

Where'd they go?

From the late 1970s through the 1980s, Trinity quickly evolved from a tank manufacturer into a major tank car manufacturer and then into the dominant railcar builder. A significant event during this period was an agreement whereby General American abandoned their railcar manufacturing business and bought new cars from Trinity instead. Prior to the 1984 agreement, Trinity tank car designs were similar to North American's.



This insulated T104 was built by Trinity in September, 1983. Apparently AMMX 14001 became UCMX 14001 and then GATX 72070 in about February, 1996. The tank saddle design is an easy way to identify early Trinity cars, but be careful not to confuse them with earlier North American production. Following the 1984 agreement, Trinity adopted some General American design details including the prominent vertical plate welded to the outside of the body bolster web. Most people associate this characteristic with Trinity, but it was previously used by General American in 1983 and 1984. The plate proportions are slightly different on the General American cars.





Above: GATX 70551-70585 type T419 were built in September, 1980 as TILX 30001-30035.
Below: GATX 78075-78123 type T389 were built in January through March, 1980 as TILX 300200+300364.



Most early orders were leased to shippers by Trinity Leasing and carried TILX reporting marks. A few leased orders carried the lessee's reporting marks instead. Today, few of these early cars are still owned by Trinity Leasing. Instead, most were sold to General American in the end of 2000 and relettered GATX disappearing into the huge General American fleet with barely a ripple. Nevertheless, here is a list of Trinity built cars which includes many former Trinity Leasing cars now lettered GATX.

early style cars built through 1984:

GATX	2247-2264	T106	nee TILX
GATX	2698-2708	T104	nee AMMX
GATX	2770-2772	T105	nee TILX
GATX	2783-2810	T106	nee TILX
GATX	2889-2909	T389	nee TILX
GATX	5751-5764	T054	nee MONX
GATX	5771	T054	nee MONX
GATX	5779-5780	T054	nee MONX
GATX	5785-5804	T054	nee MONX
GATX	9908-9931	T105	nee MONX
GATX	18942-18950	T105	nee TILX
GATX	19515-19520	T389	nee TILX
GATX	20830-20853	T105	nee MONX
GATX	20911-20950	T054	nee TILX
GATX	50898-50950	T054	nee MONX
GATX	52491-52500	T055	nee MONX
GATX	58551-58600	T104	nee BICX
GATX	60551-60638	T104	nee FSRX
GATX	60639-60687	T104	nee TILX
GATX	63377-63433	T389	nee TILX
GATX	70551-70654	T419	nee TILX
GATX	71601-71696	T389	nee TILX
GATX	71751-71994	T106	nee TILX
GATX	72059-72086	T105	nee TILX
GATX	78001-78177	T389	nee TILX
GATX	80100	T108	nee GETX
GATX	91045-91064	T419	nee TILX
GATX	95407-95465	T907	nee TILX
GATX	95657-95850	T389	nee TILX

later style cars built through 1994:

GATX	1-110	T054	nee CGMX
GATX	171-305	T054	nee CGMX
GATX	362-371	T086	nee DOWX
GATX	1788	T108	nee CGTX?
GATX	2410-2418	T086	nee DOWX
GATX	2448-2455	T108	nee CGTX
GATX	2649-2697	T105	nee CRGX
GATX	2709-2722	T055	nee TILX
GATX	2723-2732	T104	nee TILX
GATX	2733-2744	T108	nee TILX
GATX	2745-2764	T095	nee TILX
GATX	2765-2769	T095	nee TILX
GATX	2773-2782	T105	nee TILX
GATX	2811-2863	T106	nee TILX
GATX	2864-2888	T106	nee TILX
GATX	2914-2939	T389	nee TILX
GATX	2940	T929	nee TILX
GATX	3128	T108	nee CGTX?
GATX	8382-8410	T108	nee CGTX
GATX	14381-14390	T104	nee TILX
GATX	34651-34788	T108	nee TILX
GATX	51351-51410	T108	nee TILX
GATX	51515-51517	T105	nee JNTX
GATX	51711-51800	T106	nee TILX
GATX	63551-63659	T107	nee TILX
GATX	64588-64620	T527	nee TILX
GATX	208678-208682	T108	nee CGTX

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