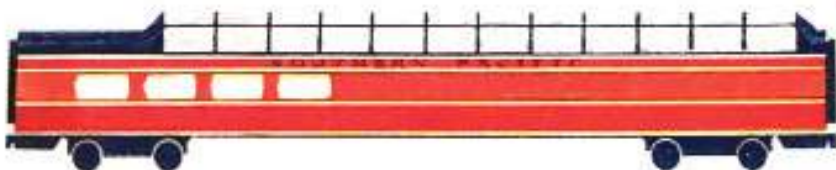




Stairway to the stars



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Southern Pacific "3/4" DOME LOUNGE



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Bruce R. Heard photo, Bob Zenk collection

Rapido Trains Inc. is excited to announce the conditional release of Southern Pacific's home-built dome-lounge cars! SP modelers have been clamoring for an easily accessible model of these iconic dome-lounge cars for ages. Now is the time that you can make this happen!

SP built one prototype and six production Dome Lounge cars between 1954 and 1955. All were built new in the railroad's Sacramento General Shops, using select frame pieces from various retired Pullman-Standard pre-war "Daylight" cars. The Budd Company supplied the dome structure as a kit. Essentially, these cars were new construction using salvaged frame pieces for accounting purposes. Another reason for using retired cars was that SP's foundry couldn't roll a long enough center sill and no one could supply one quickly enough.

Pressed into service on the San Joaquin and Shasta Daylights and the Overland and later in the 60s on the consolidated City of San Francisco. Built with fluted side panels, the cars were modified by the SP with slab sides in the 1960s with some of the fleet later operating for Amtrak on a variety of routes through the 1970s.

The interiors of the cars featured a bar/lounge on the lower level and one of two different configurations of seating on the upper level. In part because of the varied origins of the donor cars, underbody configurations also changed. Rapido's development crew includes a team of firsthand SP Dome Lounge experts, authors, and an actual car owner, providing hands-on research and deep personal experience with the cars since new. The model has been fully designed and includes two different interiors, two underbody arrangements, and either fluted or stepped flat sides!

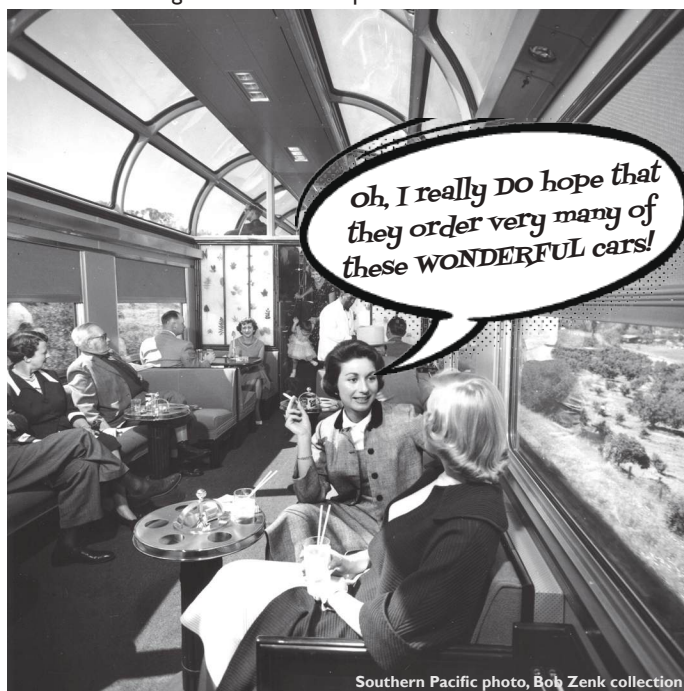
Because of the complexity of the project, we are offering this as a **Conditional Release**. If we get enough reservations by the early bird deadline of October 16, 2023 then the project will get the green light. To sweeten the deal, any orders placed before that date (October 16) will receive a **5% pre-order discount!**

SP fans, get your reservations in, and tell your friends!

Let's make this happen together!

Rapido's Dome Lounge cars feature:

- Designed from original blueprints and field measurements
- Two fully-detailed interior configurations
- Multi-color interior decoration
- Two underbody arrangements
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Full flicker-free track-powered interior lighting
- Lighting (prototypically) in the dome roof.
- Accurate free rolling trucks
- Metal magnetic knuckle couplers



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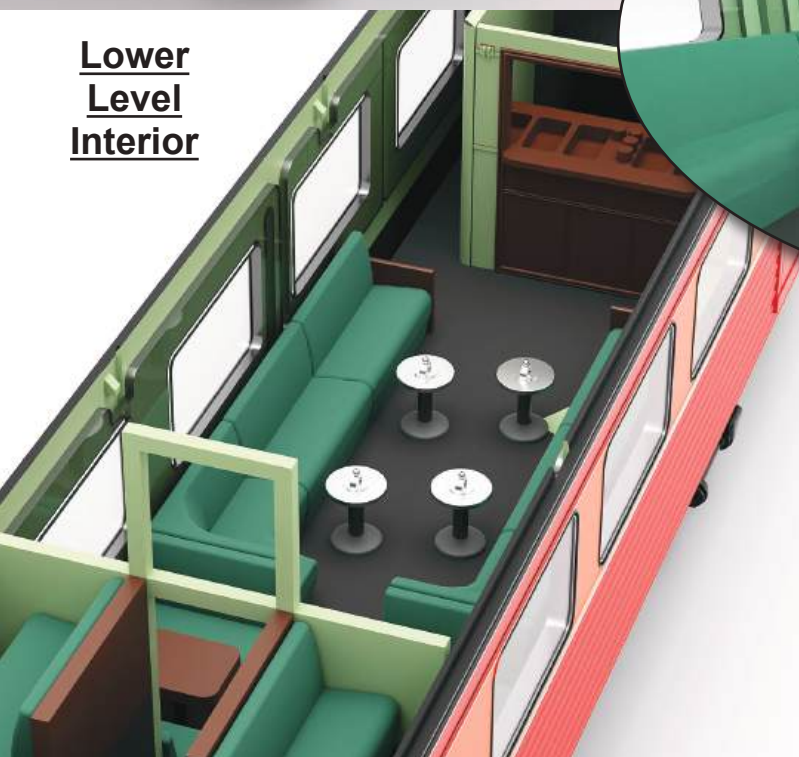


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Lower
Level
Interior



"It was a genuine treat to work with Rapido on this project. I was invited in as part of small cadre of expert SP authors and researchers; every person in that group has a history of long personal experience with the cars, right down to the owner of an original-condition SP Dome Lounge crawling on his hands and knees with a tape measure! To step into one of these cars in real life was breathtaking, and Rapido's worked hard to capture every last feature that made these cars unique. Drink stands? Mood lighting? Oil pan detail under your Waukesha Ice Engines, anyone?

~ Bob Zenk

CAD renders from actual design tooling.
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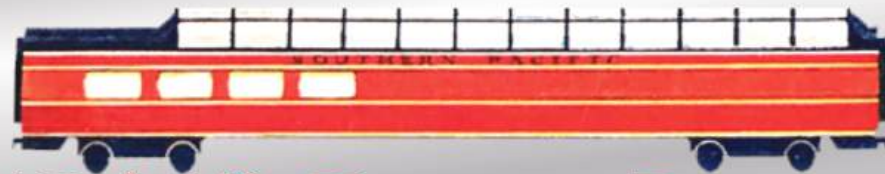


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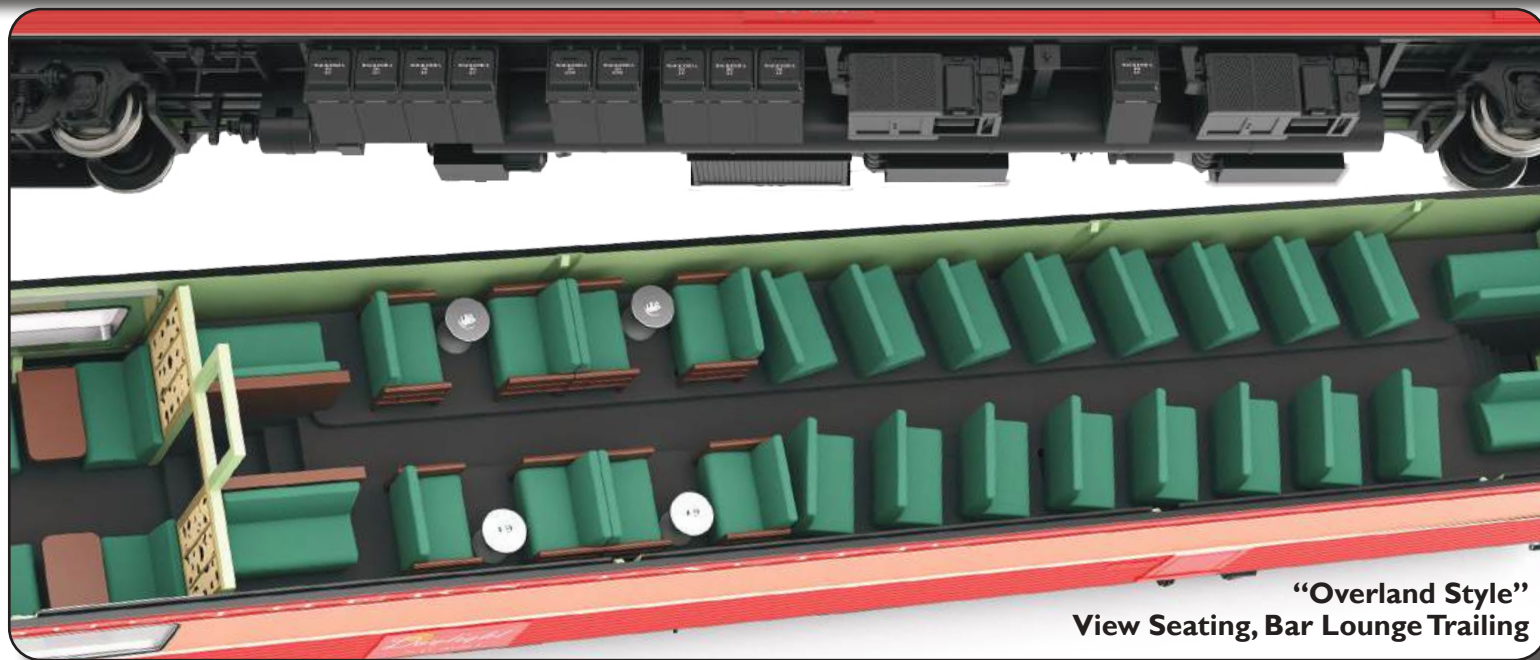
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"3/4" DOME LOUNGE



"Overland Style"
View Seating, Bar Lounge Trailing

Just Alike... Except....

All six 1955 Dome Lounge cars had an identical lower lounge with eleven-foot ceiling height, which SP ad copy called "Pleasant Under Glass."

On the first four cars, the Bar Lounge booth and banquette cocktail seating plan continued upstairs to the Terrace for about quarter of its length. From there forward, rows of two-person seats along a depressed aisle were canted slightly outward for best sightseeing. Cars of this floor plan were meant only for operation in a train consist with this upper level facing forward.

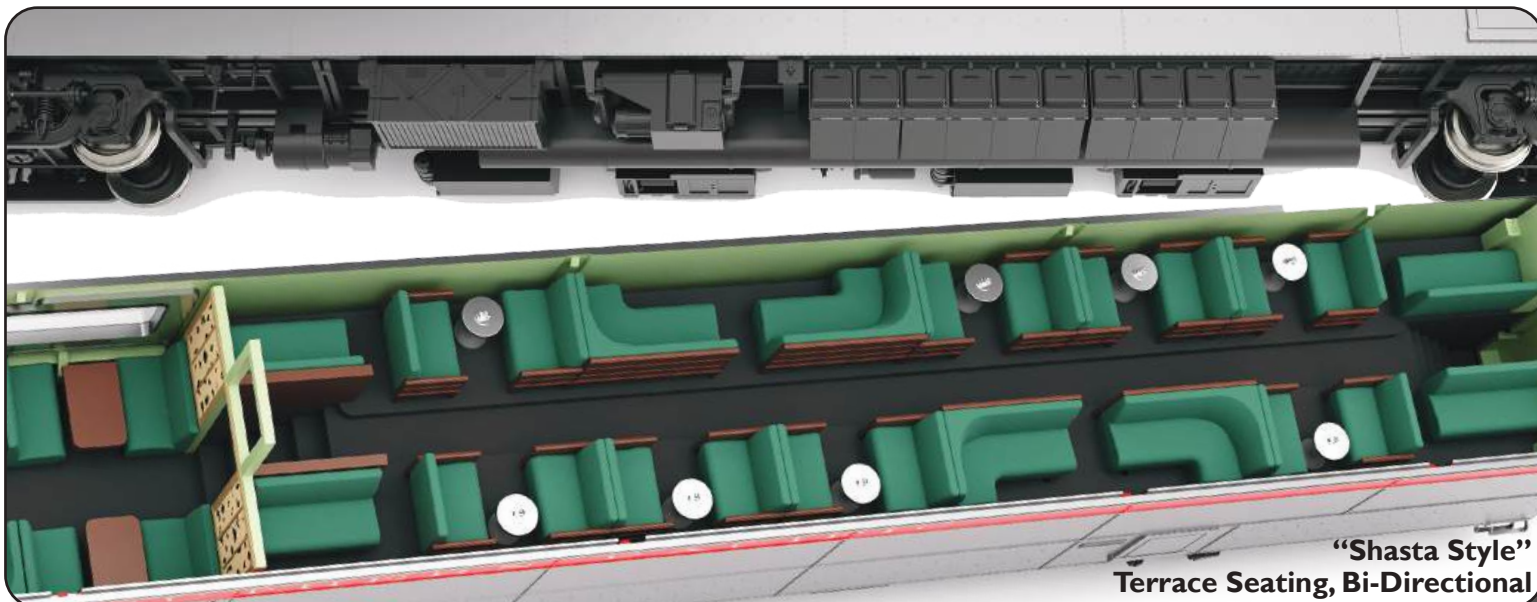
The last two cars were built for the "Shasta Daylight," and eliminated the sightseer paired seating for additional cocktail lounge space, extending the banquette and booth seating to the entire upper Terrace Deck. Because

this seating was non-directional, these two cars could operate in either direction in a train.

SP used the center sills and salvaged body framing from retired prewar "Daylight" cars as a basis for its new Dome Lounge cars, so underbody equipment layout also varied as dictated by the location of crossmembers that were salvaged from the donor frames. Most notably the Waukesha propane bottle carriers — those distinctive boxes with 'sow belly' doors — were grouped more tightly in a long single row on the "Shasta" pair, for greater ease in servicing the propane cylinders.

- Bob Zenk

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"Shasta Style"
Terrace Seating, Bi-Directional



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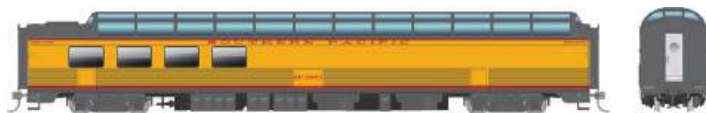


SP - Daylight
Fluted Sides

Item 175001 Car # (Configuration) #3604 ("Overland" Style)



Item 175002 Car # (Configuration) #3605 ("Shasta" Style)
Item 175003 Car # (Configuration) #3606 ("Shasta" Style)



SP - Overland
Fluted Sides

Item 175004 Car # (Configuration) #3602 ("Overland" Style)
Item 175005 Car # (Configuration) #3603 ("Overland" Style)

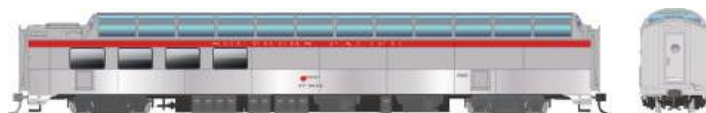


SP - General Service
Fluted Sides

Item 175006 Car # (Configuration) #3603 ("Overland" Style)



Item 175007 Car # (Configuration) #3606 ("Shasta" Style, Daylight Logo)



SP - General Service
Flat Sides

Item 175008 Car # (Configuration) #3602 ("Overland" Style)
Item 175009 Car # (Configuration) #3603 ("Overland" Style)
Item 175010 Car # (Configuration) #3604 ("Overland" Style)



Amtrak - Phase 1
Flat Sides

Item 175011 Car # (Configuration) #9371 ("Overland" Style)
Item 175012 Car # (Configuration) #9372 ("Overland" Style)



Amtrak - Phase 1
Flat Sides

Item 175013 Car # (Configuration) #9373 ("Overland" Style, blanked top windows)



Canadian Pacific
Flat Sides

Item 175014 Car # (Configuration) #3605 "Selkirk" ("Shasta" Style)

If you order them, we'll build them!

"Overland" Style = Upper level coach seating
"Shasta" Style = Upper level booth seating

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