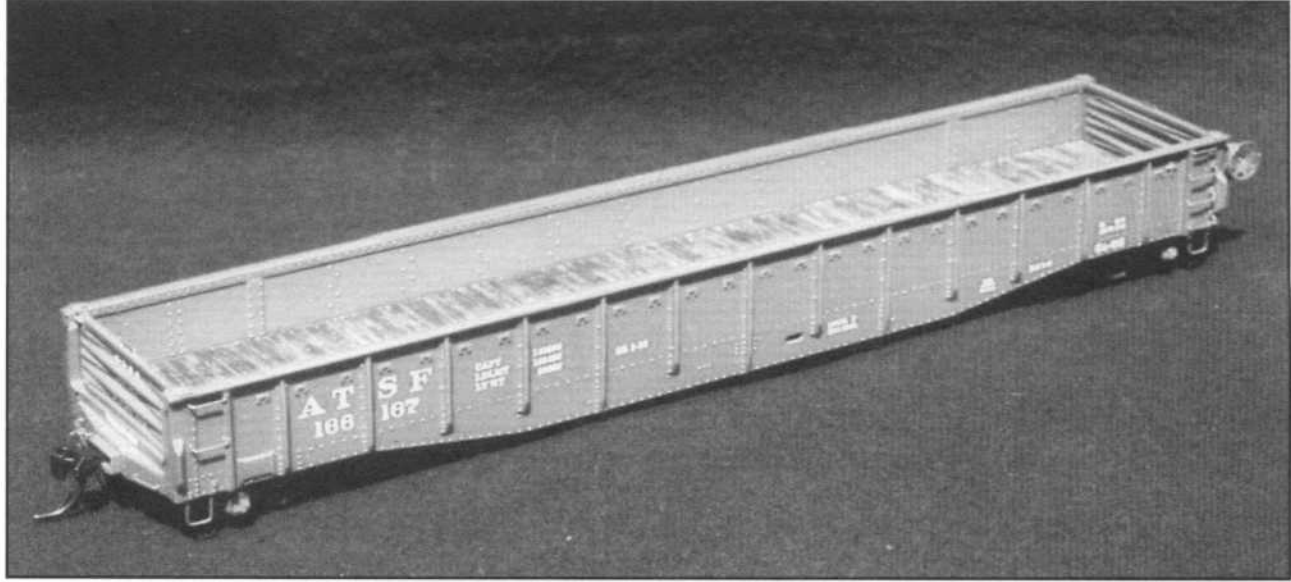


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ATSF 52'6" IL Steel Gondolas Classes GA-68, -69, -80, -87



In 1948, the Santa Fe began accepting a series of 52 foot, drop end steel gondolas with wood floors. Previously the railroad had largely avoided the surge of Greenville and Bethlehem design steel gondolas of the late Thirties and early Forties, purchased widely by Eastern roads with sizeable traffic in steel shapes.

Now the ATSF purchased 1800 riveted 52'6" IL gondolas in 1948, '49 and '51 from ACF and 500 more nearly identical welded gondolas in 1954 from Pressed Steel Car Co. They roughly followed the Bethlehem design with three full ribs on each side at the crossbearers.

The cars were ideal for scrap, sand and gravel, logs and lumber, sizeable loads requiring an open top for loading, steel structural members and any commodity that extended beyond the interior length, such as telephone poles. They were placed in general service.

The 250 cars from 1948 were the Ga-68 class, the 750 cars from 1949 the Ga-69 class and the 800 cars from 1951 the Ga-80 class. The cars were numbered 166000-

167799 consecutively. The 500 welded cars were the Ga-87 class, numbers 75000-75499.

All cars rode on A-3 Ride Control trucks, had side facing Ajax hand brakes and bottom mounted cut levers. AB brakes were applied. The ends were 3/8th inch pressed (corrugated) steel. The floors were treated (creosoted) wood. All had 70 ton capacity. The cars had 1740 cubic feet interiors with 3'6" IH. They were painted Mineral Brown with white lettering

The gons, being of the latest steel design, lasted for many years in revenue service. There were 1171 riveted gondolas in 1965, now renumbered to the 75500-76674 series. These cars had received nailable steel replacement floors. There were 494 welded cars with wood floors in 1965 as well.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in Quick-Kit format (sides and end frame attached) in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and proprietary decals. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included.

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- ___ #70.14 ATSF Ga 87 52' IL welded, fishbelly side, drop end gondola with wood floor, white decals (1954), \$34
- ___ E.25 Gondola chalkmarks in very light gray, \$4
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