

# List of Freight Car Types

Union Pacific freight cars are referred to by a "Common Standard" system of letters and numbers.

This code is in the form of AA-BB-CC and is usually painted near the bottom of the car side AA is one or two letters to designate type of car, BB is a set of numbers that identify the approximate capacity in tons, and CC the series of the car design

So B-50-17 would indicate a boxcar of 50 ton capacity from the 17th series of 50-ton boxcars.

Types include:

B - boxcar

BI - insulated boxcar

BF - flush-door (plug door) boxcar

BC - combination door boxcar (sliding and plug doors)

A - automobile boxcar

CH - covered hopper

H - hopper

HK - ballast hopper (formerly class "BA")

G - gondola\_Ore - ore jennies

F- flat car

FD - depressed center flat car

O - tank car ("oil")

CA - caboose (note: car series only, no capacity rating)