



The End of the Train

CABOOSES FROM THE COLLECTION OF FRED VAN DER LUBBE

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2 Introduction

My trains collection consists mostly of rolling stock (locomotives, coaches and wagons). All locomotives in my collection are steam outline locomotives (running on live steam, clockwork power or electricity). As you might know I prefer express type passenger locomotives, however I could not resist the Union Pacific BigBoy which is the largest freight locomotive. So some freight locomotives started to appear in my collection. And, of course, American freight locomotives need to pull a freight train with at the end a caboose. Since I have a BigBoy in more than one scale I also have cabooses in more than one scale. Some years ago I made a YouTube video of an English so called “loose coupled goods train”. I did get a reaction on this video that I should have added a brake-van to such a train, so I did (see [A brake-van was added to the LMS goods train](#)). Besides some English brake-vans I also have some French, German and Japanese cars that accompanied freight trains, respectively called Fourgon de queue, Güterzugbegleitwagen and Kankyuusha.

This small catalogue contains all cabooses and other cars that accompanied freight trains from my collection. I have this type of cars in various gauges and scales of different brands. This catalogue is organised in two parts: the first larger part shows all American cabooses, the second part the non-American “cabooses”. Both parts are further organised on gauge and brand. The index in the back can be used to find cars via the maker or brand. Measurements in this catalogue are in centimetres. The mentioned track gauges are N (9 mm), 00 / H0 (16.5 mm), S (22.5 mm), 0 (32 mm) and 1 (45 mm).

This catalogue will not elaborate on the history of the makers or brands of the toys and models described here.

Further, another interesting but not covered area, is the operation and/or history of the prototype cabooses.

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3 America

The real caboose¹. Many model cabooses are modelled after a prototype; however, it seems rather normal to letter a caboose for a road where that type of caboose never ran. Of course, toy-type cabooses do not strictly follow a prototype.

3.1 1 Gauge

3.1.1 ASTER

The ASTER caboose is part of their small range of ready to run rolling stock; most ASTER locomotives were marketed in kit form. The caboose, which is based on a PRR wooden prototype, is made of metal with wooden walls and is nicely detailed with steps, ladders and grips. Length of the caboose is 31 cm.



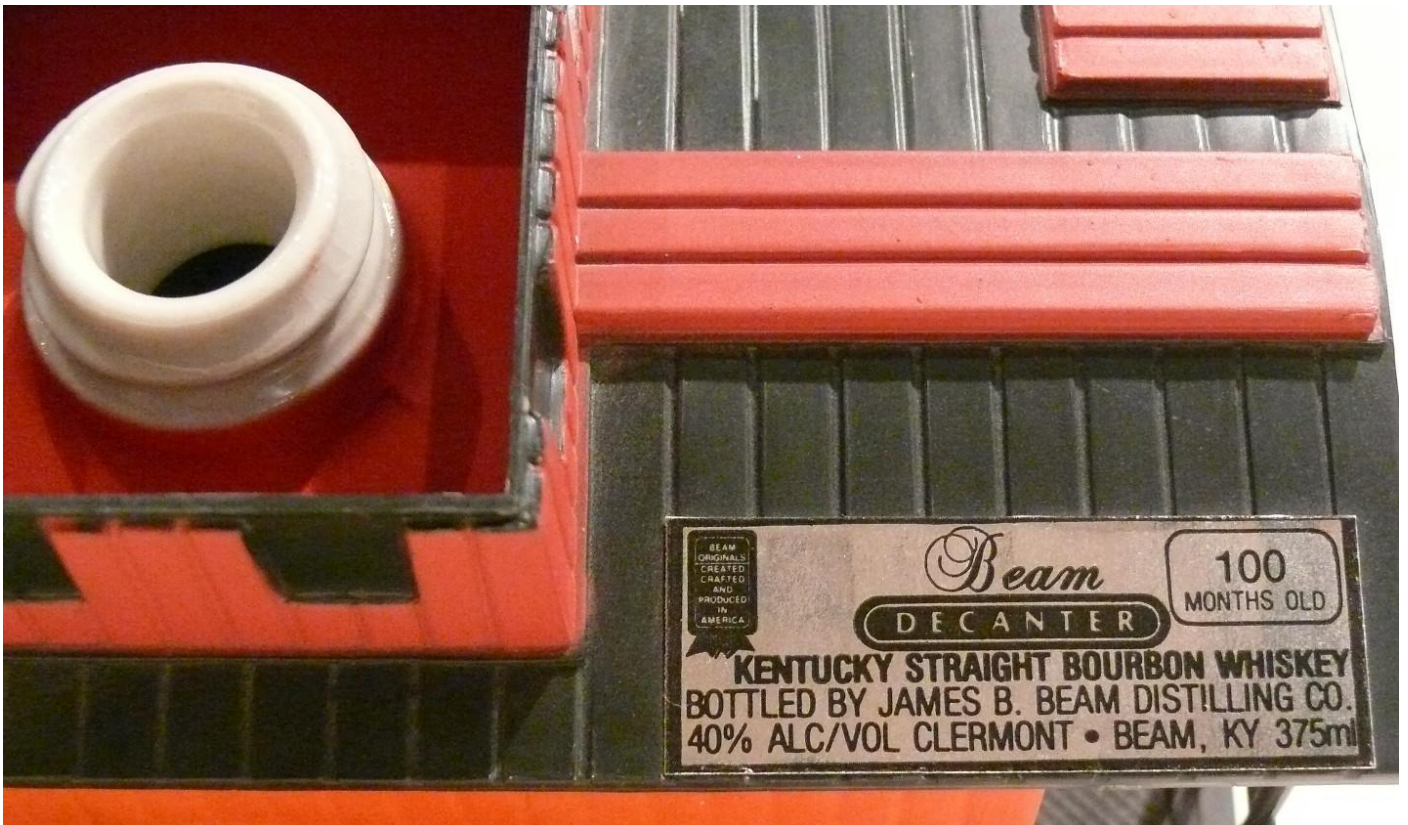
¹ Humorous plural of caboose



3.1.2 Beam

Beam (also known as Jim Beam) is a bourbon whiskey brand; years ago they made a train in which every wagon was a decanter. I do have the caboose decanter, which I found at a flea market, but empty. I found out that the wheels of this caboose are set at 45 mm (gauge 1). I have never tried to add this caboose to a train, but it might run when carefully pulled. The body of the, rather short but 8-wheel, caboose is a glass or stone bottle with a content of 375 ml. The frame and all further detailing are made of plastic. Length of this toy-train style caboose, which is lettered for the Illinois Central railroad, is 18 cm.





3.1.3 Fine Arts Models (FAM)

The 1 gauge train models of Fine Arts Models (FAM) are by many considered as the most detailed models made. FAM made some locomotives from the Pennsylvania Railroad and also made some rolling stock to go with these including two different PRR cabooses. This is the PRR N5 caboose. It is a highly detailed model made of brass and with full interior. The model is lighted with 2-rail pick-up. The roof walks are made of wood. Length of this caboose is 28 cm.







Full interior; Note the pin-up picture on the wall



A stove, water tank with sink and just visible behind the door the toilet; the floor is wood.



3.1.4 MTH Railking 1 Gauge

To go with my [Live Steam Big Boy Gauge 1](#) I use this Union Pacific caboose made by MTH in their series of Railking One Gauge trains. This is a 1:32 scale model of a CA-class wooden caboose from 1910. It is a plastic 34 cm long model with metal trucks and wheels. It has interior and also interior lights and a guard sitting in the cupola. Catalogue number is 70-77007.





3.2 0 Gauge

3.2.1 AHM

The US importer AHM (Associated Hobby Manufacturer) marketed this 4-wheel (bobber) caboose that was made by Pola in Germany. It is completely made of plastic (including wheels) and has catalogue number 7306B. The grey livery and black Virginia & Truckee lettering is quite simple. Length is 15 cm.



AHM also sold an Illinois Central version of the bobber caboose. Apparently simple versions without the end ladders were also sold like the one shown here.



3.2.2 American Flyer

This simple painted metal caboose is just lettered American Flyer; it has catalogue number 3017 and was made with this type of couplers only in 1938. It does not have railings or ladders at the ends, these are just missing on my item. Length of this all red caboose is 17 cm.



The American Flyer caboose with catalogue number 484 is almost the size of an S scale caboose. It is a painted metal 8-wheel car with the coupler type as used later for Flyer S gauge. Length is 17 cm.



3.2.3 Atlas

This Union Pacific caboose was made by Roco of Austria and sold by Atlas. It is a wide vision caboose, having a cupola that is broader than the caboose body; a modern type caboose with safety slogans at both sides. It is all plastic including trucks and wheels. The Atlas catalogue number is 6234 and the length is 25 cm.



3.2.4 Hafner

In their series of streamliners Hafner made a freight train including this 3057 caboose. Since it is red and has the word CABOOSE on its side it must be a caboose, but it looks funny anyway. It is a lithographed completely metal caboose with a length of 18 cm. It is a bit damaged; Like many Hafner trains it seems to have had a hard life.



3.2.5 Ives

This Ives caboose with catalogue number 1712 was made by Lionel after the takeover of Ives. It was made ca 1932 and is a lithographed tinplate car with a considerable length of 24 cm. Note that, like more toy-like cabooses it has a coupler at one side only. Like the American Flyer caboose it also does not have ladders or railings at the end, it was made like that.



3.2.6 Lionel

This is a post-war Lionel caboose made in 1946/7. It is based on the Pennsylvania N5 caboose type. It is a completely metal model with a coupler only at one side. Catalogue number is 2472 and the length is 17 cm.



3.2.7 Marx

Marx made many cabooses and I happen to have a couple. The first one is a simple 4-wheel lithographed tinplate caboose used in trainset with catalogue number 528 (see [Marx wind up No 528 0 gauge trainset](#)). It has a coupler at one side only and no ladders or railings. It is lettered for the Union Pacific railroad and has a length of 15 cm.



This next Marx New York Central caboose looks like the previous UP caboose; however it does have a ladder and railing, but at one side only. Catalogue number is 556 and length is 15 cm.



This caboose is from the Marx 10000 train-set. It is also a 4-wheel caboose; however it is much larger than the previous ones with a length of 19 cm. Again it has a coupler at one side only. Like most Marx trains it is nicely lithographed. The slogan Nickel Plate High Speed Service was used on many Nickel Plate railroad cabooses and freight cars.



Marx 25249 train set is an electric set with a New York Central steam locomotive, two freight cars and this NYC caboose. The cars in this set have all 8-wheels and automatic couplers. The caboose has extra detail like handrails and a smoke stack. The lithography however is less striking. Length of this caboose is 16 cm.



3.2.8 MTH

This MTH caboose is part of the MTH Railking line. It is a model of a Pennsylvania N5-C caboose and has catalogue number 30-7730. It is nicely detailed and has interior and interior lights. A guard is sitting in the cupola. The plastic caboose is 20 cm long.



3.2.9 Sakai

The Japanese toy train manufacturer Sakai made a series of trains looking similar to Marx trains with the non-existent road name Hudson & Pacific railway (sic). This is a Sakai 8-wheel caboose. It is a lithographed tinplate car with a length of 16 cm.



3.3 S Gauge

3.3.1 American Flyer

Here are 5 different American Flyer S gauge cabooses. These have all plastic bodies based on the same tooling. They all have couplers on both sides and a body length of 15 cm..



I have 2 Reading 630 cabooses, both with interior lights. They have metal frames and were made around 1946/7. As can be seen they look very much the same but with very different hues of red. The orange one is the earlier one, made of plastic prone to warping (some signs can be seen in the roof) and to colour fading.





This next American Flyer caboose has catalogue number 638 and American Flyer lettering. It was made from 1949 to 1952 and has the link type couplers.



This number 24603 unpainted American Flyer Lines caboose was made only in 1957-1958. It has knuckle couplers and railing but no ladders.



This number 24636 is a late unpainted red AFL caboose made 1959 which is part of an American Flyer All Aboard train set. It has plastic trucks and wheels and simplified knuckle couplers ("PikeMaster" couplers).



3.3.2 Haji

Haji was a Japanese maker of tinplate toys; they made also some tinplate trains including this small (8 cm) 4-wheel New York Central caboose.



3.3.3 Kinsman

Kinsman Scale Models made a caboose kit for a NP wood caboose somewhere in the sixties. Someone made this kit but lettered it WSM, a non-existing railroad. The model is made of wood and seriously weathered. Length is 14 cm.



3.4 H0 Gauge

3.4.1 Athearn

Athearn makes and made a large number of freight cars including cabooses. This Southern Pacific caboose has catalogue number 1251; the same caboose was made in many more road names. It is made from a plastic “shake the box”² kit. Length is 13 cm. The same caboose body was used by RivaRossi (see 3.4.10).



² A simple kit with just a minimal number of parts is known by this name; if you shake the box well enough the kit is made ☺

3.4.2 Bachmann

This Bachmann Southern Pacific wide vision caboose number 1054 is an early Bachmann product. It is a simple plastic caboose with a length of 13 cm.



3.4.3 Bowser

Bowser still make cabooses among other model train products. This Pennsylvania N5c caboose with its porthole windows was made somewhere in the eighties as a kit with catalogue number 56998. It is a plastic product with a length of 11 cm.



3.4.4 Gingerbread Stop

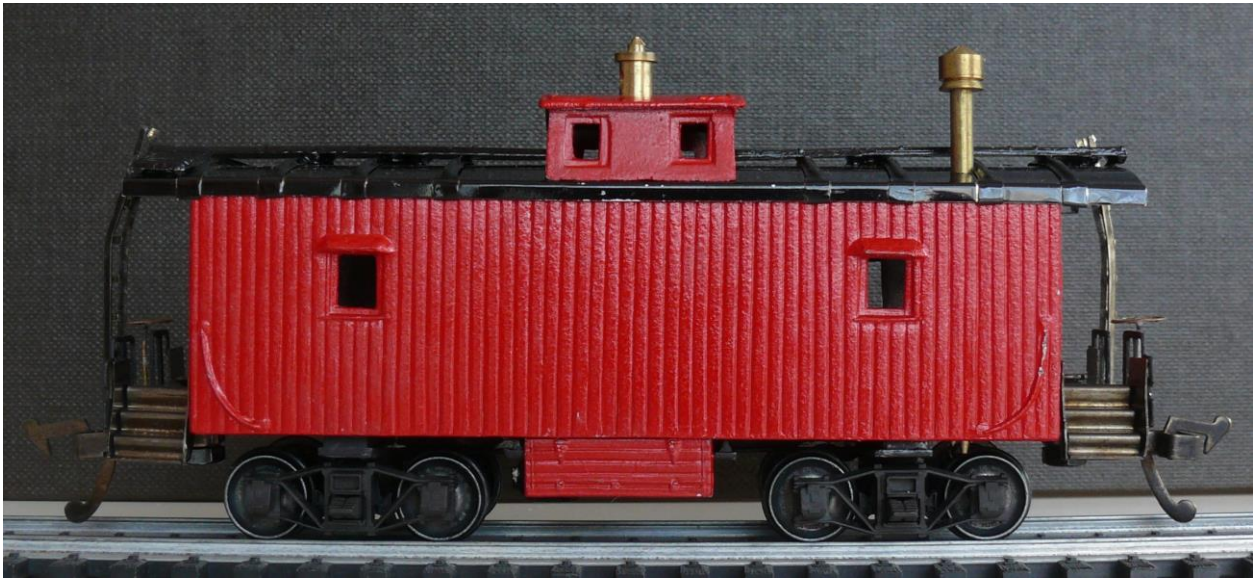
The Gingerbread Stop, which was a hobby shop in New Jersey, made a craftsman plastic kit, catalogue number 001, of a Central of New Jersey plywood sheath caboose. I bought this around 1984 when living in New Jersey. It took me quite some time to build the kit. As far as I know this was their only product. The body is plastic and the trucks and wheels are metal. Length is 12 cm. I display this caboose with a Central Railroad of New Jersey camelback; this is a painted brass model made by OMI (Overland Models Inc).





3.4.5 International Models Products

This caboose is from a kit from Japan named “International's scale model locomotive & car kits”. I assume the company name is International Models Products. The metal and wood kit is from the fifties/sixties and made for the American market, the couplings are Tenshodo type and I added Kadee caboose trucks. The kit did not include any lettering and is labelled N.J.C. caboose; the caboose looks very similar to the Gingerbread Stop Central of New Jersey caboose (see 3.4.4). It is 12 cm long.



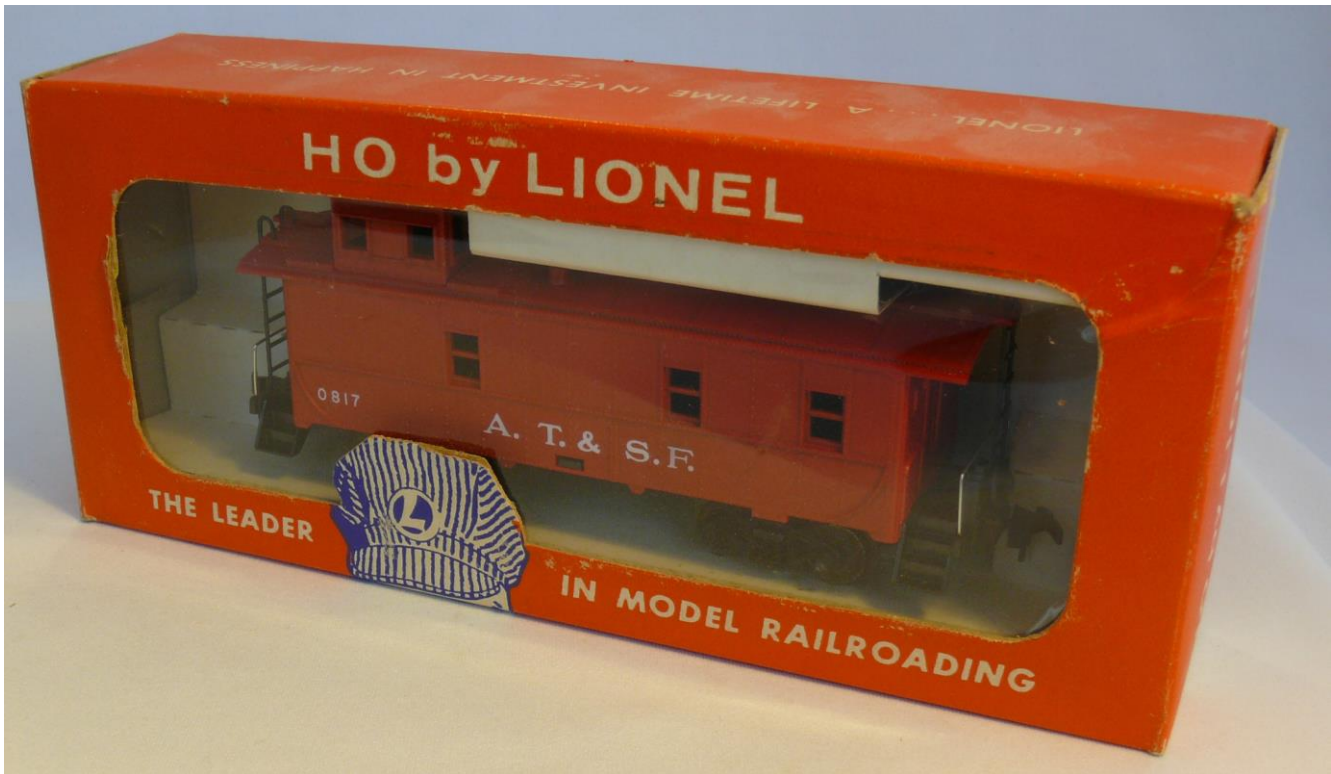
3.4.6 Life-Like

Life Like model-trains is a part of Walthers. They made this Norfolk & Western caboose as part of their Proto 2000 series. It came as a very simple kit. The model is nicely detailed and has a length of 11 cm. Catalogue number is 8274.



3.4.7 Lionel

Lionel is known from their 0 gauge and larger scale trains. They made a range of H0 trains from 1957 through 1967; recently they re-introduced H0 trains. This older boxed AT & SF caboose has catalogue number 0815-15 and is marked Made in USA; it might have been made by Athearn for Lionel. It is a plastic model with a length of 13 cm.



3.4.8 Märklin

Most of Märklin products are based on German prototypes but already since more than a century Märklin also makes products based on American prototypes for sale in the USA market. This New York Central caboose with catalogue number 45703 is a fairly recent model of an early wooden NYC caboose. It is nicely detailed and has a length of 12 cm. The body is plastic and the frame and trucks are metal.



Märklin made a Union Pacific BigBoy and of course they had to make a caboose to go with this. The Märklin UP caboose of type CA 3/CA-4 with centre cupola has catalogue number 45702. The body is plastic, but further it is made of metal and has a length of 13 cm.



3.4.9 Mehano

This Baltimore & Ohio caboose came in a Mehano set with a 4-4-0 locomotive and some freight cars. It is a simple plastic model which seems not to be a model of a real caboose; B&O cabooses were red, yellow or blue, but not black. The caboose has European type couplers and is 11 cm long.



3.4.10 RivaRossi

RivaRossi has made two versions of a so called bobber caboose, a 4-wheel short caboose. This Reading caboose is the more detailed version with ladders, smoke stack and a brake wheel. Length of this small car is 8 cm and catalogue number 2227.



This simpler Virginia & Truckee Railroad RivaRossi “old time” caboose has catalogue number 2314.



RivaRossi used the body of the bobber caboose and the frame of a flatcar to make this Minneapolis & St Louis Railroad (M&StL) 8-wheel work caboose. It was with catalogue number 2257 introduced in 1963. RivaRossi apparently liked the M&StL livery, they made a large number of different freight cars with this livery. This car is 15 cm long. Like all my RivaRossi cabooses it has the European type of couplers.



RivaRossi made, based on one standard 34' caboose body (based on an AT&SF caboose type) a series of cabooses in different railroad liveries; these are all not too detailed plastic cars which are 13 cm long. The first series of these cabooses were made as the result of a commercial agreement between RivaRossi and Athearn. The bodies of the first 1960/64 models were produced in the USA and imported by RivaRossi, they added RivaRossi trucks and couplers. From 1964/65 they were produced directly in Como, Italy. In the first American production models, up to 1964, the roof walkways were part of the body moulding, from 1965, when the production was carried out directly by RivaRossi, the walkways were separate parts inserted in the roof. All my RivaRossi caboose are of the older type.

RivaRossi introduced a Norfolk & Western railroad 2-8-8-2 Y6B Mallet freight locomotive in 1964; this N&W caboose was used in a set with the Mallet and a train of freight cars. The caboose was catalogued with number 2307.



Although RivaRossi did not make a Northern Pacific steam locomotive, they did make this NP caboose with catalogue number 12271 in the TrenHobby series of kits made by RivaRossi. These are “shake the box” type of kits, however the trucks have to be put together with their very small springs, not an easy task.



This Southern Pacific caboose, which was introduced in 1961, could be combined with the RivaRossi SP Cab Forward locomotive. Catalogue number is 2231.



The Union Pacific caboose has RivaRossi catalogue number 2229 and is indispensable when you own a RivaRossi UP 4-8-8-4 BigBoy.



3.4.11 Roundhouse

Roundhouse or MDC (Model Die Casting Inc) Roundhouse made a large number of cabooses based on a number of different types; all of these in Easy-To-Build kits. This Denver & Rio Grande (D&RGW) caboose is based on a 30' 3-window standard wood sided caboose. Catalogue number is 3441 and the caboose is 13 cm long.



This Roundhouse Grand Trunk Western railroad (GTW) caboose is based on a 30' 3-window standard steel sided caboose. I do not have a GTW H0 locomotive, but since I have a GTW live steam locomotive to a scale of 1:16 I liked this caboose. Catalogue number is 3493 and length 13 cm.



This is a so called outside braced 30' wood caboose made by Roundhouse in the Norfolk & Western railroads Tuscan livery with catalogue number 3464.

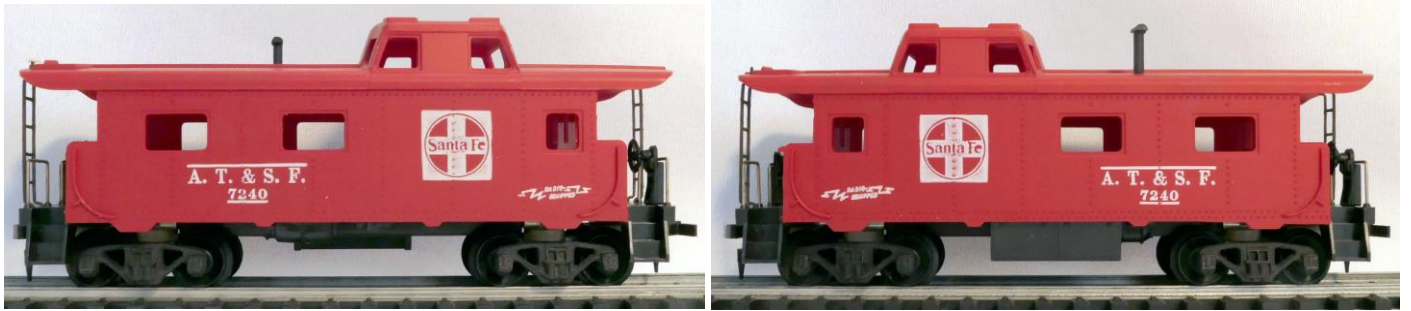


This is a so called old-timer wooden caboose with a side door and side ladder. Roundhouse made this in amongst others Union Pacific lettering as shown here. It has older type of Fox 4-wheel trucks and a length of 13 cm. Catalogue number is 3401.



3.4.12 Tyco

Tyco, a brand name used by Mantua, made their rolling stock until the mid-sixties available ready to run or in kit. They made the same caboose in a large number of road names. This RTR Santa Fe caboose has catalogue number T327J and is an unlighted version. It has a plastic body and metal trucks and is 12 cm long.



This Tyco Southern Pacific caboose is a kit version, with catalogue number K327F, still to be build. Looking at the nice box and content it is surprising that the kit version costed over 40% less than the RTR version. As a collector I had to pay more for this kit than for the RTR version.



3.4.13 Triang

With catalogue number R115 Triang made this Canadian National caboose in its range of transcontinental railways. It is rather long (15 cm) and large, since Triang used a scale of 1:76. It is a simple plastic car without much detail.

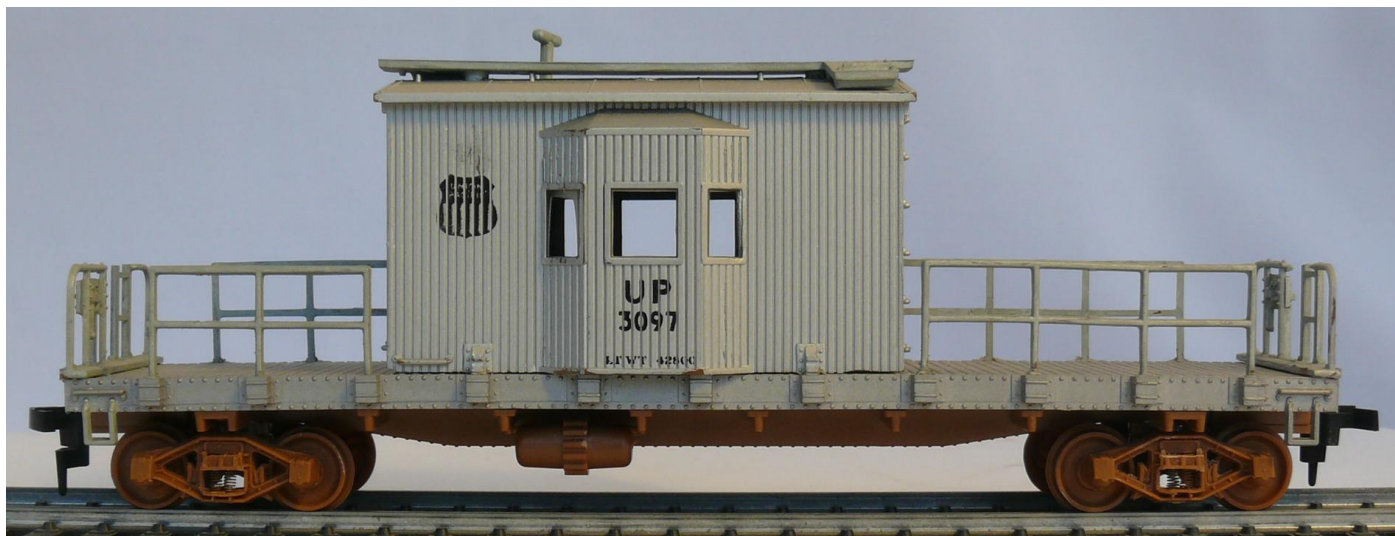


3.4.14 Walthers

Walthers' HO scale Chesapeake & Ohio wood caboose is a very good and nicely detailed model of a classic piece of railroad equipment. This C&O caboose is made by Walthers in 3 liveries, the yellow version is based on how this caboose looked from 1957. Catalogue number of this short (11 cm) caboose is 7523.



Walthers also issued a six pack work train kit, i.e. a kit for six plastic cars forming a work train, for a number of railroads. I have with catalogue number 98 the Union Pacific version. Here is the work caboose of this train. It is a body of a short bay window caboose fitted to a flatcar. Length is 15 cm.



3.5 N Gauge

In this category cabooses smaller than H0 are gathered.

3.5.1 Atlas

This is a Union Pacific bay window caboose made some 40 years ago by Atlas with catalogue number 2432. This plastic caboose has a length of 7 cm.



3.5.2 Funtime

A Toy Train in a Tin is made by Funtime Gifts Limited of London. This battery powered plastic train set which includes track, a locomotive, freight car and caboose, is about N gauge. The caboose is 6 cm long.



3.5.3 Lone Star

In 1957 Lone Star introduced its diecast push trains in a scale of 1:180. They run a track gauge which is with 8 mm just 1 mm smaller than N gauge. They made this KCS (Kansas City Southern) caboose with catalogue number 83. It is not yet taken from its plastic blister packaging. The caboose 6 cm long.



3.5.4 Matchbox

Matchbox also had some railway items in their vast range of miniatures on wheels. In 1981 twin-pack TP27 with a (British outline) locomotive and a caboose numbered MB44 was introduced. The caboose is a plastic toy with a length of 7 cm.



Note the buffers, I have not seen that before on a caboose.

3.5.5 TootsieToy

This New York Central floor train locomotive and caboose are made by TootsieToy. TootsieToy is an American manufacturer of die cast toy cars and other toy vehicles which was traditionally based in Chicago, Illinois. Locomotive and caboose are from a set with catalogue number 186 from 1950. The little red caboose is 5 cm long,



This TootsieToy set with a green caboose has catalogue number 194 and is lettered as TootsieToy Railroad. The caboose is 7 cm long.



4 Europe and Japan

Brake van, Fourgon de queue, Güterzugbegleitwagen (or Güterzuggepäckwagen) and Kankyuusha are the names for caboose in England, France, Germany and Japan respectively.

4.1 0 Gauge

4.1.1 Bassett Lowke

Here is an 0 gauge lithographed tinplate Bassett-Lowke brake van made in the fifties. Note the "extended vision" windows which are just lithographed flat. Catalogue number of this all metal, 16 cm long, brake van is 1364/0.



4.1.2 Bing

This very small, i.e. 9 cm long, brake-van in gauge 0 was made by Bing for the English market in the twenties. This version has no railway markings. The footboards and hand rail are prominent making the tinplate body seeming even smaller.



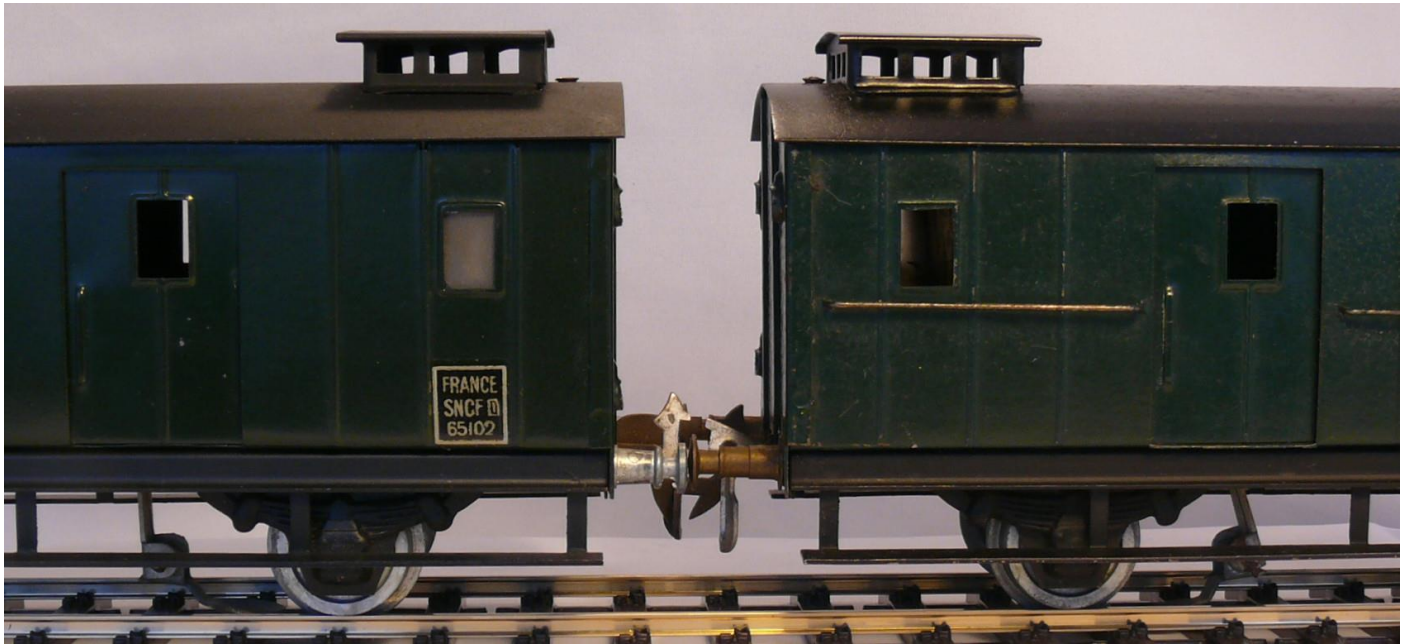
4.1.3 Chad Valley

In the same period as the previous Bassett-Lowke brake van Chad Valley made this very toy-like small 0 gauge brake-van, which even did not have buffers. It is 11 cm long and has catalogue number 10076. More Chad valley items were lettered with C V and not with a real railway name.



4.1.4 GMP

The French maker GMP (Gilardi, Mouraux, Pottier) made trains between 1955 and 1959 only. They made a small range, but they made their SNCF fourgon de queue in two versions; a detailed one with opening doors and handrails and a version without these details. Both are for 3-rail running and have a power pick-up for the tail light. Length of each fourgon is 20 cm.



This is the less detailed version of the GMP Fourgon de queue.



4.1.5 Hornby

This is a No. 50 Hornby British Railways brake van which was made from 1957 – 1963. It is a lithographed tinplate car with a length of 14 cm.



4.1.6 JEP

Although JEP made many different fourgons (baggage cars) for passenger trains it made only one fourgon de queue. This car was based on the body of a baggage car but with an extra lookout on the roof. Catalogue number is 4562 and the length is 18 cm.



4.1.7 Leeds

The shortage of material after WWII forced Leeds (LMC) to upgrade their range of hand built wooden brake vans. These were made in tinplate only. Here is a British Railway 20-ton Express Goods Brake Van, running number M60524. This was a handmade soldered construction made in tinplate between 1948 and 1959 with catalogue number SSD/1 in the True Scale series. It is 19 cm long.



4.1.8 Lenz

This Güterzuggepäckwagen Pwg Pr 14 is recently made by Lenz with catalogue number 42228-01. It is a DB (German Railways) version of an original Prussian car to go along with freight trains. In Germany these cars were often seen directly after the locomotive and not at the end of the train. This is a very detailed fine-scale product made of plastic and metal. It has opening doors, interior and interior lights. Length of this car is 18 cm.





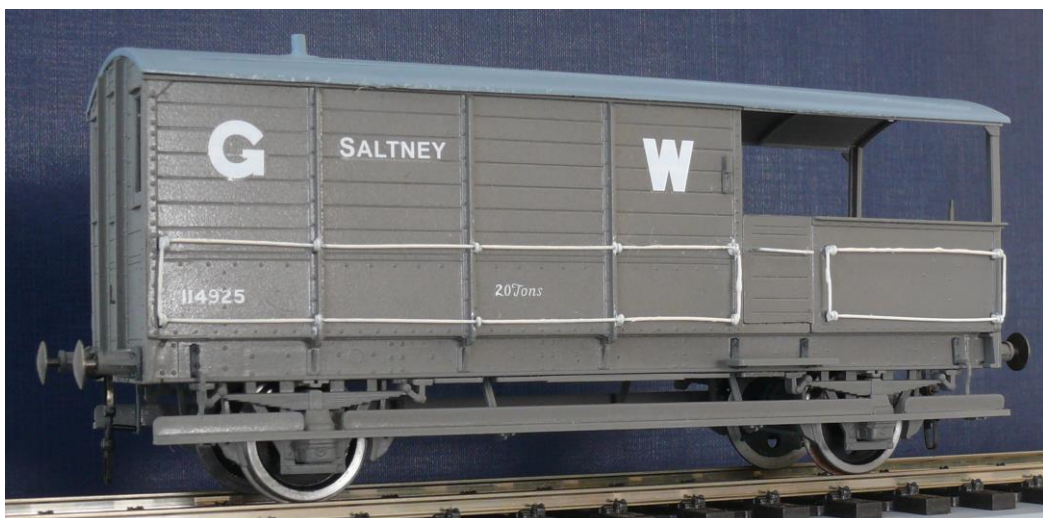
4.1.9 Lima

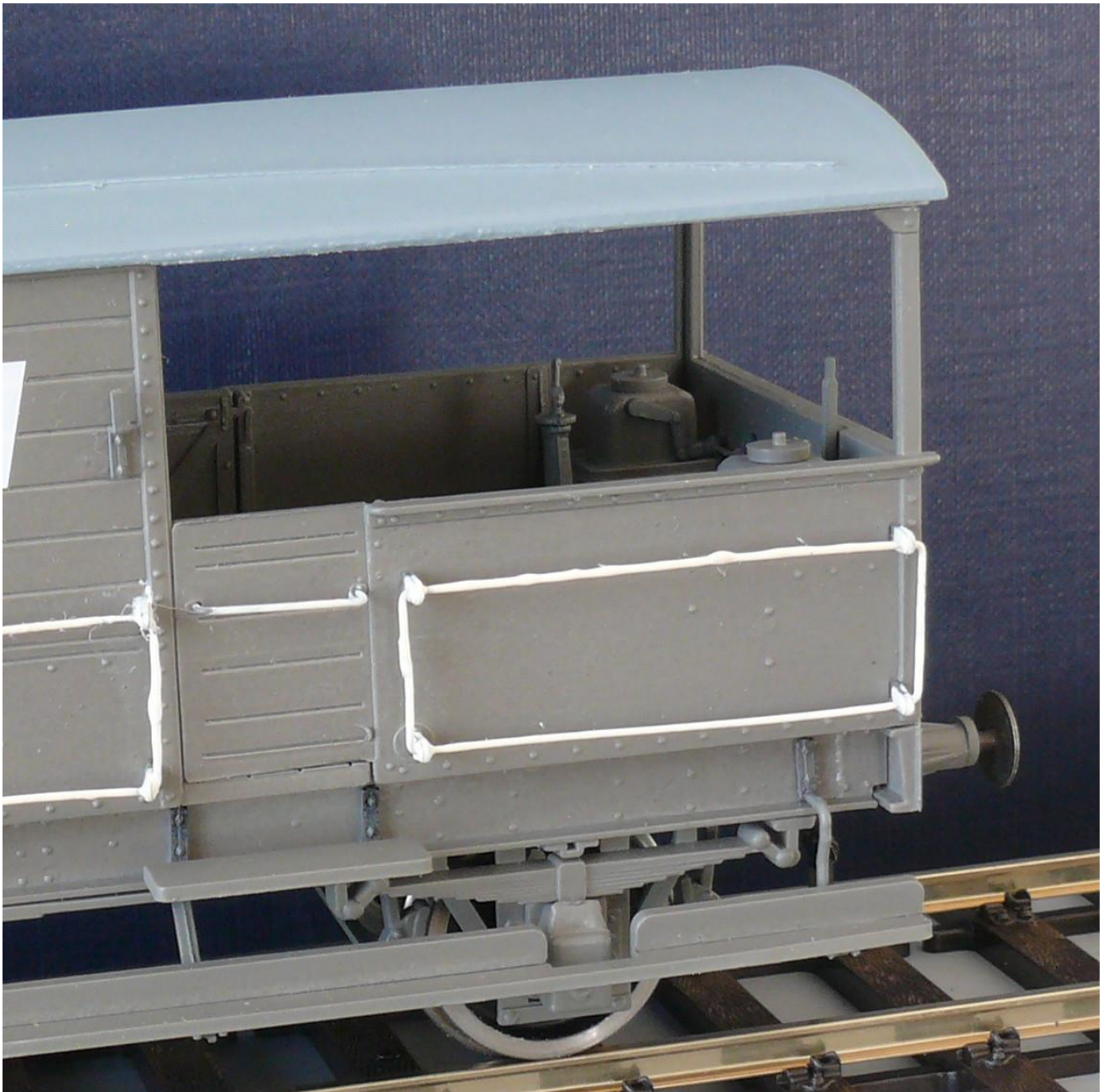
Lima from Italy made in their British 0 gauge range from 1975 a GWR (Great Western Railway) goods, so called "Toad", brake van with catalogue number 6746. This is a simple completely plastic, including wheels, model with a length of 18 cm.



4.1.10 Parkside Dundas

This 20 ton Great Western Railway (GW) goods brake van I made from a Parkside Dundas (now part of Peco) kit with catalogue number PS44. The prototype brake van for this model brake van was built in 1927-1931. It is a nicely detailed plastic kit which has to be painted and lettered. The brake van is 19 cm long.





Also this 20 ton LMS goods brake van I made from a Parkside Dundas (now part of Peco) kit; this kit has catalogue number PS40. The prototype brake van for this model brake van was built in 1927-1931 based on a Midland Railway design. It is a nicely detailed plastic kit which has to be painted and lettered. The brake van is 16 cm long.



4.1.11 Paul Lottiaux

The French expert modelmaker Paul Lottiaux made between 1946 and 1974 many different models of locomotives, passenger and freight cars in small series or on commission in O and H0. This completely metal fourgon de queue is O gauge and 19 cm long.



4.2 H0/00 Gauge

4.2.1 Airfix

This 00 gauge brake van kit still has to be put together. This kit of a British Railway 20 ton brake van, was released by Airfix in their rolling stock range in 1962. It is a plastic kit in brown and black with decals for the lettering.



4.2.2 Fleischmann

In the series "Die alten Preußen" Fleischmann issued a Prussian freight train. This is the Güterzuggepäckwagen from this train which had catalogue number 4884. It is a very nicely detailed plastic car with a length of 10 cm.



4.2.3 Grafar

The once independent model train manufacturer Graham Farish or Grafar is now part of Bachmann. This brake van is an original Graham Farish product from around 1950. It has no lettering, vans like this were used on the LMS and the LNER railways. It is a diecast metal model with a length of 9 cm; catalogue numbers seem not to be used by Graham Farish at that time.



4.2.4 Hornby Dublo

This is the Hornby Dublo British Railways version of an LNER 20T brake van. This is a metal car with lithographed tinplate sides. It has a length of 10 cm and was made between 1954 and 1958.



4.2.5 Hornby Railways

Hornby Railways made this simple plastic brake van in 00 gauge. It is loosely based on a LNER 20 T brake van type. It has catalogue number R215 and was made in the seventies. It is 8 cm long.



4.2.6 Jouef

This Jouef fourgon the queue and the ones from SMCF and Makette all are based on a similar SNCF fourgon type. This Jouef car has catalogue number 638 and was made in the sixties. A model with lighted taillamps was also made. It is a plastic model with a length of 10 cm.



4.2.7 Makette

Makette is a small German company that makes amongst others a series of freight cars for the French Railways (SNCF). Here are two of their fourgons de queue, which are identical apart from the livery. They are made of plastic and are 9 cm long. The first has catalogue number 4350 and wears the dark brown livery for the period 1949-1964.

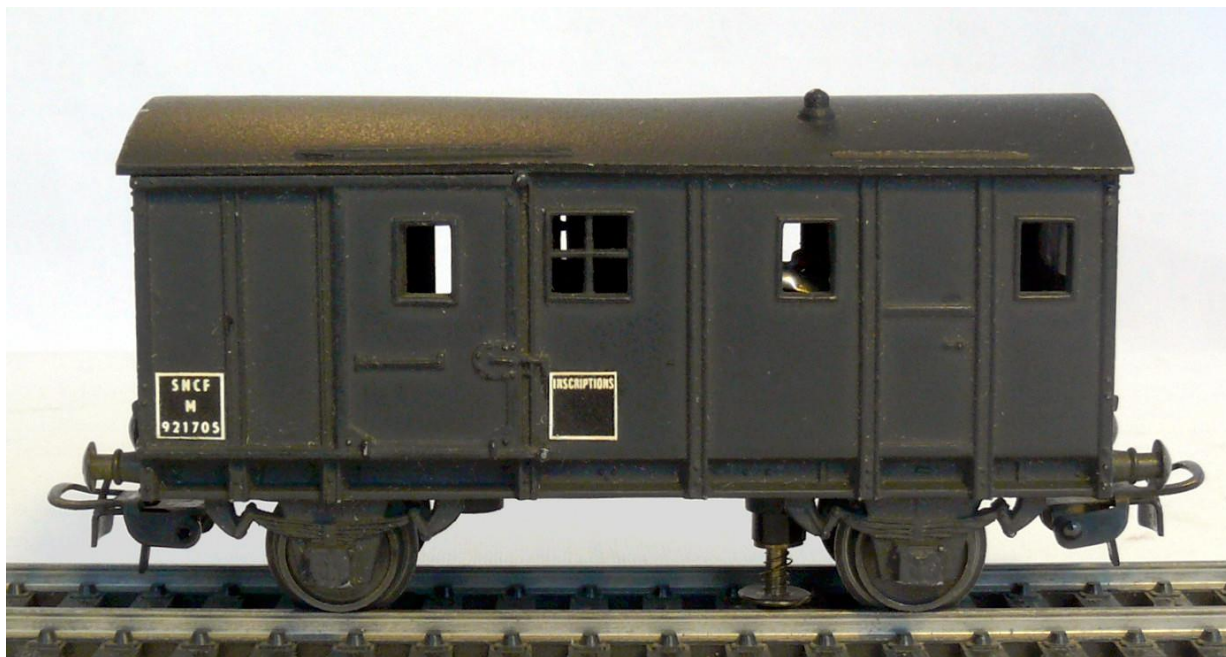


The second Makette fourgon de queue has catalogue number 4351 and wears the reddish brown livery for the period 1964-1970.



4.2.8 SMCF

SMCF made this SNCF fourgon de queue for 3-rail systems, the 3rd rail pick-up for the tail light is visible. I do not think SMCF used catalogue numbers, they did issue catalogues and pricelists on which the products were described without any number. Like more SMCF cars this is a cast bronze car, with detail cast in. It has a length of 10 cm.



4.2.9 Triang

This is a brake van based on a Great Western prototype. It is made by Triang in the sixties with number R124. Although it is not very detailed it shows the brake handle at the veranda. This plastic car is 10 cm long.



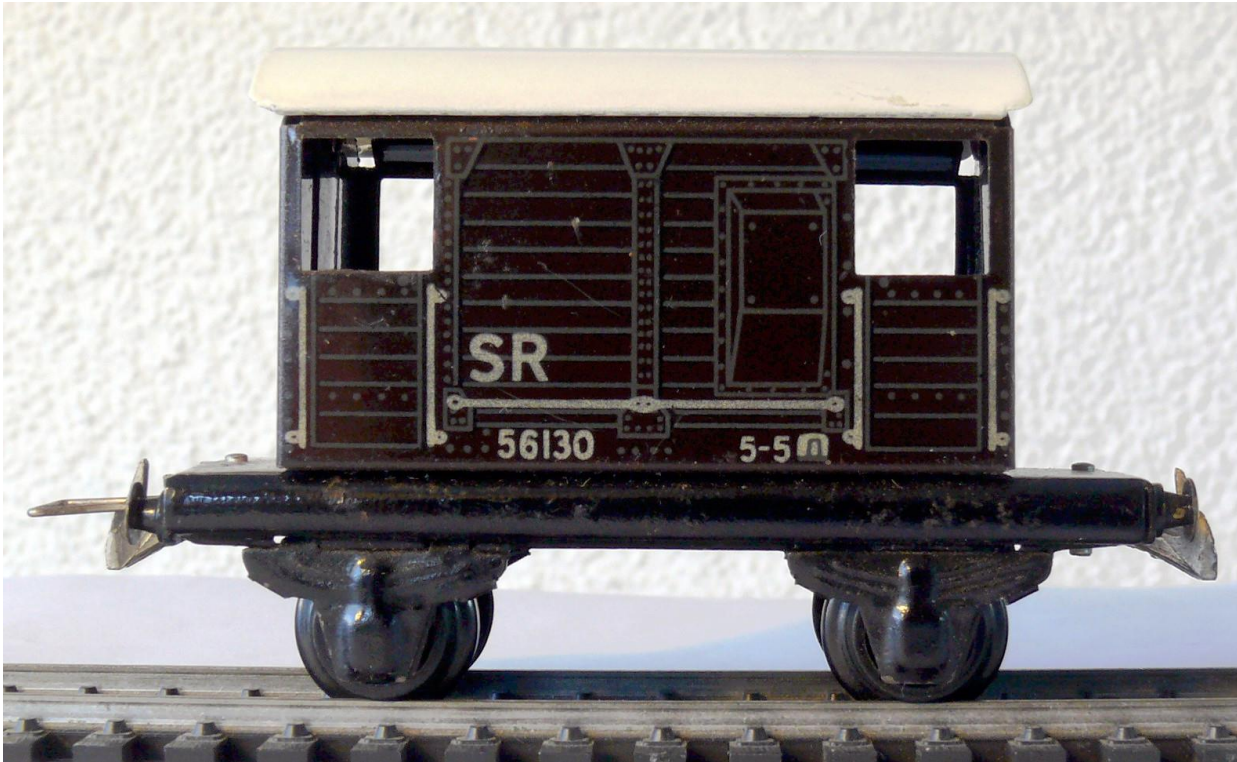
4.2.10 Trix

Trix of Germany made a series of old-timer Bavarian freight cars including this Güterzugbegleitwagen with a look-out. This is a detailed model with lights. The interior and taillights work on the 2-rail system. The sliding doors of this plastic car can be opened. The catalogue number is 3600 and the length is 10 cm.



4.2.11 TTR

I have two TTR³ 00 gauge brake vans. The first is a lithographed tinplate Southern Railway (SR) car made in the late thirties. It has catalogue number 5/650 and a length of 8 cm.



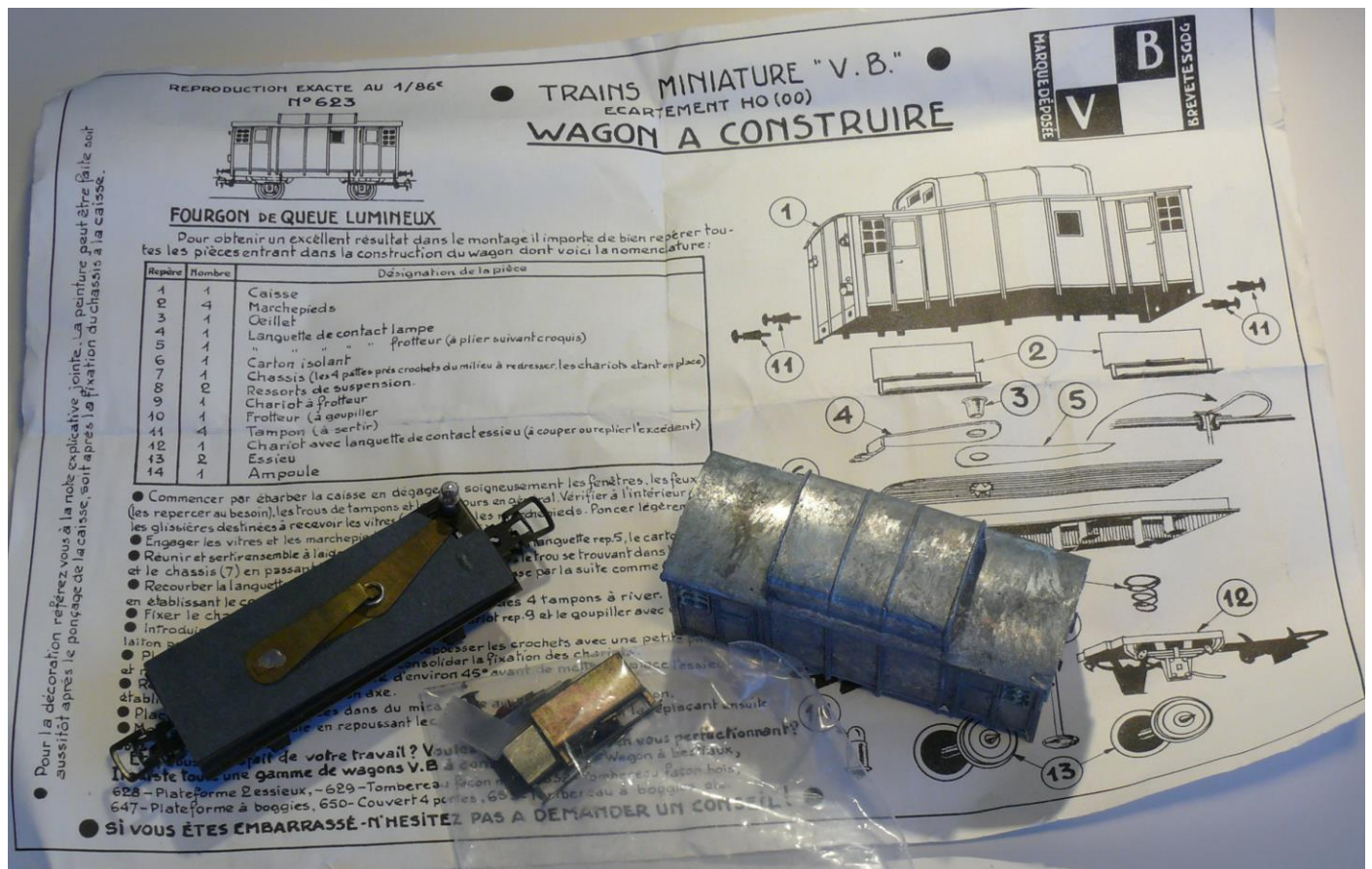
³ Trix in England is also known as British Trix, TTR for Trix Twin Railway and Trix Trains.

This next TTR brake van is post-war. I assume this van is made from a TTR kit which was available at the end of the sixties with catalogue number 2021. It is a British Railways 20T van with number M731528 (which is embossed on the sides but almost illegible). Length of this simple plastic car is 9 cm.



4.2.12 VB

The small French model train manufacturer VB made a lighted fourgon de queue in an undecorated kit with catalogue number 623 and catalogued in 1959. The car is made from cast metal and has a lighted tail lamp; it is a 3-rail model. I still have to finish the kit.



After laying unfinished I finished the kit. However, I still have to add some lettering.



4.3 N Gauge

In this category models smaller than H0 are gathered.

4.3.1 Diapet

Diapet is the name of a series of smaller die-cast toys produced by Yonezawa toys from Japan. This Diapet goods train consists of a JNR (Japanese National Railways) D51 Mikado 2-8-2 locomotive, a tank car and a kankyuusha (brakevan). This is an unmotorized push-train with a gauge of 9 mm. The kankyuusha, which has sliding doors, is 8 cm long.



4.3.2 Lone Star

In 1957 Lone Star introduced its diecast push trains in a scale of 1:180. They run a track gauge which is with 8 mm just 1 mm smaller than N gauge. The 4-wheel British brake van shown here with a British Railways tank locomotive and a Lone Star signal box, was made between 1958 and 1964. It is 4 cm long.



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