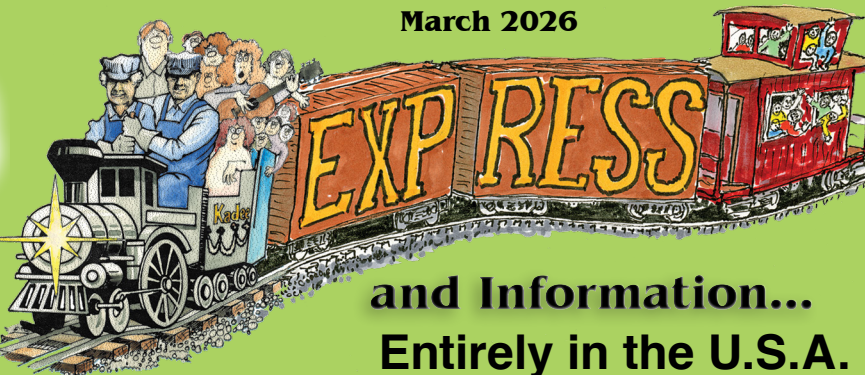




March 2026



**New Products, News,
Made & Assembled**

**and Information...
Entirely in the U.S.A.**

March Tech Tip

I have been getting so many questions about other couplers; I am thinking this needs to be addressed. Many people just assume that just because we make couplers, we made all the OEM couplers ever produced. Not true, we only make Kadee® Magne-Matic® Knuckle Couplers. We have not made, and do not make, hook & loop, horn hook (X2f), or any other proprietary coupler that you may have on old locomotives or rolling stock, whether it is HO, O, or Large Scale. If you are looking for old non-Kadee couplers, contact the manufacturer of the loco or car. If the manufacturer no longer exists, you are limited to the used parts market if you insist on keeping the original couplers; otherwise, you will need to upgrade to Kadee® Magne-Matic® knuckle couplers.

Also please don't confuse the Chinese knockoff knuckle couplers with Kadee® Magne-Matic® knuckle couplers. There are many ways to tell if your equipment has a Chinese knockoff knuckle coupler. If you are having uncoupling problems, you have Chinese knockoff knuckle couplers on your equipment. Most Chinese knockoff knuckle couplers have slick plastic knuckles that deform and stretch with minimal car load and slip apart, causing uncoupling. Most Chinese knuckle couplers have plastic centering systems that fatigue and fail shortly after starting to use it, preventing the couplers from re-centering. The plastic centering springs can fail within hours if the train is stopped on a curve. Chinese knuckle couplers only function on the most basic toy-like level, opening and closing the knuckle over an uncoupling magnet.

Kadee® Magne-Matic® knuckle couplers feature truly hands-free operation that allows for coupling, uncoupling, delayed uncoupling and "spotting" cars on your layout. Kadee® couplers' design features high quality and durable materials that are what make Kadee® couplers the industry standard.

Large-scale manufacturers' cars come with proprietary knuckle couplers designed to work only with their brand (I call this marketing). Every brand of large-scale manufacturer operates at its own proprietary coupler height and coupler design. Kadee® couplers are not designed to work or mount at the large-scale manufacturers' proprietary knuckle coupler height. I get people contacting me on a regular basis with the problem of trying to run two or more brands of large-scale cars together and having height and proprietary knuckle coupler problems, then just thinking they can look at catalog photos and pick a Kadee® coupler that mounts at the proprietary knuckle coupler height to make their coupler problem go away, unfortunately things are not that simple.

Kadee® Magne-Matic® knuckle couplers mount and operate at NMRA standard coupler height, NOT proprietary large-scale manufacturers' coupler height. Kadee® couplers must be mounted using a Kadee® coupler height gauge for the scale being modeled to ensure correct operation.

There are a couple of easy solutions for making multiple brands of large-scale equipment operate together. There is a budget solution, which we call a transition car. Were you converting one end of the brand "A" car to Kadee® couplers (using the coupler conversion guide on our website), but leaving the proprietary coupler on the other end, then do the same thing for brand "B", "C" & "D", and so on. Then the two Kadee® couplers work together, and you can run all of the brand "A" cars together, all the brand B cars together, and so on. This method doesn't allow much custom arranging cars, but it does allow brands to run together.

Of course, the best option is to replace all couplers with Kadee® Magne-Matic® knuckle couplers. This way, you can arrange the cars in any configuration you want for a fully custom layout. You also get the hands-free operational benefits of replacing your couplers with Kadee® Magne-Matic® knuckle couplers.

Coupler Conversions can be found at www.kadee.com/convpl

Flyers & handouts can be found at www.kadee.com/flyers

March 2026 New Rolling Stock!

Kadee® prides itself in creating and manufacturing premium "RTR" rolling stock as close to scale & detail as possible. Model railroaders can expect only the best quality & craftsmanship with every Kadee® quality product. Nothing stacks up to the accuracy, detail, quality, & authenticity of Kadee® Cars over all other "RTR" cars on the market.



Ready-to-Run Rolling Stock



Made & Assembled Entirely in the U.S.A.



NEW

6422 GM&O #59521 \$44.99

Gulf, Mobile & Ohio
Series: 59500-59699
BLT. 1963 - Repainted/Shopped 4-1981
Green
Functioning Cushion Underframe

Current In-Stock HO-Scale "RTR" Freight Cars

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40' PS-1 Boxcars



4339 ACY #3383 \$44.99



4534 AA #340 \$42.99



4838 BCK #1037 \$43.99



4839 WP #20813 \$46.99



5025 USN #61-06454 \$42.99



5318 RUT #447 \$51.99



5328 N&W #64528 \$46.99

50' PS-1 Boxcars



6127 MP #82345 \$42.99



6402 GN #39870 \$49.99



6417 ACY #3600 (low inventory) \$43.99



6419 WP #36011 \$43.99



6420 D&H #22011 (Minor Paint Defects) \$49.99 \$39.99



6422 GM&O #59521 \$44.99



6934 KDC #033 (Blue) (low inventory) \$51.99

50-ton AAR "Standard" Open Bay Hopper



7528 MILW #96053 \$46.99



7529 MILW #96050 \$46.99

Undecorated Cars

4000 40' PS-1 Boxcar \$47.99
5199 40' PS-1 Boxcar \$47.99
5200 40' PS-1 Boxcar \$47.99
6000 50' PS-1 Boxcar \$47.99
7001 Open Bay Hopper \$50.29

2003 CU FT. PS-2 Hopper



8051 NP #75423 \$45.99



8052 SSW #77112 \$46.99

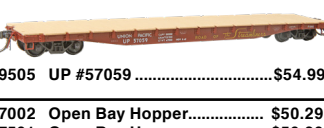


8343 M&StL #70351 (low inventory) \$44.99



8660 D&RGW #18333 \$46.99

50 Ton AAR Flat Car



9505 UP #57059 \$54.99

7002 Open Bay Hopper \$50.29
7501 Open Bay Hopper \$50.29
8001 Covered Hopper \$50.29
8601 Covered Hopper \$50.29
9000 Tank Car \$51.49
9500 50 Ton AAR Flat Car \$50.99
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WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - Small Parts - Not for children under 14 years.

Lettering similar to cars shown *Subject to change without notice.