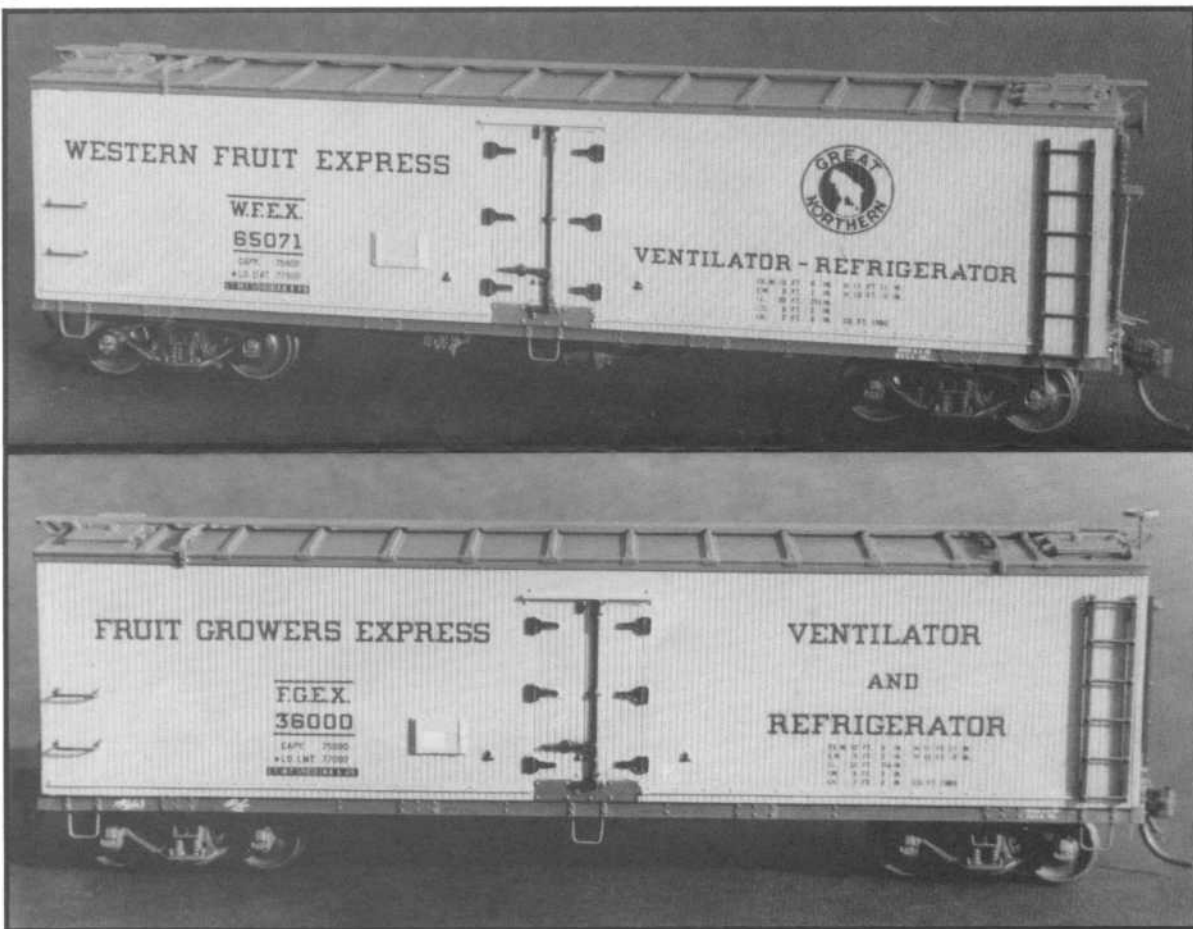




SUNSHINE MODELS

Fruit Growers & Western Fruit Express 1921, 1927, 1940 Design 40' Wood Reefers

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The Fruit Growers Express 32000, 36000 and 50000 series and Western Fruit Express 65000 and 67000 series 40' wood reefers were the roads' standard. The FGEX 32000 and WFEEX 65000 series were the 1921 design cars with 12' 1" rail to eaves height. The FGEX 36000 and WFEEX 67000 series were the 1927 design with 12' 7" height.

The FGE was formed in 1919 from the forced sale of Armour Refrigerator Line. The new company was owned by Pennsy, Southern, ACL and B&O. New Haven, N&W and C& EI would soon join and eventually 19 roads were owners/customers. The line became the principle carrier of Florida fruits and vegetables, Georgia and South Carolina peaches and melons and imported bananas and tropical fruits. The FGE and Great Northern formed WFE in 1923 to complement the seasonal nature of their harvest areas. Thereafter, the cars were interchangeable. By the Forties, the FGE had 14,000 cars and the WFE 7,000. Combined, they were second only to PFE.

In 1922, FGE began building a new car in its Indiana Harbor shops using underframes from GATC. The design was a wood framed car with traditional tongue in groove sides, 4' x 6' doors and wood ice hatches. In 1927, the FGE increased the height of the design and built these cars through 1931. During the Thirties, the cars received metal roofs and a level fascia around the body. During the Forties, the FGE used surplus and recovered underframes to build the FGEX 50000-52999 series to the 12' 7" height, growing the fleet further.

The FGE and WFE cars had reefer yellow sides with red roof and ends and black underbody and hardware. Fruit Growers cars were lettered with a large billboard "Ventilator and Refrigerator", while the WFE cars used the Great Northern herald on the right side of the car.

The Sunshine kits of these late steam/early diesel era cars are traditional gray urethane castings, including a solid roof. Proprietary decals, all detailing parts, full instructions and a four page Prototype Data Sheet are included. Correct trucks are available separately.

- ___ Kit #34.1 Fruit Growers Express 1921 design, 12' 1" height to eaves, 32000-35999 series 40' wood reefer, \$27
- ___ Kit #34.2 Fruit Growers Express 1927 design, 12' 7" height to eaves, 36000-37999 series /1940s 50000-52999 rebuilds 40' wood reefer, \$27
- ___ Kit #34.3 Western Fruit Express 1921 design, 12' 1" height to eaves, 65000-66999 series 40' wood reefer, \$27
- ___ Kit #34.4 Western Fruit Express 1927 design, 12' 7" height to eaves, 67000-67999 series 40' wood reefer, \$27
- ___ TP 40 Plastic, black, ARA design five coil spring trucks with metal wheelsets, \$5.00

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