# PROCOR 3000 CU FT SODIUM CHLORATE HOPPER

Thank you for purchasing the Procor 3000 cu ft aluminum sodium chlorate hopper from Rapido Trains, Inc. Please note that the minimum radius for these cars is 18 inches. Be sure to give your model a quick inspection to ensure that the couplers are working correctly and the wheels are in gauge before putting it on your layout.

## **PROTOTYPE HISTORY**

In the early 1980s sodium chlorate began to replace chlorine as a bleaching agent in the paper making process. Historically, sodium chlorate had been transported in solution form in tank cars. With significant increase in demand, a more efficient delivery method was needed. Transportation in crystal form by covered hopper car was a natural solution. However, a means to address the corrosive properties of sodium chlorate was required.

Initially, conventional steel bodied covered hopper cars equipped with protective internal coatings were deployed. However, corrosion damage related to coating failures resulted in significant maintenance costs. Procor went on to develop an all-aluminum construction covered hopper car. Compared to a conventional gravity discharge covered hopper car, operation of the aluminum equivalent is unorthodox — sodium chlorate is loaded as a dry crystal through the round roof hatches and then emptied as a slurry. Located above the discharge openings and just below the side sills, a pipe fitted with spray nozzles (known as a sparger) is used to introduce hot water to liquefying the sodium chlorate crystal. Outlet fittings at the very bottom of the gate assemblies facilitate complete evacuation of the payload.

The first group of twenty sodium chlorate covered hopper cars was constructed at Procor's Oakville, Ontario facility in 1982. During production, a number of refinements were incorporated, including steel end structures and retractable rooftop handrail assemblies. Production at the Oakville facility ceased in 2001. Over the years Procor would assemble a fleet of more than 1,300 aluminum sodium chlorate service covered hopper cars, a portion of which was constructed by NSC and Thrall.

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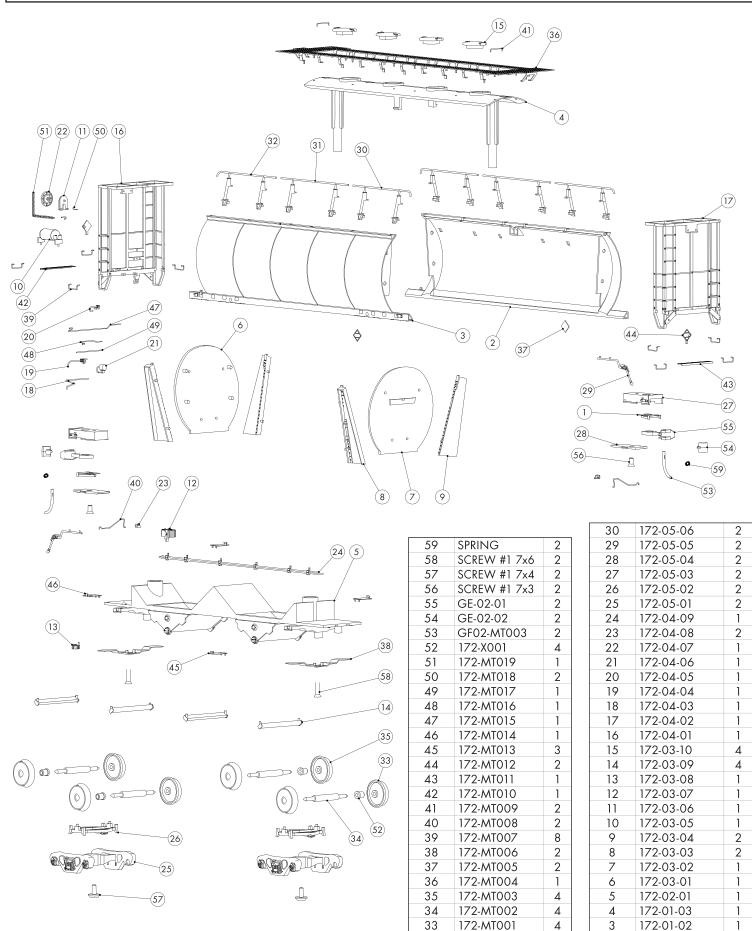
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