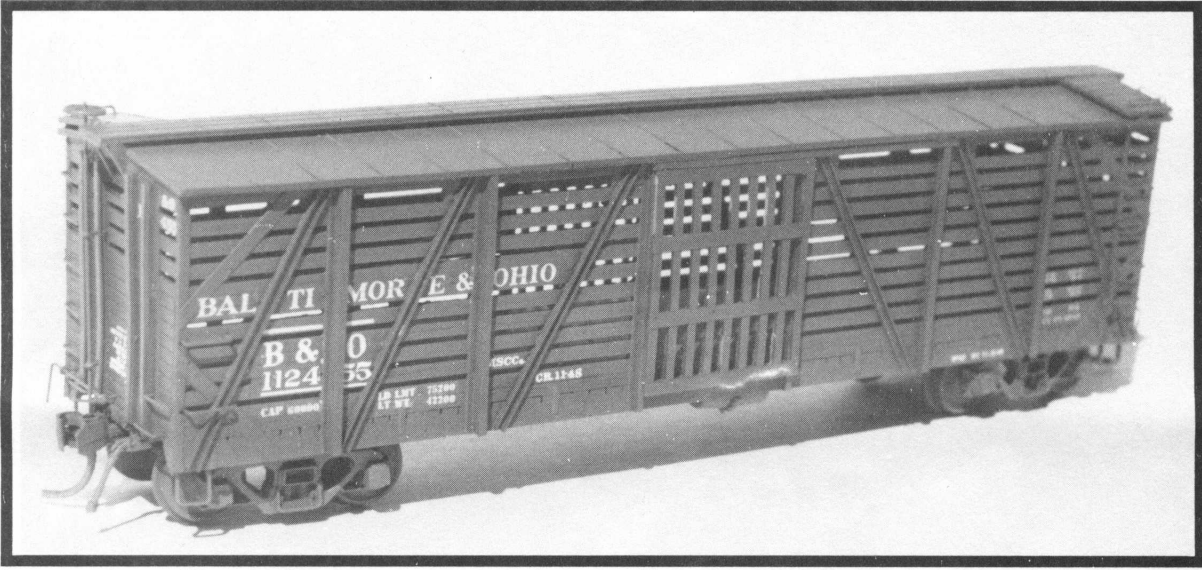




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Mather Stockcars

for your HO scale moos and oinks!



The Mather stockcar, like the boxcar, was a result of Mather's efforts to create a car of standard industrial steel shapes and dimensional lumber. The design was a success, resulting in a durable car, repairable by journeymen. The cars were a composite wood and steel design. A twin I beam center sill was employed, along with a structural frame of diagonal channels and vertical Z braces. The design used a unique metal roof of removable sections, one which Mather patented. The result was a sturdy car with easily identifiable characteristics. This design on stockcars, with their series of open spaces between horizontal boards, made for an especially intricate look. From the 1930s on, the most common Mather stockcar was 30 tons, 40' IL and 7'9" IH with single or double decks. Andrews trucks were usual, but some had trucks with cast side frames.

railroads could supplement their fleets during heavy seasons. Railroads with year-round traffic could lease Mather cars under their own reporting marks.

The Mather stock cars were leased to a variety of interesting railroads in the popular modeling period of late steam and early diesel. The cars lasted into the late 1960s after North American Car Co. bought Mather. The largest user was the Baltimore & Ohio, hardly a western road, with 1028 in 1948. Out west, the Burlington and its sister railroads, Northern Pacific and Great Northern, were lessors. Midwestern roads, such as the Chicago & Northwestern; Alton; Gulf, Mobile & Ohio; Akron, Canton & Youngstown; Chicago & Illinois Midland, had Mather stockcars. Mather ran cars under its MSCX reporting mark.

The stock car was used seasonally by most railroads and the ability to increase their rosters during peak seasons was most useful. By renting Mather stockcars under MSCX reporting marks,

Sunshine is offering single and double deck versions of the 30 ton, 40', 7' 9" IH Mather stock cars. Decals letter the car for B&O, CNW, ACY, Alton, GM&O, GN, NP and CB&Q.

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- _____ Kit #8.1, Single deck version, \$25 _____ Kit #8.2, Double deck version, \$25

Add the following Cape Line cast metal trucks for weight in the open car:

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