



ACL and C&WC 36' Ventilator Box and C&WC 36' Boxcar



One of the classic pieces of rolling stock on U.S. railroads was the ventilator boxcar. These cars, frequently called "watermelon" or "melon" cars, combined the attributes of a boxcar with those of a ventilated reefer. These cars employed a pair of doors--one with a screen and another solid wood--with Wine ventilators in the ends to create additional movement of air. These capabilities enabled the cars to be used to haul melons with temperature control during the season but work as boxcars during the off-season.

The "melon" season lasted only a few months and it would be inefficient to have a car idle for the remainder of the year. To alleviate this problem, the cars were easily convertible to a standard boxcar for the lading common to those cars. As a boxcar, the ventilators would travel the U.S. and Canada, just as an ordinary house car.

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- ___ Kit #35.1 ACL O-17 36' Ventilator boxcar w/ center grooved siding, 1919-1950 Serif ltrng, Atlantic Coast Despatch 6' herald decals, \$27
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- ___ TP 40 Plastic, black, ARA design five coil spring trucks with metal wheelsets, \$5.00

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