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Fruehauf Curved Front, Streamlined, Stainless Steel Trailer



From the late Forties thru the early Fifties, Fruehauf provided streamlined, stainless steel, corrugated, round front vans to America's over-the-road haulers and at least two railroads. These trailers would be seen on roads and at terminals trackside during the late steam and early diesel era.

The stainless steel, fluted side van was one of the most popular of numerous designs created and produced by Fruehauf. These vans required no painting and the shipping company simply added its name and/or logo. The company colors were restricted to the symbols, front name plates and side lettering applied to the vans.

In this era the over-the-road haulers were highly regulated. They served specific routes granted by the government. The companies' vans could be seen nationwide on occasion, pulled by connecting companies' tractors. More often, however, cross country loads acquired by a regional hauler had to be transferred cross platform to another company's vans. A few companies had routes across a major portion of the country.

T.I.M.E., headquartered in Los Angeles, was the 28th largest hauler with hubs in Nashville, OK City, and Winchester VA and routes across the U.S. East Texas Motor

Freight was another large hauler with southwest to northeast routes from the South into St. Louis and Chicago. Smith's and Overnight, both based in Virginia, had routes on the Atlantic Seaboard, Appalachia, southeastward and westward. Norwalk was an Ohio company serving the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes. Bell was a substantial firm headquartered in Charleston WV that served the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes.

The Missouri Pacific purchased these vans for its motor freight subsidiary. Its routes roughly paralleled the MoP's freight lines and served the same, as well as nearby towns not served by the railroad, in thirteen states. The motor freight dovetailed into the Eagle Merchandise service in some cases.

The Burlington used these vans to initiate its trailer-on-flat service in 1953.

This simple Sunshine kit is vacuum cast in gray urethane with the curved front, sides and rear doors as one piece. The kit comes in four major components: the van, underbody, roof and underbody details. Details such as wheels, hubs and running gear are included. The tractor is not included. Decals are provided to letter a van for a specific company. A Prototype Data Sheet and instructions are included.

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 Fruehauf Stainless Steel, horizontally corrugated, round front van for the following companies (headquarters/region/colors), \$25:
- ___ Kit #82.1 T.I.M.E.--Los Angeles (headquarters), Nashville, OK City, Winchester VA--coast-to-coast--red, white, black decals
 - ___ Kit #82.2 Norwalk--Norwalk Ohio; Upper Midwest/Great Lakes--green and white decals
 - ___ Kit #82.3 Smith's--Staunton Virginia; Appalachia/Southeast/Mid-Atlantic--green, white, black decals
 - ___ Kit #82.4 Overnight--Richmond Virginia; Southeast and East Coast--blue and black decals
 - ___ Kit #82.5 East Texas Motor Freight--Dallas, Mid-South, St. Louis/Chicago--green and yellow decals
 - ___ Kit #82.6 Bell--Charleston WV, Upper Midwest and Great lakes--yellow and black decals
 - ___ Kit #82.7 Missouri Pacific Motor Freight--parallel to MoP and subsidiary lines--red and white buzzsaw decals

Name _____ Street _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Add \$4.00 for shipping per five kits in U.S. (MO residents add 6.675%), Canada \$15.88 for six kits
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