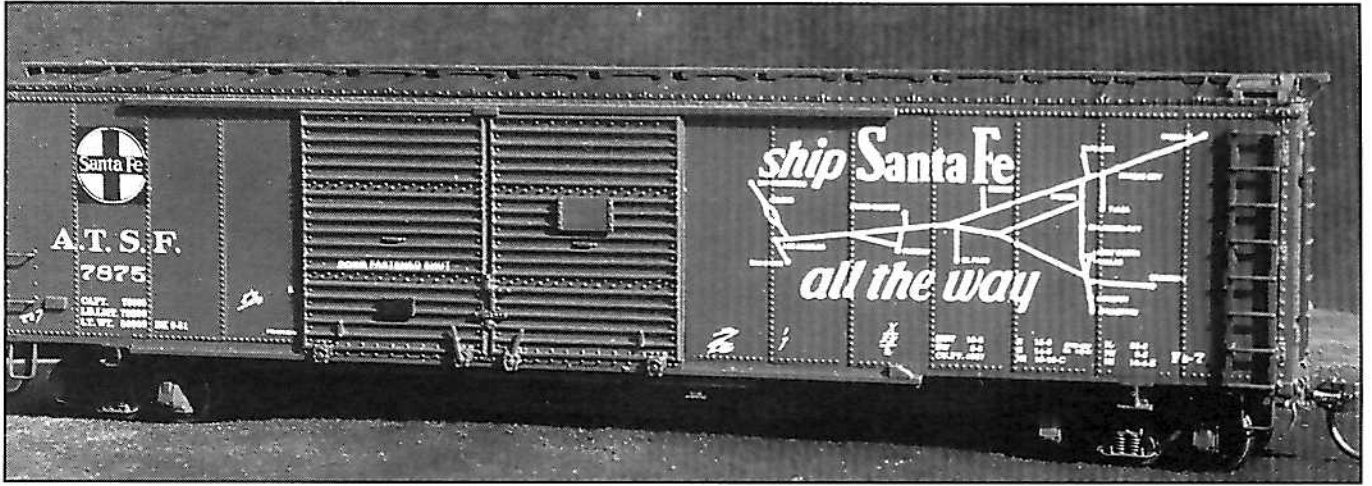




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ATSF FE-6 thru 20 50' Whalebelly Rebuilds



The latter half of the Great Depression was the era of Great Rebuilding. The Santa Fe was the master of rebuilding, creating more rebuilds than any other road. Perhaps its boldest project was the reconstruction of large quantities of 50' wood framed 1906-12 built furniture/auto cars with four massive sills into all steel auto and general service cars. Beginning in 1936, the rebuilding created eleven classes of 50' double door steel cars, the Fe-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 20 -- a total of 1249 cars.

For over a decade these rebuilds numbered well over the total of new auto cars purchased by the railroad. The 50' rebuilds played a key role in making the ATSF competitive in hauling automobiles, automobile components and auto parts from the Midwest to assembly plants in California and Texas.

The cars shared a massive and visible underframe, sometimes referred to as a "whalebelly" or "battleship" underbody. It gave them the appearance of a boxcar built on a 50' flatcar underframe.

The cars received four different steel ends. The cars could have indented Dreadnaught, indented Murphy, indented Dreadnaught with a spacer plate at the top or an indented Murphy end with spacer plate. The rebuilds could receive any combination of these ends, so each one is included in the kit.

The Fe-6, Fe-7, Fe-8, Fe-9, Fe-10 and Fe-11 series cars retained L section Andrews trucks. The remainder of the classes received ARA cast side frame trucks.

The Fe-6 thru early Fe-20 were built and painted before the famous map scheme appeared. Repainting of the cars in the 1940-1947 period gave them the 50' map and slogan scheme. The 50' cars had a map and slogan substantially larger than that of forty foot cars. After 1947, the down-sized Ship and Travel and train slogan scheme infiltrated the 50' rebuild classes.

The Fe-6-20s underwent numerous changes, including raised roofs and interior equipment. The cars lasted into the early 1970s in general service.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and period specific proprietary decals. Decals for the pre map scheme are available, along with four versions of the map and slogan scheme (Super Chief, Grand Canyon, El Capitan and Scout) and four versions of the Ship and Travel scheme (Grand Canyon, Super Chief, El Capitan and Chief). All four possible ends are included in the kit. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included. Trucks and chalkmarks are available separately.

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- ___ Kit #73.1 ATSF Fe-6-20 50' Whalebelly Rebuild with four ends and original pre-map decals (1936-late 1940s), \$37
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