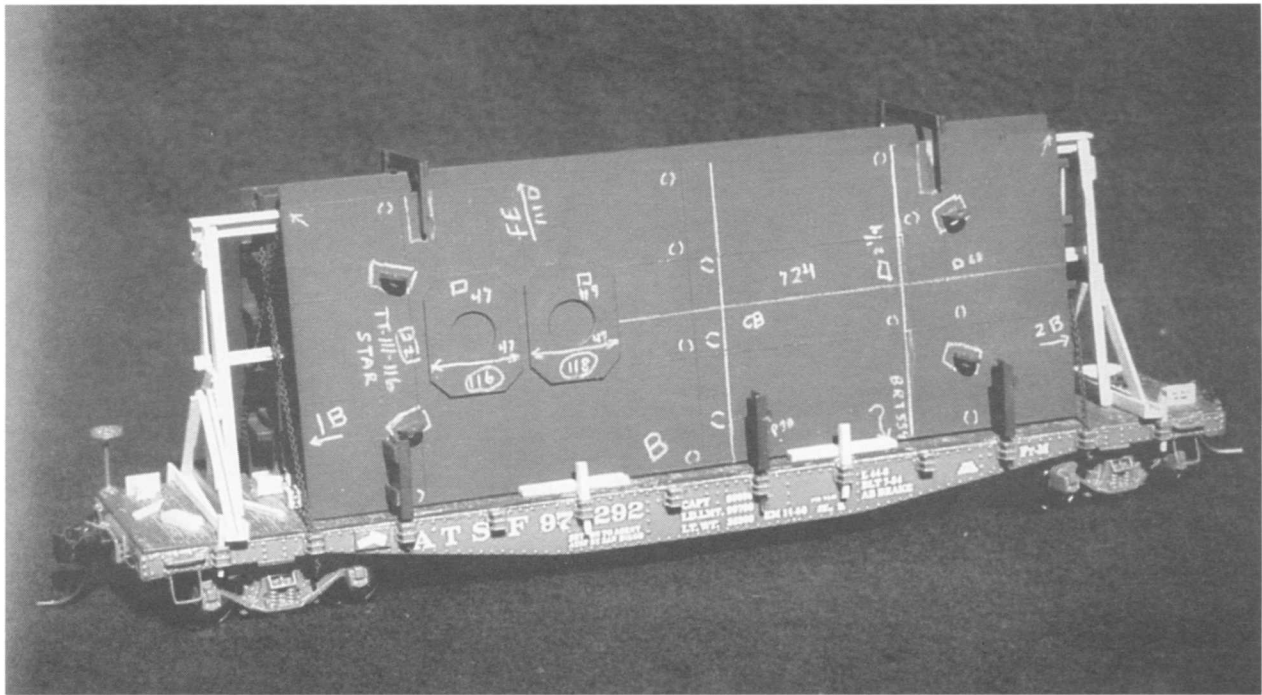




1930s-50s Ship Plate Load



From the Thirties until at least the mid-Fifties, it was common to fabricate sections of ships—in the form of plates—at the steel maker’s plant, then ship and assemble them at the shipbuilder’s construction site. The movement was generally from Northeast U.S. to shipbuilders nationwide. The ship plates were moved on flatcars, generally four to a car, tied down to a tent shaped frame along the centerline of the car.

The plates were pre-fabricated with surface reinforcements and frames, as well as eye rings for lifting. The plates were then marked with instructions for assembly, including cutting, drilling and welding locations.

The plates in this kit are created from photos taken at the Bethlehem Steel plant in Baltimore MD, circa 1940. The plates were loaded on B&O P-11 flatcars, probably for publicity purposes. In daily operations, any available short flatcar would have been employed.

Sunshine Models kits are vacuum cast in gray urethane. The kit includes castings of four individual plates and the center support tent frame, blocking and cribbing, chain, decals of the assembly markings and instructions. The load is sized for 39’ to 44’ flatcars. The plates may be arrayed to create two non-identical loads by altering the arrangement.

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