

wood boxcars in two classes – B-50-15 and the B-50-16. These cars were built to nearly identical designs, the primary difference being in the ends used. The 3900 cars in the earlier B-50-15 class used corrugated stee ends, while the 1003 cars in class B-50-16 used "Dreadnaught" ends. Both groups of cars used a variety of different roofs, with the Murphy radial roof and the Viking roof being the most common. In fact, nearly all B-50-16 received Viking roofs. Most of these cars were delivered with T-section trucks, though many wer later upgraded with "Bettendorf"-style trucks.

Starting in the 1930s the Southern Pacific started a program of re-siding cars in both classes, replacing the wooden sides with steel sheet sides inside of the side bracing. This program continued on and off for many years, and not all cars were rebuilt. The steel sided cars in particular remained in service for many years, with 227 B-50-15 and 25 B-50-16 cars still in revenue service as late as 1970. Because of their antiquated looking construction, they really stood out in a train by that date.

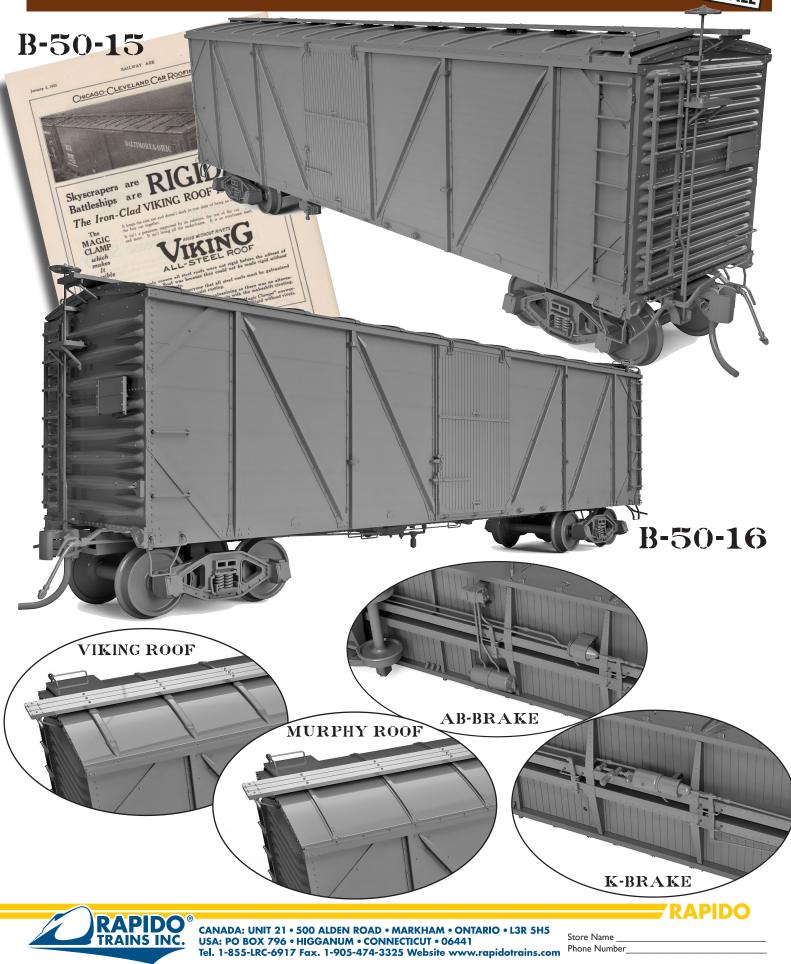
Over the years these cars carried several versions of Southern Pacific paint schemes. Starting in 1955 they were also renumbered into more cohesive groups, the original numbers being in many unrelated groups.

Rapido's new HO scale model of these classic boxcars include a variety of unique details, including:

- · Accurate sides in both wood and steel styles
- Viking and Murphy roofs
- Corrugated and Dreadnaught ends
- K- and AB-style brake systems as appropriate
- Separate ladders and grab irons
- All-new T-section trucks
- · Free rolling turned metal wheelsets
- Carmer cut levers
- Metal stirrup steps
- Semi-scale couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering

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B-50-16 - ORIGINAL (WOOD SIDES, VIKING ROOF)









Southern Pacific 1931-1946 Item 171051 171051A

Description 6 Pack Single 37378, 37386, 37395, 37429, 37452, 37516



Description 3 Pack Single 7000, 7001, 7002

B-50-16 - REBU YEEL SIDES. VIKING ROOF



Southern Pacific 1931-1946

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Description 6 Pack Single 37342, 37370, 37375, 37393, 37405, 37439



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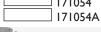
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Description 6 Pack Single 114392, 114410, 114464, 114536, 114548, 114602



Southern Pacific 1946-1952

Item 171054 Description 6 Pack



Single 31569, 31574, 31626, 31639, 31791, 31884



 \mathbf{US} \$54.95 (SINGLE) ^{\$}164.85 (3-PACK) ^{\$}329.70 (6-PACK)





Southern Pacific Overnight

Item

171005

Description 6 Pack 171005A

Single 37393, 37498, 37570, 37578, 37749, 37821

PAINT SCHEME **INFORMATION.**

These cars were originally painted in SP's standard boxcar scheme which changed very little prior to 1946 - the only significant change being the elimination of periods after the "SP" initials in the reporting marks.

In 1946 the scheme changed to include the "SOUTHERN PACIFIC" road name spelled out in place of the "SP" reporting marks with 1" white lines above the name and below the car number.

In 1952 this scheme was modified by eliminating the 1" lines.

In 1956 the SP renumbered these cars into a more cohesive series.

These dates are the dates that the lettering diagrams were changed. Obviously not all cars were painted at once, Many wore an earlier scheme many years after the implementation of a newer version.



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