

WESTERN PACIFIC 4180 CUFT AIRSLIDE COVERED HOPPER CARS

With Walters new model of this type Airslide and Micro-scale doing a WP decal set for Airslides a look at Western Pacific's cars is in order.....

General American's Airslide design is primarily for bulk shipment of dry, granular or powdered commodities such as flour, sugar, plastics or chemicals. The car is unloaded by conventional systems such as suction, pressure pneumatic conveyors or by gravity into a pit under the car. In order to actuate the Airslide conveyors built into the hoppers of the car, a low-pressure source of air is required at each unloading site. This air is introduced into manifolds below the car, carried to a plenum chamber where it passes through the special Airslide fabric "fluidizing" or aerating the material above it and causing the lading to flow to a single pair of outlets at the bottom center of the car. General American Airslides came in two sizes 2600 and 4180 cubic feet in which WP has both sizes.

Cars 11671 thru 11685 have the hand brake in the high position, but starting with 11686 built in late 1966 it is in the updated low position.

All of the WP cars were a light gray with black lettering and now when they are repainted by Union Pacific, they are a flashy silver with red and black lettering.

WP 4180 cuft cars are as follows
11671-11675 Built 1964
11676-11679 Built 1965
11681-11685 Built 1966
11686-11690 Built 1966
11691-11698 Built 1978

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WP 11684 is one of the Feb 1966 cars that has the brake wheel in the high location.

WP 11696 Blt in 8-78 is one of the newest cars in service for WP, shown here in Fremont 1982.

WP 11672 a WP/UP car painted silver at Pocatello 2-84 has RED "UNION PACIFIC" with BLACK DATA/REPORTING MARKS. This is UP class CH-100-51

WP 11690 (on back cover) has the brake wheel in the low position, note that cars with the high brake wheel have a complete ladder on the side not just 4 graps.....

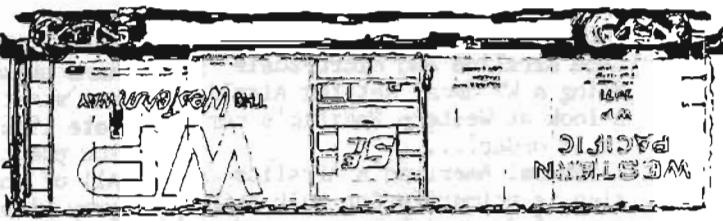


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