



## BRASS CAR SIDES

### *Passenger Car Parts for the Streamliners*

UP-C&NW-Wabash "Western" and "Blue" 12-4 ACF Sleeping Car [Part No. 173-569]

The post-war expansion and reequipping of Union Pacific's "City" streamliners created equipment pools of new lightweight cars. The sleeping car pool included the 12-roomette, 4-double bedroom sleepers which were regularly assigned to the *City of Portland* and *City of St. Louis*. The six Wabash "Blue" series cars were assigned to its overnight trains on the routes between St. Louis and Detroit, Chicago, and Kansas City. The 23 cars of this type were built by American Car & Foundry in 1949-50 to Pullman Plan 9004 and were originally owned and named as listed below. In 1965 UP commissioned Pullman-Standard to rebuild all of its cars plus one Wabash car to 11-bedroom "Sun" sleeping cars, Pullman Plan 6009.

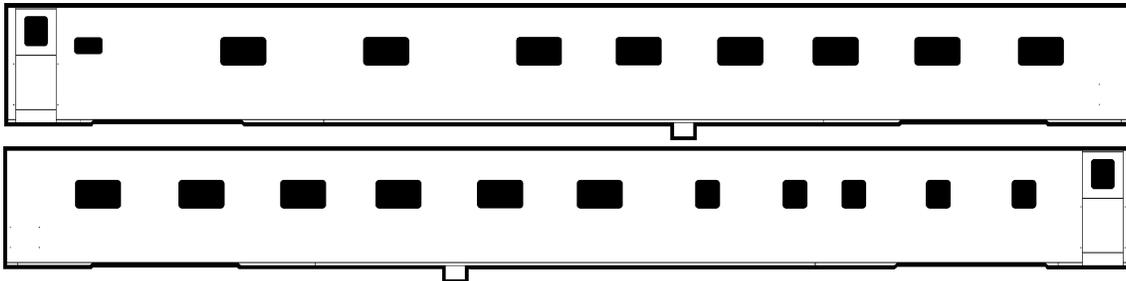
C&NW: "Western Frontier" and "Western Peak" (2 cars)

Wabash: "Western Sunset", "Western Lake", "Western View", and "Western Scene" (4 cars)

UP: "Western Adventure" through "Western Wonderland" (11 cars)

Wabash: "Blue Boy" through "Blue Skies" (6 cars)

Brass Car Sides is pleased to add both HO and N-scale versions of these cars to our catalog in response to reservations from our direct-mail customers. The brass sides feature the original short skirts, as illustrated below. They are etched from 0.008 spring brass sheets and have etched door and surface outlines as well as grabiron holes. The N-scale sides are used with the American Ltd. Models #8010-8040 kits, with the #8015 providing the most correct truck style.



### References

- The Union Pacific Streamliners by Ranks and Kratville, pp. 468-70 (Kratville Pub., 1974)  
Passenger Cars 3 by Hal Carstens, pp. 242-43 for plans and photos (Carstens Pub., 2007)  
Passenger Car Library Vol. 7 Southwestern Roads by Randall, pp. 29-33, 210-11 (RPC Pub., 2003)  
Car Names, Numbers and Consists by Robert Wayner (Wayner, 1972, out of print)  
UP Color Guide to Freight and Passenger Equipment Vol. 2 by Lou Schmitz p. 84 (Morning Sun)

## Construction Techniques

The ALM kits include detailed instructions, which this sheet supplements. The Trager plans in Hal Carstens' Vol. 3 book are helpful in showing some underbody equipment and roof detail. Photographs in the other listed references and elsewhere should be consulted for more specific guidance.

We recommend that the Krylon protective coating be left on the brass sides until you are ready to attach them. Microscope slide cover glass makes a fine window material, but clear styrene and acetate sheet stock are also good, and easier to work with. In any case, final attachment will have to wait the painting and finishing steps. Grabiron holes have been etched into the brass sides to permit easy drilling for those wishing to add wire grabirons. After all modifications have been made to the plastic body, affix the sides with contact cement, such as Walthers GOO. Follow the instructions about letting the cemented surfaces become tacky before joining them. Be sure that you have removed the Krylon coating with a paste-type paint remover, acetone, or similar solvent prior to this step.

**Paints:** Modelers are likely to be adding these cars to existing consists and will have their choices of paint already established. We prefer Scalecoat #22 Armour Yellow and #32 Harbor Mist Gray. Accu-flex has 1624 & 1625. Floquil offers #110166 and #110167, and in the Polly Scale line #414170 and #414176. Accupaint has #67 and #68. The Accuflex and Modelflex numbers are 1624 and 1625.

**Decals:** UP (Microscale 60-630, 60-635); C&NW and Wabash Blue - No sources found as of this revision date. We would appreciate hearing of decals for these cars and will share such news on our web pages..

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