

WALTHERS O SCALE OLD TIME CAR KITS

These kits are for 'period' modelers following 19th century railroading. Walthers refers to a Mail Car for the 56' open platform series in the 1958 catalog but does not show it or its catalog number, which may have been 4560. These 'period' cars reach back to the 1880's, some 60-70 years before the pre-and post-War 1940's when these kits were first offered.

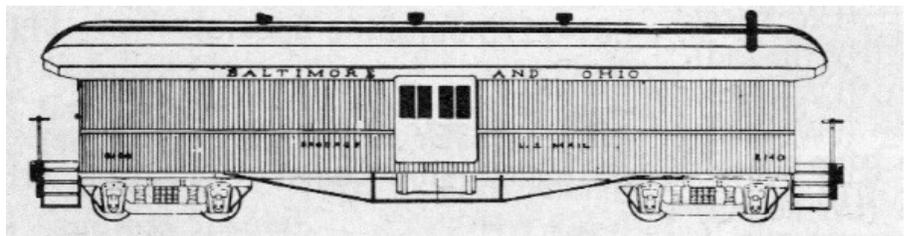
The kits are wood construction with scored Strathmore board overlays to be glued to metal sides for modeling passenger car wood siding, cast metal details and sold less trucks. In 1976, Walthers introduced 'old time' wood beam trucks specifically for the new "Sierra" car kits. They follow the same construction methods as the 56' cars.

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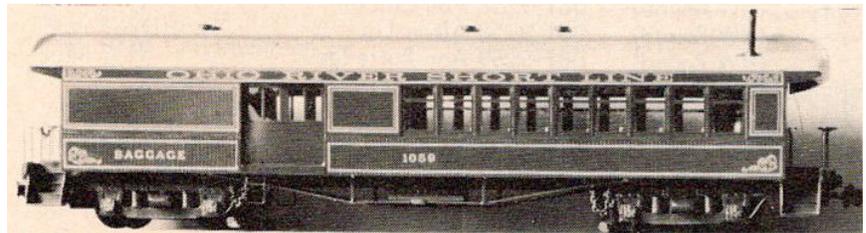
3809	51' Menasha Woodenware box car, with decals.
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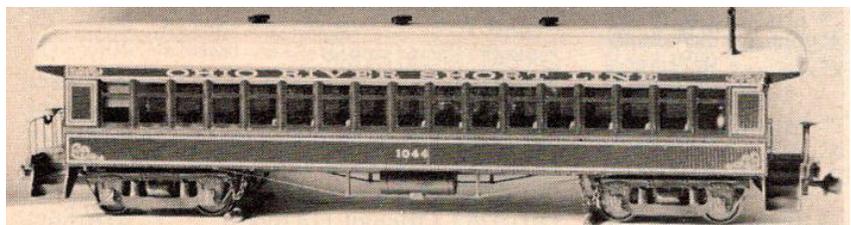
4561	56' Open Platform, Single-door Baggage.
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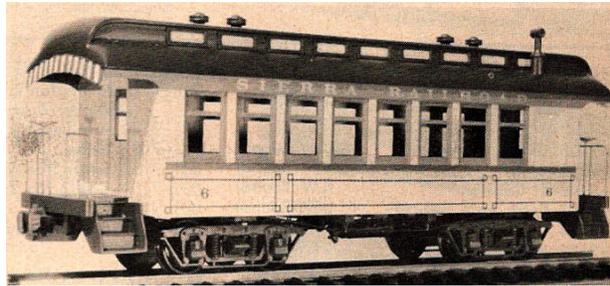
4562	56' Open Platform, Baggage / Coach.
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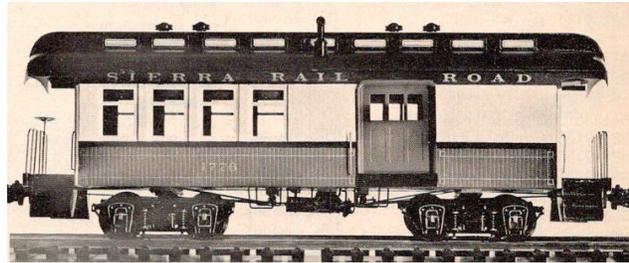
4563	56' Open Platform, Coach.
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4565 40' Overton "Sierra" Coach.

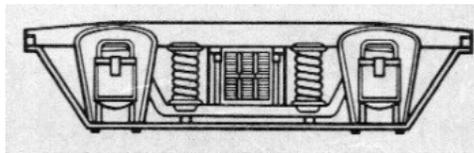


4566 40' Overton "Sierra" Baggage / Coach.



Although Walters car kits were sold without trucks, they made trucks specifically for some kits, available at extra cost. The Sierra kits was one of them.

"Sierra" short wheelbase, wood beam trucks



50230 = Less Wheels. # 50231 = 36" Scale metal wheels.

50232 = 33" Scale metal wheels.

50233 = 3 rail 'Tinplate' (deep flange) wheels. # 50234 = Scale Tenite wheels.

Sierra Railroad's passenger cars were based on a 19th Century Overton design for a 40' car. It was only used by them. Sierra's cars and steam locomotive No. 3, with various paint and dress-up jobs, appeared in some movies and TV series during the 1960's and 70's. These included The Lone Ranger, Petticoat Junction, Death Valley Days, Lassie, Gunsmoke, Bonanza and Little House on the Prairie. S R No. 3 also appeared in the pilot film for 'Wild, Wild West.' For that movie, B&O's 4-4-0 'Thatcher Perkins' at the B&O Museum was rebuilt and run for some of the scenes.

The most memorable appearance of Sierra Railway No. 3 and a combine was their regular part as the "Hooterville Cannonball" of the "C. F. & W. Railroad" in the TV series 'Petticoat Junction.' Walthers introduced O scale kits for the "Sierra" coach, combine and trucks for them in 1976.