



**SUNSHINE
MODELS**

Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern Signature Boxcars



During the late steam era, the signature boxcar for both the Western Pacific and its subsidiary Sacramento Northern was the 8' IH, 40' 3" IL double sheathed car. It was distinctive for use of a massive exposed double sill, a design unique to the former Gould road. A simple Murphy metal sheathed wood roof was applied. Either indented Murphy or indented Dreadnaught ends were used. The "A" end had a lumber door. In 1948, this car was the largest single boxcar design on WP and SN.

These modest sized cars, purchased in 1917-18 and rebuilt in the Thirties, lasted into the 1950s. They were the WP 16001-18500 series. There were 2072 cars in 1932, 1333 in '41, 503 in '48 and 21 in '56. In 1941, the WP handed down 28 cars to the SN. There were 28 SN 2301-2328 series cars in 1948 and 27 in 1953. They lasted until 1969.

The WP cars rode on Andrews trucks, except for an additional block of the 30 ton 316001 series with arch bar trucks. The SN cars used both types of trucks, the arch bar trucks being for on-line WP/SN/T-S service.

During the Thirties, the WP experimented with aluminum paint on car sides, but it was not until the late Forties that it became widely used. The chief identifier, however, was the large W.P. feather herald with black background on the doors. The SN lettering was white with the distinctive arched road name to the left of the door.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and proprietary decals. Full instructions and a four page Prototype Data Sheet are included. The correct trucks are available separately.

- ___ Kit #59.1 WP 8' IH Double Sheathed 16001-18500 series boxcar with Murphy ends, white lettering and herald, \$31
- ___ Kit #59.2 WP 8' IH Double Sheathed 16001-18500 series boxcar with Dreadnaught ends, white lettering and herald, \$31
- ___ Kit #59.3 WP 8' IH Double Sheathed 16001-18500 series boxcar with Murphy ends, aluminum lettering and herald, \$31
- ___ Kit #59.4 WP 8' IH Double Sheathed 16001-18500 series boxcar with Dreadnaught ends, aluminum lettering and herald, \$31
- ___ Kit #59.5 SN 8' IH Double Sheathed 2301-2328 series boxcar with Murphy ends, white lettering, \$31
- ___ Kit #59.6 SN 8' IH Double Sheathed 2301-2328 series boxcar with Dreadnaught ends, white lettering, \$31
- ___ Decals #E.53 Western Reweigh Stations, Dates and Repack Data, \$6 ___ Decals #E.19 Yellow Chalkmarks \$4
- ___ Trucks #TP 51 Plastic Andrews, non-sprung, black side frame trucks with non-magnetic metal wheelsets, \$5
- ___ Trucks #TP 52 Plastic Archbar, non-sprung, black side frame trucks with non-magnetic metal wheelsets, \$5

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