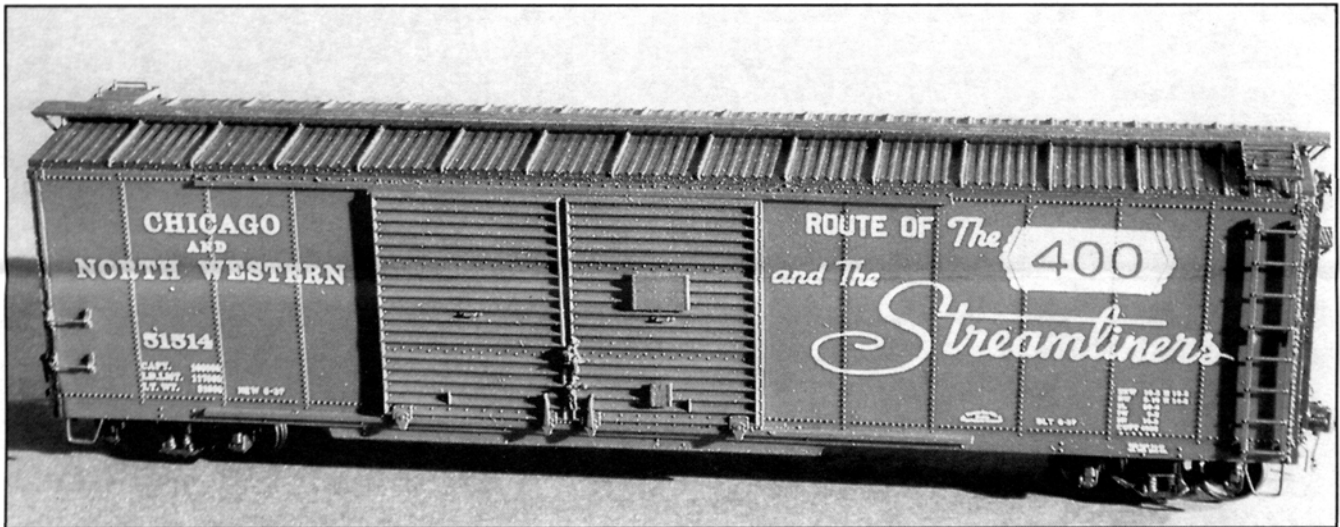




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More "Motor Special" Cars CNW, MKT, KCS 50' Autocars



During the Great Depression of the Thirties, the rapid growth of automobiles in the U.S. was stymied, yet the auto trade remained a highly desired market for the railroads. The Kansas City Southern, Chicago and North Western and Missouri-Kansas-Texas purchased 50' IL, 10'4" IH, square corner end boxcars in the mid-1930s similar to the SP A-50-12 and SSW 47000 series. The CNW, MKT and KCS cars found their way onto the SSW/SP *Motor Special*.

The 10 KCS cars in the 20800-20809 series were apparently the first 50' all steel 10'4" IH cars, arriving in 1935. Auto racks were applied. They served the Kansas City auto assembly plants. The KCS had a relationship with the Cotton Belt, interchanging at Texarkana TX for West Coast movements.

The KCS cars were boxcar red and were the last cars painted with the "Quick Despatch" circle in box symbol on the upper left side and Kansas City Southern/Automobile centered on the right. In repaints after World War II, the KCS octagon was placed in the second panel from the right, 12" from the top, and "Automobile" moved over the reporting marks.

The 1937 CNW boxcars were nearly identical to the SP A-50-12 but with a modern Viking roof. The CNW cars, 500 cars in total, were divided between 250 lower numbered cars without auto racks

and 250 higher numbered cars with racks. This ratio would change: by 1941 there were 298 cars in the 51000-51598 series without racks and 200 cars in the 51600-51998 series with racks. In 1948, 400 cars had racks.

The CNW cars were painted boxcar red with white lettering. They sported a "Route of the 400 and the Streamliners" slogan that filled the right side.

The 1937 MKT cars had a fishbelly center sill and the ends were a 5/5 square corner design. The Katy cars were divided into the 61001-25 series with end doors and the 62001-62100 series without. None came with auto racks and all remained without them. The MKT interchanged with the SP at San Antonio for westbound traffic.

The Katy cars were painted boxcar red with white lettering, except for the slogan "The Katy Serves the Southwest" on the right in Dulux Gold.

All cars used wood running boards. The KCS car had National Type B-1 trucks and the CNW and MKT ARA cast side frame trucks.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and proprietary decals. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included. Trucks and assorted chalkmarks and reweigh decals are available separately.

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