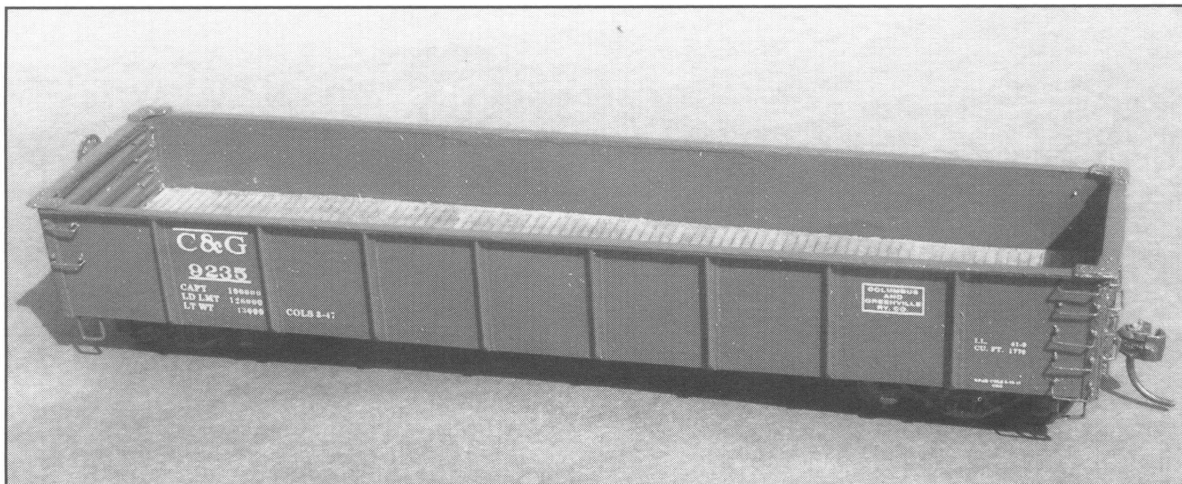


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More Southern 40' Gons Columbus & Greenville, Florida East Coast and Norfolk Southern



Forty foot gondolas played a vital role in the Southeastern United States because of the importance of natural resources to railroads' revenues. Lumber, timber, sand and gravel, iron ore and ingots from Alabama and coal were prime commodities, as well as scrap. The cars were noteworthy as jack-of-all-trades.

The Columbus and Greenville owned fifty 8 post, solid bottom 40' gons of an unknown pedigree, its 9201-9250 series. They first appeared in the 1948 Register. They had Dreadnaught ends and rode on ARA cast side frame trucks.

Photos suggest that the cars were in both black and boxcar red with white lettering, perhaps due to their original owner's paint. The road applied a very small herald to the right end of the side on red cars. On the black cars the box herald was reversed to a white background/black lettering and placed in the panel to the right of the reporting marks.

The Florida East Coast had thirty 40' gons with 8 posts. These had Dreadnaught ends and ARA cast side frame trucks. They were numbered 12001-12030. They were built in January 1941.

The cars had a 41'9" IL and 4'6" IH. They were 50 ton cars with a 1768 cubic foot capacity. They were painted black with white lettering. There were still 30 cars on roster in 1948 and 1956.

The Norfolk Southern purchased fifty 40', 8 post gondolas in 1941, its 7200-7249 series. These employed Dreadnaught ends and had a solid bottom steel floor. The cars had a 41'9" IL and 4'7" IH. They had a 50 ton and 1769 cubic foot capacity. Trucks were of the ARA cast side frame design.

The cars were painted freight car red and had white lettering spelling out "Norfolk Southern". In the Fifties, a NS logo was added between the words.

There were still fifty NS cars on roster in 1948 and 49 in 1956.

The Sunshine kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. Gondolas are in Quick-Kit format with sides and ends cast together. Kits include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers) and proprietary decals. Full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet are included. Trucks, assorted chalkmarks and reweigh decals are available separately.

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