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HO-Scale Freight Cars, Hardware Collection

## Boston & Maine Freight Paint Schemes

- In the 1920's, the B&M standard was the wood sided cars (which apparently included the 1929 steel boxcars) were *boxcar red*. Hoppers, Gondolas and Flatcars were black, although it is not clear how this was applied to the USRA composite gondolas. Either way, lettering was white. The reporting marks were *B&M*.
- Several variations on heralds were applied at different times. The earliest was a white rectangle with the road name in the white on a black background and a red upwards-facing arrow through the "B" and "AND". This was used on the USRA double-sheathed cars delivered in 1919. Later a multi-color "map" herald with "Minute Man Service" lettered underneath was tried on a few years.
- The 1929/30 boxes and hoppers had a simpler rectangular herald with the same "Minute Man Service" slogan.
- After the 1938 change to "BM" reporting marks, the B&M only used two heralds on Hoppers, Gondolas and House cars: The earlier was the simple rectangle containing the road name, with out the slogan.

# Boston & Lowell Railroad

1880's Wood Box Cars

36' Truss Rod Wood Box Cars

Boston & Lowell Railroad

36' Wood Truss-rod Box Car #583

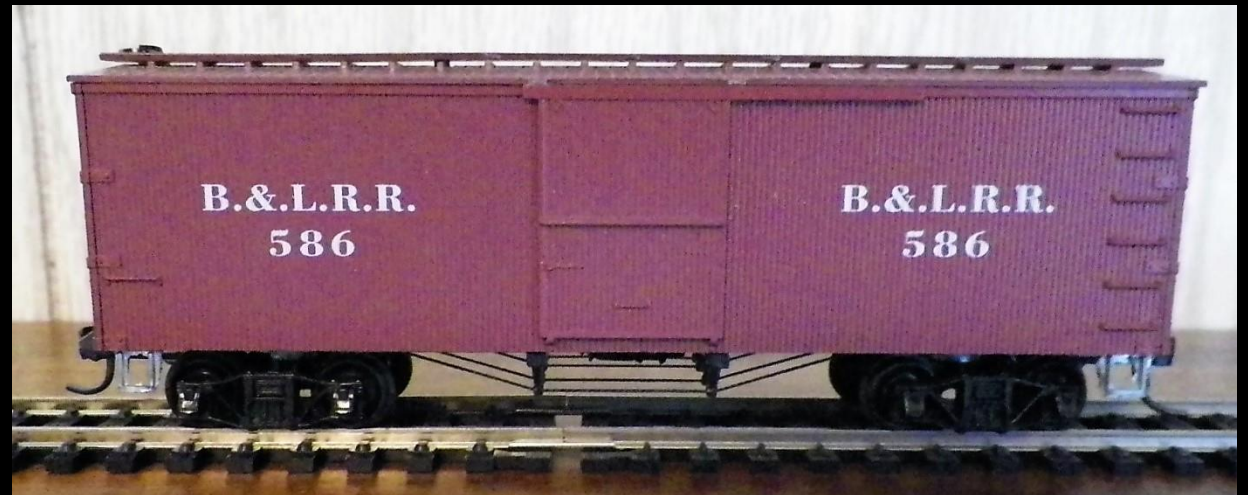
Color: Boxcar red / white lettering.

Boston & Lowell Railroad

36' Wood Truss-rod Box Car #586

Color: Boxcar red / white lettering.

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# Fitchburg Railroad

36' Wood Truss Rod Box Cars

Fitchburg Railroad

36' Wood Truss-rod Box Car #8459

Hoosac Tunnel Route

Color: Boxcar red / white lettering

Fitchburg Railroad

36' Wood Truss-rod Box Car #3243

Hay Car

Color: Boxcar red / white lettering

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# Boston & Maine Railroad

## 36' Wood Truss Rod Box Cars

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36' Wood Truss-rod Box Car #12000

Machinery

Color: Boxcar red / white lettering.



Boston & Maine Railroad

36' Truss-rod Box Car #62275

Color: Boxcar red / Rectangle Herald

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



# Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Wood Box Cars

American Car Manufacturers

Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Wood Single-Sheathed Box Car #7490

Color: Boxcar red / Rectangle Herald.



Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Double-sheathed 50 ton USRA

Box Car #70115C.T.

Fish belly underframe.

Builder: (ACF 1919)

Color: Boxcar red / Rectangle Herald.



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# Boston & Maine Railroad 50' Box & Milk Car

Boston & Maine Railroad

50' Wood side braced Box Car #70

Color: Box car red / B&M rectangle Herald.

7 foot Youngstown door.

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Boston & Maine Railroad

50' Wood Milk Car #1701

Color: Green / Lettering in Gold

Fish Belly underframe.

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## Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Cars 73000 -73199 Series

Builder: Magor 1942

40-ton steel 40 foot 1937 AAR Box Car

6 foot Youngstown door.

Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Car #73021

Color: Boxcar red / B&M rectangle Herald.

Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Car #73126

Color: Boxcar red / B&M rectangle Herald.

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## Boston & Maine Freight Schemes 1946

- In 1946, the Minuteman herald came into use, and was applied to cars as they were shipped.
- When the railroad acquired covered hoppers in the late 1940's, they were painted gray with black lettering and a black Minuteman.



## Boston & Maine Railroad

40' steel Box Cars 75000 – 75749 series

Builder: Pullman 1951

50-ton steel 40 foot PS-1 Box Car  
7 foot Youngstown door.

Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Car #75446

Color: Boxcar red / Minuteman Herald.

Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Car #75447

Color: Boxcar red / Minuteman Herald.

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*Mystic Terminal Corporation  
Boston & Maine Railroad  
40' & 50' Box Cars*

MTC Wood Side braced Box Car #71984

Color: Boxcar red / Minuteman Herald.

8 foot 7-panel Superior door

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



MTC - AAR Steel 50-ton Steel Box Car #74012

Color: Boxcar red / Minuteman Herald.

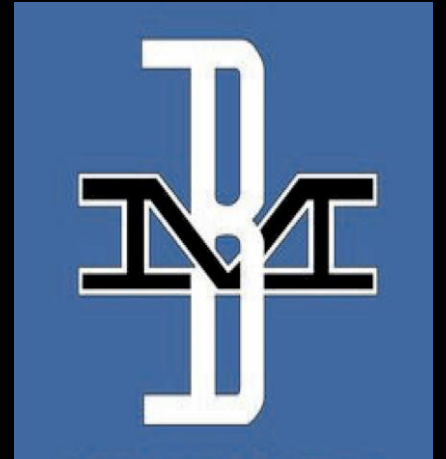
7 foot Youngstown door.

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



## Boston & Maine Freight Schemes 1955

- When Patrick McGinnis took over the B&M in 1955, he put a lot of effort into showy graphics. After several experiments, his designer produced a couple of boxcar schemes.
- The 50 foot PS-1 (77000 series) were delivered with a blue body and black door, with an interlaced BM herald in white (B) and black (M), with the trim) to the right of the door.
- A little later, the third order of 40 foot PS-1s (76000 series) was delivered with a blue body and door, with and interlaced BM herald in white (B) and blue (M, with a white border) on a black panel to the right of the door.
- Lettering remained white. Later boxcars used a simplified all white herald.
- During the McGinnis era, Flatcars, Hoppers and Gondolas remained black, receiving only the white/blue interlaced BM herald.
- Covered Hoppers remained gray, but the 1956 PS-2 received a white/blue interlaced BM herald.



## Boston & Maine Railroad

40' steel Box Cars 75000 – 75749

Builder: Pullman 1950

50-ton steel 40 foot PS-1 Box Car

7 foot Youngstown door.



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40' Steel Box Car #75737

Color: Boxcar red / Minuteman herald.

Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Car #75142

Color: Blue body and Black door,  
with simplified all white BM herald.

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# Boston & Maine Railroad

40' Steel Box Cars 76000 – 76538

Builder: Pullman 1957

50-ton steel 40 foot PS-1 box car  
8 foot 9-panel Superior door.

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40' Steel Box cars #76538

Color: Blue Body and Black door



Boston & Maine Railroad

50' Steel Box Car #77711

Builder: Pullman 1956

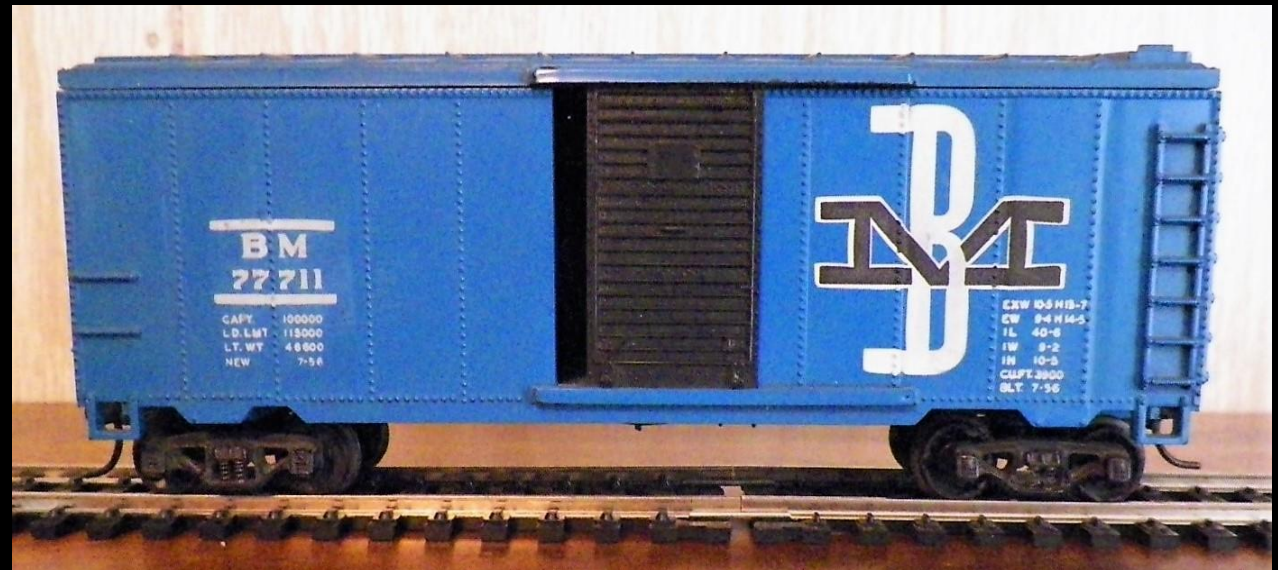
77000 – 77999 Series

50-ton steel 50 foot PS-1 boxcar

Color: Blue body and Black door

9 foot Youngstown door.

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# Maine Central Railroad 40' & 50' Box Cars

Maine Central Railroad

40' Wood Side braced Box Car #9008

Color: Boxcar red / White Pine Tree Herald

8 foot 7-panel Superior door.

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



Maine Central Railroad

50' Steel Waffle Box Car #29213

Color: Yellow / Black Square Pine Tree Herald

Loaded / cases of "Cost A Lot Whoopee Pies."

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolk



## New Haven Railroad 36' & 40 Box Cars

New Haven Railroad

36' Wood Single-sheathed Box Car #64253

Color: Boxcar red / Fish Belly underframe.

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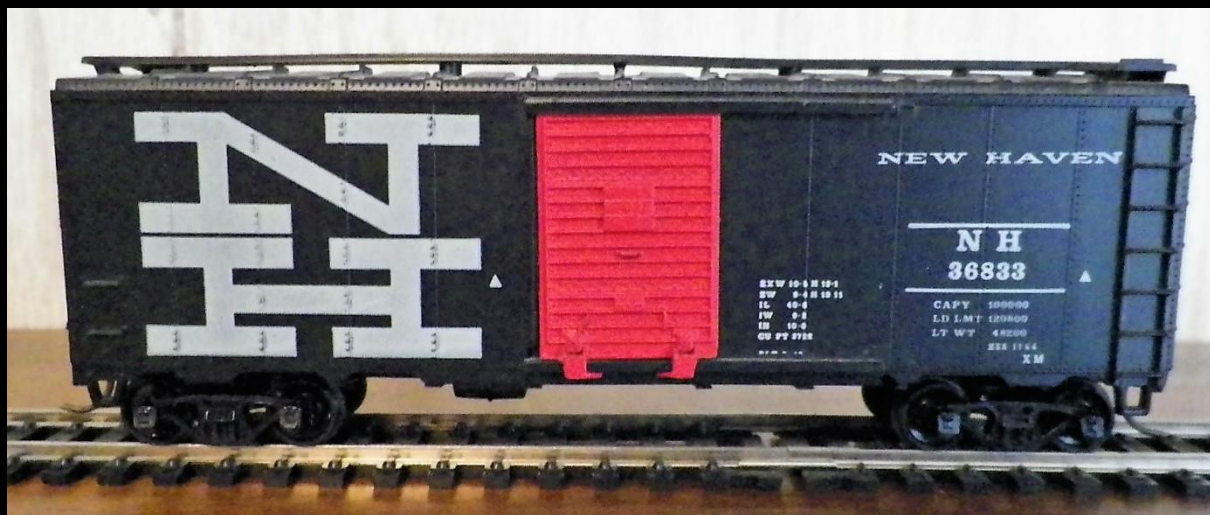
New Haven Railroad

50-ton steel 40 foot PS-1 Box Car #36833

Color: Black body with Orange Door

7 foot Youngstown Door.

Donation by; Anonymous Donor





# Canadian Pacific Railroad Rutland Railroad

Canadian Pacific Railroad

40' Steel PS-1 Box Car #269142

7 foot Youngstown door.

Color: Boxcar red.

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



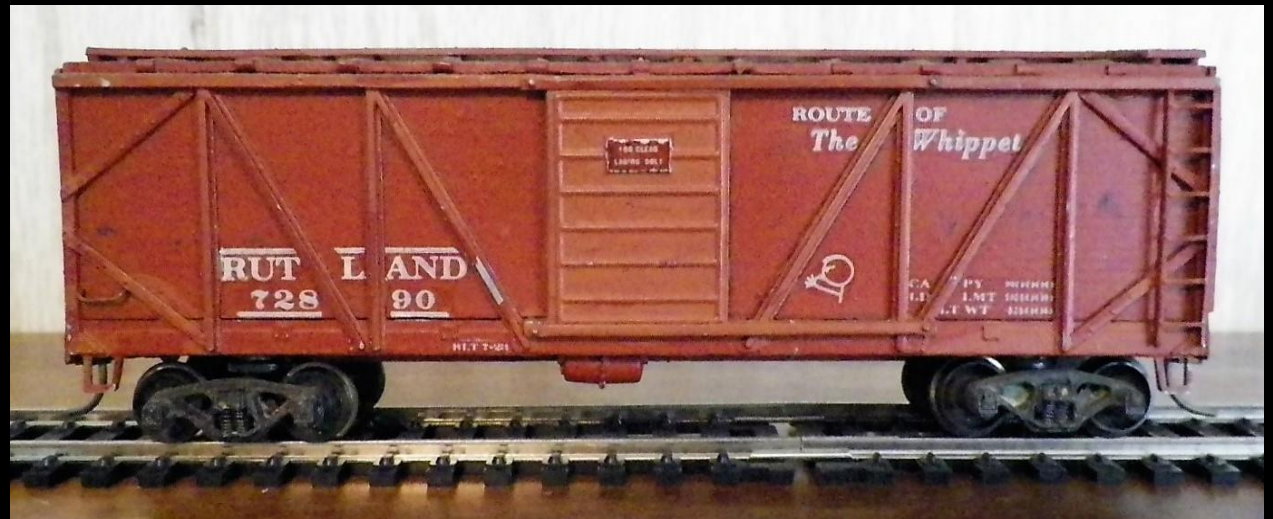
Rutland Railroad

40' Wood side braced Box Car #72890

8 foot 7-panel Superior door.

Color: Boxcar red.

Donation by; Anonymous Donor



# Central Vermont Railroad 40' & 50' Wood Box Cars

Central Vermont Railroad

50' C.V.R.R. Wood side braced Box Car #42018

Fish Belly underframe.

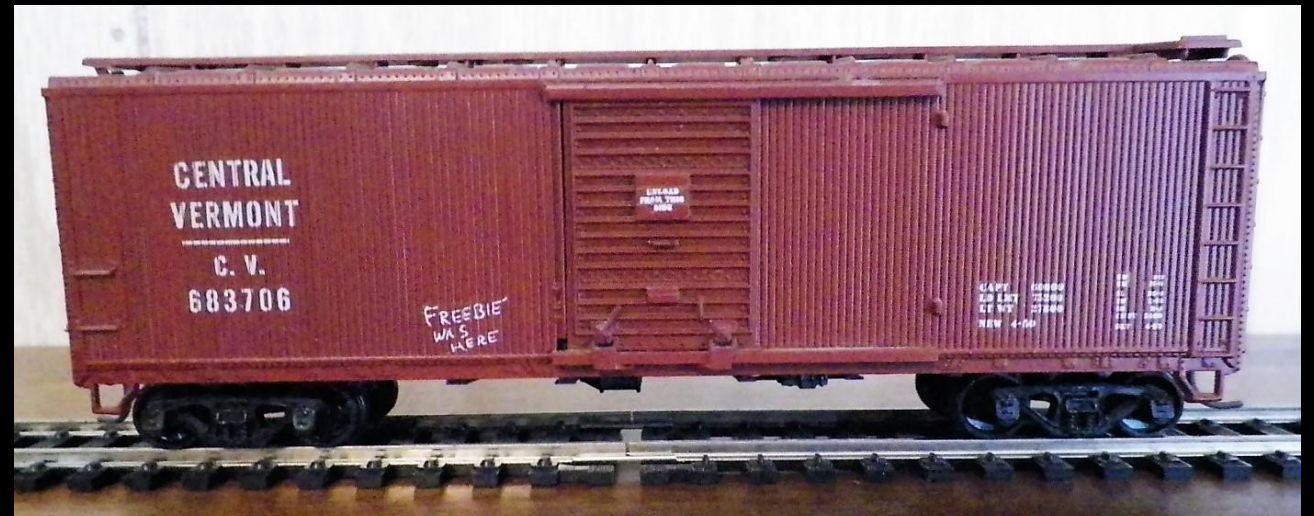
Color: Weathered Brown.

Furniture

40' C.V.R.R. Wood Single-sheathed Box Car  
#683706

Color: Boxcar red.

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



## Chicago & St. Louis Railroad

N.K. Fairbank & Co.

The Cotton Line

40' Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Box Car 20052

Color: Boxcar red Body / White reporting marks.

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



## Mather Stock Car

Mather wood Stock Car M.S.C.X. #1561

40' Wood Stock Car

Color: Stock car Maroon Body / White reporting marks.

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# Boston & Maine Railroad 34' 2 Bay Hopper Cars

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34' Steel 2 Bay Hopper Car #6853

Color: Black body / White B&M Square Herald

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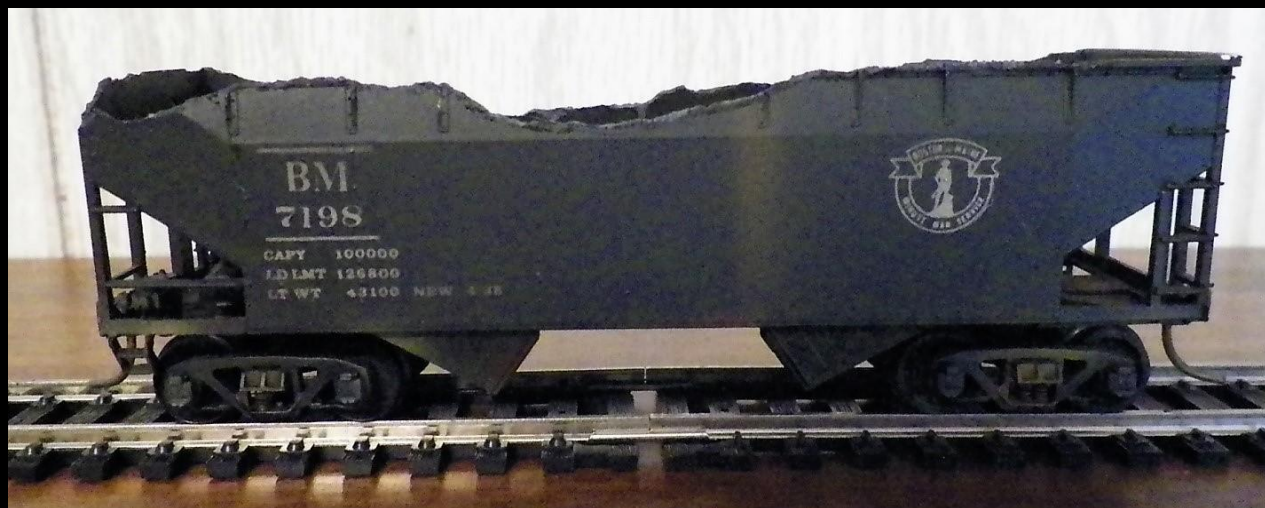
Boston & Maine Railroad

34' Steel 2 Bay Hopper Car #7195

Builder: Bethlehem 1941 series 700 - 7199

Color: Black body / White Minuteman Herald

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



# Boston & Maine Railroad 34' & 40' Hopper Cars

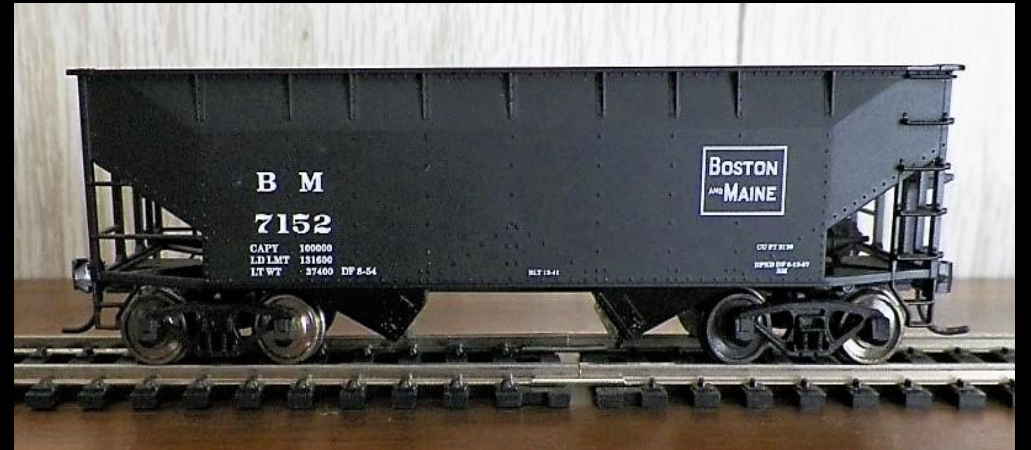
Boston & Maine Railroad

50-ton steel AAR Standard off-side twin Hopper Car #7152

Builder: Bethlehem 1941 series 7100 – 7199

Color; Black body / B&M white Square Herald

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



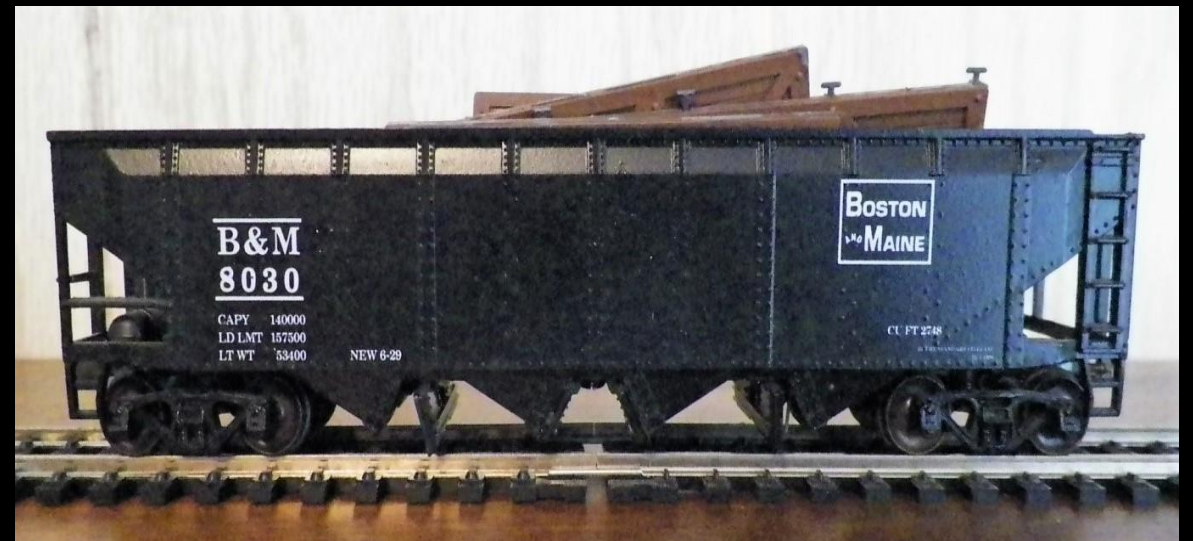
Boston & Maine Railroad

70-ton steel ARA offset side Quad Hopper Car #8030

Builder: Standard Steel Car 1929 series 8000 – 8469

Color: Black body / B&M white Square Herald

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41' Hopper Cars

200-Ton Brownhoist Crane

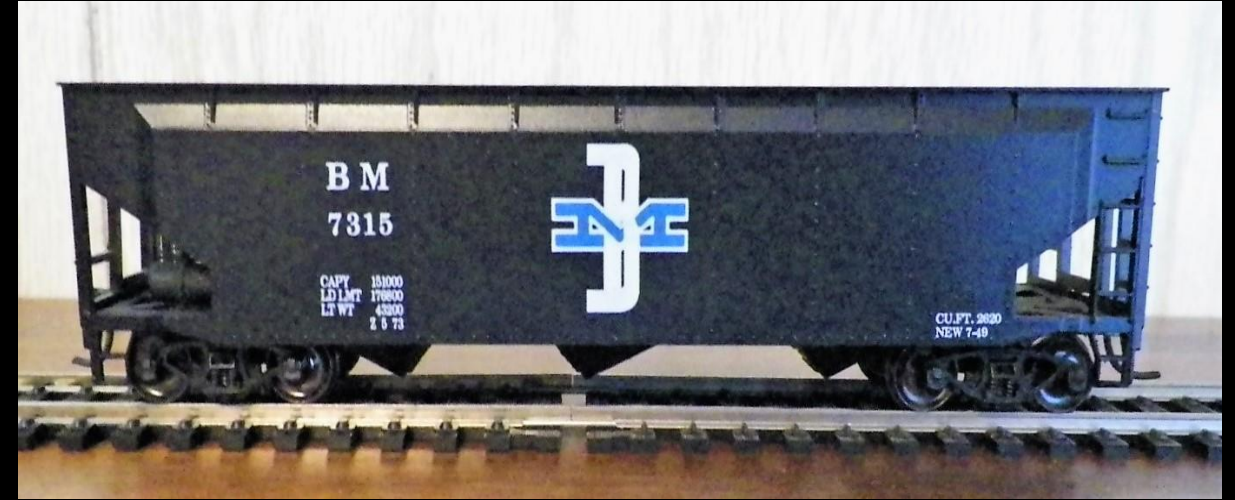
Boston & Maine Railroad

70-ton steel 41 foot offset triple Hopper Car #7315

Color: Black Body / Series: 7300 – 7322

White “B” over blue “M” herald.

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



Boston & Maine Railroad

200-Ton Industrial Brownhoist Crane #M3365

Color: Black Body / White BM rectangle Herald.

White reporting marks.

Donation by; Paul T. Kosciolek



## Maine Central Railroad

40' Bulk-Head Flat Car

## Grand Trunk Railroad

40' Wood Gondola Car

Maine central Railroad

40' Steel Bulk-head Flat Car #7145

Color: Yellow body / Black Bulk-head ends.

Black reporting marks.

Car Load: Pulp-wood.

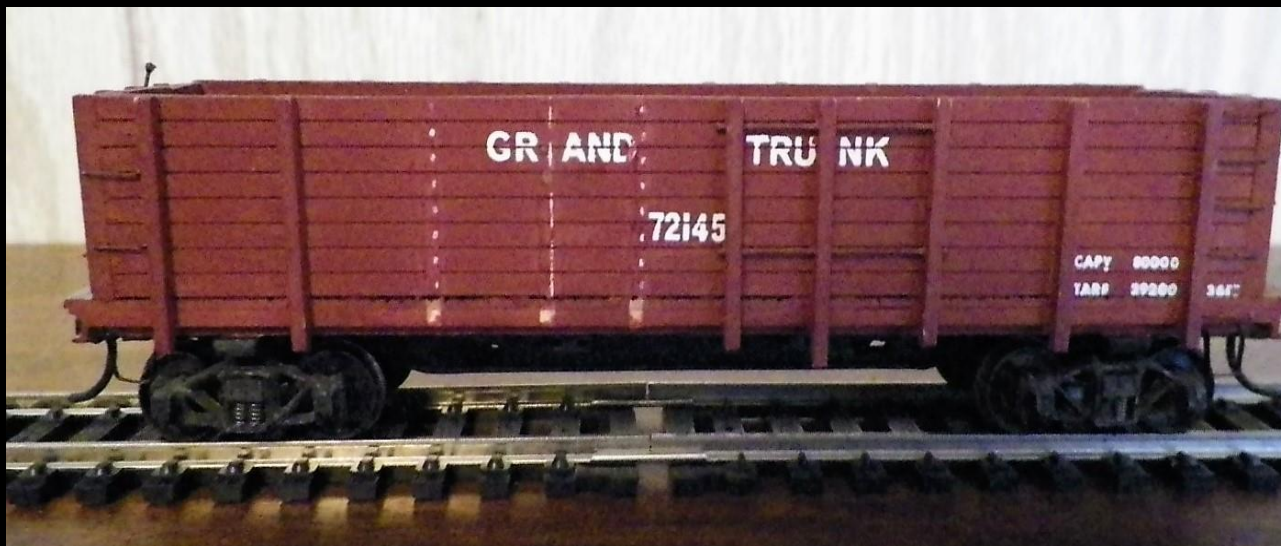
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Grand Trunk Railroad

40' Wood Gondola Car #72145

Color: Red body / White reporting marks.

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## Union Pacific Railroad

50' Gondola Car

## Rail Links

50' Gondola Car

Union Pacific Railroad

50' Steel Gondola Car # UP 30961

Color: Yellow / Car load of scrap

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Rail/Links

50' Steel Gondola Car # MRL 40013

Color: Blue / Car load of scrap

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# Boston & Maine Railroad 34' Steel Caboose Cars

Boston & Maine Railroad

34' Steel center-cupola Caboose #104719

Builder: (Concord Shops 1932) 104700 – 104724 Series  
Pathfinder B&M "FAST FRT LINES"

Color: Box Carried Body /w Black roof / white herald.

Donation by; Donald S. Robinson



Boston & Maine Railroad

34' Steel center-cupola Caboose # C-31

Builder: (Concord Car Shops 1932)

Renumbered C-11 – C-34 series in 1942.

Color: Blue Body /w White BM herald.

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# Maine Central Railroad

#656 Wide Vision-Caboose

Builder: International Car Co.  
AAR Type M-930 Wide-Vision  
Introduced in the early 1960's  
Prototype in Service from 1960's to 1980's,  
so the crew could see over the bigger & taller  
freight cars coming into service.

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# Boston & Maine Railroad

#470 Wide Vision-Caboose

Builder: International Car Co.  
AAR Type M-930 Wide-Vision  
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Prototype in service from 1960's to 1980's,  
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