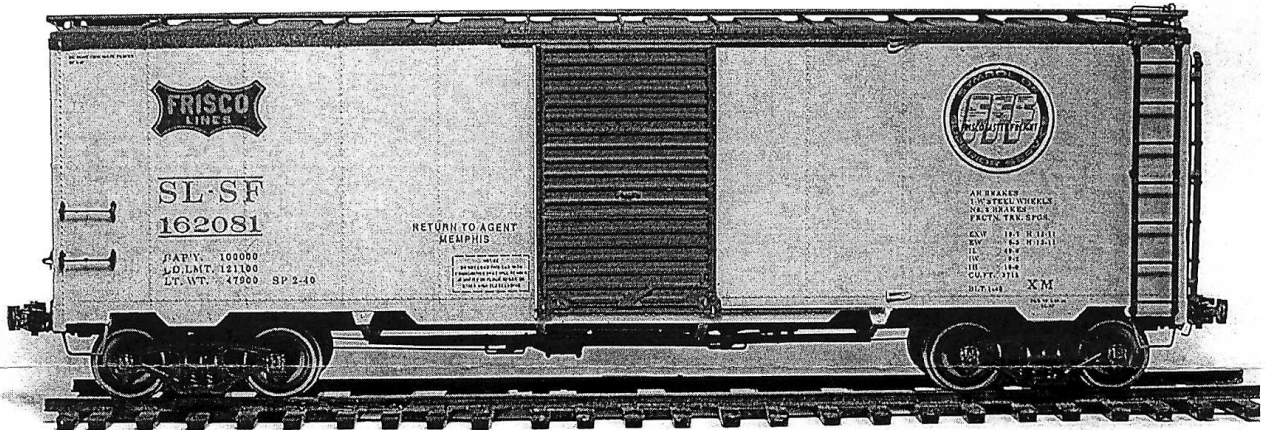




Mini-Kit SL-SF Tan and Brown AAR 1937 Boxcar



The Frisco constructed a lot of its own equipment. The Springfield shops were adept at rebuilding freight cars, creating USRA rebuilds, among others. The original USRA double sheathed boxcars were leased from the Columbia Trust in 1919 and the rebuilds replaced the wood cars in the Trust. Being short of a few cars from attrition, during the late Thirties the road purchased kits of the AAR 1937 boxcar from Pullman—39 with Duryea underframes—built them and placed them in this and other depleted boxcar trusts.

In 1940, ten of the Duryea underframe replacement cars (and additional non-Duryea 1937 cars and USRA rebuilds) were painted in the “tan and brown” Frisco Fast Freight colors to advertise the road’s dedication to high-speed freight service. After two years in LCL service they were seen throughout the nation. These cars were not repainted into boxcar red until the early-mid 1950s. The Duryea underframe cars are replicated in this Mini-Kit.

Modeling Notes

Use the following instructions to create the AAR 1937 tan and brown boxcar:

1. Purchase a Red Caboose #RC-8001 square corner 10' IH AAR 1937 boxcar.
2. Use the underframe photo to assemble the Sunshine Models' Duryea underframe. Install the solid crossbearers. Apply the cast doors with Union Duplex rollers in place of plastic ones. Use the tabs from underframe casting at the ends of the outermost crossbearers.
3. Assemble the plastic kit according to instructions. Paint the side of the car a light gray-tan color (Polly Scale “Aged Concrete” with a touch of “Roof Brown”) and the underframe, ladders, doors, ends and roof brown (Polly Scale “Roof Brown”). Paint the

4. trucks black. Overspray with a gloss coat where decals are to be applied.
4. Apply decals, red first, followed by brown, then black. Five numbers (beginning with numeral 1) of the Duryea AAR 1937 tan and brown boxcars are supplied in the number jumble. The stencil “Return to Agent Memphis” was applied to some cars for assignment to beer loading. All received the boxed stencil for high quality loading. Red decal material is provided to “overpaint” and add new reweigh numbers and location for various railroads. Overspray with a flattening agent; add dust and dirt.

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