



MOBILGAS VERSIONS
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More Type 17 Radial Tankcars



Sunshine Models introduces more versions of the GATC Type 17 radial rivet tankcar: Mobilgas' early silver and black scheme on a red tank, Mobilgas' later white billboard on a black tank, Sinclair's PARX and Vendome's simplified white lettering are included.

In 1917 General American began production of a large fleet of circumferentially riveted tanks cars. While not officially designated Type 17, it was an unofficial classification for a large group of cars built to a nearly identical design, all within a few years, to meet wartime and immediate postwar demand.

Mobilgas was the trade name for Socony Vacuum Refining. Socony was a Midwestern enterprise made up of various entities, such as White Eagle (WEOX) headquartered in Kansas City MO, White Star (WSRX) in Michigan, Lubrite (LUBX) in St. Louis and Socony Chicago Div. (WOCX). This multiple company arrangement lasted until the late Forties, when the company began consolidating the subsidiaries under the SMX and SVX reporting marks for Socony Vacuum. This

process took more than a decade, leaving an assortment of reporting marks on the cars for years.

The original Mobilgas painting was a red tank with black underframe and dome. Lettering was silver with black outline. The later repainting was a black car with a white billboard Mobilgas. Mobilgas, now MOBX, had 1801 cars in 1965, many of which were 8K ICC 103 tankcars.

SVX 1234 was a predecessor of the Type 17: an Allegheny Tank Car Co. tankcar. The designs were similar, the major difference being the bolsters were integrated into the underframe, causing the tank to ride higher and the running board to be raised on the earlier car.

The Producers and Refiners Corp., headquartered in Denver CO with fields in Wyoming, owned a mid-sized tank car company in the late Twenties. It operated 870 cars under the PARX reporting marks in 1927. Producers and Refiners succumbed to the economic woes of the Great Depression and merged into Sinclair Refining. Sinclair terminals frequently would have SDRX and PARX cars parked side-by-side.

