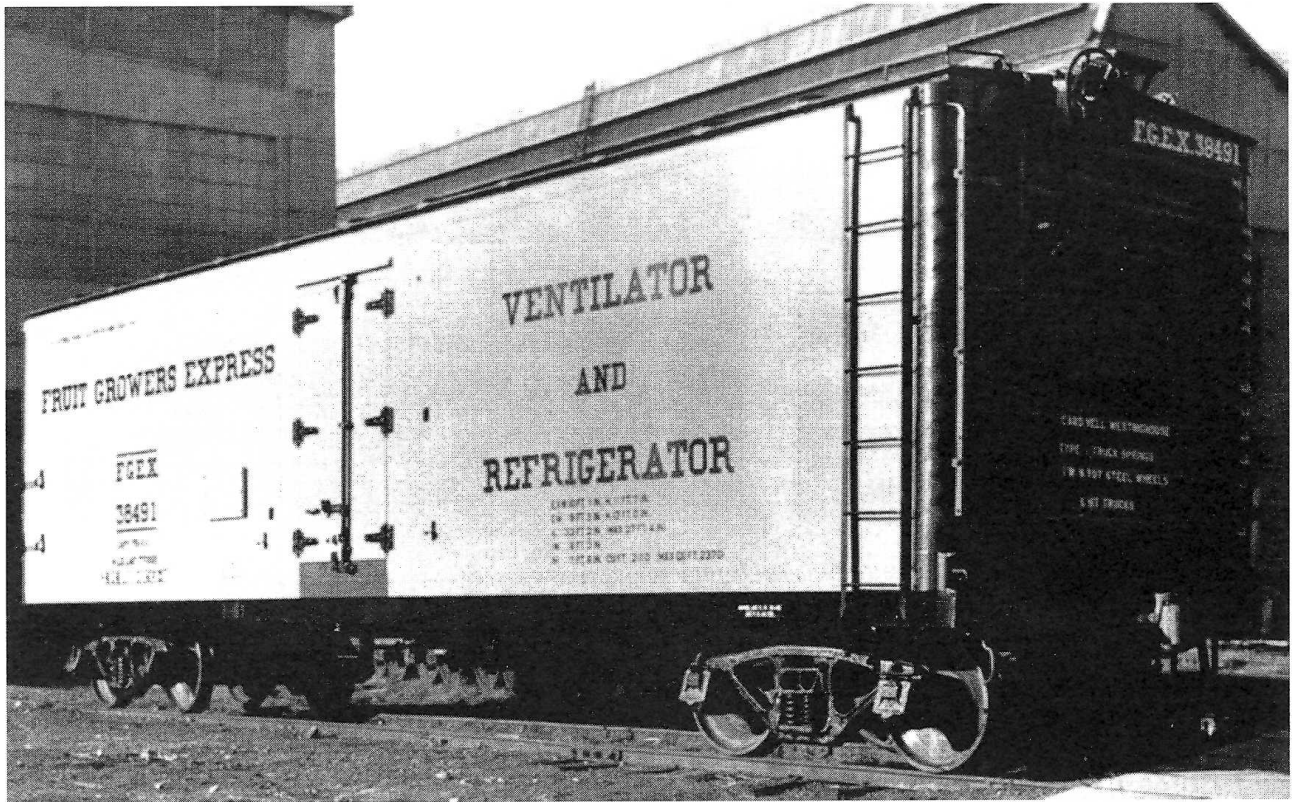
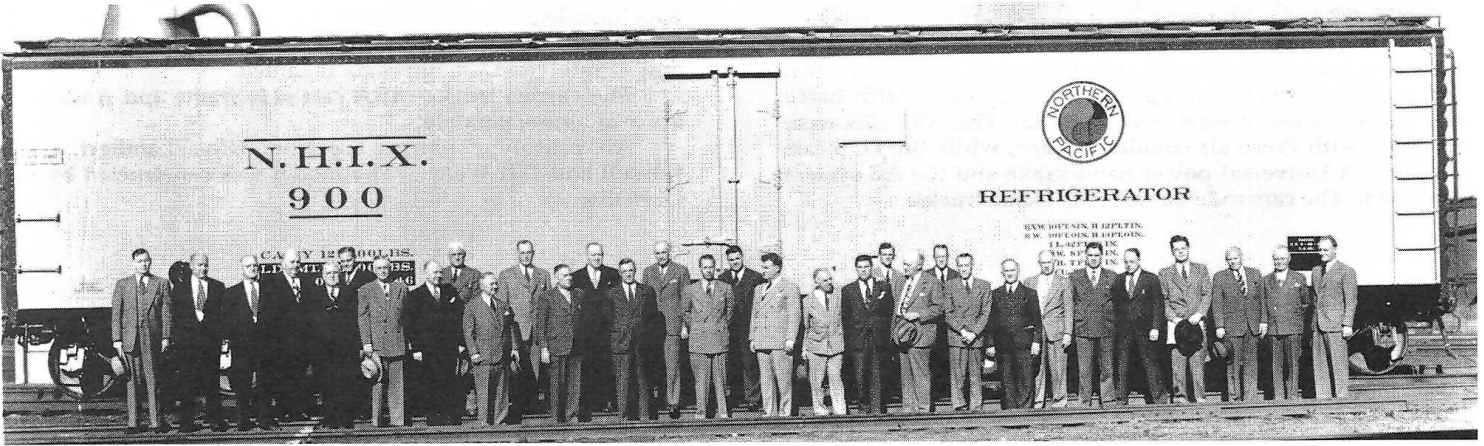


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# Postwar Steel Reefers



Following World War II, the roads serving the western produce areas sought to reequip their fleets with modern ice reefers. The Northern Pacific had an opportunity to fill the needs of the Birdseye Co. for movement of new frozen foods from Walla Walla, WA to the population centers of the country, principally the Bronx Terminal Market in NYC. To fill that need, the NP leased 100 high insulation cars from National Refrigerator Car Co. Built in 1946-47, these 900-999 series NHIX cars served well for 10 years.

The cars were built with 42'6" of inside space, 7" of insulation, Preco mechanical floor fans and brine tanks for sub-zero temperatures. They featured the common 4' swing

doors, new improved Dreadnaught ends and paneled steel Murphy roof. An Apex steel running board was applied. A Miner hand brake and AB system were used. They were 70 ton cars riding on 6 spring package cast side frame trucks.

The cars were painted for the NP with yellow sides, red ends and roof, black underbody, side sills and kickboard. Side ladders and hardware were yellow. They bore the NHIX reporting marks, but sported the NP Monad herald. "N" represented National Car and "HI" high insulation.

The cars survived approximately 10 years before the heavy use of salt in the brine tanks took its toll and the widespread use of mechanical reefers made the ice cars

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