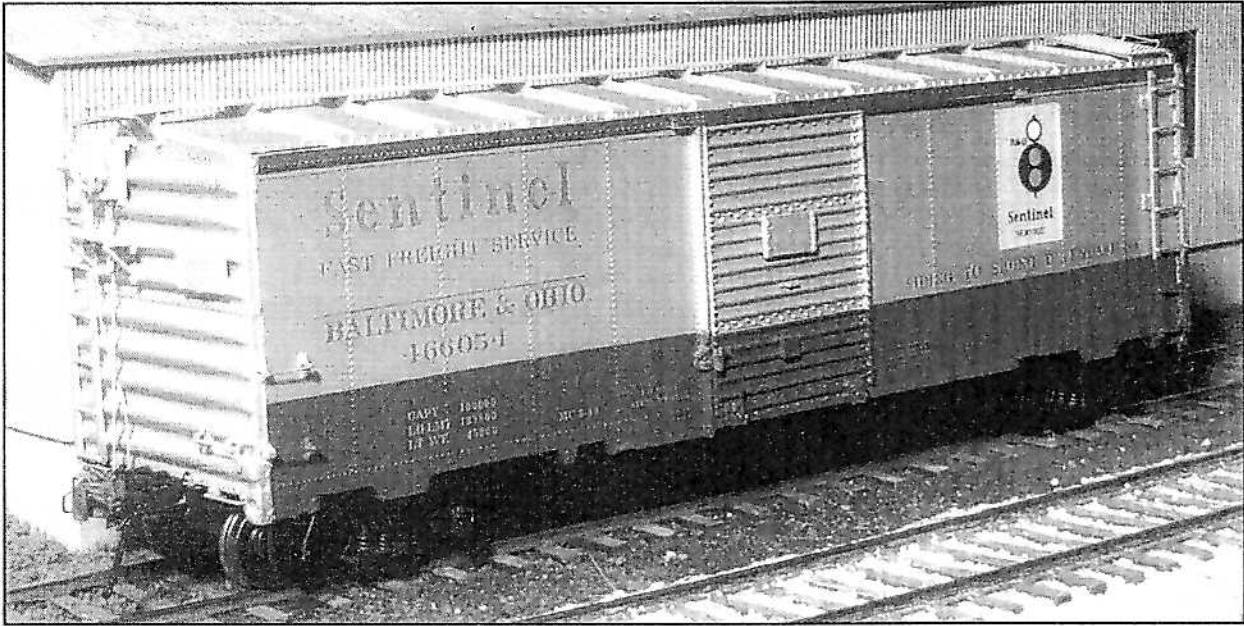


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Eastern Roads

10' IH, 7' Door, 40' Postwar Boxcars



In the early years following World War II, the North American railroads began rebuilding their rolling stock fleet following the drought of the Great Depression and limited production during the war. Beginning in 1941, the AAR recommended an inside height of 10'6" for steel boxcars.

A few roads retained the original 10' IH during the post war expansion while incorporating a new 7' door opening. This choice was due primarily to overhead restrictions on parts of their right of way. Notable among these road buying 10' IH cars were the Baltimore and Ohio, Western Maryland, Central of New Jersey and Southern Pacific.

Of these roads, the largest purchases were by the B&O. Continuing a series of pre-war steel 10' IH boxcars, the B&O received the famous M-55C class in 1945 that employed Pressed Steel Car Co. corrugated ends along with the company's preferred Duryea underframe, straight panel roof and the 7' door. These were followed in 1947 with the M-55H that returned to the common 3/4 improved Dreadnaught ends, but retained the other elements.

The B&O cars were further notable for use of two famous lettering schemes. A sizeable block of M-55C cars received the six color Sentinel Service advertisement on a silver and blue car. When

the M-55H arrived, some of these cars got the new five color Time Saver slogan scheme. This car side advertisement promoted the road's fast merchandise service, but did not mean that these particular cars were assigned to that service.

The Western Maryland had six series of 10' IH, 7' door boxcars: the B-7 in 1945, the B-8, 9, 10 in 1946-47, B-11 in 1949 and B-14 in 1951. The later two incorporated the new lightweight Youngstown doors and the new diagonal panel roof, as well. All of these cars also used the Duryea underframe.

The Central of New Jersey followed suit with the purchase of two classes with a partial straight side sill, straight panel roof, improved Dreadnaught ends and lightweight Youngstown doors: XM-3, Nos. 22001-22480 in 1947 and XM-4 in 1947-48, Nos. 22501-23250. The first class came with the Duryea underframe and the second without. The final 250 of the latter class had Superior doors.

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