

HO Scale PRR X42 Mail Storage Boxcar

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Summary

PRR X42 Boxcar used for bulk mail storage and transport in the post-war era

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Pennsylvania Railroad class X42 Mail Storage Boxcar in HO scale, sourced from PRR diagrams from prr.railfan.net/diagrams

Chassis will need to be glued to the body and the roofwalks will need to be glued to the top. Truck pins may need to be glued in. Takes a Kadee #5 or #148

Previously this car has only been available in brass, but Funaro & Camerlengo has also produced a resin kit.

Mount Vernon Shops has decal sheets for the passenger scheme and the circle keystone scheme, https://www.mountvernonshops.com/products/ho-prr-rea-x42-express-boxcar-decals
and K4 decals has the shadow keystone scheme as part of their sheets for the X55 https://k4decals.com/products/pennsylvania-prr-x55-50-ft-double-

door-boxcar-shadow-herald-decal-prrx55?_pos=25&_sid=dd6693e5d&_ss=r

Feel free to resize and edit this as needed for whatever scale(s) you model. As this car was part of the head-end fleet it would look at home at the front of a passenger train or in a freight consist.

Following info from https://jbritton.pennsyrr.com/index.php/tpm/577-x42-box-car-information-for-modelers and Mount Vernon Shops (see above)
The X42 was created following WW2 when head-end mail and express traffic took off across the nation. For the PRR it was cheaper to build a boxcar with door spacing and dimensions similar to a B60 baggage car for bulk mail shipments. This unique boxcar was classed as an X42, and 10 of the 60' cars were built between August and September of 1950, series 2540-2549. Equipped with steam and signal lines like an express car, it was initially painted in the Circle Keystone Scheme used for freight. However, in a May 1951 paint & lettering diagram, the scheme was made obsolete when all X42 were repainted into a unique Tuscan Red Passenger scheme. The car sides and ends were painted Tuscan Red. The roof, underbody, and trucks were painted black. The side lettering was Gold Leaf and the end lettering was white. All 10 X42's were later painted into the Shadow Keystone Scheme with some later receiving the Plain Keystone monogram as well. The entire fleet of 10 cars lasted into Penn Central. (Source: Mount Vernon Shops)

The X42s were considered passenger equipment and were carried on the passenger equipment roster and do not appear in the Official Railway Equipment Register (ORER).

Model files



prr-x42-body.stl



prr-x42-chassis.stl



prr-x42-catwalk-end.stl



prr-x42-catwalk.stl



trucks-and-pins.stl

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