

# HO BSC F89F 89'8" TOFC Flat Car

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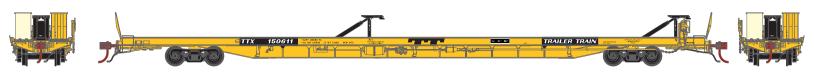
## **Trailer Train - Brown**



Era:1965 to Present

ATHG29577 #152194 ATHG29580 #154880 ATHG29578 #152820 ATHG29581 #153289 ATHG29579 #153245 ATHG29582 #154887

### **Trailer Train - Yellow**



Era:1965 to Present

ATHG29583 #150611 ATHG29586 #153228 ATHG29584 #151112 ATHG29587 #153945 ATHG29585 #151272 ATHG29588 #150629

#### **OVERVIEW**

Introduced in the early 1960s, the Trailer Train (now TTX Company) F89F flatcar has been a mainstay of contemporary railroading. A product of Bethlehem Steel Companys (BSC) Johnstown, PA plant, over 9,000 of these (89´8″ over the strikers) cars were built throughout the 1960s. Visually distinctive from other long flatcars of their era thanks to their "C" channel side sills, these versatile cars were adapted for many types of service and loadings over the years, ranging from Trailer-On-Flatcar (TOFC), to autoracks, to structural steel loading. While the majority went to Trailer Train, many were built for various railroads, typically for autorack service. Many were "de-racked" in later years, being reassigned and equipped for other service - TOFC, vehicle loading, pipe service, etc.

Operationally, these cars are appropriate for any layout set from the 1960s to the present day. In TOFC service, F89Fs could be found mixed into manifest trains, or as part of dedicated TOFC trains. It also wasn't uncommon to find them mixed into stack trains, alongside such cars as Gunderson Maxi-Is or Maxi-Ills, which are also available from Athearn. The new F89F also goes great with Athearn's extensive line of 40′, 45′ and 53′ trailers, not to mention our various 20′, 40′, 45′, 48′, and 53′ containers mounted on chassis, all of which are available in many different paint schemes to appeal to modelers of all eras.

This Athearn Genesis model was designed from the start to incorporate as many prototype details and variations as possible, based upon field measurements and builder diagrams, in order to appeal to modelers of multiple eras. Many new hitches, body variants, and other separate details were created, allowing us to accurately offer these cars in their different configurations over the years, from four-hitch "XTTX" cars, to the distinctive drawbar-connected "TTEX" Triple-57 "Long Runner" bulge-deck conversions introduced in 1987. And you can rest assured of its smooth performance, thanks to a heavy die-cast frame for reliable tracking, and our famed Genesis 70-ton ASF Ride-Control trucks with spinning bearing cap details, and .110" tread metal wheels.

### **MODEL FEATURES**

- · Die-cast underframe
- · Raised and lowered hitches included
- 70-Ton roller bearing trucks with rotating bearing caps
- · Use for dedicated intermodal trains or mixed freight
- · Detailed deck

- · Wire formed brake plumbing
- · McHenry scale knuckle spring couplers installed
- Perfect with Athearn Vehicles
- · Minimum radius: 22"