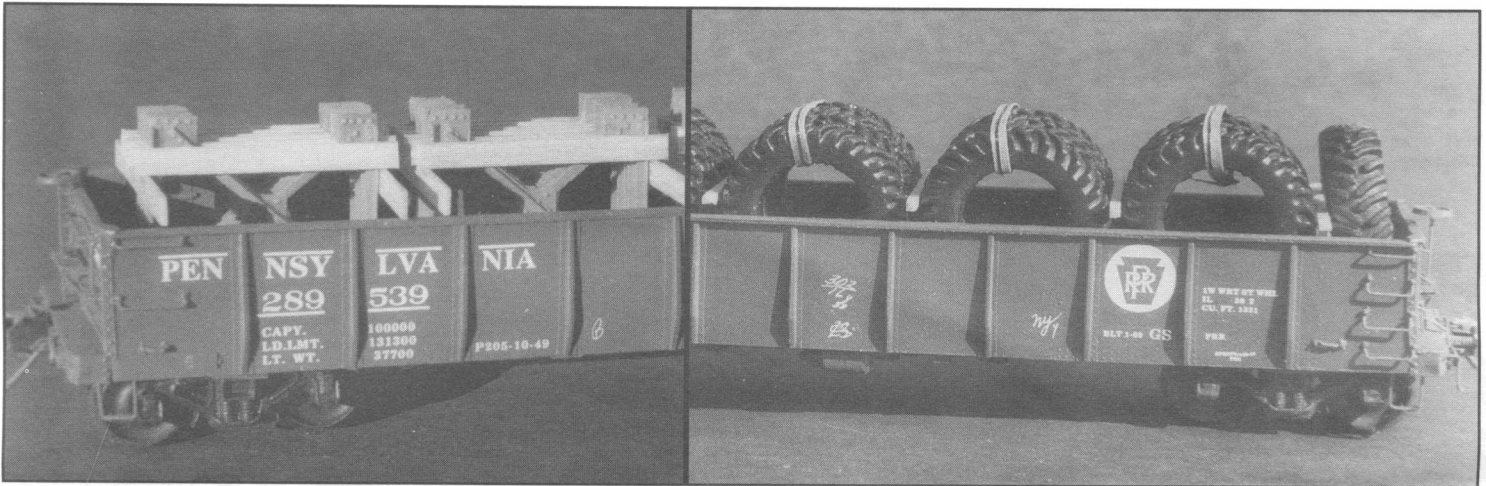




# Introducing the Quick Kit PRR GS 38' Steel Gondola



In 1949, the all-steel GS class was the largest block of gondolas on the Pennsy and the fourth largest group of any class of freight car on the road. In that year, there were 14,485 of the original 32,700 cars in revenue service—declining to 300 cars in 1955. The total number of GS gons was greater than the entire fleet of roads such as Pere Marquette, Western Maryland, New Haven, Delaware and Hudson and CNJ/CRP.

The primary versions of the GS class remaining in the late Forties were the GS (a sub-class as well) and GSh sub-classes. The GS sub-class made up the vast majority. They had flat bottoms, solid ends and collapsible stake holders applied in the 1920s-30s. The GSh sub-class had 893 cars. These received a reinforcing angle below the car sides and at the top or bulb angles, but their stake pockets had been removed when they were modified in 1945. They were also flat bottom, solid end cars.

The GS class served as the equivalent of a pickup truck on the Pennsy. The road moved vast quantities of intermediate steel between mills in the Northeast and Midwest. The GS with 50 ton capacity was useful for this purpose. The cars were excellent for scrap metal, steel billets and plates, steel shapes, tires, pipes, limestone, as well as other in-process and finished industrial products.

The interior length of the GS all steel gondola was only 38'

2" and its cubic capacity was a modest 1331 feet. During the Thirties and Forties, it was commonplace for the GS class to have 2D-F8 trucks.

Both the GS and GSh gons are designed as a *Quick Kit*. The sides and ends, detailed on both inside and out, are cast as one piece to reduce assembly time. Approximately four hours are required to complete these simple models.

A load of tires for off-road equipment which fits the GS or GSh model is available. These 6' diameter tires have prototype tire cavities along with banding over paper.

A load of "X" frame members for the previously issued 70' deck bridge girder is also available with the GS and GSh gons.

The HO scale kits contain gray urethane castings. Etched stainless steel Carmer cut levers are included with all kits. Wire and a mandrel for creating independent stakeholders is included in the GS version. The kits include all the necessary parts except couplers and trucks, which are available separately. Appropriate decals are provided. A Prototype Data Sheet and instructions with photos are part of each kit.

Authentic chalkmarks, reweigh and repack data (with three color background) and Pennsy 2D-F8 trucks in white metal (for sufficient weight to run car empty) and with metal wheelsets are available separately. Additional Carmer cut levers are available, also.

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- \_\_\_ Kit #53.1 PRR GS Gondola with stakeholder brackets/brass wire and white circle keystone herald decals (1930s-50s), \$22
- \_\_\_ Kit #53.2 PRR GS Gondola above with off-road tire load, paper, banding, \$32
- \_\_\_ Kit #53.3 PRR GS Gondola above with deck bridge "X" frames, attachment plates, angles and cribbing, \$32
- \_\_\_ Kit #53.4 PRR GSh Gondola with white circle keystone herald decals (1945-50s), \$22
- \_\_\_ Kit #53.5 PRR GSh Gondola above with off-road tire load, paper, banding, \$32
- \_\_\_ Kit #53.6 PRR GSh Gondola above with deck bridge "X" frames, attachment plates, angles and cribbing, \$32
- \_\_\_ Part #TM7 PRR 2D-F8 cast metal trucks with metal wheelsets for GS and GSh gondolas, \$6.00
- \_\_\_ #E.13 Chalkmarks in light gray from **Pennsylvania Road** rolling stock photos, approximately 70 per set, \$4
- \_\_\_ #E.17 Chalkmarks in light gray from **Wash. DC, 1947-48** rolling stock photos, approximately 70 per set, \$4
- \_\_\_ #E.51 Mid Atlantic Reweigh Stations and Dates and Corresponding Repack Data with 3 Colored Background Decals, \$6
- \_\_\_ #E.100 Three color Placard & Tag Decals w/ Warning, Hazardous Handling, Clean, Classification, Train Assignment, \$6
- \_\_\_ #P1 One pair of etched stainless steel Carmer cut levers, \$3 with a kit

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Add \$4.00 for shipping per five kits in U.S. ( MO residents add 6.475% ), Canada \$15.88 for six kits

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