Santa Fe's Steel Radial Roof Cabooses

Jim Price photo 1948 Santa Fe 2-6-2 1120 San Angelo – Sterling City mixed John McCall collection

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Period covered 1927 to 1976

Timeline vs. Details

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- overview
- Detail changes over time
 - Improvements
 - Changing needs
 - Safety
- Presentation is divided into eras
 - 1930s ACF built cabooses
 - 1940s ATSFbuilt cabooses
 - 1950s Radios
 - 1960s Changes
 - 1970s final years of the 4 digit numbers

Radial roof cabooses

- 1500-1649 AC&F 1927 150 cars
- 1650-1749 AC&F 1928 100 cars
- 1750-1874 AC&F 1929 125 cars
- 1875-1978 AC&F 1930 104 cars
- 1979-2000 AC&F 1931 22 cars

TOTAL 501 cars

2001-2008 ATSF 1942 8 cars 2009-2100 ATSF 1943 92 cars 2101-2200 ATSF 1944 <u>100 cars</u> TOTAL 200 cars

Peaked roof cabooses

2201-2300 ATSF 1949 100 cars (Duryea underframe) 500-599 ATSF 1949 <u>100</u> cars TOTAL 200 cars Roof walk (Running Board) configurations – built with wood W

- built with steel S

Note some wood running boards replaced with steel running boards





W	Series	1875-1978	built 1930
W	Series	1979-2000	built 1931
W	Series	2001-2100	built 1942-43



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S Series	2201-2300	built 1949
S Series	500 – 599	built 1949





1500-1649 series ACF 1927

Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum Courtesy Jay Miller

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Cabooses 1500 The FIRST steel caboose on the AT&SF 1927



Cupola hand grabs made up of 4 pieces

Some cabooses in this series had continuous hand grabs applied in later years



1500 shows changes to the cupola hand grab configuration Note the 5 brackets across the width of cupola

1500 at San Bernardino

Richard Biermann photo



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Caboose 1576 four piece cupola hand grab configuration

1500-1649 series ACF 1927

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