



PACIFIC FRUIT EXPRESS

R-40-27
R-40-28

**HO
SCALE**



When? 1957-1982
Where? Nationwide
Why? First time in plastic!

Hand painted pre-production samples

Pacific Fruit Express was an American railroad refrigerator car leasing company owned jointly by the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads. It began operations on October 1, 1907, with a fleet of 6,600 cars, and eventually grew to be, at one time, the largest operator of refrigerator cars in the world, with a fleet of 40,509 refrigerator cars in service in 1930. PFE cars were found all over the country, carrying cargo from agricultural western and midwestern states to markets in the east and southeast.

From January through August 1957, 1700 cars were built in class R-40-27, numbered PFE 10001-11700. They featured a 4-foot-wide Youngstown sliding plug-door, sliding toward the left, combined with a 2-foot-wide hinged door to the right of it. This created a 6-foot-wide opening when both were opened, or just a 2-foot-wide opening if the car needed to be inspected before unloading in order to retain the cool interior temperature.

Soon the R-40-27 plans were modified with a 6-foot sliding plug-door, along with the established 2-foot-wide swinging door, creating the new class R-40-28 cars, of which there were 100 (PFE 11701-11800) constructed by in July 1957.

Both the R40-27 and R-40-28 class cars were cooled with ice, and included overhead electric fans to circulate the cool air enroute. As it would turn out, these would be the last ice-cooled refrigerator cars built by PFE. After these classes, all PFE reefers utilized mechanical cooling.

In 1971, 100 of the R-40-27 and -28 cars had their ice hatches bolted closed and only top icing of a car's lading (TIV, or **T**op **I**cing **V**entilated) was performed. TIV cars were then renumbered, with the first digit being changed from a 1 to a 3. In 1972, 450 more cars were converted to TIV, but this time the road numbers were changed into the 190000-series.

The two classes were remarkably long lived, the last examples not being retired until after 1980!

Rapido's all-new HO scale model is the first time that these cars have been offered as a plastic model.

Our R-40-27 and -28s feature:

- Accurately scaled from prototype blueprints and field measurements
- Separate wire grab irons
- Correct running boards and brake wheels
- Correct cooling fan housings
- Positionable roof hatches
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
- Free-rolling trucks with turned metal wheels
- Accurate paint and decoration
- Multiple accurate road numbers available for each paint scheme



Matt Herson Photo. Long Island City, NY 1979.

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\$59.95 - SINGLE \$74.95 - SINGLE

\$359.70 - 6-PACK \$449.70 - 6-PACK



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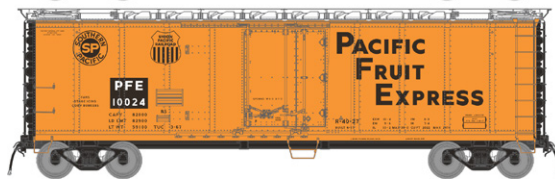
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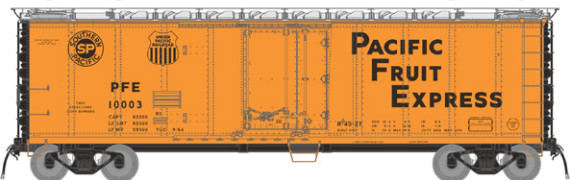
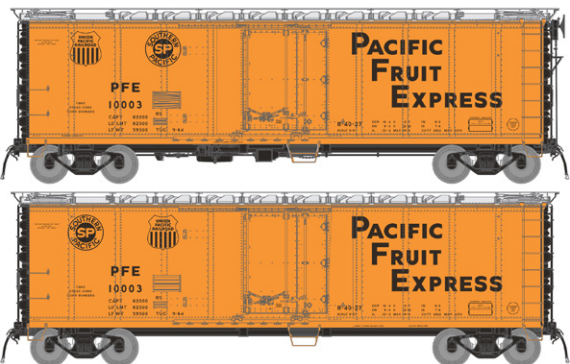


HO PFE R-40-27 Reefer 1957 Scheme

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 196001	6 pack #1
<input type="checkbox"/> 196001A	Single car 10007, 10011, 10016, 10029, 10035, 10042
<input type="checkbox"/> 196002	6 pack #2
<input type="checkbox"/> 196002A	Single car 10358, 10383, 10387, 10395, 10400, 10418

HO PFE R-40-27 Reefer 1966 Scheme

Item	Description
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<input type="checkbox"/> 196005A	Single car 10205, 10249, 10260, 10287, 10291, 10325
<input type="checkbox"/> 196006	6 pack #2
<input type="checkbox"/> 196006A	Single car 10381, 10393, 10398, 10402, 10414, 10432



HO PFE R-40-27 Reefer 1961 Scheme

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 196003	6 pack #1
<input type="checkbox"/> 196003A	Single car 10228, 10230, 10273, 10289, 10292, 10308
<input type="checkbox"/> 196004	6 pack #2
<input type="checkbox"/> 196004A	Single car 10365, 10378, 10425, 10453, 10466, 10479

HO PFE R-40-27 Reefer 1970s TIV (Top Ice Ventilator) Service

Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 196007	6 pack #1
<input type="checkbox"/> 196007A	Single car 30005, 30068, 30078, 30091, 30189, 30197

Decorated cars have multiple individual car numbers per paint scheme. These will be available as a pack (multiple individual cars packaged together and easily broken up for individual sale).

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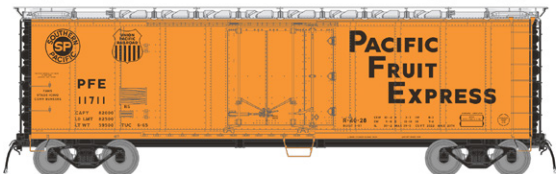


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Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 196101	6 pack
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Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 196103	6 pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 196103A	Single car



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Item	Description
<input type="checkbox"/> 196102	6 pack
<input type="checkbox"/> 196102A	Single car 11739, 11743, 11767, 11789, 11794, 11800

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