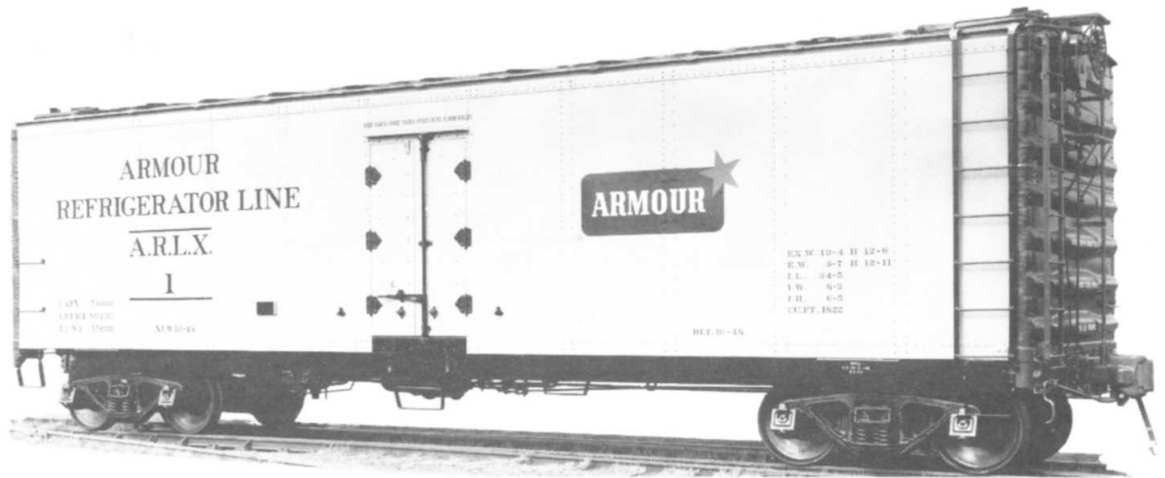




Armour 40' Steel Reefer



Faced with an aging fleet after World War II, the Armour Packing Co. purchased 2000 all steel reefers in 1948-49 from General American and ACF. Placed in the series 1-2000 and emblazoned with the Armour name, they became a commonplace symbol of the venerable meat packing company.

The cars were built with two distinctive features. The roof had straight panel stampings, but the panels included a latitudinal depression in the centerline of each panel. These roofs were common to some ACF and Mt. Vernon boxcars of the 1948-late Fifties period. The Armour cars also included Dartnaught ends. They came with A-3 Ride Control trucks, Apex running board and Ajax hand brake.

The reefers were equipped with brine tanks that gave them the capability for super cooling. The brine tank required the use of a salt and crushed ice mixture and necessitated a drainage system to purge. A lever and rod mechanism enabled car handlers to clear the tank from the roof.

The cars were originally painted with Armour yellow sides, red ends and roof (with black granules) and black underbody. The right side received a white ARMOUR on a maroon background with a red star, familiar from the logo on Armour products. Dirt and sun caused a fading toward an orange shade. During the Fifties, the cars were repainted with black ends and underframe and yellow sides, hardware and roof. At the same time, a massive maroon ARMOUR was added to the right side in place of the small Armour star logo.

There were 1928 cars in 1956. In 1965, there were 41 1-2000 series reefers and the entire Armour fleet had dwindled to only 280 cars.

Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and an etched steel running board. Proprietary decals are available for both lettering versions of the car. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included.

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