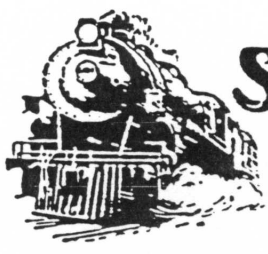


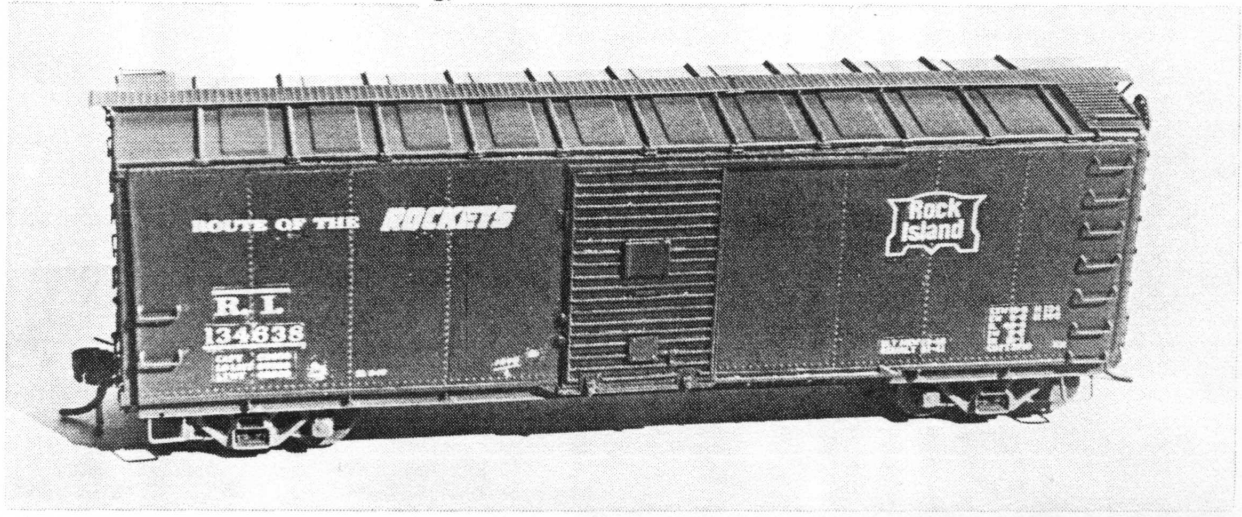
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Rock Island 134000 series USRA Rebuilds with paneled steel roof



The Rock Island rebuilt 800 of their double sheathed USRA boxcars cars in 1936 and 1940. The first half were done at the Armourdale Shops, Kansas City and the second block at Blue Island, Illinois. A Murphy paneled steel roof was used, and the height was increased to 10' inside by adding a section between the topmost and middle set of ribs on the Murphy ends. This increased cubic capacity to 3712 feet. The cars were numbered 134000-134799. These R.I. cars were the only known application of a paneled steel roof to cars of this height and design.

The Rock Island created additional variations in the cars. For example, the last 100 cars had APEX tri-lock steel roof walks instead of the more frequently used wood walks. Also, the first 200 cars had

Universal power hand brakes, the next 100 Miner, the next 100 Equipco and the final 400 Ajax. In addition, the Blue Island built cars in 1940 show a trapezoidal side sill bracket. Armourdale cars had a triangular bracket.

When rebuilt, the cars were given a R.I. herald in white outline on the right side of the car. Afterward the road began adding the "Route of the Rockets" slogan to the upper left side. Also, during the 1940's the RI herald gained a black background. With these variations the modeler has some alternative painting schemes for this model.

Sunshine Models is now providing a small lot of kits to construct the original Rock Island rebuild car.

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