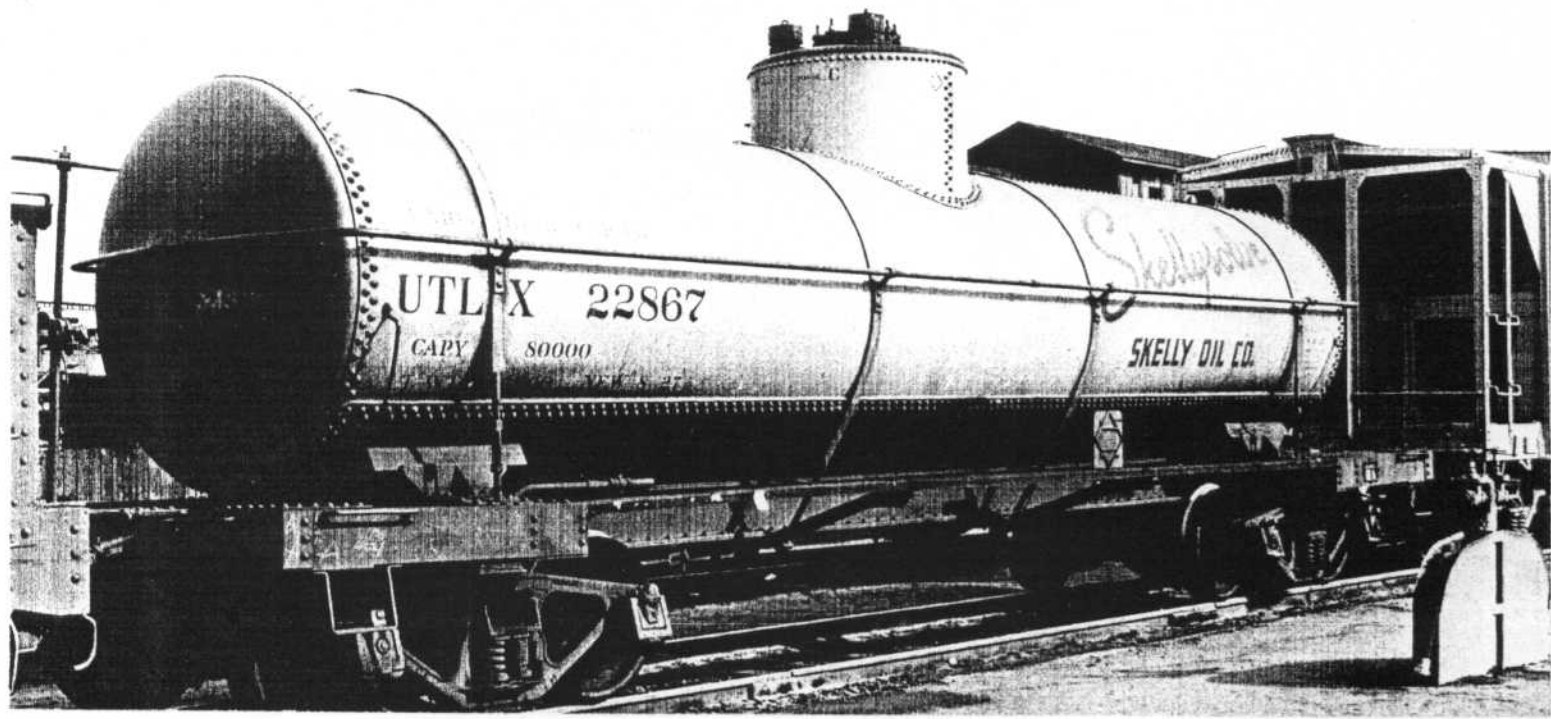


Preliminary Flyer

15th Anniversary Kit

UTLX X-3 8K and 6.5K Gallon Tankcars



Prototype Photo, Bakersfield CA, 1955, Col. McCoid, Bob's Photo reached it zenith during World War II. Solid trains of tank cars in multiple sections rolled from the oil fields of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas, Arkansas and California to the refineries and industries of the nation. Refined products were moved to chemical producers and oil and gas distributors. The gradual introduction of foreign oil, petro-chemical plants on the Gulf Coast, liquefied gas and pipelines changed the emphasis to specialty tank cars in the 1950-60s.

The Union Tank Car Line's X-3 was the most numerous tank car in the U.S. during the classic era. The X-3 was as close to a standardized tank car as the nation's railroads came. Sunshine introduces highly accurate HO reproductions of the nominal 38' frame, small diameter 8,000 gal. and the 32' frame, small diameter 6,500 gal. tank cars. A version of the skinny 8,000 gal. tank includes the red "Skellysolve" logo on an aluminum and black car. The UTLX tanks are Sunshine's 15th Anniversary kits.

The small diameter 8,000 gal. tankcars resided in the 18000-22999 series, including the "Skellysolve" tank. The 6,500 gal. tanks were in the 26-12749 series.

UTLX was the largest tank car line with over 41,000 cars in 1948. The X-3 design was its bid for standardization in the '20s and '30s. It featured an extended underframe relative to the tank length. The extra space between bolster and end sill was filled with a wood platform. The cars had unique yellow lettering on black, a single left side ladder and stanchions on the tank straps.

The era of uninsulated tank cars began before the turn of the century, greatly expanded with the advent of the automobile, but

To achieve the fine detail of these open frame cars, .005 etched brass straps, defect card holders, stirrups, placards and brake lever plate are included. Etched stainless steel brake levers and hand rail junctions and brass chain are part of the kit.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. The tank is two cast segments which snap together. Both styles of wood end platform are in the kits. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and proprietary decals. Full instructions and a six page Prototype Data Sheet are included. The correct trucks--ARA cast side frame and ARA Type Y--are available separately, as are three color tankcar placard decals.

- ___ 62.3 UTLX X-3 long frame, small diameter 8K car in the 18000-22999 series with brass, stainless steel and cast parts, \$34
- ___ 62.4 UTLX X-3 long frame, small diameter 8K car in the 18000-22999 series, white, black and red "Skellysolve" decals, \$35
- ___ 62.5 UTLX X-3 short frame, small diameter 6.5K car in the 26-12749 series with brass, stainless steel and cast parts, \$34
- ___ Decal #E101 Three color tankcar placards noting loaded and unloaded condition for non-pressurized tanks to letter 4 cars, \$6
- ___ Decal #E26 Tank car chalkmarks, approximately 50 marks in light gray from tank car photos, \$4
- ___ Trucks #TP 40 Black plastic cast side frame, non-sprung trucks with non-magnetic metal wheelsets, \$5
- ___ Trucks #TM 7 ARA Type Y cast metal trucks with non-magnetic metal wheelsets, \$6

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

Sunshine Models Box 4997 Springfield MO 65808-4997

B