

HO Scale CB&Q GS drop bottom gons

March 2017

The CB&Q railroad either purchased or built 8,550 GS class gons from 1922 through 1938. Early GS production gons (through the first built group of cars in the GS-5 class) were given K-type brakes and archbar trucks. These items were replaced on all cars when they were shopped or overhauled during the 1940s, if not before. For those modeling before WWII, consult prototype photos for any specific car components. These kits are designed to model cars as they would typically have been post-WWII. The steel end kit is created to build a GS-5, -7, or-8 class car with only minor modifications to the kit.

Parts List:

Cast resin carbody; cast resin floor; cast resin parts sheets (drop door guides, sill steps, B end platform, coupler pockets, brake system hangers); Tichy AB brake set; steel weight; decals and car info sheet; instructions. Trucks and couplers are not provided. The modeler will also need to provide brass wire, grabs, and plastic strip material.

An information sheet is included in the kit regarding the various classes of GS gons either purchased or built by the railroad. The modeler can also reference the Freight Car Data Sheet on the Composite Gondola Fleet available from the Burlington Route Historical Society.



Steel End Car (Model and photo by Jerry Hamsmith)

To order steel end kits (U.S. orders only accepted), please complete, cut out, and include the following mailing information with a check or money order for \$40 per kit (plus \$4 mailing and packaging per kit) to:

Jerry Hamsmith
1010 Johnston Drive
Aurora IL 60506

Name	_____
Mailing Address	_____ _____
Number: kits + mailing costs (\$44) x _____	= _____
11.16.GS5,7,8	Total Enclosed

HO SCALE DECALS AVAILABLE

Limited supplies of the HO scale decals described below are available as of March 1, 2017. Some sets are available in only very limited quantities. Each is designed to fit onto a readily available HO model.

CB&Q decals

HT-5 Chicago Burlington & Quincy (white lettering) \$8.00 per set (CURRENTLY OUT OF STOCK)
55-ton hopper set (Athearn #5447). Set will do four complete cars in as built pre-1958 scheme. Boxcar red car.

HT-B Chicago Burlington & Quincy (black lettering) \$4.00 each
70-ton hopper set (Accurail #7500 and Stewart #10300). Set will do one special orange car with TIMKEN BEARING trucks numbered 170490 - 170499 built in 1949. Most of these cars kept this scheme until the late 1950s. Orange car.

HT-10 Chicago Burlington & Quincy (white lettering) \$6.00 each
70-ton hopper set (Accurail #7500 and Stewart #10300). Set will do two complete cars in the original railroad roman scheme. Boxcar red car.

HT-8 Chicago Burlington & Quincy (white lettering) \$4.00 each
55-ton composite hopper set (Proto 2000 and Athearn #5420 kits). Sheet will do one car in as built pre-1958 scheme. Boxcar red car.

XM-Wood CB&Q WOOD Boxcars (single sheathed cars) \$6.00 each
40-foot, wooden box cars with steel end (Accurail #4300) and wooden end set (Accurail #4100). Sheet will do two complete cars: Both from the CB&Q XM-25, XM-26, XM-21, or XM-22 series or one from the above and one FW&D or C&S car. Post 1936 Railroad Roman lettering and "Everywhere West" slogan for door. Boxcar red car.

XM-32 CB&Q Steel Box Cars (white lettering) \$5.00 each
40-foot, steel car set (Branchline #1400, Athearn #1200, C&BT #100 or #3100, InterMountain #4080). Set will do any one CB&Q car built between 1940 and 1953 in pre-1958 scheme. Also contains Express car herald. Boxcar red car.

MWB CB&Q Hart Ballast Car (white lettering) \$7.00 each
Hart Ballast car (Atlas Model). The Q purchased 250 of the 70-ton Hart Selective Ballast cars from ACF in June of 1941. They were classed MWB-13 and numbered 221000-221249. Sheet includes various load limit stencils and ACF symbol. Sheet will do one car. Boxcar red car.

GM CB&Q 53' 6" Mill Gondolas (white lettering) \$5.00 each
GM-4 (solid bottom, drop ends) GM-4A (solid bottom, solid ends) (Proto 2000) class cars can be lettered with this set. Railroad Roman style. Sheet will do one car. Boxcar red car.

CB&Q HO SCALE DECALS AVAILABLE

- GS CB&Q Drop Bottom Composite Gondolas (white lettering) \$5.00 each
GS-5, GS-7, and GS-8 (all drop bottom composite) (Sunshine and RH Models) class cars. Sheet will do one complete car in Railroad Roman font. Boxcar red car.
- HC-1 CB&Q Covered Hoppers (white lettering) \$5.00 each
HC-1 and 1A class covered hoppers built between 1940 and 1957 (InterMountain and Bowser models). Sheet will do one complete car (CB&Q only) in pre-1958 Railroad Roman scheme. Boxcar red car.
- LO-1 CB&Q Covered Hoppers (black lettering) \$5.00 each
LO-1 Airslide 2,600 cubic foot covered hoppers built in 1954 and 1955. Appropriate for cars numbered in series 87000-87229 only (Athearn, Walthers, and Con-Cor models). Sheet will do one car. Gray car.
- Reweigh Set CB&Q (white lettering) \$5.00 each
Appropriate abbreviations for scale location throughout the Q system and reweigh dates covering January, 1950 through July, 1954. Contains enough material for over 50 cars. Info sheet also lists facilities at the various locations.
- FM-14 CB&Q Flat Cars (white lettering) \$6.00 each (CURRENTLY OUT OF STOCK)
FM-14 53' 6" flats built from 1940 thru 1957. (Chad Boas model). Boxcar red car. Sheet will do two cars.

Other Decals

- L&N L&N hopper cars (white lettering) \$7.00 each
Multiple series of two-bay flat end (Accurail or Atlas models) and peaked end hoppers, USRA clones (Accurail or Tichy models), and PS-3 hoppers can done with these decals. Sheet will do up to six different cars (two of each type). Boxcar red car. Designed for cars painted after 1948 (9" reporting marks and 7" numbers). Includes the Old Reliable slogan used by the railroad beginning in 1951.

Send check or money order only to: **Jerry Hamsmith**, 1010 Johnston Drive, Aurora, IL 60506. Include \$1.50 postage and handling with each order. Allow three weeks delivery time for in stock decals.