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**SUNSHINE
MODELS**

Warren & Columbian 8,000 gal. "Natural Gasoline" Insulated Tankcar



In the Twenties, American Car and Foundry created a tankcar underframe design that became a standard in the late steam/early diesel era. It formed the base for many types of tankcars. One of the most interesting was the 8,000 gal. insulated tank.

Warren Petroleum (WRNX) in 1929 and Columbian Gasoline (SCNX) in 1930 purchased blocks of 8,000 gal. insulated tankcars to transport "natural gasoline". Warren continued to purchase these cars through 1948, including during WW II. A final 500 car order in 1948 was an enormous purchase and introduced metal walkways. Columbian added more cars in the Thirties.

"Natural gasoline" is derived from natural gas and is a highly volatile fuel additive blended with petroleum gasoline to create a higher energy fuel. A typical use was aviation gasoline, an advantage for the Allies during WW II. Warren had concessions in Oklahoma, Texas and

California to create "natural gasoline" and Columbian employed its own fields near Monroe LA. Typical shipments were to refineries throughout the U.S., especially on the Eastern Seaboard.

In 1948, a block of Warren 8,000 gal tankcars was converted to the new propane service without exterior change.

Warren cars had a gray and black tank and green dome with black and white lettering. The Columbian cars were aluminum and black with a green dome and red, black and white lettering.

The HO kits are built around a tubular interior. They use gray urethane castings of the tank exterior, ends and underframe, brass ladders and stanchions and stainless steel tubing. They include all detailing parts (except trucks and couplers), original decals, full instructions and a Prototype Data Sheet. The 1948 Warren car includes an etched metal walkway. The appropriate trucks are available separately.

- ___ Kit # 36.6 ACF 8k gal. ins. tankcar, gray, black, green w/ black & white Warren decals, wood walkways (1929-50s), \$29
- ___ Kit # 36.7 ACF 8k gal. ins. tankcar, gray, black, gr'n w/ blk & wht Warren decals, etched metal walk (1948-50s), \$31 (Feb. '97)
- ___ Kit # 36.8 ACF 8k gal. ins. tankcar, alum., black, gr'n w/ red Columbian Gas. decals, wood walkways (1930-50s), \$29
- ___ Trucks #TP 40 Plastic, black, non-magnetic A.R.A. design five coil spring trucks with metal wheel sets, \$5.00 with kit

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