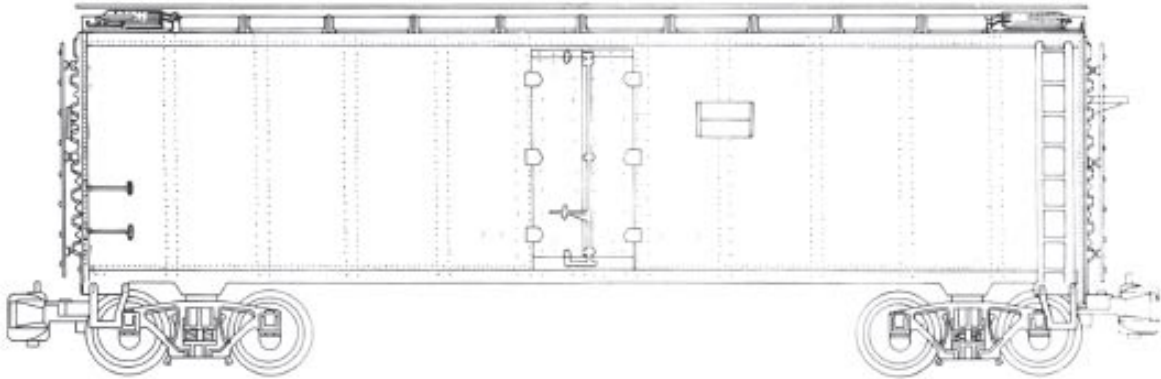


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# FORTY-FOOT STEEL REFRIGERATOR CAR

INSTRUCTION MANUAL ART 46200-01



## ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS

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### INTRODUCTION

Dear Model Railroader:

This product is one of the most highly detailed #1 GAUGE 1/29th Scale Model Railroad Freight Railcars available. Suitable for both INDOOR and OUTDOOR operation, it accurately portrays a North American prototype Forty-Foot Steel Refrigerator Car, based upon our research and on documented Official Blueprints referenced to standard Association of American Railroads (AAR) recommended practice.

Should you have any questions about operations, proper usage, or maintenance required on this freight railcar or any other ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS #1 GAUGE 1/29th Scale Model Railroad products, please contact us at the following address:

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The following instructions are intended to help you understand and operate all the features built into this product.

Good Railroading!!!!

### FORTY-FOOT STEEL REFRIGERATOR CAR

The refrigerator car is based upon a forty-foot Steel Freight Railcar of the 1930's era. Actual prototype examples of this type car are no longer in daily use by North American Railroads. However, restored freight railcars are becoming a part of the displays featured at many prominent railroad museums throughout the USA and Canada.

#### WORKING FEATURES:

Operating AAR-design knuckle couplers.  
Detailed freight car trucks/wheelsets with individual springs.  
Operating body doors with moveable latch.  
Operating roof-hatch doors with moveable latch.

#### EXTERIOR DETAILS:

Three-dimensional ladders on Ends and Sides.  
BRASS Grab Railings.- Many versions blackened or painted  
Simulated WOOD-GRAIN flooring.  
Full Underframe, including Air Brake System components.  
Realistic paint colors and railroad markings.

#### FEATURES

##### TRUCK BEARINGS:

The truck sideframes are molded of a thermal plastic which reproduces all details and, for durability, a special bearing has been permanently inserted in each journal box end. These bearings are designed to operate properly WITHOUT lubrication. However, you MAY lubricate, if desired, using either a dry lubricant of powdered graphite, an oil-based liquid lubricant, or ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS ART-29602 CONDUCTIVE LUBRICANT but ONLY in very small amounts. It is not necessary to dis-assemble freight railcar trucks to properly lubricate. Turn freight railcar upside down and apply lubricant to axle ends at truck sideframe.

trucks used on prototype railroads, and use springs for equalization to act as a shock absorber and cushion the ride. If you should decide to add a load into the refrigerator car, remember to distribute the weight evenly throughout the freight railcar. If there is more weight at one end of the REFRIGERATOR CAR, the springs will compress only at the loaded end causing operational problems and, possibly derailments.

**COUPLERS:**

Loop-style couplers are enclosed as a spare accessory. The operating knuckle couplers on all ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS freight railcars are designed based upon the AAR-style knuckle coupler used on all major North American Railroads.

**NOTE:** However, these knuckle couplers may not operate automatically when attempting to couple ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS products to knuckle couplers used by other model railroad manufacturers. Couplers may have to be joined by manually coupling the knuckle on each car in a closed position by lifting one end coupler and inserting the closed knuckle onto the ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS knuckle coupler.

This type coupler works equally well from either end of the freight railcar and can be uncoupled automatically by using an LGB\* designed uncoupling device. The couplers may also be operated manually by pressing upward on the small tab below each coupler assembly. The coupler can be pushed away to any side if you wish the railcar not to couple automatically when the railcars come together. However, DO NOT attempt to operate in train without the couplers properly aligned and fully coupled to opposite railcar/locomotive. Otherwise, railcar(s) may derail on curves or switch tracks. Should you prefer to use the Loop-style coupler, this conversion can be made easily and quickly by unscrewing the single screw that holds the AAR coupler to the truck arm and attaching the Loop-style coupler using the same screw. Both style couplers are attached to truck arm at a swivel base. When operating railcar, this enables coupler(s) to articulate when encountering sharp radius curves or switches. Couplers will

center automatically while railcar is in motion. Manual centering is accomplished by exerting light pressure on knuckle/loop at articulated joint and returning knuckle/Loop to center.

\*LGB is a trademark of the E.P.Lehmann Company, Germany.

**ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:**

No assembly required, FORTY-FOOT STEEL REFRIGERATOR CAR is ready-to-run, except Undecorated/KIT.

**PARTS LISTING FOR ART 46200 Series REFRIGERATOR CAR**  
all railroad names and Undecorated/KIT.

PART #	DESCRIPTION	COST
46200-01	Instruction Manual	1.00
462xx-02	Refrigerator car body	30.00
46200-03	Refrigerator car underframe	15.00
2910	Truck/wheelset (pair)	16.95
4010-99	Metal Truck Springs (pair)	1.00
2-200	AAR Knuckle coupler (pair)	7.95
462xx-04	Refrigerator car floor	10.00
46000-11	Brakewheel (Black plastic)	1.00
46000-12	Brakewheel Pipe/Chain (Black plastic)	1.00
46000-14	End ladder (Black plastic)	1.00
46000-15	Step (Black plastic)	1.00
46000-20	Brass grab railing - small	2.00
462xx-27	Leftside door	3.00
462xx-28	Rightside door	1.00
46200-29	Door hasp (Black plastic)	1.00
46200-30	Door handle (black plastic)	1.00
462xx-31	Door hinge (leftside set) (pair)	2.00
462xx-32	Door hinge (rightside set) (pair)	2.00
462xx-33	Roof hatch door	1.00
462xx-34	Roof hatch hasp	1.00
462xx-35	Roof hatch handle	1.00
462xx-36	Roof hatch hinge	1.00
46000-16	Long Roofwalk (Black plastic)	1.00
46000-17	Side Roofwalk (Black plastic)	1.00

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**Refer to Exploded Parts Diagram/Parts List for part descriptions, part numbers, and prices. Do not use part descriptions, part numbers, and prices listed in the Instruction Manual**

**SERVICING:**

Should your ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS product require warranty service, be sure to take the following steps to assure proper servicing:

1. Return product in ORIGINAL BOX, then pack this ORIGINAL BOX in proper shipping carton. If not possible to use the original box, only pack product carefully in brown corrugated cardboard box, FULLY INSURED and PREPAID. ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS will not be responsible for any damage or loss incurred during return for servicing.

2. Include a brief but thorough explanation of the problem(s) and the servicing that may be required.

3. Be sure to include your name, street address, city, state (or province), country (if outside USA), and postal zipcode along with daytime phone number including Area Code, so that you may be contacted if it becomes necessary. All identification should be both INSIDE package and on OUTSIDE brown corrugated cardboard box.

4. **CALL FOR CURRENT SHIPPING COSTS**  
 Locomotive or Complete Train Set ..... \$20.00 US  
 Accessory (not for sale in California)  
 freight/passenger railcars ..... \$10.00 US

- with your (USA Bank Account only) check/Money Order payable in US Dollars \$ to: Polk's Hobbies. Please DO NOT SEND CASH. If your item is out of warranty, you will be contacted with amount of repair costs before repairs are started.

\*\*\*C.O.D. shipping charges are additional cost.\*\*\*

5. Ship your item(s) to:  
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6. Immediate written confirmation of receipt of returned item(s) will be sent along with estimated repair time/cost by ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS Service/Repair Department.

xx - refers to last two digits of roadname ART freight car number when part is painted to match, i.e. ART 46250 CORONA REEFER. 46250-27 would then refer to Leftside Door for CORONA REEFER Refrigerator Car ART 46250. When part is same as ALL FORTY-FOOT STEEL REFRIGERATOR CARS, 46200 plus 2 digit number would be used to denote specific part. i.e. 46200-03 is REFRIGERATOR CAR underframe used on all FORTY-FOOT STEEL REFRIGERATOR CARS regardless of railroad name.

When part is same for OTHER RAILCARS AND ALL FORTY-FOOT STEEL REFRIGERATOR CARS, a 7-digit replacement part number other than a 46200-xx series number will be used, i.e. 46000-11 would be for a Brakewheel (Black plastic) that is used on other freight railcars AND THE REFRIGERATOR CAR.

**NOTE:** When ordering replacement parts or repair request, please refer to proper 5 or 7 digit part number listed.

\*\*\*Unpainted/black plastic PART(S) will be substituted if the Painted-to-match PART (S) ordered not available.\*\*\*

In addition to COST shown above, please enclose.....  
 \$3.50 shipping/handling\* if PART Order less than \$10.00 or  
 \$5.00 shipping/handling\* if PART Order \$10.00 and above.  
 \*This is for PART Order only, not WARRANTY Order.

**LIMITED WARRANTY:**

Your new ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS Locomotives, Tenders, Railcars, Trainsets, or accessory is warranted for 180 days from DATE OF PURCHASE against defects in workmanship and/or materials. Proof of purchase may be required by ARISTO-CRAFT TRAINS.

This warranty is VOID and does not apply to any product and/or parts and components which have been improperly installed by purchaser/owner, abused or damaged in any way through improper operation such as train derailment, modified, or repaired by unauthorized service centers and/or non-factory authorized technicians.