NP Woodchip Car Lettering Decal Instructions/Guidance

September 2018

Overview

- This document provides location guidance to apply NPRHA Woodchip Decals, using prototype photos and Painting & Stenciling drawings
- This one document provides instructions for two separate decal offerings:
 - Conversions, gondolas with extensions, and wood rack cars
 - 1960s large woodchip gons and the centerbeam cars



Instructions - Lots of Images

- Many of images graciously provide by the Minnesota Transportation Museum (MTM)
- Images also from the Fredrickson, Simonson, and Ainsworth Collections of the NPRHA – THANK YOU!
- Also contributing images Ed Austin, Rick Leach, Richard Yaremko, Jeff Nichols, Dennis Aust – THANK YOU!
- Woodchip car drawings from Simonson and Marceau Collections, NPRHA
- Images are for personal research purposes only

General Information

- The NP had several different types of equipment to haul woodchips
- For many years, gondolas with wooden side extensions were used, along with converted boxcars
- In the 1960s, the NP purchase large, dedicated woodchip cars







Decal Sheet Conventions

- The Magenta (pink) regions on the decal images in this document indicate the "clear carrier" or thin film that groups lettering together
- Cut the regions out and apply per printed instructions



Magenta (pink) indicates clear film group of lettering



Some areas like number jumble, just cut to need

Numerical Registers of Cars

- You can learn four important facts about these cars by looking through the Numerical Registers of Cars. Information:
 - Converted from which car series, or which builder constructed the car FROM column
 - Built or Converted date DATE column
 - Disassembled/Scrapped/Sold date TO column
 - Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) that authorized action AUTH column. NP AFEs are slowly being put on the NPRHA website
- There are three PDF files that cover all the woodchip cars. Search the Internet for these words or find the documents on the NPRHA website (Equipment\Numerical Register of Equipment):

NP Wood Chip Cars 118000 - 118999

NP Wood Chip Cars 119000 - 119999

NP Miscellaneous Rolling Stock - 175000-999999 (for 582500-582999 series)

1968 Listing of Woodchip and Wood Rack Cars of the Northern Pacific

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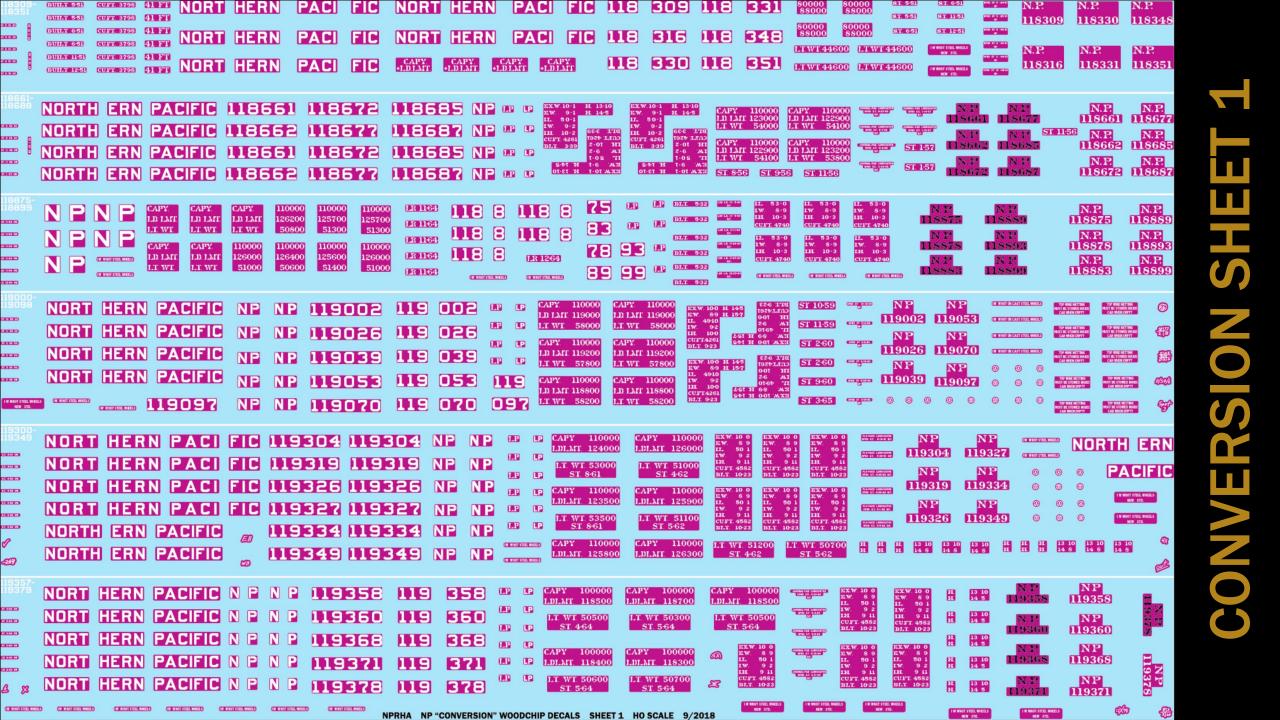
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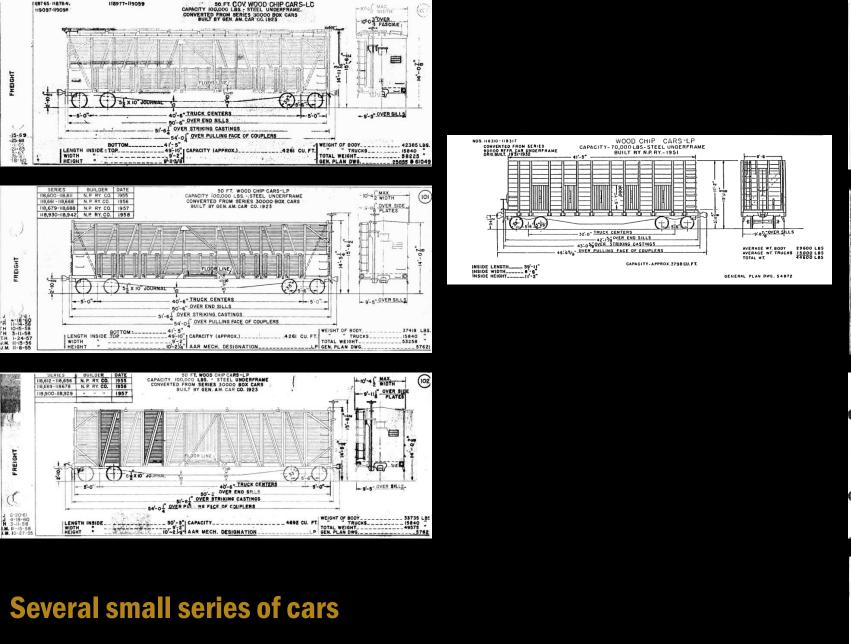
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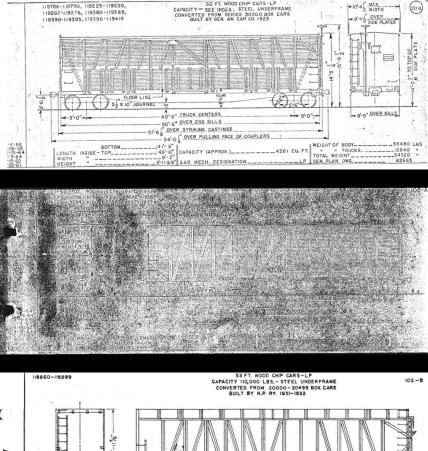
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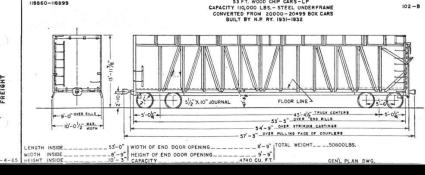
- Roughly 575 woodchip cars were converted between 1951 and 1965, mostly from boxcars
- A "dogs breakfast" of cars, in various number series
- For a detailed article on many of these cars, see the Summer 2002 issue of The Mainstreeter. An excellent article by Mike Davison.

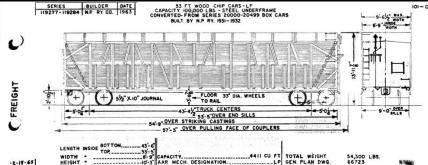




Equipment Diagrams - NPRHA



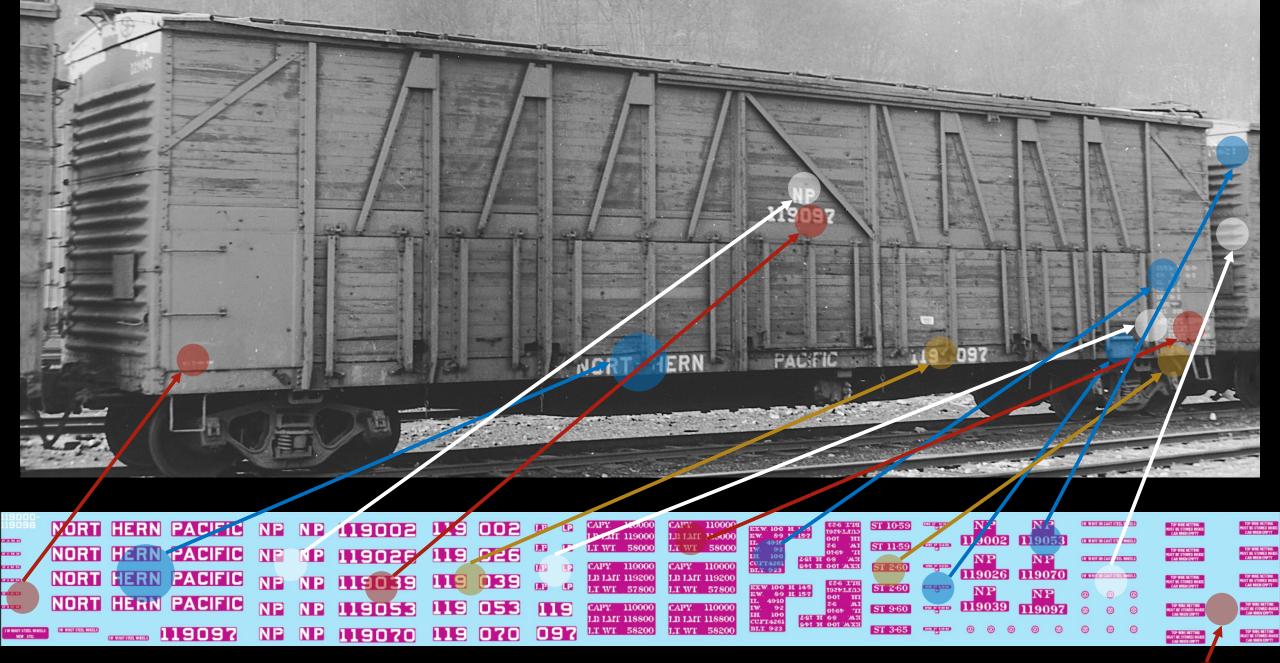




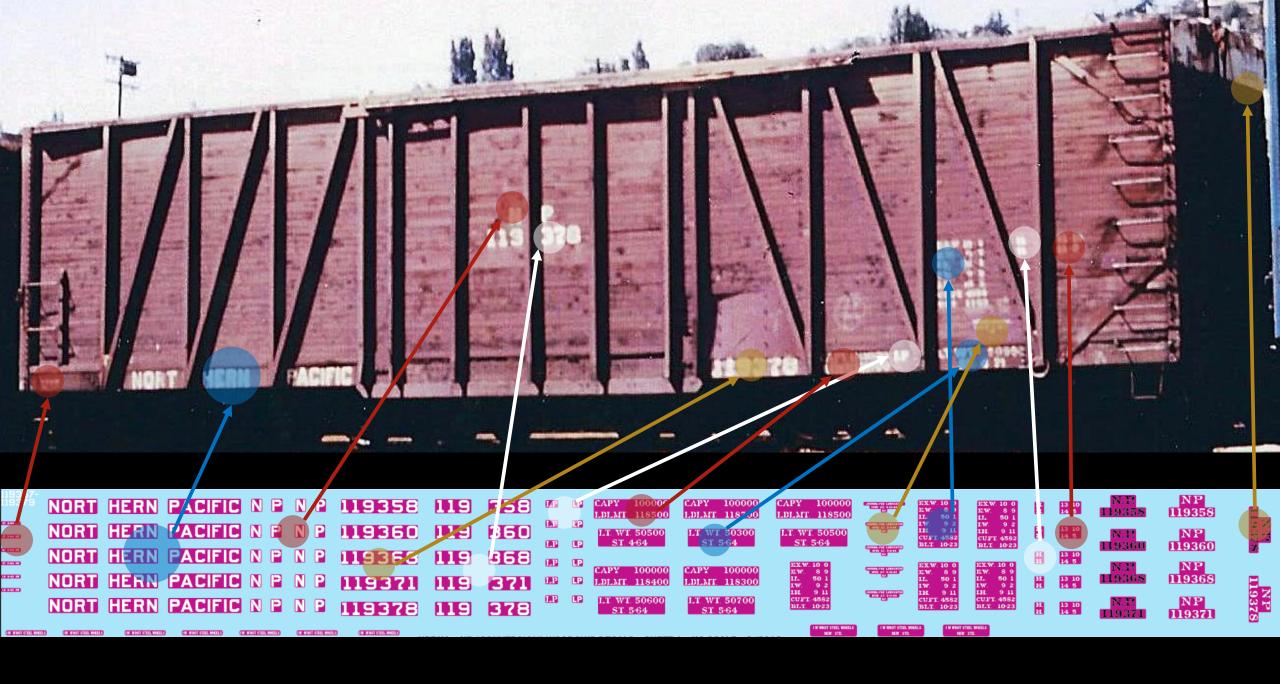


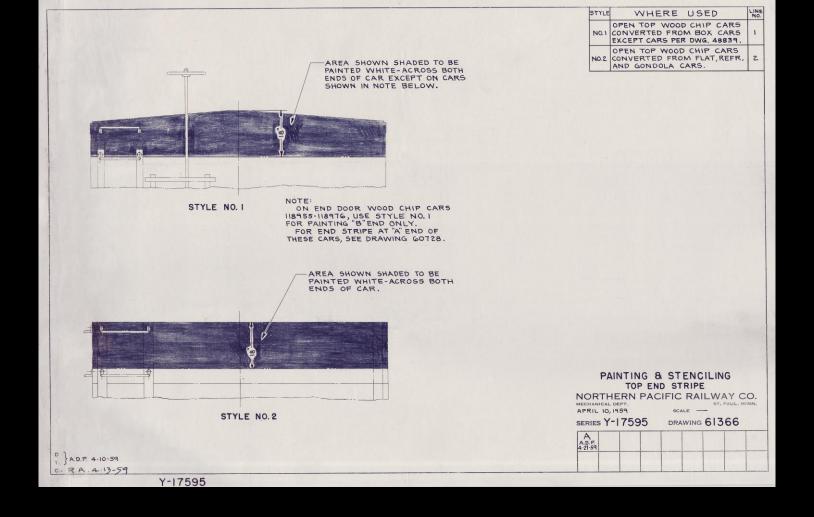










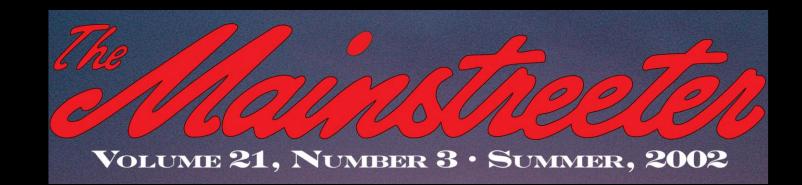


Top End Stripe

- 18 inches on both box car conversions, and others, but often faded
- Standard on full height open top cars

GONDOLA WOODCHIP CARS (Gondolas with Wood Extensions)

- Roughly <u>442</u> gondolas were converted to woodchip cars between 1955 and 1964, with several variations
- Based on NP records, virtually all gondola woodchip cars were renumber into the 118000-119999 series. But early, not the case.
- One third lasted until 1975
- For a detailed article on many of these cars, see the Summer 2002 issue of The Mainstreeter.



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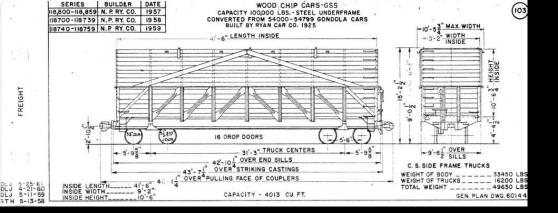
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Three Subclasses

- Composite Gons with extensions made of boards
- Steel Gons with extensions made of boards
- Steel Gons with extensions made of plywood





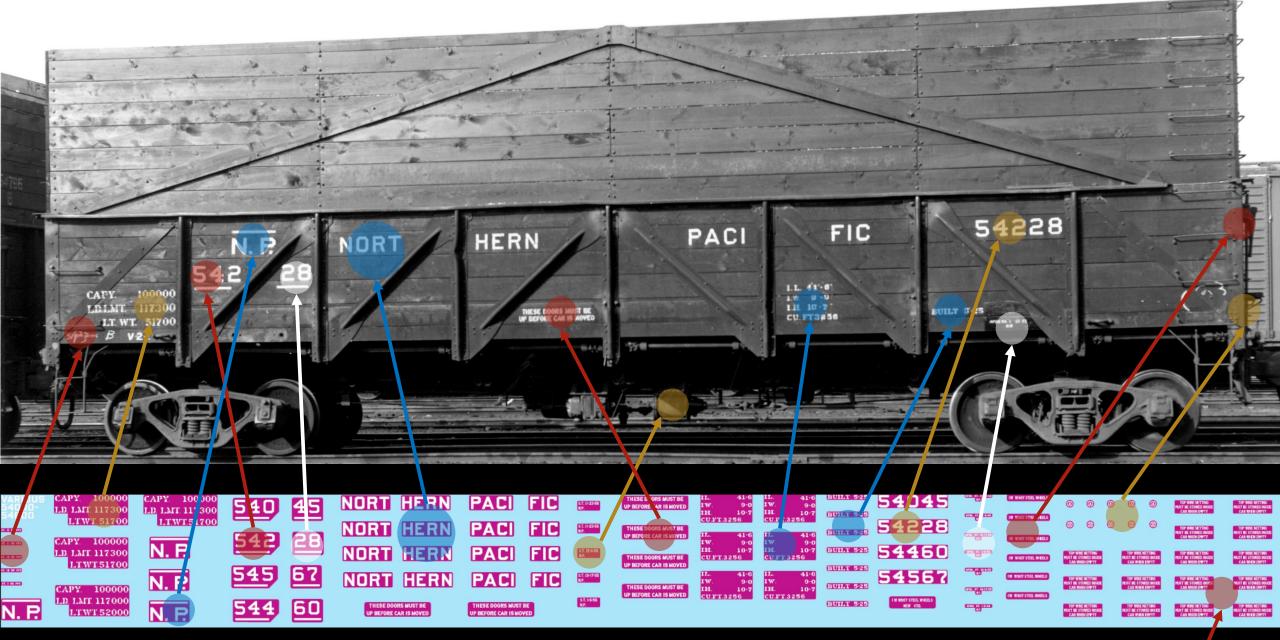




Composite Gons w/board extensions

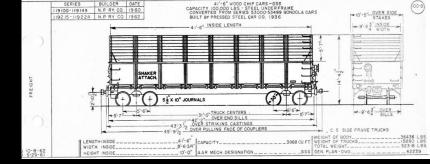
- Diagonal exterior braces (not painted white)
- No side stakes, but wood slats
- At least one example of car not being renumbered (temporary extensions? Seasonal?)
- Many retired in 1969, although car above in lower right has HBO date of 2-73
- Lettering very similar to standard composite gondola

Left Ainsworth collection, top Jim Fredrickson, right Rick Leach photo



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| | 118785 | N.P. RY.CO. | 1959 | CONVERTE | D FROM 52 | 2000-5274 | 9 GONDOLA | CARS | | | H-10'-5" - | WIDTH | - (.037) |
| 8 | | - | | 8011 | LT BY PR. S | TL. CAR CO. ENGTH INSI | 1937 | | | | 9-63" W | WIDIA | 4 |
| () | | | | | | | | | 3 | 1.2.5 | | | - INSIDE HEIGHT |
| REIGHT | EQUIPPED WITH SHAKER ATTACH. | | + | 300 | 902 Wine D | 908 OOR LOCKS | -902 - | 302 | | 8-92 | | | 0.0 |
| a) | | 5:72 | 45.9 | 43'-35 0 | 2'-2 OVE | O" TRUCK ER END SI PIKING C. | LLS ASTINGS | | 5-6- | WEIGH | 9-6, C.S. SIDE FRA T OF BODY T OF TRUCKS | / } | 37414 LBS |
| DLJ 5-25-61 DLJ 4-21-60 DLJ 10-15-59 | INSIDE LENGTH_ INSIDE WIDTH INSIDE HEIGHT | 9'- | 6" 6" 0" | | · CA | PACITY (LE | VEL FULL) | 3968 CU | BIC FEET | TOTAL | GENERA | L PLAN | 53614 LB\$ 61584 |

| | SERIES | BUILDER | ATE 41'-6" WOOD CHIP CARS -GSS | (100) |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------|---|--|
| | 118541-118590 | N.P. RY. CO. | 60 CAPACITY 100,000 LBS STEEL UNDER FRAME CONVERTED FROM SERIES 53000-53499 GONDOLA CARS | OVER CIPE |
| | 119165-119214 | N.P. RY.CO. | BUILT BY PRESSED STEEL CAR CO. 1936 | STAKES |
| | | ~ | 41'-6" INSIDE LENGTH | 9'-63" INSIDE |
| | EQUIP WITH SHEDDING SL | | -2:5- | |
| FREIGHT | <u>₹</u> 0:,3 | Martin | SHAKER ATACH, GLOS TO TO TO TO THE TO | 18.8. |
| | N A | | 5'5' 31'0'TRUCK CENTERS 43'3' OVER STRIKING CASTINGS 45'9' OVER STRIKING CASTINGS 45'9' OVER STRIKING CASTINGS 65'9' OVER OVER OVER OF COUPLERS. | 4-9'64 OVER → |
| 5-29-61 | WIDTI | H INSIDE | 41'-6' CAPACITY 3968 CU FT WEIGHT O 5'-5.34" CAPACITY 5'-6' A8 MECH DESIGNATION 6SS 6R. P. M. P. A. P. | F BODY38550 LBS. F TRUCKS15880 LBS. IGHT54430 LBS. I-DWG62020 |





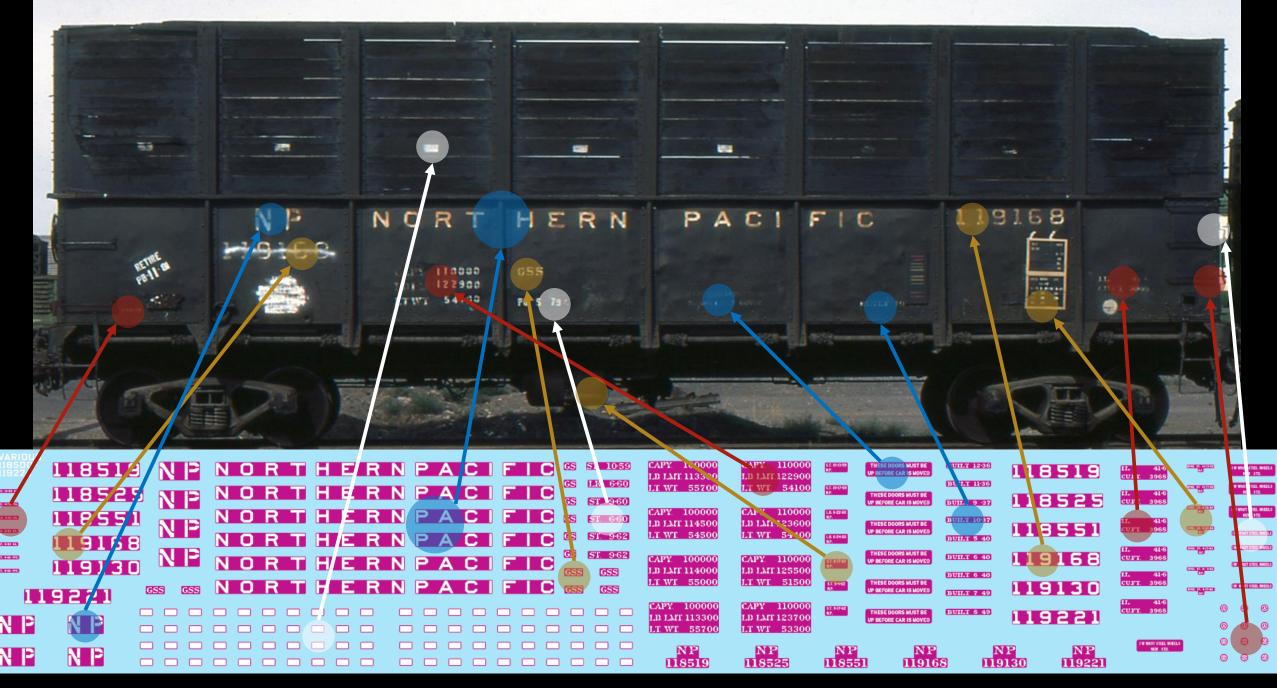


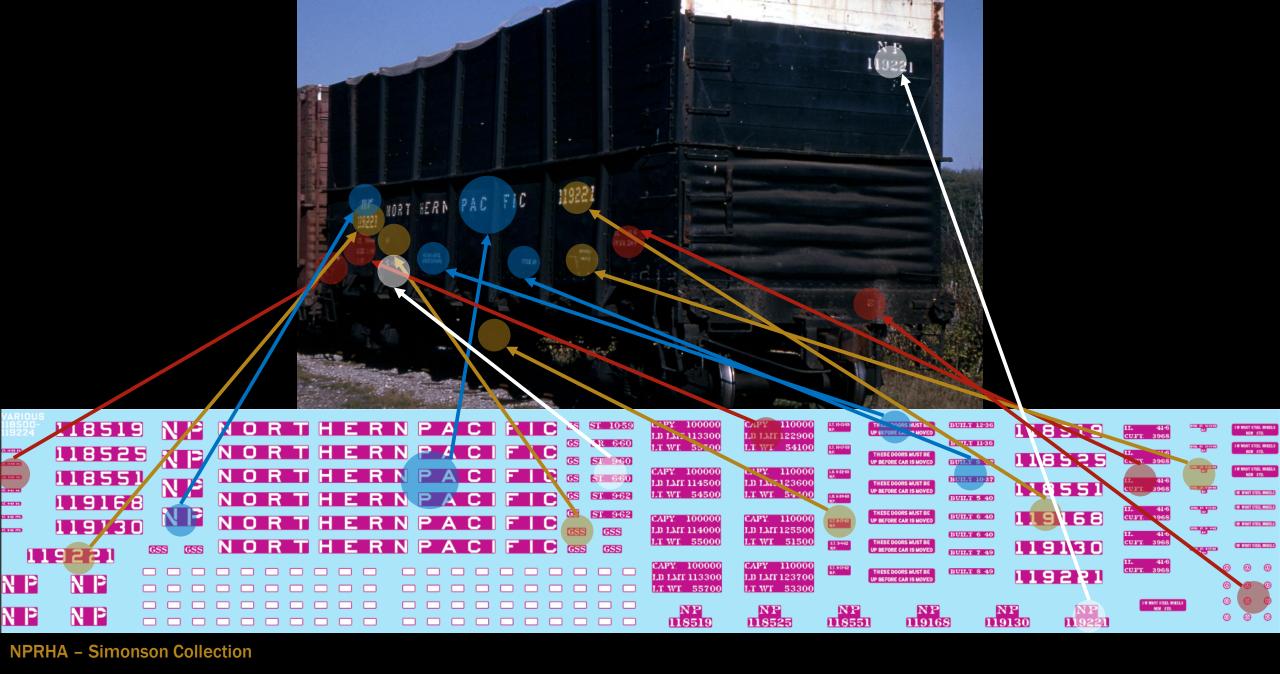


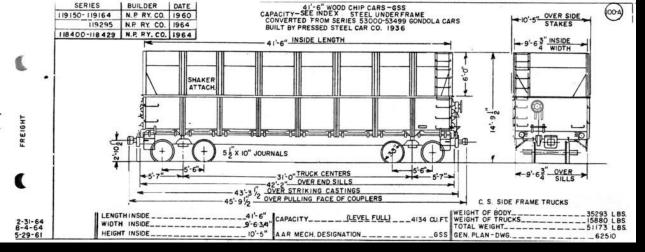
Steel Gons w/board extensions

- Metal side stakes with wood slats (2x8 in drawings)
- Extensions apparently permanent
- Most common woodchip gon style
- Painting & Stenciling very similar to standard steel gondola
- Many lasted into the 1970s











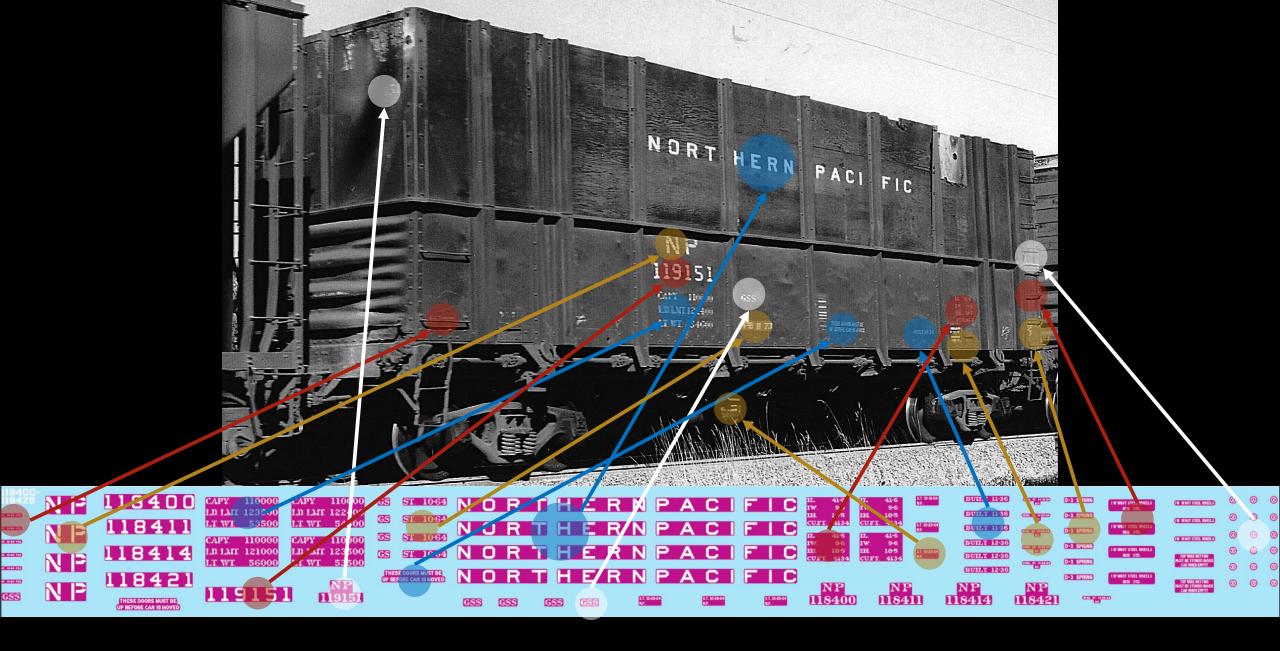




Steel Gons w/plywood extensions

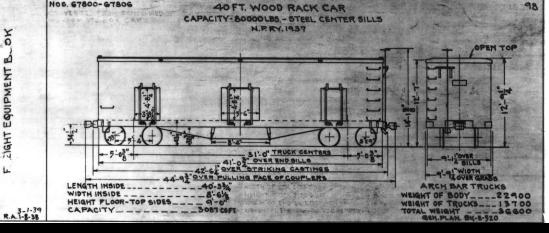
- Plywood extensions, substantial side stakes
- Lettering is not similar to gondola, with NORTHERN PACIFC painted on extensions
- Lettering now includes more dimensional data (IL, IW, IH)
- Many lasted until the late 1970s, some into 1980s

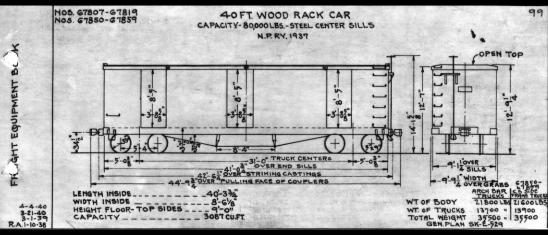


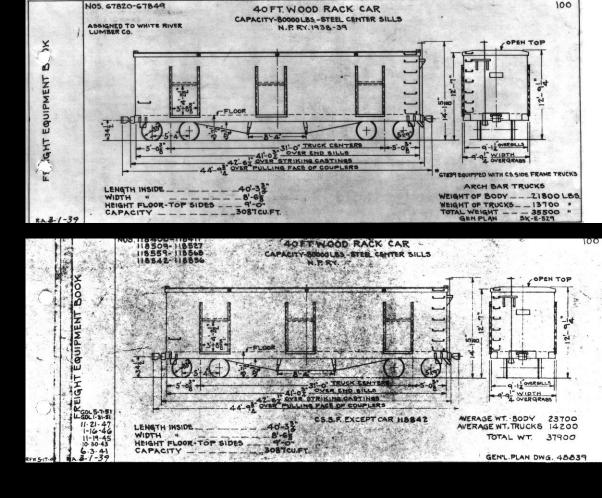


WOOD RACK CARS

- The Northern Pacific tendered a fleet of scruffy cars to haul "hog fuel", essentially scrap wood and lumber
- Covered here are cars from late 1930s to 1950s
- All appeared to feature a truss-rod underframe
- Fun cars to model!

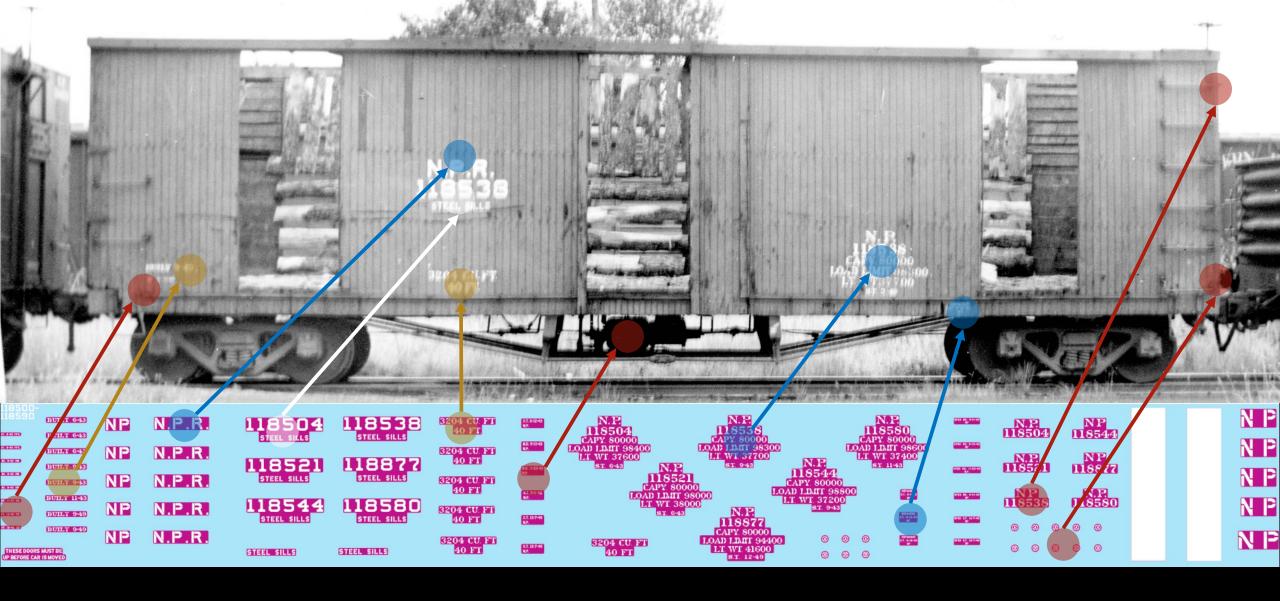


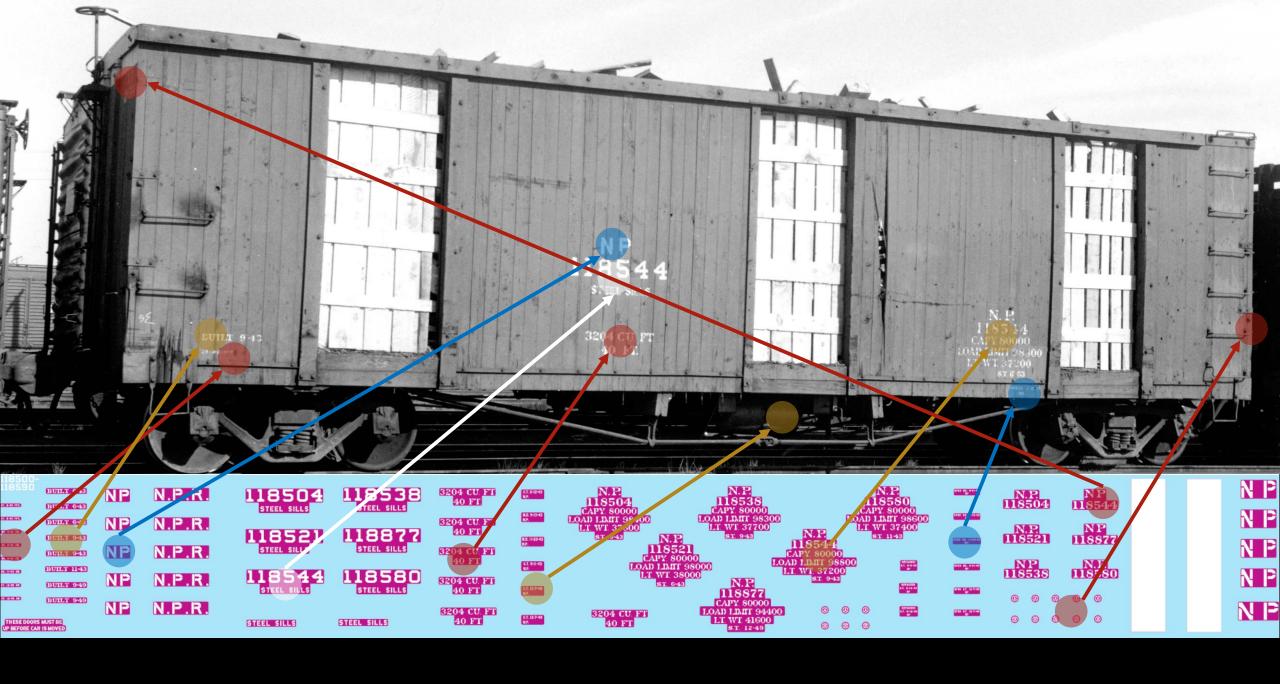


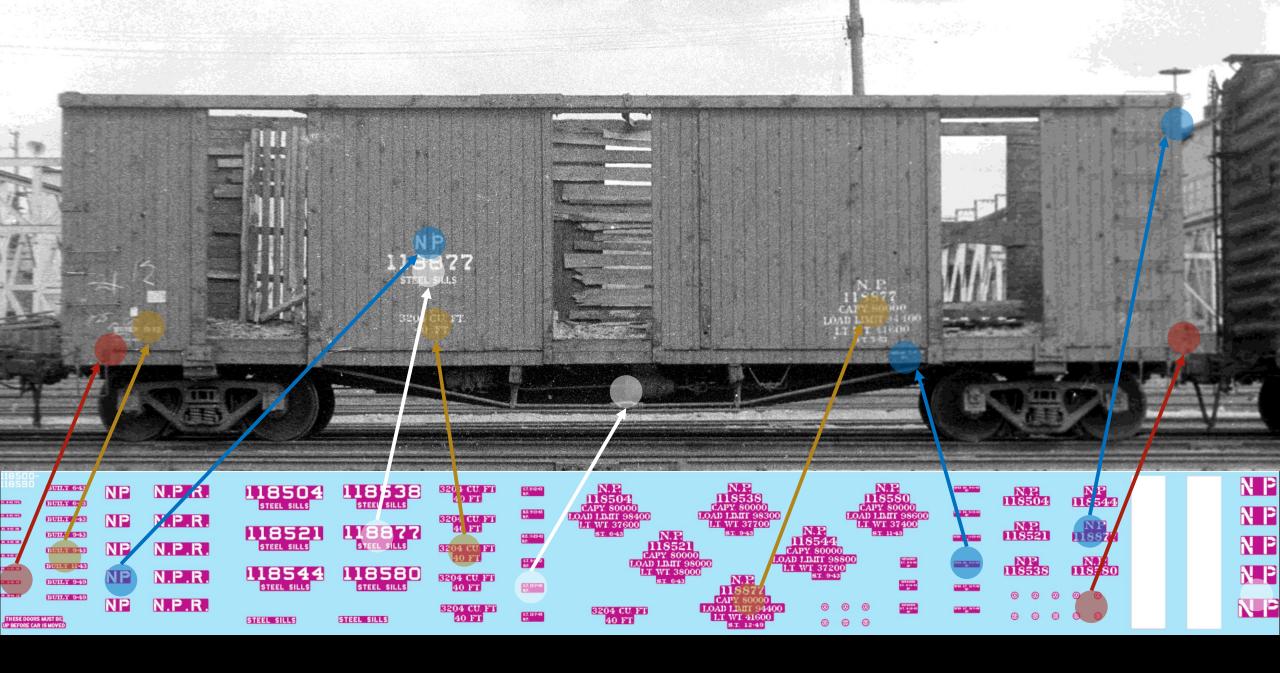


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- The first three images are from a 1940 Freight Equipment Book
- Later renumbered to the 118XXX series, per final image







STEEL WOODCHIP CARS

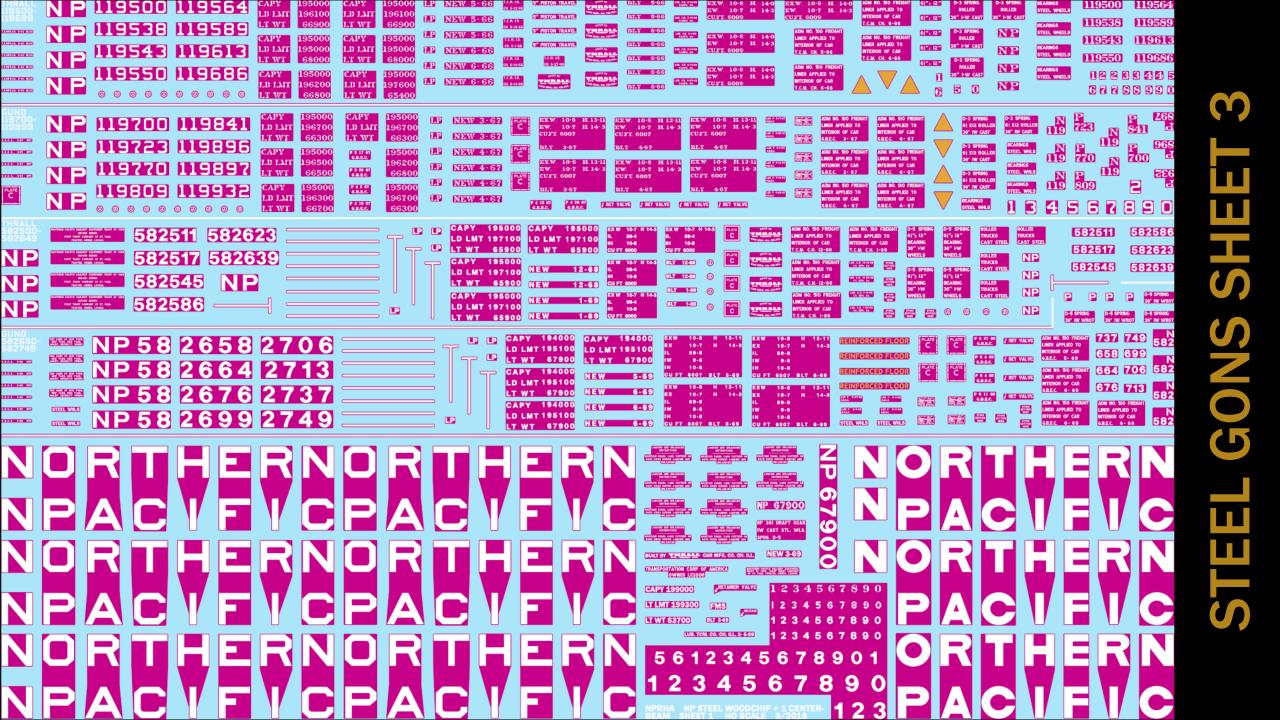
- Despite 600 "converted" woodchip cars on the roster in 1965, the NP needed more
- Order new all-steel, 61 foot woodchip cars in 1966
- They lasted a long time...

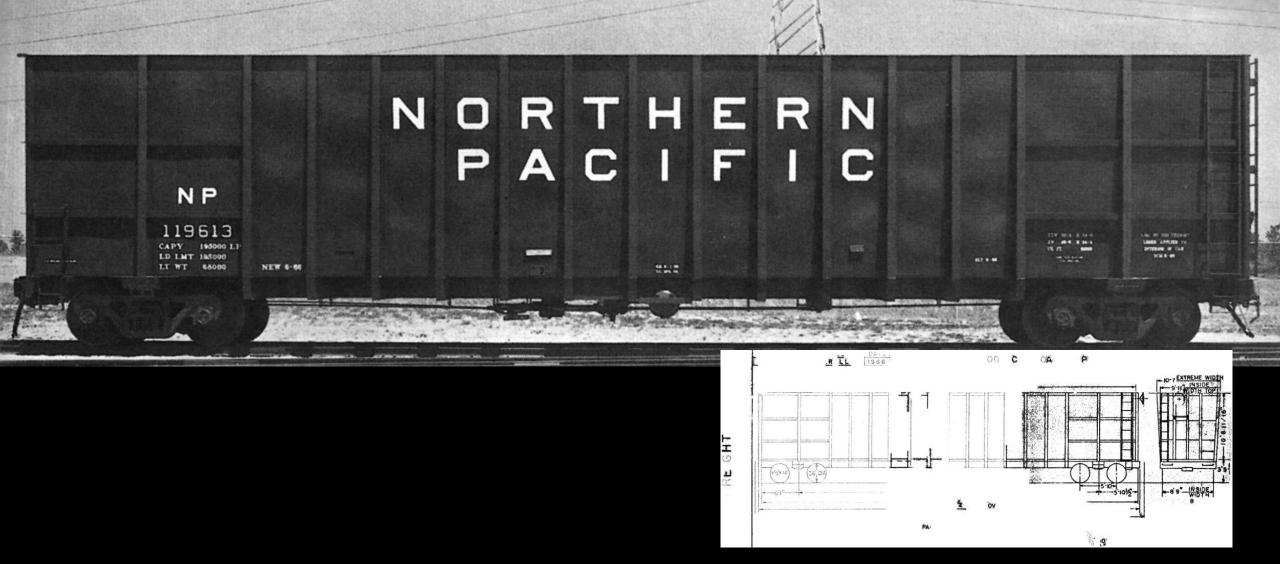


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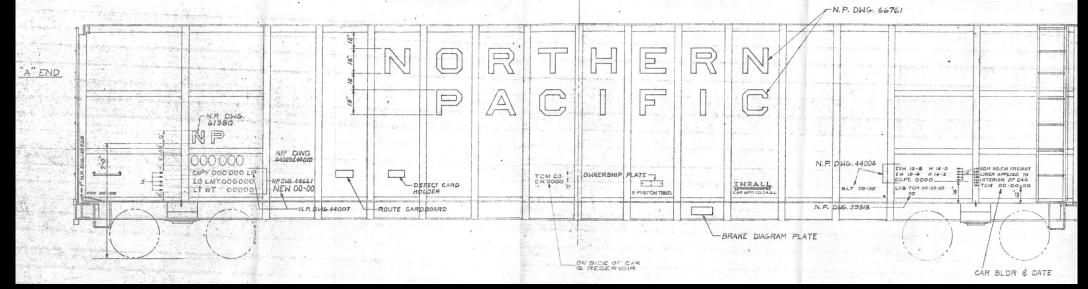
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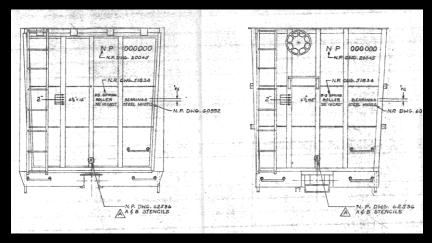
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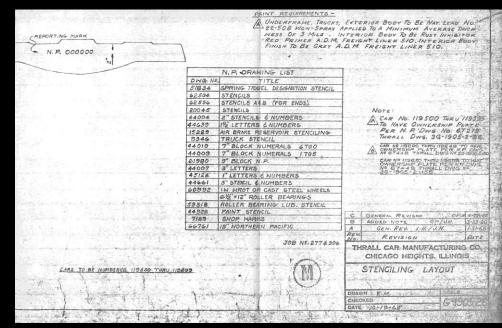


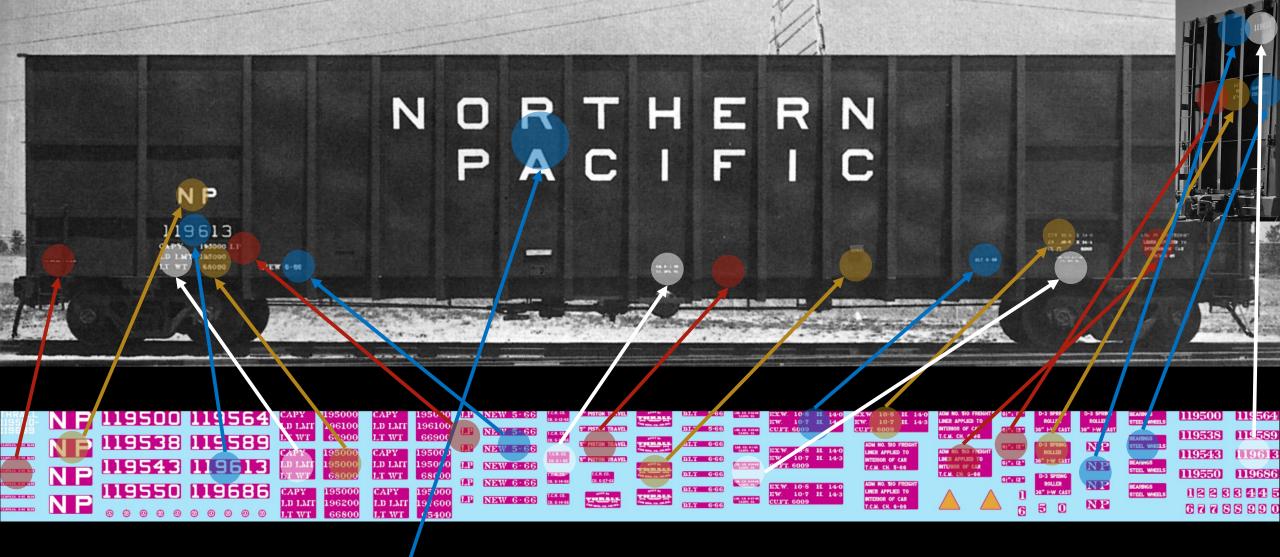
200 cars built by Thrall Car Company of Chicago IL, 1966



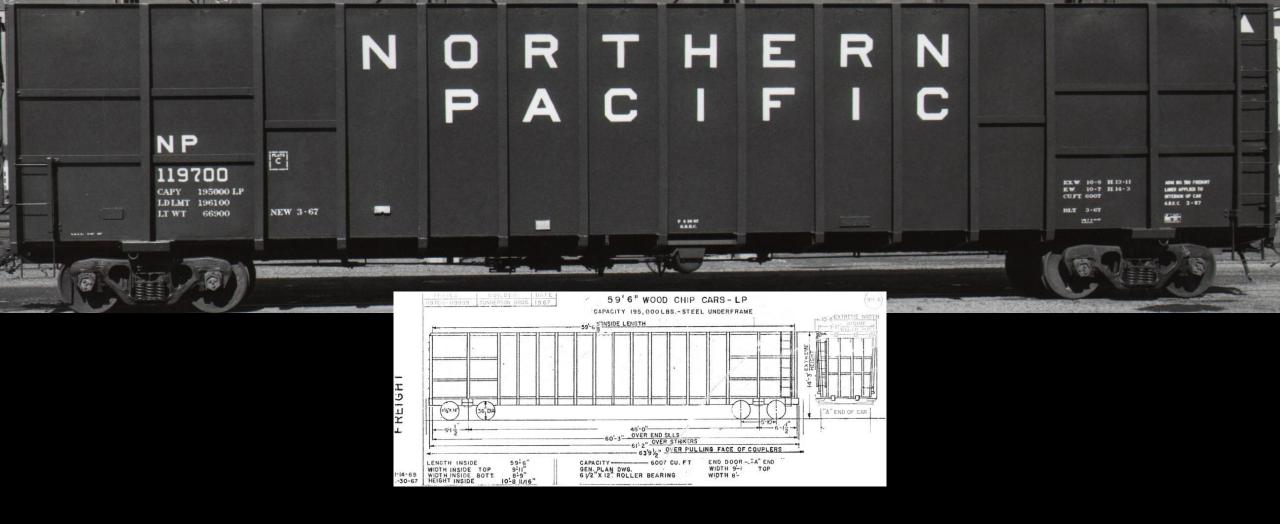


Painting & Stenciling – Thrall Car 1966

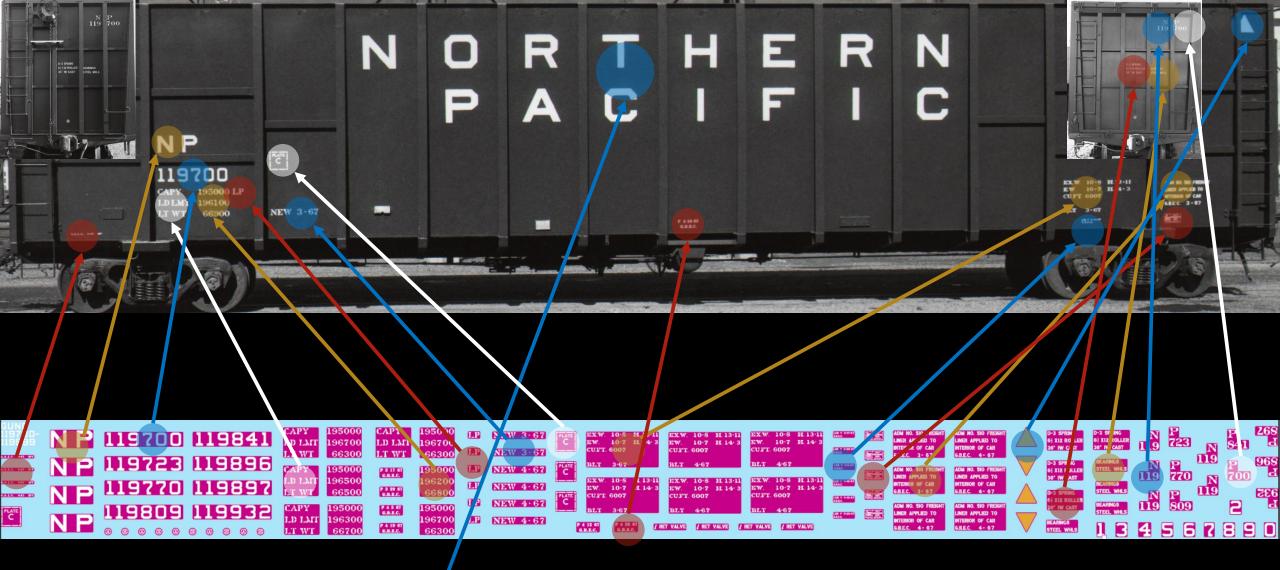








- 300 cars built by Gunderson Brothers/FMC of Portland OR, 1967. The biggest lot
- Classic billboard NORTHERN PACIFIC
- Yellow triangle in upper corner to indicate end with unloading door
- Did Thrall initiate the design, and Gunderson license?

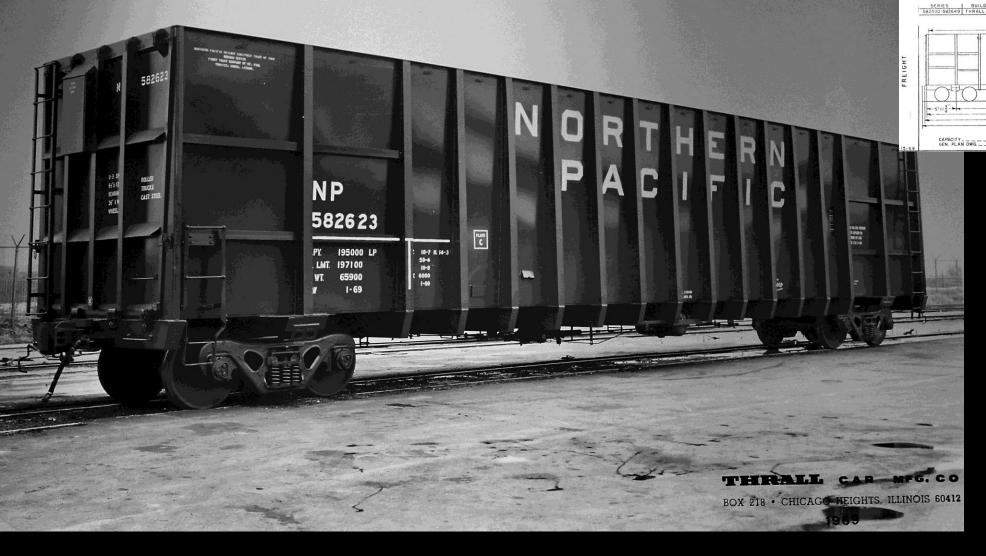






Detail Photos

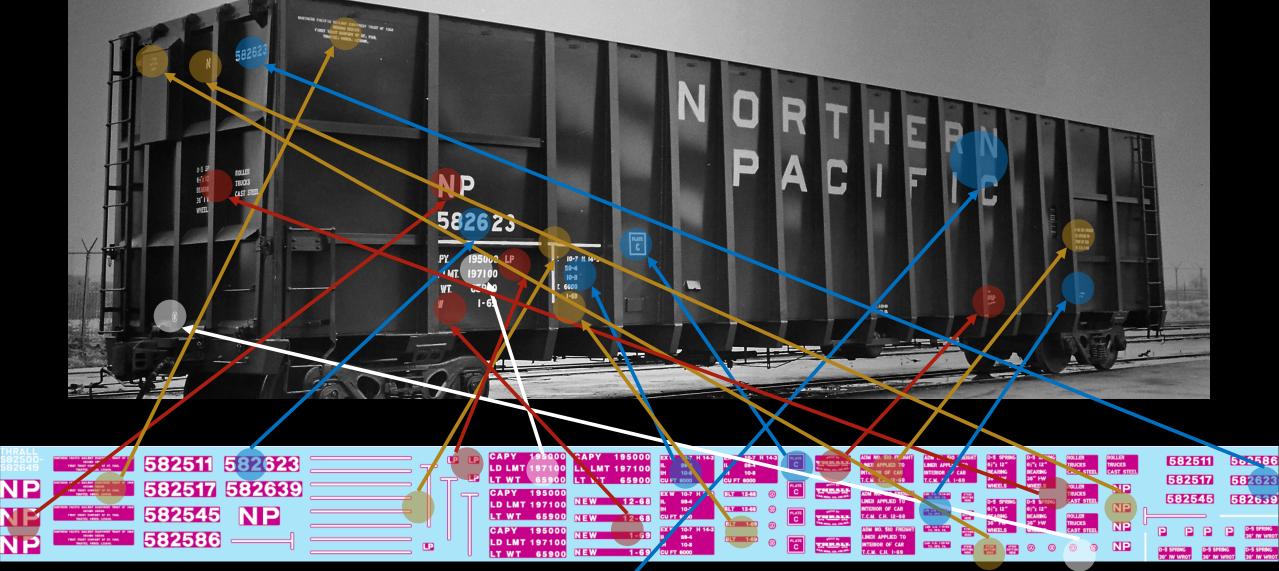
Some nice detail photos from Rick Leach



- 150 cars built by Thrall Car Company of Chicago IL, 1968-1969
- Due to the impending merger, the lettering changes to the pre-merger scheme. BUT, billboard NORTHERN PACIFIC is previous style with Thrall

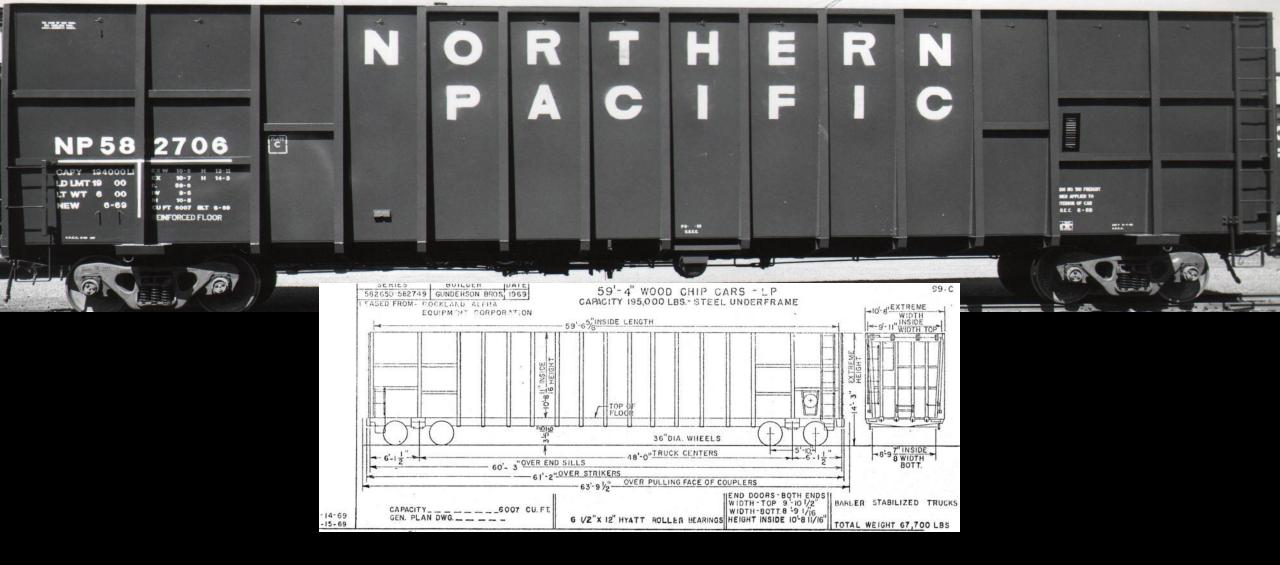
59'- 4" WOOD CHIP CARS - LP CAPACITY 195,000 LBS.- STEEL UNDERFRAME

ACI plate, lease stencil upper left, other small differences





Guidance pointers a bit of mess, apologies

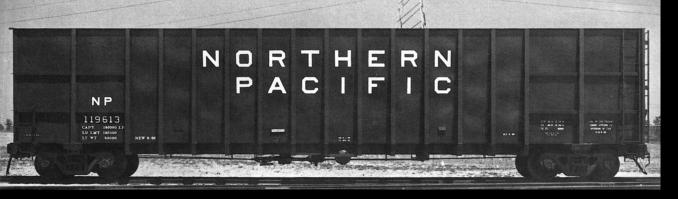


- 100 cars build by Gunderson Brothers/FMC of Portland OR, 1969
- Now we see the rounded billboard NORTHERN PACIFIC





No ACI Plate provided



Thrall 119500 - 199699 1966



Thrall 582500 - 582649 1968-69



Gunderson 119700 - 199999 1967



Gunderson 582650 - 582749 1969

Quick Tour of Differences...

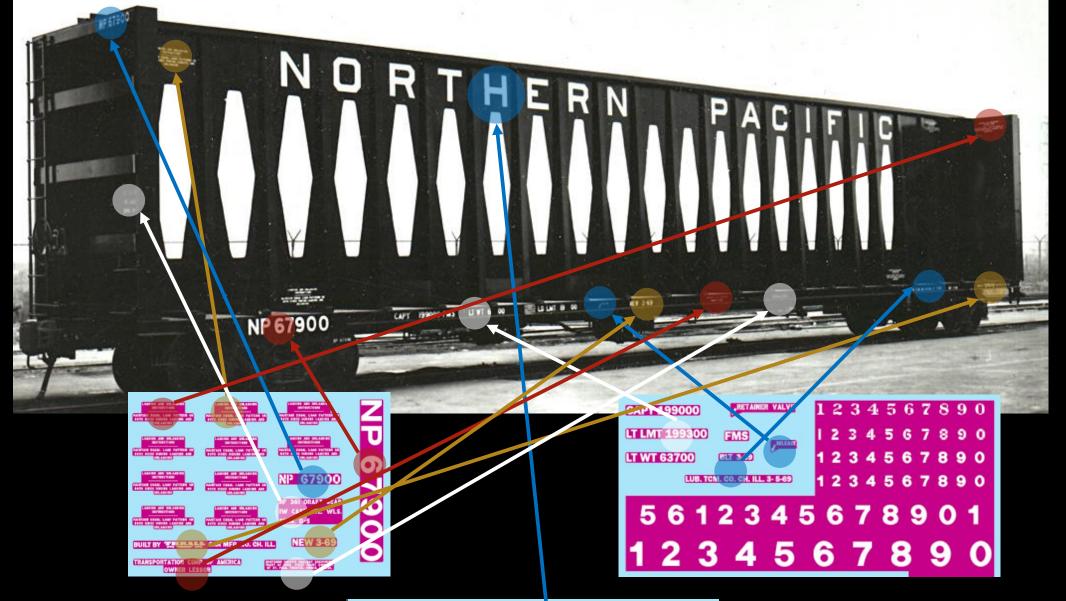
- Thrall has 12 "center" panels, Gunderson 10. Gunderson has small extra horizontal brace
- 1966/1967 cars have unloading door on <u>one</u> end, later cars have doors on both ends, brake wheel on side. Later cars have box for netting
- Later cars have pre-merger Painting & Stenciling, ACI plate, lease stencil. Gunderson used more authentic NP stencils

CENTERBEAM FLATCAR

- Working with Thrall, the NP tendered the first commercially successful centerbeam design
- Five NP cars put in service March 1969
- See article in the Spring 2000 issue of The Mainstreeter



- 5 cars built by Thrall, NEW 3-69
- Classic billboard NORTHERN PACIFIC



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