UTLX X-3 TANK CAR



Thank you for purchasing Rapido's HO model of the Union Tank Car 10,000 gallon X-3 tank car! These cars feature state-of-the-art tooling with separate grabs, crisp and accurate details and correct Andrews or "Bettendorf" cast steel trucks with free-rolling turned metal wheelsets, and two distinct versions – K-brake equipped cars (good before 1953) and AB-brake equipped cars (good from the 1940s onwards). Semi-scale couplers have been installed on your model as well.



The X-3 cars were built in various capacities and configurations, including 6,500 gallon, 8,000 gallon and 12,000 gallon capacity tanks. They were also built with single, double and triple domes. However, none of these variants were more numerous than the basic 10,000 gallon, single-dome version. From the 1920s onwards Union Tank Car (UTLX) fielded the largest fleet of tank cars in North America, and the 10,000

gallon X-3 accounted for nearly 13,000 of them! The basic X-3 was used to haul fuel oil, gasoline, vegetable oils – essentially any liquid that did not require special handling features. These cars went EVERYWHERE!

These cars traveled throughout North America and could be seen literally anywhere until the mid 1960s when age and attrition took their toll. Even so, more than 1000 were still in service at the time of the Penn Central merger, though most were retired quickly afterwards.

If there are any factory defects on your boxcar we will do our very best to repair or replace it, subject to the availability of replacements and/or spare parts. Please contact us by phone 1-855-LRC-6917 or go to https://rapidotrains.com/ warranty and send us an message.



