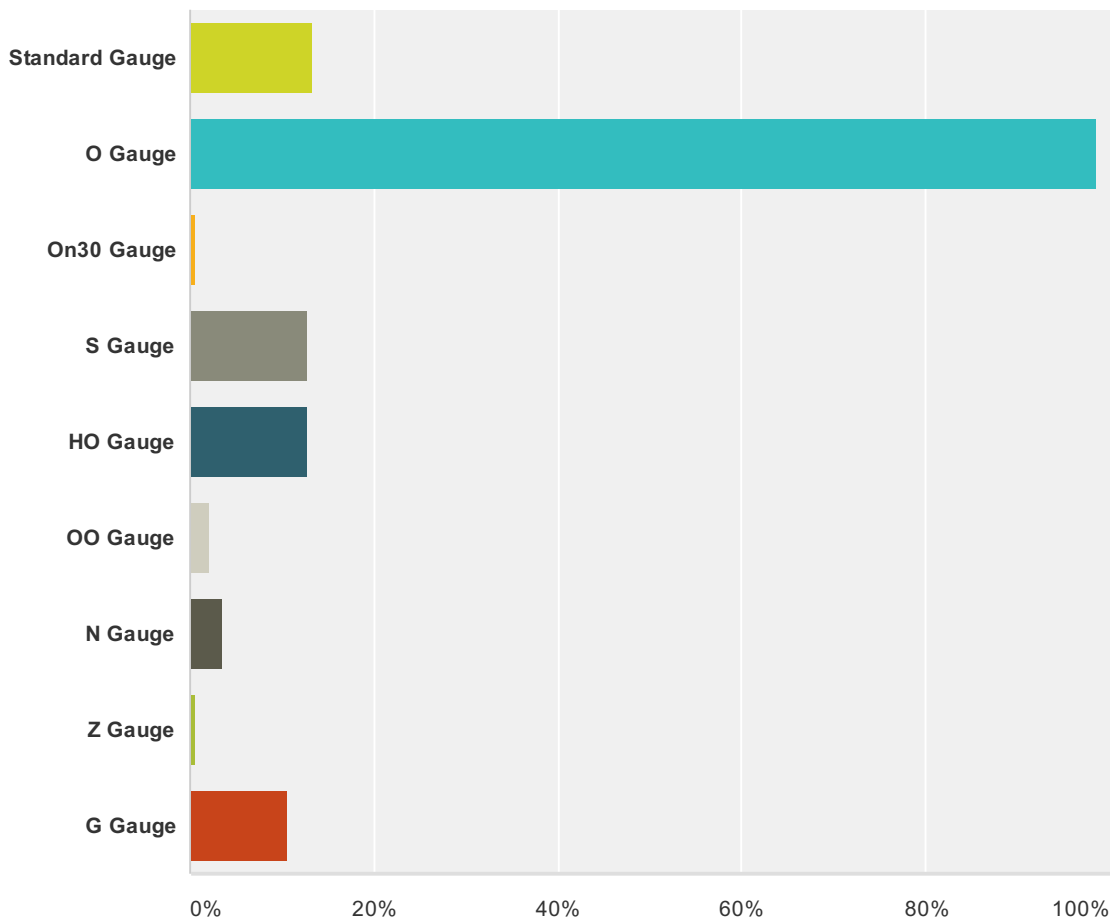


**Q1 In which gauge(s) of model train do you have serious interests? Please maximum of three only.**

Answered: 142 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Standard Gauge	13.38% 19
O Gauge	98.59% 140
On30 Gauge	0.70% 1
S Gauge	12.68% 18
HO Gauge	12.68% 18
OO Gauge	2.11% 3
N Gauge	3.52% 5
Z Gauge	0.70% 1
G Gauge	10.56% 15
<b>Total Respondents: 142</b>	

#	BRIEFLY tell us why you collect a particular gauge.	Date
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1	This is where I got started and where all of my collection is and there is more info available on this gauge	3/9/2014 8:22 PM
2	I have perating O & G scale layouts.	3/9/2014 7:41 PM
3	Both are from my younger days, HO was always more affordable and alot easier to fnd. Now it is O guage mostly all Lionel. I like what Lionel is doing with its product offerings.	3/9/2014 7:30 PM
4	wide range of trains and prices.	3/9/2014 4:08 PM
5	These two are easy to handle for me, and there is a lot of product available.	3/9/2014 3:56 PM
6	I got a Lionel train when I was about 10 years old. I still have that train but began collecting after my family was raised. I like the looks and the reliability of engines and rolling stock HO was a size i could put in my home and run here in FI with no basement. Plus the local train club was HO would not consider O gauge do to lack of space so i went that way for a while	3/9/2014 1:46 PM
7	I have plans to build two O gauge layouts once my basement remodeling work is done and also an HO layout. One will be Post War through MPC and the second a Hi-rail. As I am a Southerm Rail Buff my HO layout will be based on that Railway but I will be somewhat loose on the period as I like the Diesels from the sixties on. I also have some G scale that I run outdoors.	3/9/2014 11:32 AM
8	I have worked with most of the gauges listed, but postwar Lionel O gauge came first and never left. When my interest in O gauge added prewar to the postwar, the addition of standard gauge was easy. So they're number 1 and 2 and likely will always remain so.	3/9/2014 10:13 AM
9	That's what I started with as a kid and I never grew out of the enjoyment of it.	3/9/2014 9:26 AM
10	Lionel language is a bit confusing for the toy train operator. There is "Traditional" O & "Standard" O and "Classic" ( Scale) O gauge. Least interesting is the 027 children's toy product. Beautiful tinplate still captures my interest but a bit expensive for my budget.	3/9/2014 7:55 AM
11	Tradition.	3/9/2014 6:39 AM
12	GOOD SIZE	3/8/2014 9:29 PM
13	Readily available, many eras (prewar, postwar, MPC and modem). I have something from each era.	3/8/2014 7:37 PM
14	O gauge is what i had as a kid	3/8/2014 5:48 PM
15	It was under my tree	3/8/2014 3:03 PM
16	Lionel O27 and O were the trains o0f my youth - 1940 -1950. As a grandfather, I want to introduce my grandsons to the joys of Lionel. Not only the trains but the operating accessories.	3/8/2014 1:37 PM
17	Received my first toy train in 1949 - a Lionel, of course!	3/8/2014 11:54 AM
18	I like the heft and history of postwar trains	3/8/2014 11:37 AM
19	Started when I was 4or 5 years old when my father bought the first Lionel train set.	3/8/2014 11:20 AM
20	Started with American Flyer trains in 1958 and then Lionel soon after. Have great memories of Post War Lionel and still find them my favorite. Also I can repair the older trains myself. With so many electronics in trains after 1980 or so you need to be an electric engineer to figure out why a sound board or reverse board has failed.	3/8/2014 11:08 AM
21	I play with o-gauge trains. My wife likes g-guage (garden trains).	3/8/2014 9:27 AM
22	It is what my father bought for Christmas in 1951.	3/8/2014 8:32 AM
23	This is a Lionel club, isn't it?	3/8/2014 8:14 AM
24	O Gauge is the best to work with.	3/8/2014 7:52 AM
25	like most of us 'boomers'...its the gauge I started with in 1950s	3/8/2014 5:14 AM
26	This was the guage of my first Lionel train and I like the size.	3/8/2014 12:05 AM
27	I love the o gauge mainly because at my age (71) it's so easy to handle and the grandure of it, the WOW factor. I like S gauge because I started off with it in the early 50's but only have my original set.	3/7/2014 9:12 PM
28	had Lionel as a kid, retired now so no new purchases to expensive only run what I have	3/7/2014 9:07 PM
29	I have used the same guage for the past 68 years. Why change now?	3/7/2014 9:03 PM

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30	I started with O gauge as a boy, and that is where my heart is.	3/7/2014 8:51 PM
31	I really have started to like the look of the tinplate trains, both standard and O gauge so thats what I have been buying	3/7/2014 8:26 PM
32	I collect Post War and modern club / unique items. I run modern only.	3/7/2014 8:07 PM
33	I was given a gift by Santa in 1965...A Marx train set. It is also holds up fairly well to use.	3/7/2014 8:06 PM
34	Grew up with 0 gauge and have always found it to be easier to handle .....with more available	3/7/2014 7:22 PM
35	Collect O gauge because my first train was a Lionel set #11500.	3/7/2014 7:16 PM
36	Lionel O guage or 027	3/7/2014 6:08 PM
37	Mostly anything which deals within the state of Pennsylvania	3/7/2014 6:00 PM
38	I prefer prewar Lionel and Flyer trains because they have survived and are restorable unlike anything made today. And my total pleasure is in the restoration.	3/7/2014 5:54 PM
39	We collect O gauge because it is what we grew up with. The G gauge is for a future garden railroad.	3/7/2014 5:40 PM
40	Two reasons. I grew up in the 1970's and my first set was O Gauge. The second reason is that I like the size of the cars and the layouts. They also run well even if the track isn't that great. It seems like the smaller gauges are real touchy about that.	3/7/2014 5:28 PM
41	Started with at age 12 & I like to pick it them up using my hands not fingers	3/7/2014 5:07 PM
42	Childhood experience was based on Lionel O Gauge, and it still dominates my interests. As a result of that, I also expanded into Lionel OO gauge as well.	3/7/2014 4:54 PM
43	My parents gave me a Lionel #203 Switcher and set of cars for my birthday in 1946, then my mother and I converted a large wooden basement platform into a simple layout. Been collecting ever since.	3/7/2014 4:52 PM
44	My first train set was a Lionel 0-27 set and have always been interested in O Gauge ever since.	3/7/2014 4:47 PM
45	I like the gauge size and operating features of rolling stock and accessories.	3/7/2014 4:34 PM
46	I have always liked Lionel O gauge as far back as I can remember. My older brother had 2 sets and I ran them all the time. I have been collecting since 1988.	3/7/2014 4:27 PM
47	Standard Gauge because they are visually awesome. The Goliath is a prime example. I commonly hear from visitors "now THAT'S a train. However I operate O GAUGE more often.	3/7/2014 4:19 PM
48	I started in O Gauge when I was 7 days old and been there ever since. O Gauge offers many more accessories then other gauges.	3/7/2014 4:18 PM
49	For Standard O, 1/48 scale products	3/7/2014 4:18 PM
50	Or rather why I don't collect the rest. They are too small for these old tired eyes.	3/7/2014 4:16 PM
51	Prefer the size and options in O gauge. I have a few standard gauge sets. They are run nomally at Christmas time.	3/7/2014 4:13 PM
52	This is the gauge I grew up with starting in the middle 1940's and continuing through today.	3/7/2014 4:07 PM
53	Have been collecting since I was a child. My father introduced me to Lionel trains and I have been collecting and running them ever since.	3/7/2014 4:07 PM
54	Have collected in this gauge since 1974 and while also collected "S" for a while I sold all of that off as it was too expensive to collect in both. Now if I had to change I would take a real dollar hit because my collection is so large.	3/7/2014 3:54 PM
55	most realistic, and what I am familiar with from my youngster days of the '40s & '50a	3/7/2014 3:53 PM
56	Lionel train set was given to me when I was 7 and stayed with me through the years.	3/7/2014 3:51 PM
57	My first train was a Lionel Scout and I still have it. I was in HO for quite a few years and after I got my old set back from my nephew, I fell in love with it and have since got out of HO and gone back to O scale.	3/7/2014 3:49 PM
58	I like trains.....says it all.	3/7/2014 3:39 PM

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59	my Father started me on O Gauge trains when i was 4 years old so i stayed with that gauge.	3/7/2014 3:37 PM
60	I like the size.	3/7/2014 3:34 PM
61	Started with that gauge and did want more than one.	3/7/2014 3:33 PM
62	Started with Lionel O & O-27 65 years ago at age 8.	3/7/2014 3:32 PM
63	O/027 is what I started out with as a child; continuing the tradition.	3/7/2014 3:29 PM
64	Started as a kid with O gauge and 25 years later got into G when my father gave me a Florshiem display set he picked up after Christmas one year when the shoe store decided to get rid of it for about 25% of its value.	3/7/2014 3:23 PM
65	We received a Lionel O gauge set as children, so I have a feeling of nostalgia for Christmas and trains. I also think O gauge is the best choice size wise and for ease of use for indoor trains.	3/7/2014 3:18 PM
66	Started in "O" + childhood interest in American Flyer. HO was a teenage "acquired taste" for more realism in the 60's.	3/7/2014 3:16 PM
67	O-gauge, because I get a good combination of availability, operation, and detail.	3/7/2014 3:14 PM
68	I am a Lionel fan and like this side	3/7/2014 3:08 PM
69	Had it growing up.	3/7/2014 3:06 PM
70	I received my first O Gauge trains in 1947 at the age of two, and I'm not about to change now.	3/7/2014 3:00 PM
71	O Gauge 3 and 2 rail. Interested in electronics I collect L&N pieces because I grew up in Louisville, KY.	3/7/2014 2:57 PM
72	O is my primary interest because it's what my daddy gave me when I was a child and, thus, reminds me of my parents' love for me. I have a bit of G, which my wife gave me years ago and which I still hope to run outdoors when I work up enough courage to do so. I also have some N and some Marklin Minex that I bought in Germany in the early 1970s which I love to watch but have little room to incorporate on the layout.	3/7/2014 2:55 PM
73	Received an O-27 set as a child and continued that interest. My wife gave me membership in LCCA, so O gauge was a natural. Also have N but do not operate it – too small for old eyes!	3/7/2014 2:55 PM
74	90% of my model train interests are in O Gauge, though I have acquired some S gauge and have some N gauge things from many years ago.	3/7/2014 11:35 AM
75	That is the trains I had as a kid, that is what I started collecting	3/5/2014 3:55 PM
76	this is my thing since 1958	3/5/2014 2:07 PM
77	I have had O gauge since I was a child. The S Gauge items go well with the O Gauge items.	3/5/2014 12:38 PM
78	Love the look & feel of tinplate. Brings back many memories of great younger times.	3/5/2014 11:30 AM
79	Have had O Gauge since a little kid. Do HO because it's easy to kitbash, financially friendly, and the availability of detail parts. Do N Gauge for easy space requirements.	3/5/2014 10:54 AM
80	I started O Gauge at age 3. I ain't stoppin' now.	3/4/2014 8:23 PM
81	Flyer - Childhood Trains. Lionel "O" - Availability of Items. Standard Gauge - Vintage and Toy-Like Coolness Factor	3/4/2014 1:31 PM
82	O, because I was given O gauge trains from my father-in-law and S because I think that is a perfect scale.	3/4/2014 8:37 AM
83	I have had this gauge ever since I received my first train set at age three. I like the size and see no reason to change gauges.	3/4/2014 8:11 AM
84	Grew up with O, Find S to be the perfect size but very hard to model in due to lack of product, and HO is the best all around for just about everything except being too small.	3/4/2014 8:09 AM
85	Received S Gauge as a child. Got back into hobby with O.	3/4/2014 7:42 AM
86	type of cars made by Lionel	3/4/2014 7:37 AM
87	Perfect size for handling.	3/4/2014 7:06 AM

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88	I like the colorful and more toy like standard gauge--so does my wife. The scale o gauge reminds me of days gone bye.	3/4/2014 7:01 AM
89	Great looks and challenging to find in great condition.	3/4/2014 6:55 AM
90	Grandfather gave me the Lionel trains that my dad and his brothers played with as kids. I was 5 yrs in 1975.	3/4/2014 6:04 AM
91	In O gauge I like the operating cars and accessories. In standard gauge I enjoy the toy look and the expression on peoples faces when they see standard gauge for the first time.	3/4/2014 5:37 AM
92	it is the gauge I have collected and ran since I was a boy.	3/3/2014 11:23 PM
93	o gauge started with as a kid. s gauge was my uncles af from 1947 which is like new condition. He gave to me before passing,it is set up and being played with by, myself,my children,and now grandchildren,(with me present of course)	3/3/2014 11:20 PM
94	It's what was given to me for Christmas 1957	3/3/2014 7:06 PM
95	I started out with Lionel so O gauge and O27 is what I am accustom too.	3/3/2014 2:15 PM
96	LIKE THE SIZE AND VARIATIONS	3/3/2014 12:52 PM
97	Western roadnames. Have much Postwar and lots of postwar remakes (CC and PWC). Almost all Lionel products. A lot of non-postwar Lionel (MPC, LLC) too.	3/3/2014 12:22 PM
98	I like bigger trains.	3/3/2014 11:57 AM
99	Lionel has all ways been available on the primary and secondary market since I been collecting trains along with American Flyer S gauge. It has been affordable and selection of items.	3/3/2014 8:51 AM
100	I collect only post war Lionel and all of the LCCA 's products	3/3/2014 7:58 AM
101	When I re-entered model railroading at age 50, the American Flyer trains from my boyhood were then too pricey. So I shifted my previous AF loyalty to Lionel O-gauge trains which were available and (more or less) affordable.	3/1/2014 11:06 PM
102	One gauge us enough and Lionel has been a favorite since childhood.	3/1/2014 4:51 PM
103	I love old stuff and wife likes to put trains on her tables so we alSo like N&Z	3/1/2014 3:59 PM