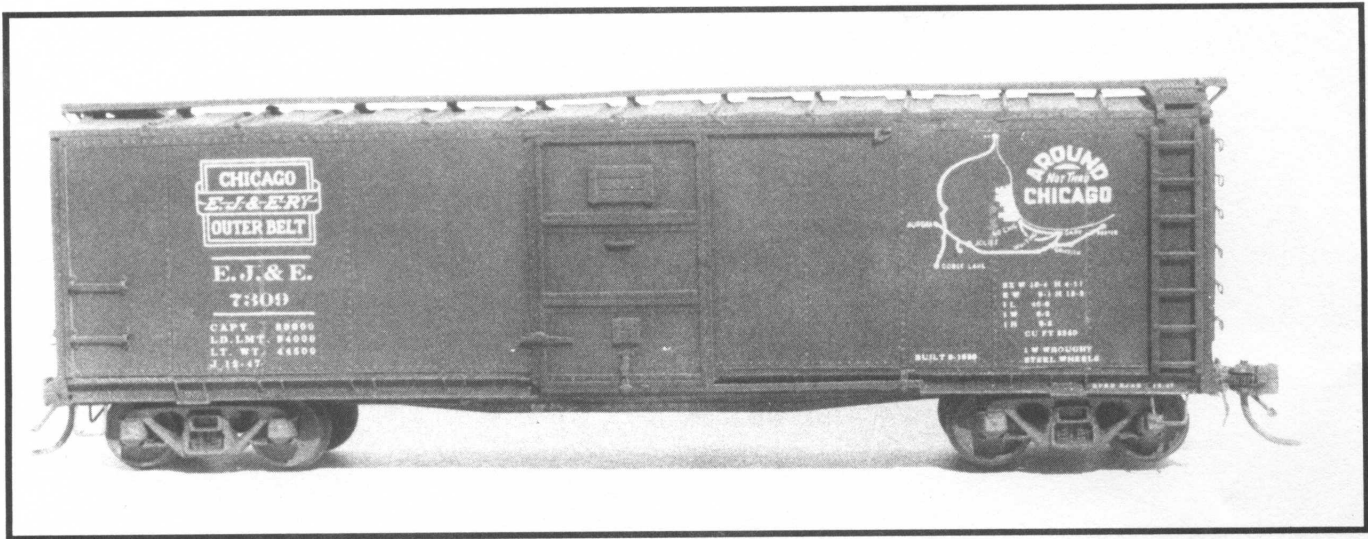


EJ&E's Orange and Green 7300-7799 Series Rebuilds



The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern is a belt line around Chicago of only 200 miles length, but of great strategic importance. True to its motto "Around not thru Chicago," the road provides quick service for freight passing the nation's largest terminal area. Equally as important, the road provides service to many industrial areas around the Windy City, deriving substantial originations of its own. Historically, its chief source of outbound loads was the U.S. Steel Company works in Gary, Indiana and South Chicago and inbound coal to these facilities.

The EJ&E had a sizeable fleet of rolling stock for a road of only 200 miles. With 11,299 cars in 1948, the fleet was larger than the T & P's, a road which spanned 2154 miles. As befitted a steel hauler, 5500 of these cars were gondolas, but its 1450 boxcar fleet were substantial, too. One block of boxcars was uniquely appealing--the 7300-7799 series rebuilds of USRA double sheathed cars. Rebuilt in 1936-37, the cars got the most modern of appliances. Murphy paneled roofs, Creco doors--with Chicago Railway Equipment's new mechanisms--and bracket style grab irons were applied. The brake valve, subject to damage from trucks loading cargo, was protected by a 15 x 30 inch shield applied on the side sill below the door stop on the left side of the car. The 10 panel

sides were of a lightweight alloy steel--no doubt supplied by U.S. Steel, the road's owner--and applied to the USRA underframe and original Murphy 5/5/5 ribbed ends. The Andrews trucks were retained, also. The underframe was strengthened with additional angles to support use of powered loading trucks. All of this was applied to a car only modestly increased in dimensions--2" in interior height and 3 1/2" in width--from the 1919 car, but the car was 800 lbs lighter.

From its origin, the 7300 series was painted boxcar red with white lettering and the logo "Chicago Outer Belt Line" in a box. But the cars gained their fame when they began to be repainted into the road's new colors of orange and green following WW II. The EJ&E adopted these colors as a rolling advertisement. The rebuilds were the first to receive the green paint with orange lettering and new EJ&E banded box logo--and the only ones discovered so far with the Chicago area map. The EJ&E map was reminiscent of the famous Santa Fe system maps although of a much more limited geography.

Sunshine Models brings you these unique cars in HO scale with cast urethane parts, detailing parts and a special run of orange map decals. Andrews trucks are available separately.



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