



Kits #17.4 (as built) and #17.5 (repaint) MONON (CIL) General Service Gondolas



Stan Townsend model and photo (as built)

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in Resin Car Works and this kit. Resin Car Works is not a business in the traditional sense. Its purpose is to share in the fun of prototype railroad freight car modeling and their operations with others by providing unique and different equipment that is not readily available. Several friends assist with various production phases, so it is not quite a one-man operation. To list a few who helped with the production of this kit I would like to thank Tom Madden for the gorgeous castings; Ken Soroos for the decal artwork; and Eric Hansmann the keeper of the website and blog.

This is a "CRAFTSMAN" level resin kit and its construction should not be attempted by anyone who has not built similar types of models. The kit consists of a one-piece resin body with floor and underframe, interior floor and detail parts; various Tichy parts; various piece of wire and stirrups; a Plano Models etched brake step; and PDC decals. The modeler will have to supply their own trucks for this car as Tahoe Model Works doesn't have A-3 Ride Control ones. A good source for these is from Tangent Scale Models. The modeler will have to supply all other parts to create a finish model such as couplers and wheels. See the Resin Car Works website (www.resincarworks.com) for kit instructions, more prototype information and photos.

Warranty

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History

In September 1948 the Monon purchased three hundred 8-post steel floor gons from Pullman-Standard. The number series was 3001-3399. They were a modernized NC&StL design with extensions of the four middle posts. On the Monon cars, the flat ends gave way to an improved Dreadnaught end design. The dimensions were 42'-0" IL and 4'-8" IH, giving a capacity of 1848 cubic feet. The cars rode on A-3 Ride Control Trucks. Ajax hand brakes were used. The cars were freight car red with white lettering. At this time, "C.I.L." reporting marks were used. A 12" high "MONON" was applied to the car side, along with a large "M" in a circle with "The Hoosier Line" motto. It appears that the change to the 24" "Monon" on these cars was made in June 1955 when repainted and the change from "C.I.L." to "MON" reporting marks began in June 1956.

In the mid-1950s, some of the series were adapted to handle coke containers, becoming the 3301-3310 series. The first 10 cars appeared in 1955 and their number expanded over time (3311-3315 by 1962).