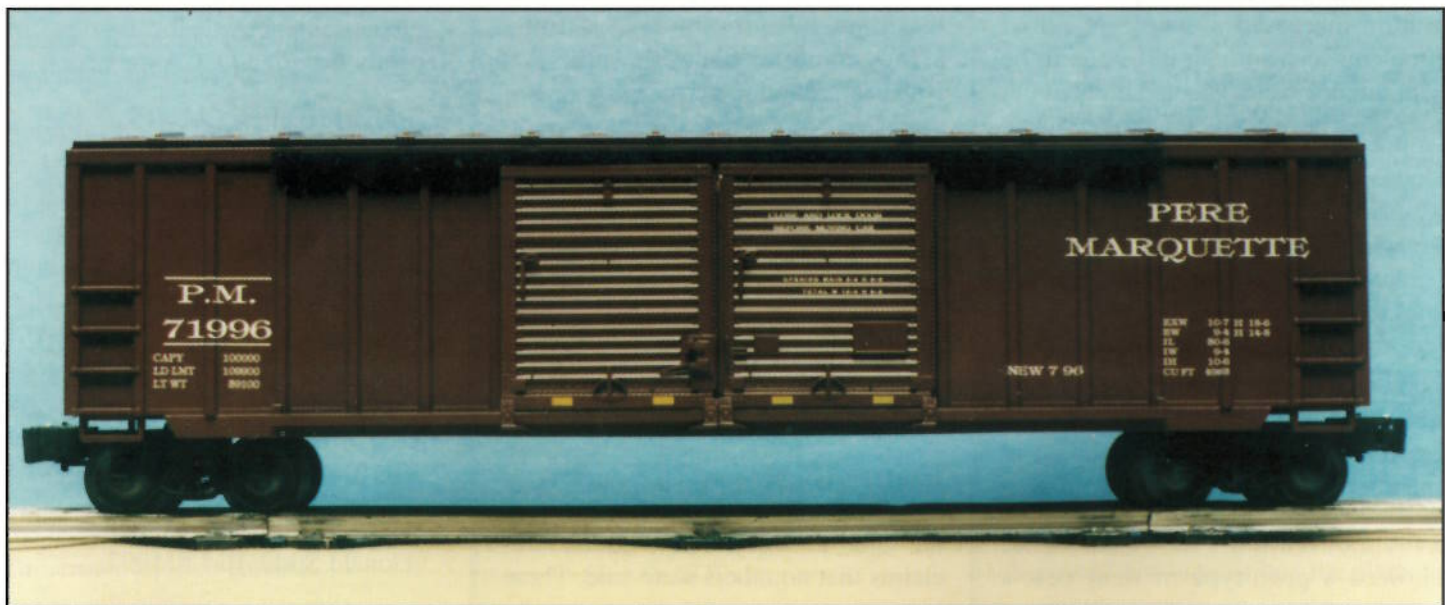
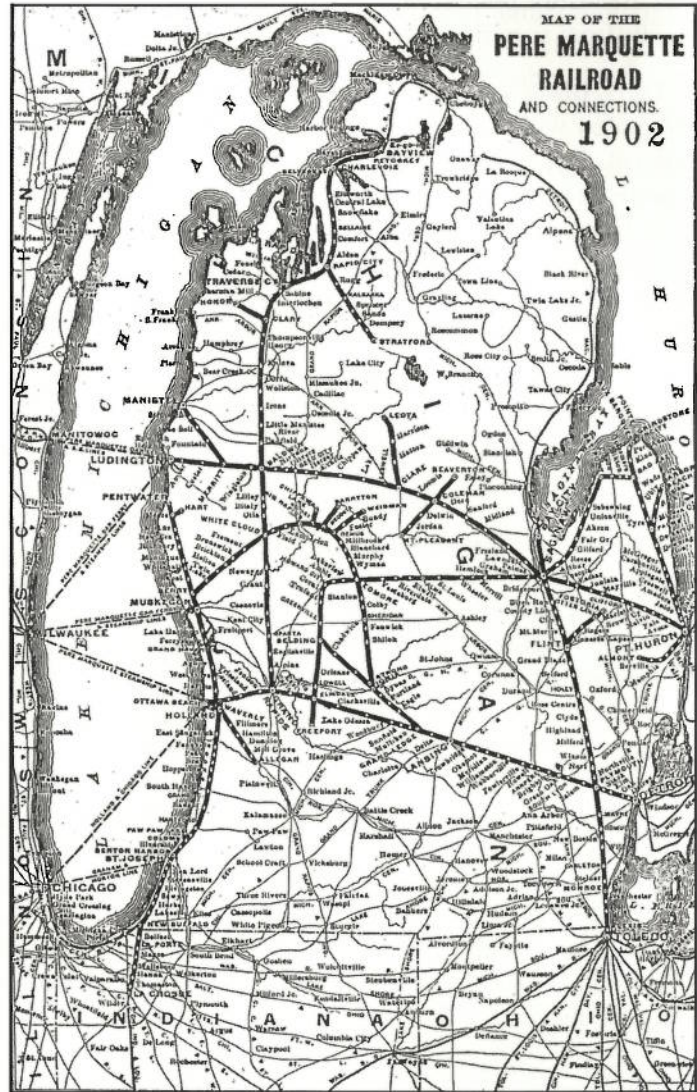


# 71996 Pere Marquette Double Door Box Car

This Car was selected for our 26th Annual Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as the PMRR was very prominent in the area, hauling many loads of furniture and other merchandise in these types of box cars throughout its history. The map to the right illustrates the real railroad's trackage back at the turn of the century. The photo immediately below shows the prototype that is on display in Grand Haven, Michigan, where many Convention attendees visited. Our model is on the bottom of these two pages with doors closed and opened to demonstrate its 13-5/8" length and massive size. It is the first Lionel Standard "O" double door box car used by the Club as a commemorative and continues the plan to have all 1990's decade LCCA Convention Cars in Standard "O" Scale.



The car's parts consist of nine (9) molded plastic pieces including: body; four doors (two each of left and right hand); two door guides; frame; and one-piece brake wheel plus the two die-cast, sprung truck assemblies. The frame's undercarriage has details molded into it and there is a wood plank effect to the top and bottom of the floor's area.

The car's body and doors are molded in tuscan plastic and painted tuscan. At both ends of the car's body there are end plates that have "7200 SERIES" on them. The frame and brake wheel are both molded of black, unpainted plastic. Tabbed, snap fit construction is utilized to secure the door guides. There are reinforcement ribs molded inside the car's body in two locations on each side. These ribs are also used to position the body to the correct height on the frame.

For mechanical fasteners, there is a single screw to hold each truck assembly to the frame as well as two screws at each end to secure the car body to the frame. There is a riser molded into the frame at each of these four screw locations so that the screws are recessed from the bottom of the frame. The risers meet up with the shoulders molded into the car's body to set the body at the right height to the frame.

The color scheme includes a semi-glossy, tuscan for the car body with the prototypical Pere Marquette lettering and all other markings and technical data in white. The only other color appearing on the car is for the small medium yellow rectangles along the bottom on each of the four doors. In addition, there is small printing inside the fourth and fifth ribs of both right hand doors stating to: CLOSE AND LOCK DOOR followed by BEFORE MOVING CAR between the fifth and sixth ribs. Then, between the ninth and tenth ribs is: OPENING MAIN 8-0 H 9-9 followed by: TOTAL W 16-0 H 9-9 between the tenth and eleventh ribs. These very sharp notations on the doors of this style of car are a first for Lionel.

To complete the graphics, on the end of the car opposite the brake wheel end is the special Convention souvenir notation in three lines that reads:

**LCCA  
26th Annual Convention  
Grand Rapids, MI July 22, 1996**



This notation is printed in white lettering on the top three outward ribs. Again, like all of our Club's Cars, the notation is very discrete. And, as it has been for the past several years, the Convention notation is put on one end of the car (rather than on both sides) to give our Car a more prototypical look.

All of the model's lettering is done by a process called "pad printing" which allows for such small and precise lettering. This type of printing can have up to three different colors per graphic and is accurate to within 1/1000th of an inch.

The number 71966 used for our Car signifies the date of our 26th Annual Convention. Even though our commemoratives have had a 5 digit number on them eight previous times, this is the first time an LCCA Convention Car has used such a number to mark the month and full four digit year of our Convention. It is also the first time the LCCA has used a Standard "O" Scale double door box car for a commemorative.

The Lionel inventory listing number (printed on the end of the box) for our Car is 6-52090. A total of 3,300 Pere Marquette Double Door Box Cars were produced for us to mark our 26th Convention.

Finally, there is an application form for the Lionel Railroader Club included in the package.

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