

50' All Welded Boxcars PRR X-41, 41A, 41B and 41C

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In 1945, the Pennsylvania created a lightweight 50' boxcar unique in appearance, all welded and with slightly excess height, its X-41 series. The use of sheet steel only .07" thick welded to vertical posts every 2' yielded a car side with a mass of wrinkles. The interior height of 10' 8" added to the massive appearance. The X-41s were the PRR's last major home design.

The 300 X-41 cars had double doors, the 200 X-41As had double doors with an end door (the last end door car built new), the 1500 X-41Bs had single doors and the 500 X-41Cs with double doors were nearly identical to the X-41. Orders were completed in 1948.

Within the second order of X-41s in 1947, were 300 cars specifically for less-than-carload (LCL) service. These X-41Bs got Steins load retainers, an interior rack system that protected mixed cargo from the damage of stacking and of shifting

enroute. For advertising purposes, the LCL cars got a broad aluminum band, bordered above and below by white stripes. The circle keystone was dramatically enlarged and given a bright red background, aluminum border, a white keystone and red PRR monogram. In the left side band were the words "Merchandise Service".

Sunshine's HO scale X-41 kits are produced in gray resin. They include a solid roof casting, 50' etched metal running board and proprietary decals, including the three color Merchandise Service decals. A Prototype Data Sheet, containing extensive research and photographs, and instructions with model photographs are part of the kit. All the necessary parts are included except couplers and trucks. Appropriate 2D-F8 Pennsy trucks in white metal with metal wheelsets common on the X-41s are \$6.

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- ___ Kit #51.1 PRR X-41 or 41C Double door 50' boxcar with Youngstown doors, etched steel roofwalk, white freight decals, \$34
- ___ Kit #51.2 PRR X-41A Double door 50' boxcar with Youngstown doors and end door, etched steel roofwalk, white freight decals, \$34
- ___ Kit #51.3 PRR X-41B Single 7' door 50' boxcar with postwar lightweight Youngstown doors, metal roofwalk, freight decals, \$34
- ___ Kit #51.4 PRR X-41B Single 7' door 50' boxcar w/ postwar ltwt Y'town doors, metal roofwalk and three color Merchandise Service decals, \$35
- ___ Part #TM7 PRR 2D-F8 cast metal trucks with metal wheelsets for X-41 series boxcars, \$6.00
- ___ #E.13 Chalkmarks in light gray from **Pennsylvania Road** rolling stock photos, approximately 70 per set, \$4
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- ___ #E.51 Mid Atlantic Reweigh Stations and Dates and Corresponding Repack Data with Colored Background Decals, \$6
- ___ #E.100 Three color Placard and Tag Decals w/ Warning, Hazardous Handling, Clean, Classification, Track or Train Assignment, Spotting, \$6

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