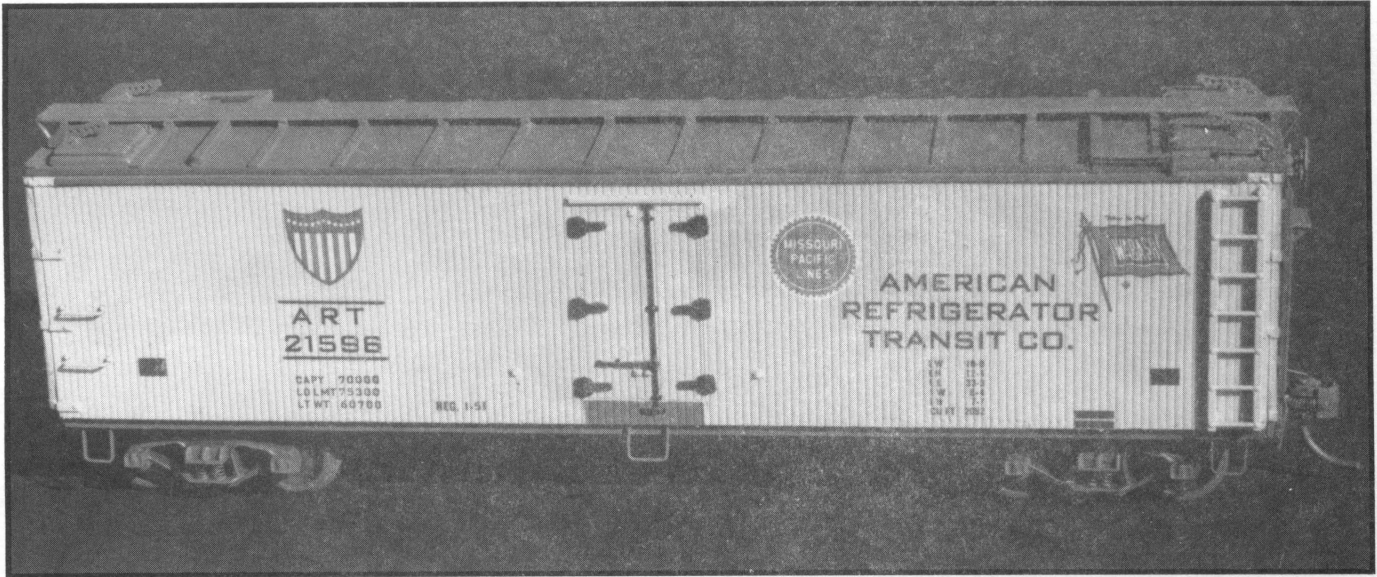




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Reefer Madness! A.R.T. Wood Reefers



The American Refrigerator Transit was one of the "Big Four" reefer car companies. Following the dominant Pacific Fruit Express with over 38,000 cars in 1950, the Santa Fe had 14,514, Fruit Growers Express 12,063, A.R.T. 11,457 and Merchants Dispatch 9690 cars. A.R.T. was organized by the Missouri Pacific and Wabash in 1881 to assure themselves adequate cars and protect the revenues from refrigerated cargoes.

A.R.T. dominated the south Texas citrus and vegetable growing region, due to the preponderance of MoP subsidiaries, and delivered reefers to northeastern roads in East St. Louis. The Wabash provided strategic northern outlets--Chicago, Detroit, Canada. Reefer cars were readily interchanged. Many of the fruit and vegetable "rushes" of the nation were complimentary, not competitive. Cars of one line would be lent to another during peak seasons, frequently to stay for several months. A.R.T. reefers were at home on any road and in any part of the country, particularly the northeast U.S. and D&RGW territory.

Built in the mid to late 1920s, the wood cars dominated the A.R.T. fleet through 1959. They made up 73% of the fleet in 1948, a total of 8520 cars, and 3486 cars in 1961. The cars were subject to numerous combinations of rebuildings. They appeared with metal clad roofs and either metal clad wood or

steel ice hatches. The steel paneled roof appeared with both hatches, also. A.R.T. reefers were painted with yellow sides--one of the few uses of a true yellow--and red ends and roof. Underframe and sidesills were black until later years. The line used black lettering. Predominantly black cast trucks were seen. A.R.T. applied a red, white and blue national shield on the right side. In 1949 the shield was moved to the left, replaced by the MoP buzzsaw and Wabash flag in red, white and blue. But the old scheme remained into the late 1950s.

Sunshine Models offers the wood side A.R.T. reefer in HO in two major post war versions--metal clad wood roof with either metal clad or steel ice hatches. It replicates the tall door, 41' 9" OL, 76000 lb., 2000 cu. ft. cars--the most numerous of the wood cars--found in the 17000, 20000, 22000, 22141 and other series. The kit is designed to make the painting job simpler. You assemble the major components, then paint the assemblies separately with the simplest masking. The components are assembled, enabling you to retain the delicate lines between the various colors of paint. Newly designed decals for pre and post 1949 lettering standards have been developed specifically for this kit. They include the correct A.R.T. numbers and letters, taken from the car sides, along with post-war dimensional data, tack card area, repack backgrounds and painting symbols.

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