



SFRD's Exception Pullman Built SFRD RR-44 Reefer



The Santa Fe's RR-44 class of ice reefers was built by Pullman Standard between late 1946 and early 1947. There were a total of 350 cars, numbered from 3500 to 3849. The cars were purchased from the manufacturer at the same time as the railroad was busy creating rebuilt steel reefers from its large fleet of USRA reefers.

The Pullman cars were distinct from the rebuilds on several scores. They had 8 panel sides, instead of the rebuilds' 10 panels. The Pullman cars had Alternate Center, or ACR, rivets in the center of each side panel, permitting the use of thinner steel in the sides. ACR sides were unique on the ATSF reefer fleet. The cars had 5 foot swing doors, common to ATSF reefers of the period.

These Pullman cars came with 3/3 improved Dreadnaught ends, Murphy straight panel steel roof and a Morton steel running board with Morton hatch platforms. AB brakes, Ajax hand brake, Royal Style F slack adjuster, Preco FG-40 fans and ASF Ride Control trucks were applied.

The cars came painted in the standard reefer orange sides with black roof, ends, underframe, trucks and side hardware. According to the Santa Fe Painting and Lettering Guide, all 350 cars were to be lettered with *The Chief* slogan and ATSF map.

A photo of car No. 3642 exists, however, with The Scout and map applied. Since the Ship and Travel scheme replaced maps within three months of the arrival of the Pullman cars, the photo leaves open the question of whether map slogans other than *The Chief* were, in fact, applied.

Beginning in the mid-1950s, the Pullman cars were modified with ice bunker drain tubes and re-enforcement under the doors. They would most probably have been repainted and lettered at that time, with the hardware painted in orange. There is no record by car number of the various S&T slogans applied.

The RR-44s lasted in revenue service until 1971. Some were assigned to M of W service and painted in silver after that date.

Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers). An etched Morton walk way and platforms are included. Five lettering variations are available in proprietary decals, including the *San Francisco Chief* from 1954. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included. Chalkmarks are available separately.

- ___ Kit#94.1 SFRD RR-44 Pullman built 8 panel ACR reefer, etched Morton walkway, map with Chief slogan decals (1946-50s), \$42
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- ___ Kit#94.5 SFRD RR-44 Pullman built 8 panel ACR reefer, etched Morton walkway, S&T with S.F. Chief slogan decals (1954-60s), \$42
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