## USA Trains Intermodal car CamPac Box™ Install Guide

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#### **Preface**

The USA Trains "Ultimate Series" Intermodal Car is factory equipped with truck mounted hook & loop couplers. More prototypical realistic body mount CamPac Boxes, fitted with Kadee\* AAR-E type "G" scale knuckle couplers, replace the factory couplers

CamPac Boxes... with Kadee couplers are intended for car operation on 8 foot diameter or greater track curves.

#### **CamPac Kit Parts**

The USAT Intermodal car CamPac Box kit includes all screws to fasten the lids and mount the Boxes on the car.

#### **Advisory**

Kadee has several AAR-E type coupler versions The late version coupler with "V" shape tail hole is the one to use in the CamPac Box. The other versions shown have tail holes too small to fit.



The CamPac Box is a direct fit, on the car - no spacers used.

The installer is to obtain a Kadee 907 kit, and install selected parts into the CamPac Box

Install the Kadee couplers and springs from the 907 kit in the CamPac Boxes - shown below.





CamPac Lid

Only use shown late version Kadee coupler with semi circle "V" at end

Install only the coupler and springs from Kadee 907 kit into CamPac Boxes.







CamPac Box. assembled with Kadee coupler and springs







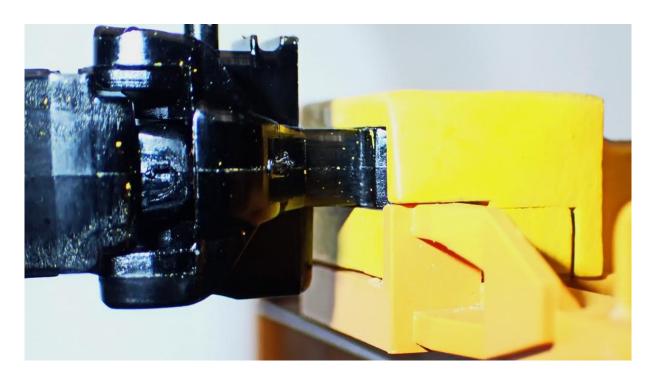
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#### **CamPac Box Painting**

The assembled CamPac Boxes can be painted as shown in the example below.



Be careful to not get paint within the opening of the Box. If that happens, remove lid and parts from the Box and clean off all paint residue. A razor knife can be used to scrape away dried paint, including from the lid.



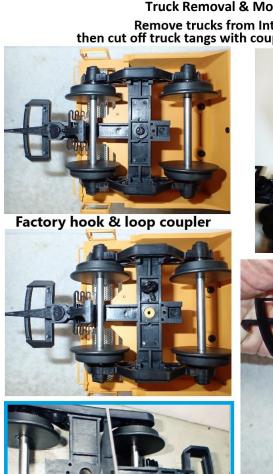
## **Intermodal Car Working Example**



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## **Truck Removal & Modification**

Remove trucks from Intermodal car, then cut off truck tangs with couplers as shown below:



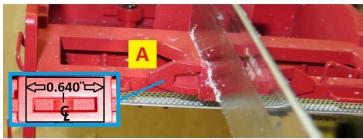




#### **Car Preparation**

<u>Factory Height</u> USA Trains Intermodal Car draft gear modification needed to accept CamPac Box. fitted with Kadee centerset coupler from 907 kit.

Remove material as shown below:



Example razor saw used to cut draft gear opening 0.640 inch wide, centered, at car end sill down to and even with underside floor surface

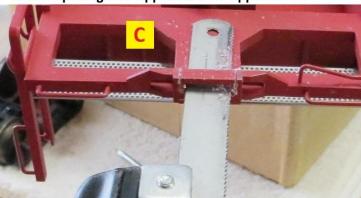




Clean up/square up opening with file for target dimensions of 0.640 inch wide and centered to accept CamPac Box...



Hacksaw blade in holder can be used to cut horizontally within opening and flipped over for opposite side



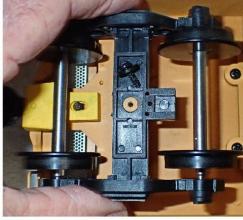


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# **Process for Mounting CamPac Boxes** Mount the CamPac Boxes... on the USAT Intermodal Car - shown below: mm inch/F hahadadad 11231557 ZERO Drill thru floor To mount CamPac Box., Locate hole to be drilled & tapped for #2-56 thread (not to touch metal walkway below) using #50 tap drill 0.375" bit (0.070" dia) Tap hole for #2-56 thread Hole drilled & tapped • < 0.900 ⇔ Mount CamPac Box. with #2-56 x 3/8" pan head screw Align face of Box flush with car end sill Press down when tightening screw

# **Re-Install Trucks** Install modified trucks (tangs cut off) on the USAT Intermodal Car









The CamPac Box is designed to facilitate truck rotation for operation on 8 foot diameter or greater curves

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# Verify couplers align with Kadee 980 track height gauge.

If coupler does not align with the gauge, use shim/s under CamPac Box from the "pill capsule" in the Kadee 907 kit







DONE !!!