

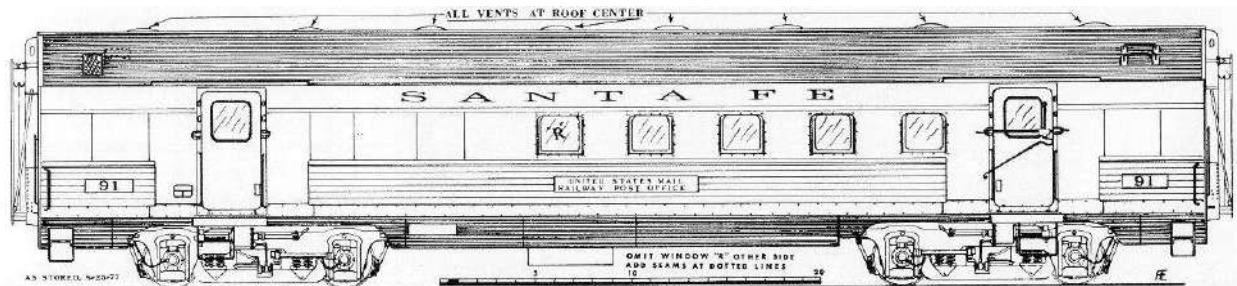
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Number	Prototype	Notes
<u>932-6445 63' Budd RPO Car</u>	ATSF	#89-98, blt. 1954 (PCL5:110)
<u>932-9007 Budd 63' RPO</u>	ATSF	The same as 932-6445 above.
932-16442 Budd 63' RPO without skirts	ATSF	Same as above, sans skirts, after 1963

The 2002 release Walthers Budd RPO 6445 is a model of ATSF 89-98 (Budd, 1954). They were 63' cars with 60' RPO areas and were used in general service. Most of these went to Mexico after the formation of Amtrak. How well do these cars shape up? The attached photos are of the car straight out of the box. The metal grabs have not yet been added.



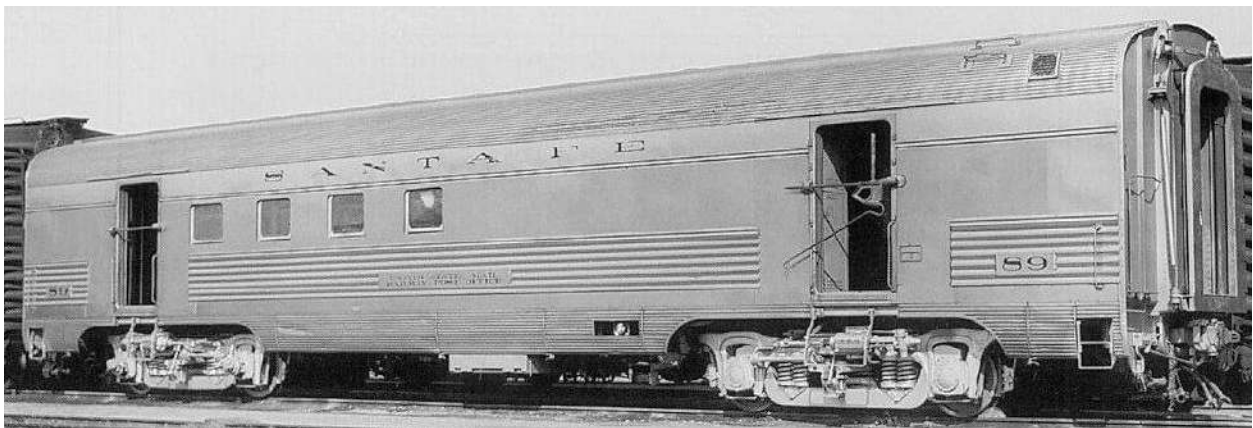
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Some early packages were short some of the wire grabs. Contact Walthers for securing these.

### **Prototype photos**



**#89 at Los Angeles in 1962. Shown with 41CNS-II trucks. Robert Loewing photo, Dennis J. Kogan collection, from Ellington & Shine, *Head End Cars*.**



**#91 at Los Angeles in 1963 with full skirt. Joe Shine photo from Ellington & Shine, *Head End Cars*.**



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**#92 with full skirts and 41CDO-II trucks. Robert Loewing photo, Dennis J. Kogan collection, from Ellington & Shine, *Head End Cars*.**

Photos and drawing from *Head End Cars*, by Frank M. Ellington and Joe W. Shine, published by the Santa Fe Railway Historical and Modeling Society, 1999, unless noted otherwise.

The September/October 1984 *Santa Fe Modeler* had excellent drawings of these cars.

Also see the prototype in *The Passenger Car Library, Volume 5, Santa Fe / Southern Pacific*, by W. David Randall, RPC Publications, 2002.