

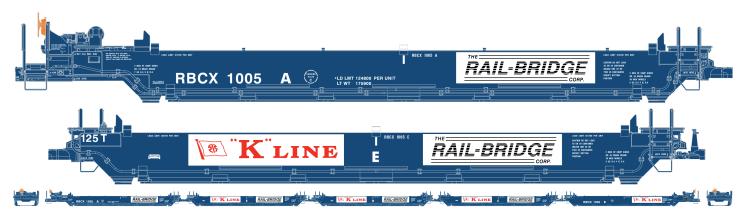
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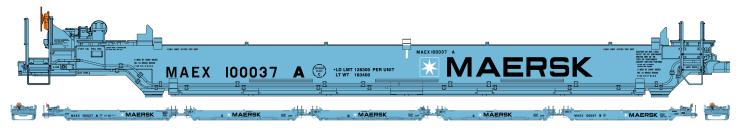
K-Line



Era: 1990s+

ATH98900 HO RTR Maxi I Early, K-Line #1005 ATH98901 HO RTR Maxi I Early, K-Line #1012 ATH98902 HO RTR Maxi I Early, K-Line #1019

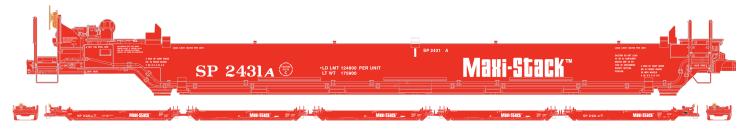
Maersk



Era: 2001+

ATH98903 HO RTR Maxi I Early, Maersk #100037 ATH98904 HO RTR Maxi I Early, Maersk #100044 ATH98905 HO RTR Maxi I Early, Maersk #100053

Southern Pacific*



Era: 1990s+

ATH98906 HO RTR Maxi I Early, Repainted SP #2431 ATH98907 HO RTR Maxi I Early, Repainted SP #513511 ATH98908 HO RTR Maxi I Early, Repainted SP #513516

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Trailer Train



Era: 1990s+

ATH98909 ATH98910 ATH98911 HO RTR Maxi I Early, TT #73438 HO RTR Maxi I Early, TT #73729 HO RTR Maxi I Early, TT #74054



Era: Late 1990s+

ATH98912 ATH98913 ATH98914 HO RTR Maxi I Late, TTX #750657 HO RTR Maxi I Late, TTX #750709 HO RTR Maxi I Late, TTX #751472



Era: 2010+

ATH98915 ATH98916 ATH98917 HO RTR Maxi I Late, TTX/Red Logo #759363 HO RTR Maxi I Late, TTX/Red Logo #759366 HO RTR Maxi I Late, TTX/Red Logo #759372

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All Road Names

MODEL FEATURES:

- · Fully assembled and ready for your layout
- · Separately applied wire grab irons and etched walkways
- · Separately applied brake piping and trainline hoses
- · Fine ladder detail
- · Delicate cross-bracing on the floor
- · Weighted for optimum performance
- Razor sharp painting and printing
- Prototypically correct 33" and 38" solid nickel silver wheels with RP25 contours operate on all popular brands of track
- Body mounted McHenry lower shelf operating scale knuckle couplers
- Window packaging for easy viewing plus interior plastic blister safely holds the model for convenient storage
- · Replacement parts available
- · Minimum radius: 18"

PROTOTYPE HISTORY:

Since the early days of intermodal transport the railroads and freight car builders have been looking for more efficient methods of transporting trailers and containers. One of the greatest innovations in intermodal transportation came in the late 1970s with the development of the double stack container car by ACF Industries and Southern Pacific Railroad. From that point onward the container was king and the railroads and car builders searched for more efficient methods of transporting containers. In a revolutionary step from the early stack car designs, Gunderson introduced their Maxi-Stack 5-unit articulated well car in 1988. Evolved from their previous 5-unit Twin-Stack design, the Maxi-Stack (also called Maxi-Stack I or Maxi-I) boasted a lower tare weight (accomplished in part by the elimination of the bulkheads of the Twin-Stack), greater capacity, and greater versatility in regard to container lengths and widths that could be carried.

Initial production of these cars lasted from May of 1988 through May of 1990 with approximately 270 cars built for Southern Pacific, Chicago Heights Terminal & Transfer, Trailer Train, Maersk, and the Rail-Bridge Corporation. Despite their design advances thesecars were quickly overshadowed by newer and even larger designs, and it appeared that the final chapter on the Maxi-Stack design had been written. However, due to everincreasing international container traffic, moving in mostly 20' and 40' containers, the railroads took another look at the Maxi-Stack. While the newer car designs with 48', 53', or 56' wells were more than adequate to handle this traffic the additional car length was unnecessary for hauling these shorter containers with the corresponding excess in train length and increased fuel consumption. As a result BNSF Railway placed orders for new Maxi-Stack cars in 2000. While outwardly identical to the first generation of Maxi-Stacks, these new cars featured minor cosmetic differences compared to their earlier siblings. As of 2007, the Maxi-Stack is still in production, with new cars built to date for BNSF Railway, TTX, Northwest Container, and Arkansas & Oklahoma Railway. As long as there are 20' and 40' containers to be hauled, the Maxi-Stack appears to have a bright future on America's rails.



