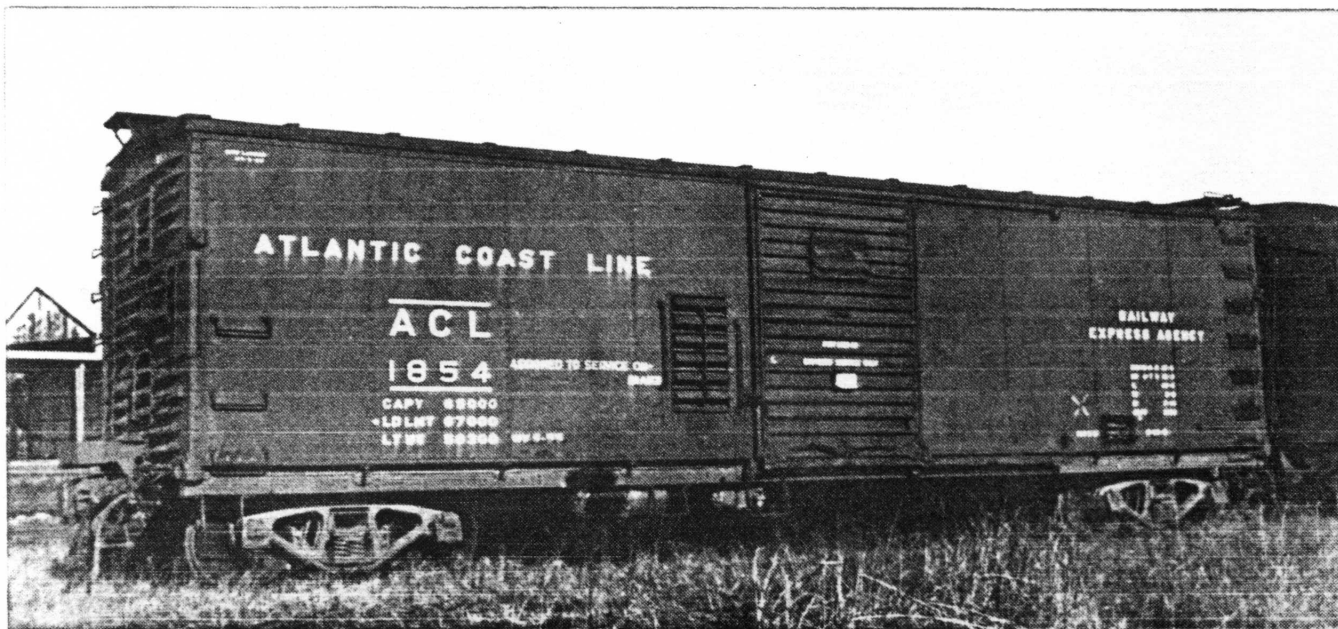




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Atlantic Coast Line
Steel Side Rebuild
Express Ventilator



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rebuilt. Beginning in the late 1940s, these were progressively replaced with "Bettendorf" cast trucks.

The Atlantic Coast Line had the fourth largest block of steel side rebuilds of USRA double sheathed cars. The ACL entered their rebuilding program in 1937, simply replacing the wood sides with 8 panel steel sides. The Murphy 5/5/5 ends and wood roof were retained.

In 1942 and 43, the ACL created 50 of the most unique cars--ventilated express cars--from their stock of steel side rebuilds. Ventilators were added to the left of each door and two small ventilators were added in each end, one above another. Ungainly buffers were added above the couplers. Vertical passenger style grab irons were added both sides of the ventilators and at the corners, as well as brackets for marker lights on the corners and passenger car piping. The cars were renumbered 1850-1899 and placed in class O-14-B. They received Pullman green paint with white lettering. The cars were given Allied Full Cushion trucks when

The fifty ventilators were used for high speed delivery of Florida citrus, berries and produce to northeastern markets. They were hauled north on ACL and Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac varnish. At Washington they were turned over to various northeastern roads, especially the Pennsy which handled ACL trains north of Washington, for delivery to major metropolitan markets. The cars were seen as far north as Maine and Canada and west as the Great Lakes. On return to Florida, they were hauled in both passenger and freight trains.

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