

Supplementary Notes to
"Steel Cars of the Sunrise Trail"

In the interest of simplification, in this booklet descriptions of the interior arrangements of the cars (except first-class cars) has been presented through the class designation, which, since it is with only a few obvious exceptions the Pennsylvania Railroad system, conveys that information.

For those not familiar with this system a brief explanation is presented.

The prefix letter of the class indicates the service for which the interior of the car was built:

P	Passenger
PB	Combine: passenger and baggage
MP	Motor (i.e., MU) passenger
MPB	Motor combine: passenger and baggage
MPBM	Motor combine: passenger, baggage and mail (RPO)
B	Baggage
BM	Baggage and mail
MB	Motor baggage
MBM	Motor baggage and mail
T	Trailer (in MU service) passenger
CT	Control trailer passenger

The figures indicate the total revenue space (in feet) between bulkheads; passenger, baggage and mail compartments combined.

The suffix letters (with an occasional single digit) indicate significant modifications in the original design or a completely different car of the same length.

Non-standard classes are few:

MI	Metropolitan Transportation Authority's designation for the "Metropolitan" totally new design MU cars
RDC	(Budd) Rail Diesel Car
BUS	Business car
PC-6	Power car for "push-pull" train

This sheet may be discarded once you become familiar with this straightforward and easily-remembered system.