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Welcome to our second UP City Streamliner Newsletter!

Our first issue included a list of resources to help you start your UP Streamliner modeling. This week, we'll provide some background information on cars you can add to your consist for more color and variety. You'll also find out other ways of getting previews/updates before the UP cars are delivered.

We sure appreciate all of the positive comments you've sent us about the new factory-installed grab irons on the UP cars. As you know, the UP trains mark the first time we'll offer factory installed and painted grabs on our HO name train cars — and it was made possible by your feedback and suggestions.

Before we get started with this week's news, a quick reminder that there's still time to get your reproduction timetable and system map when you order a complete consist! Orders must be placed by November 20, 2009 to qualify. Click [HERE](#) for details (look under the product features tab).

See the First UP Cars in Action

Be sure to check out our [iHobby Preview video](#) at walthers.com or [YouTube](#) to see some of our new UP city cars in operation! Rolling along a display layout in our Milwaukee showroom, you'll be able to see several of the new sleepers, and get an idea of how great these trains will look on your layout.

UP City Cars on New Facebook Page

Follow your favorite Streamliner on our [brand-new Facebook fan page](#). Along with many other exciting Walthers products, you'll find two new photo albums showcasing the latest UP models. The first is packed with additional photos of the cars taken in-house for various ads and promotions. These show a variety of angles and give you a better look at many of the details. The second album features photos of the reproduction models that were displayed in our booth during the iHobby show.

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Fun Fact - Visitors to the City Streamliners

Union Pacific was a stickler for keeping its *City* streamliners looking their best, requiring equipment from connecting and partner roads be finished in UP's Armour Yellow and Harbor Mist Gray. As such, cars in the *City* pool from Southern Pacific, Chicago & North Western and Wabash (and later Milwaukee Road) were typically distinguishable from UP cars only by the name on the letterboards



By the 1950s, UP and several railroads were experimenting with coast-to-coast sleeping car service via connections at Chicago. In 1953, the *Overland Limited* carried a streamlined 10-6 sleeper west of the Windy City on alternate days for the New York Central and Pennsylvania. By December 1954, the service switched to the *City of San Francisco*, again with NYC and PRR cars typically running on alternate days.

As its contribution to the through car service, Pennsy repainted a trio of 10-6 sleepers, *Buffalo Rapids*, *Stoney Rapids* and *Tippecanoe Rapids* to match UP equipment, however lettering was done in Pennsy's own style. The situation between the NYC and UP wasn't nearly as simple, for the NYC flatly refused to repaint its cars. After some haggling, UP relented, and the *Clinton River*, *Chicopee River* and *Connecticut River* ran out west in the distinctive Two-Tone Gray of the *20th Century Limited*.

While through cars seemed like a good idea, the service was never as popular with the traveling public as the railroads had hoped. It also added considerable switching costs and time at the Chicago terminals. As a result, PRR ended its participation in October 1957, while the last NYC cars ran in June of 1958.

For those interested in modeling through sleepers during the period, accurate NYC and PRR sleepers are available in HO Scale. Walthers ...River series 10-6 sleeper ([#932-9313](#)) is an accurate model of NYC's *20th Century Limited* cars used in the UP pool. The PRR's 10-6 sleepers will soon be available in UP colors with the correct style of lettering as item [#932-16841](#).

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