NATIONAL STEEL CAR
BALLAST HOPPER

RAPIDO TRAINS INC.®

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Order Deadline: FEBRURAY 17th, 2025

MSRP

Single Car **$59.95** US / **$74.95** CAD
3-Pack **$179.85** US / **$224.85** CAD
6-Pack **$359.70** US / **$449.70** CAD

Ballast! A commodity that is rarely discussed yet plays a pivotal part in the upkeep of any railroad's infrastructure. Many railroads simply used older open-top hoppers to carry and "dump" ballast along their right-of-ways. In the mid-1970s, National Steel Car (NSC) designed and developed a welded open-top hopper specifically for ballast service, complete with four bottom chutes to spread the rocks along the rails. CN and CP purchased these cars in volumes, both directly and under the 1978 Government of Canada Branch Line Rehabilitation Program. Fleet numbers were also an identifier of these cars as well as their Branch Line Rehabilitation stencil and many continue to wear those to this day.

Similar cars could be found on many American roads, wearing a wide variety of paint schemes and graphics. We even included three generic colors for you to make into your freelance road or another railroad that used these cars!

The NSC Ballast Hopper features:

- Removable ballast load
- Diecast frame
- Separate metal grab irons installed at the factory
- Coupler cutbars and airhoses
- Metal wheels
- Semi-scale, metal couplers
- Accurate paint and lettering
- Multiple road numbers available for each scheme
- Available in singles or multi-packs (Dealers must order multi-packs)
- Multi-packs boxed for individual sale

* Decorated cars have three or <u>six</u> individual car numbers depending on paint scheme. These will be available as either a six pack or single car (six individual car that are **easily broken up for individual sale**).

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Canadian National

Era: 1976+

Item # Single Car 158013A	Item # 6-Pack 158013	Road # 302315, 302359, 302450, 302507, 302544, 302588 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

Canadian National
Government of Canada Branchline Program

Era: 1978+

Item # Single Car 158014A	Item # 6-Pack 158014	Road # 90214, 90260, 90331, 90379, 90424, 90466 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

CP Rail

Era: Nov 1984+

Item # Single Car 158015A	Item # 6-Pack 158015	Road # 457150, 457174, 457192, 457208, 457239, 457287 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

CP Rail
Government of Canada Branchline Program

Era: 1978+

Item # Single Car 158016A	Item # 6-Pack 158016	Road # 456228, 456241, 456260, 456277, 456282, 456297 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

BC Rail - Early

Era: 1977+

Item # Single Car 158017A	Item # 6-Pack 158017	Road # 2801, 2810, 2828, 2833, 2840, 2865 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

NEW SCHEME!

Amtrak® - Bold Lime

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Era: 2010s+

Item # Single Car 158018A	Item # 6-Pack 158018	Road # 11918, 11923, 11927, 11931, 11937, 11942 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

CSX

Era: 1990s+

Item # Single Car 158019A	Item # 3-Pack 158019	Road # 965548, 965564, 965588 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

NEW SCHEME!

Herzog - Late

Era: 2000s+

Item # Single Car 158020A	Item # 6-Pack 158020	Road # 6302, 6311, 6329, 6337, 6364, 6395 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

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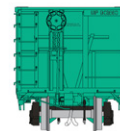
Union Pacific - Early
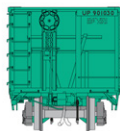
Era: Nov 1976+

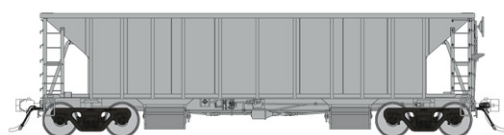| Item # Single Car 158021A	Item # 3-Pack 158021	Road # 901030, 901049, 901065 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

Union Pacific - Late

Era: 1990s+

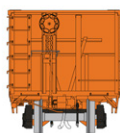| Item # Single Car 158022A	Item # 3-Pack 158022	Road # 919660, 919676, 919691 *(Single car randomly selected from these numbers)*

Silver - Unlettered

Item # Single Car **158097**

Yellow - Unlettered
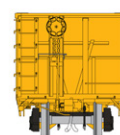
Item # Single Car **158098**

Orange - Unlettered

Item # Single Car **158099**

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