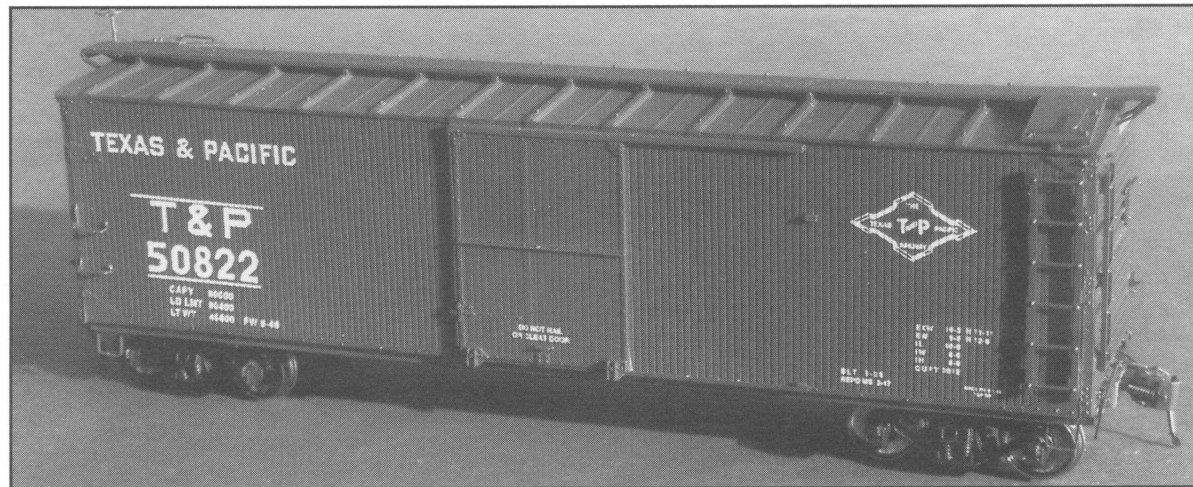




T&P 50000 Series Boxcars



In 1924 the Texas and Pacific purchased 1000 double sheathed boxcars from ACF in its 50000 series that would serve the road into the early 1950s. These were 40 ton cars with 8'10" IH and 3034 cubic foot capacity.

The T&P 50000 series cars followed the classic design of the USRA, with a few changes common to the clones of the Twenties. The double sheathed tongue in groove sides and fishbelly underframe were retained. A 6' wood door was applied. As with similar cars on the Cotton Belt and Northern Pacific, the railroad added certain modernizations. The road employed 7/8 outward Murphy pattern ends, ladders instead of grab irons and a radial steel Hutchins roof. The final five cars, 50995-999, received an early Chicago-Cleveland Viking roof.

The last 200 cars of the order came with a door and a half 10' opening. These cars were shipped in the mid-Thirties and a 6' door installed.

The 50000 series had the common 5'6" truck pin to striker spacing. A top mounted cut lever was used. Cast steel 4 spring package trucks were installed. During the Thirties AB brakes were applied, but the staff hand brake with modest booster was retained.

While the companion Pullman built autocars in the 60000 series underwent rebuilding to steel sides beginning in the mid-Thirties, the 50000 series served the road as built until 1952 when they were progressively rebuilt to steel cars and placed in the 82000 series. There were 905 50000 series cars in October 1948 and 124 in 1953.

The cars were painted boxcar red, a brown tone, with white lettering. Through most of their life the 50000 series cars bore the common "Texas and Pacific", large reporting marks and numbers in block lettering on the left side. After World War II, the road converted to curvilinear style numbers. If repainted, the new style of numbers was applied to the cars. In addition, the application of the road's diamond herald to freight cars became standard in 1946. Some 50000 series cars got this herald before their demise.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and proprietary decals with T&P two color herald. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included. Trucks, assorted chalkmarks and reweigh decals are available separately.

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- ___ Kit #52.13 T&P 50000 series double sheathed boxcar with Hutchins roof, wood running board, white decals (1930-50s), \$38
 - ___ Kit #52.14 T&P 50000 series double sheathed boxcar with Chicago-Cleveland Viking roof, wood running board, white decals (1930-50s), \$38
 - ___ TP 40 Plastic, black, non-magnetic A.R.A. design five coil spring trucks with metal wheelsets, \$5.00
 - ___ E.21 Southwestern Chalkmarks, chalkmarks in very light gray from period photographs, \$4

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