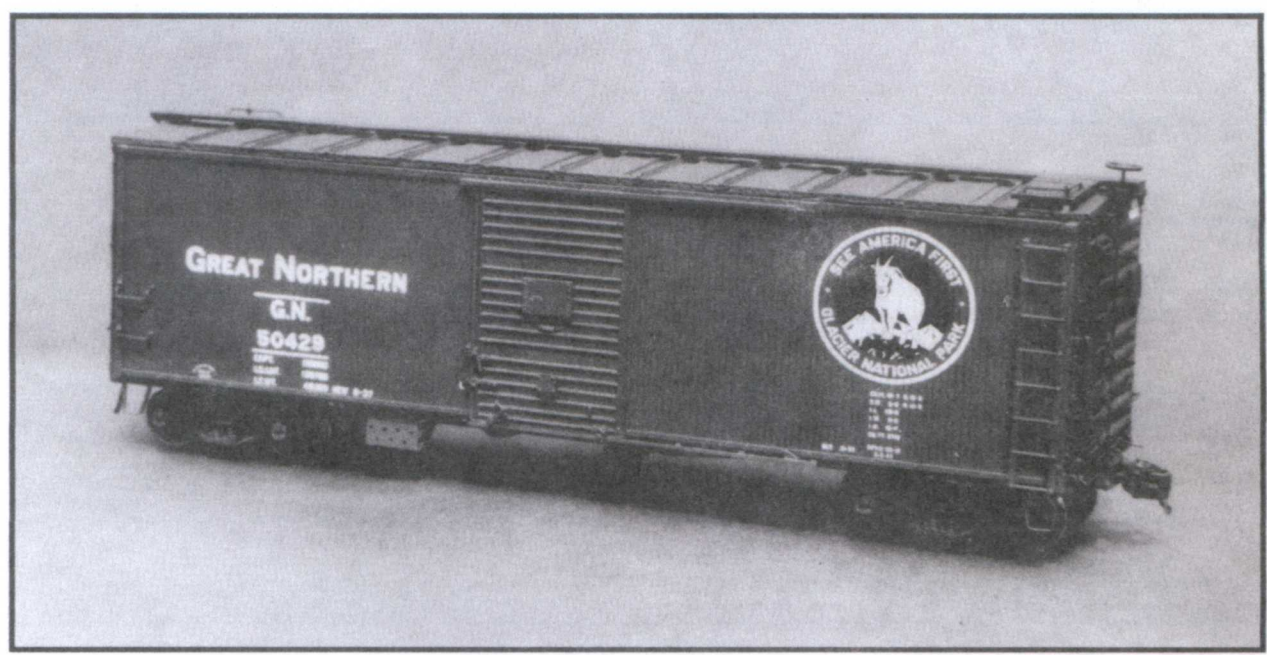




Great Northern's 1937 AAR Boxcar with Tongue in Groove Sides



From 1937 until 1942, the Great Northern bought 8000 boxcars of the A.A.R. 1937 boxcar design, but with wood tongue in groove siding substituted for the steel sides. Presumably, the modification was to placate the timber interests of the Pacific Northwest which provided many of the car loadings for the road. This substitution created a car distinctive and populous in the North American scene from the late Thirties until the Sixties.

These cars were built by a variety of sources--ACF, Pullman, General American and Pressed Steel Car Co.--but all to the same design. There were differences between the cars, however. The '37 built cars had a vertical brake staff and horizontal brake wheel. The remainder of the cars used a variety of power hand brakes. Until the '42 order, the G.N. cars received a perforated shield in front of the triple valve for protection. Both the '37 and '39 cars, 2000 total, used the forward facing goat herald with the legend "Glacier Park, See America First." The remainder of the cars received the side facing goat herald with the same legend. The paint schemes varied, also, with the use of black or red paint on the ends of various cars.

The construction of the G.N. cars required a change in the superstructure. Unlike the pure '37 design which depended on the steel side sheathing for structural integrity, the wood sided cars required the installation of internal steel "Z" braces and a solid side sill. The "Z" braces were concealed except at their junction with the side sill where they can be seen. Thus the car combined most of the modern elements of the '37 design, but added a flavor of earlier wood sheathed designs. The cars got AB brakes and cast steel sideframe trucks.

Sunshine adds to its line of distinctive variations of the A.A.R. '37 design--the C&O Deco and Erie and Naval Powder Factory Buckeye end Viking roof cars. These HO kits are cast in flat back gray poly-urethane, using new masters from Joe Pennington. Appropriate decals are included from Champ with a black decal spot added to darken the rock on which the goat stands, giving the correct look for the forward facing goat on the '37-'39 cars. All detailing parts except trucks and couplers are included along with a Prototype Data Sheet and full instructions.

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