



N.C. Hibbett Train Collection

Flat Cars

You really cannot have a train set without flat cars! They are the basic work horse of the railroad industry. The easiest car to load, they were the basis of most cars in the early days of railroading. For a kid (or dedicated modeler), you were only limited by your imagination on what kind of homemade load you could put on one.

Lionel made three basic types of flat cars that exploded into many variations and operating cars. Many of the different offerings only differed in what the load was.

Lionel 6111 & 6121 Flat Car



production.

This stamped sheet metal car with end rails and corner steps was made from 1955 to 1957. The car was supplied with a load of logs (#6111) or pipes (#6121). The car was made in three colors: grey, yellow, and red. However, there was many variations in the color's shade throughout its

To see some of these variations, just look at the siding in the center of the city. They are lined up at the town's lumber mill.

Lionel 6825 Trestle Bridge Car



Trestle Bridge Car No. 6825 (A)

AAR trucks

This is an example of girder style flat car that formed the basis of many Lionel flat cars. This plastic red car with white lettering is carrying an HO trestle bridge. This car was made from 1959 to 1962 with a single brake wheel, corner steps, and

6405 Single Tractor Trailer Car

This is an example of a truss rod car. It uses a tension rod under the car body to keep it from sagging. The car was made in 1961 with a brown chassis, yellow lettering, truss rods, operating couplers, and a yellow trailer. The MJ trailer is a repainted (yellow) modern era version. The Army set has a truss rod car with a tank load.



Truck Trailer Car No. 6405

Lionel 6411 Log Flat Car

Grey car with black lettering (Lionel Lines). This car has a grey diecast frame with two brake wheels, corner steps, and cargo stakes. This was a premium car that is a holdover from the prewar era. The car was produced from 1948 to 1950.



Log Car No. 6411 (B)