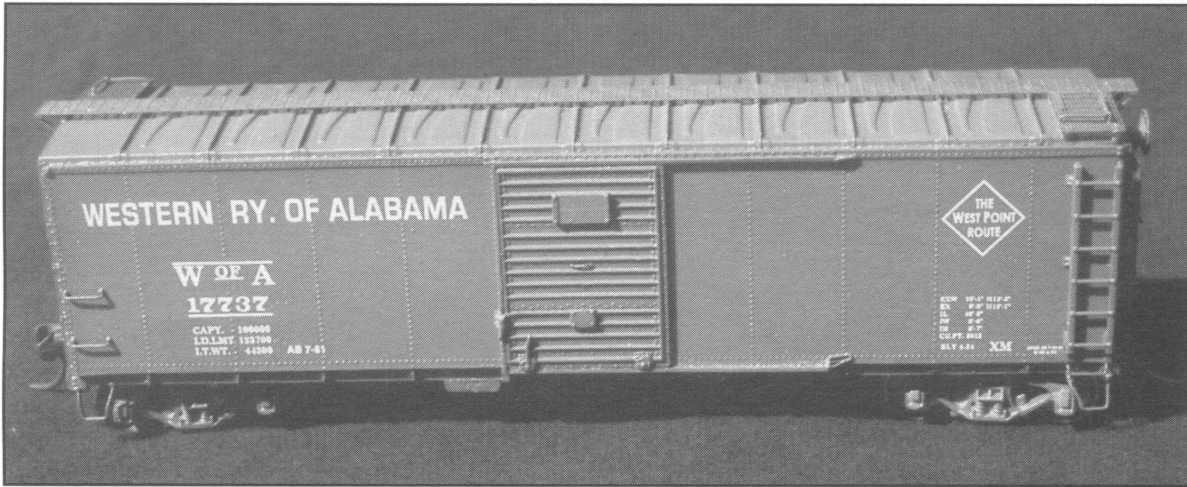


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Southern Roads' Rebuilds

Western of Alabama, Atlanta & West Point, Georgia



In late 1947 or early 1948, the Atlanta & West Point, Western Railway of Alabama and Georgia--three small roads with common ownership--began rebuilding their Pratt truss boxcars. Each road had its own number series: The Western of Alabama the 17700-17847, Georgia the 39300-39449 and the Atlanta and West Point the 37700-37833.

New steel sides and Youngstown doors were applied. The application of steel sides created a notch at the corners of the ends and required the commonplace side sill with brackets supporting the new sides. There is no indication that the cars received the new lightweight style Youngstown doors, though they became standard during the rebuilding process. All photos show the early style Youngstown doors.

The very early rebuilds arrived with a straight panel roof, but during late 1948 or early 1949 they began to receive a diagonal panel roof. The 7/8 Murphy ends and straight centersill were retained. Apex steel running boards were installed. Predominantly Miner power hand brakes were used, with a minority of Ajax design hand brakes, along with an AB brake system. Cast side frame trucks were retained.

The cars were painted a bright boxcar red--comparable to the Pennsy boxcar color--with white lettering. The Western of Alabama and Atlanta & West Point--the two segments of an Atlanta to Montgomery line--received a modest "West Point Route" diamond herald on the right side.

Although the process began in 1948, it was not completed until the mid-1950s. The rebuilding process was prolonged because although roads typically had cars throughout the country, they were especially slow to return home to small roads. The Official Registers give an indication of the progress:

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| W of Ala | 17700-17847 | '48: 7 | '53: 57 | '56: 57 |
| Georgia | 39300-39449 | '48: 0 | '53: 54 | '56: 64 |
| A & WP | 37700-37833 | '48: 12 | '53: 55 | '56: 55 |

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers), an Apex steel running board and proprietary decals for all three roads including the A&WP and W of Ala. diamond herald. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included. Trucks, assorted chalkmarks and reweigh decals are available separately.

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- ___ Kit #64.78 A&WP 37700-37833 series steel 10 panel side rebuild, straight panel roof, etched running board, white decals (1948-60s), \$40
 - ___ Kit #64.79 A&WP 37700-37833 series steel 10 panel side rebuild, diagonal panel roof, etched running board, white decals (1948-60s), \$40
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 - ___ Kit #64.83 Georgia 39300-39449 series steel 10 panel rebuild, diagonal panel roof, etched running board, white decals (1948-60s), \$40
 - ___ TP 40 Plastic, black, non-magnetic A.R.A. design five coil spring trucks with metal wheelsets, \$5.00
 - ___ E.6 Southeastern Roads Chalkmarks, chalkmarks in very light gray from period photographs, \$4

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