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# Quanah, Acme and Pacific Signature Boxcars



The Quanah, Acme and Pacific double sheathed, wood end cars in the 500-524 series made up the major portion of this famous West Texas shortline's fleet in the late steam era.

The 1915 built Quanah boxcars retained the design features of the Teens and never underwent rebuilding with steel components. By the late steam era their wood frame and wood sheathing with massive fishbelly underframe were a delightful anachronism. The QA&P cars came with archbar trucks, but Andrews trucks were used for cars in interchange. There were 25 original cars in service and 21 cars in 1953.

The QA&P cars bore its distinctive company herald. It was a rendition of Quanah Parker with single feather in the "Q" of "Quanah Route". The cars were seen with either the unique QA&P weight and dimensional data lettering or the Frisco's, the road's owner. The cars were painted a bright red with black trucks. The lettering was white.

The QA&P was called the Quanah Route after the Comanche chief Quanah Parker. Chief Quanah was the son of a Nacona band chief and a white mother, Cynthia Ann Parker, captured in an 1836 Indian raid. He

was celebrated for ending the Comanche wars in the late 19th Century.

The QA&P connected at the Red River between Oklahoma and Texas with the Frisco's line from Oklahoma City. The QA&P proceeded south for 20 miles to the FtW&D crossing at Quanah, then west to Acme where gypsum was processed. It crossed the mesquite covered range lands and canyons of West Texas. The road rose from 1570 feet elevation at Quanah to 3180 feet on the Staked Plains of West Texas.

The Frisco controlled QA&P was a bridge between the Frisco and the Santa Fe for Midwest to Pacific Coast traffic. It was an alternative to the Frisco-Santa Fe interchange at Avard in northwestern Oklahoma. The QA&P route improved the Frisco division of rates by 4 percentage points. WW II quadrupled the tonnage of the QA&P. In the 1950s and 1960s, four transcontinental freights traversed the QA&P.

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

- \_\_\_ Kit #59.7 QA&P 8' IH Double Sheathed 500-524 series boxcar w/ wood ends, QA&P herald and complex data lettering decals, \$32
- \_\_\_ Kit #59.8 QA&P 8' IH Double Sheathed 500-524 series boxcar w/ wood ends, QA&P herald and modernized SL-SF data decals, \$32
- \_\_\_ Decals #E.55 Southwestern Reweigh Stations, Dates and Repack Data, \$6 \_\_\_ #E.21 Southwestern 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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