

FMd

9556 - 9599

(44 cars)

FLAT CAR

=====

46' I.L., 70 ton capacity, Wood Floor

9556 - 9599 converted June 1933 from GM1 gondolas,
series 23500 - 25499, under AFE #9901 dated 10-10-33

Longevity of FMd

44 = July 1933.
44 = April 1945.
44 = January 1950.
39 = July 1953.
33 = January 1954.
13 = July 1956.
13 = January 1957.
12 = July 1957.
11 = October 1957.
11 = April 1958.
10 = July 1960.
10 = July 1961.
8 = October 1962.
8 = July 1963.
6 = January 1964.
5 = January 1970....9561 9562 9564 9569 9589

SEE **GM1** File for Built Date and Builder Information.

RCT&HS acquired **FMdx** 96611 in 1991 (FMd 9596)

In 1951, the Reading Company made plans to convert all 44 FMd flat cars back to GM1 gondolas! None were.

13 FMd flat cars were converted to M of W Service in 1953, Roadway Dept.

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AFE #18449 Conversion of 1 FMd flat car (9566) to Work Equipment car,
===== FMdx 91317.
Authorized on 1-14-53 for \$787 expenditure.
Started 1-12-53...completed 2-27-53.

AFE #19894: Convert 2 FMd flat cars to Work Equipment Cars 90875 and 90876
===== for use as Block and Idler cars with new diesel service cranes
90901 and 90902. Authorized 6-25-56 for \$2960.00 expenditure.
Work started 5-25-56...completed 6-24-57.
FMd 9590 was converted to FMdx 90875 on 11-14-56...Philadelphia
FMd 9597 was converted to FMdx 90876 on 6-24-57...Rutherford

13 FMd flat cars were sold to Bethlehem Steel 3-24-54, Sales Order #3473,
Bill #I-3235 for \$700.00 each:

9556	9559	9560	9570	9572	9573	9574
9577	9579	9583	9588	9592	9598	

2 FMd flat cars were sold to Luria Brothers 6- 6-61, Sales Order #7765
for \$552 each: 9576 9585

The following dates indicate when AB brakes were applied:

9556	12-13-43	9567	6-30-45	9578	2- 3-47	9589	6- 4-49
9557	2- 3-47	9568	10- 6-48	9579	10-14-48	9590	11- 6-45
9558		9569	11- 5-45	9580		9591	12-14-48
9559	4- 6-44	9570	2-11-47	9581	11-13-48	9592	11- 3-45
9560		9571		9582	8-15-49	9593	11- 1-46
9561	2- 5-49	9572	11-24-43	9583	11- 4-46	9594	12-16-43
9562	11- 7-46	9573	7-29-49	9584	10-16-48	9595	11- 6-45
9563	11- 4-46	9574	2-14-46	9585	11-11-43	9596	11-29-43
9564	12- 4-43	9575	4-12-44	9586	1- 9-50	9597	4-17-44
9565	11- 5-45	9576	12-15-43	9587	12-13-48	9598	2-20-47
9566	7-19-48	9577	9-10-48	9588	2- 8-47	9599	10-19-48

The following lists the Light Weight of each FMd when new:

9556	45,900	9567	44,000	9578	45,700	9589	45,700
9557	46,100	9568	46,300	9579	45,500	9590	46,300
9558	46,300	9569	45,100	9580	46,000	9591	46,400
9559	46,500	9570	45,600	9581	46,500	9592	46,100
9560		9571	45,000	9582	45,800	9593	45,900
9561	45,300	9572	46,100	9583	45,400	9594	45,700
9562	45,000	9573	46,000	9584		9595	45,800
9563	45,200	9574	45,600	9585	46,600	9596	45,200
9564	45,900	9575	45,600	9586	46,000	9597	45,100
9565	45,800	9576	45,300	9587	46,600	9598	44,600
9566	46,100	9577	46,000	9588	46,300	9599	45,300

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During 1936, 1937 and 1938, class FMd flat cars (along with class FMb and FMc) were used in Special Service to transport KEY SYSTEM Trolleys from Bethlehem Steel in Wilmington, Delaware to Oakland, California. These cars were fitted with special blocking for handling the trolleys. The following FMd flat cars were used in this service:

9556	9557	9558	9559	9560	9562	9564	9565	9567	9568	
9570	9571	9573	9574	9577	9578	9579	9581	9585	9586	
9587	9588	9590	9591	9592	9593	9594	9595	9596	9597	9599

9561?

Class FMb and FMc flat cars were used as Idler cars between 2 FMd flat cars:

9603	9622	9645	9683	9657?					
9803	9806	9808	9836	9837	9857	9883	9899	9877?	
9701	9715	9738	9760	9769					

Two articulated trolley cars were moved on a set of 3 flat cars:

FMd - FMc - FMd or FMd - FMb - FMd

Each articulated trolley was 57' 6" long

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GML	FMd					
number	number	built	retired/converted	class / number		FMd
23894	9556	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Steel		
24439	9557	6- 2-33	11- 8-53	convt to FMdx 96606 Roadway Flat Car		
23861	9558	6- 2-33	11- 5-53	convt to FMdx 96608 Roadway Flat Car		
24292	9559	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Steel		
23577	9560	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Steel		
24240	9561	6- 2-33	9- -70	retired		
23541	9562	6- 2-33	9- -70	retired		
24294	9563	6- 2-33	8-18-53	convt to FMdx 96602 Roadway Flat Car		
23907	9564	6- 2-33	9- -70	retired		
23805	9565	6- 2-33	4- 8-53	convt to FMdx 90819 Float Idler Car		
24026	9566	6- 2-33	2-27-53	convt to FMdx 91317 Crane Car		
23784	9567	6- 2-33	8-24-65	wrecked		
23950	9568	6- 2-33	11-20-53	convt to FMdx 96609 Roadway Flat Car		
24324	9569	6- 2-33	9- -70	retired		
23514	9570	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl		
23604	9571	6- 2-33	4- -60	retired		
24296	9572	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl		
24318	9573	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl Lt.Wt. 45,700#		
23636	9574	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl		
23506	9575	6- 2-33	3- -51	wrecked		
23668	9576	6- 2-33	5- -61	retired...sold to Luria Bros. 6- 6-61		
24059	9577	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl		
23583	9578	6- 2-33	5- 1-63	retired		
24193	9579	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl Lt.Wt. 45,700#		
24339	9580	6- 2-33	8-27-53	convt to FMdx 96604 Roadway Flat Car		
24057	9581	6- 2-33	6-23-54	convt to FMdx 96613 Roadway Flat Car		
23807	9582	6- 2-33	8-12-53	convt to FMdx 96601 Roadway Flat Car		
24270	9583	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl Lt.Wt. 45,700#		
23949	9584	6- 2-33	4- 7-53	convt to FMdx 90821 Float Idler Car		
23757	9585	6- 2-33	5- -61	retired...sold to Luria Bros. 6- 6-61		
24444	9586	6- 2-33	11- 5-53	convt to FMdx 96607 Roadway Flat Car		
24323	9587	6- 2-33	8-25-53	convt to FMdx 96603 Roadway Flat Car		
24489	9588	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Steel		
24053	9589	6- 2-33	9- -70	retired		
24034	9590	6- 2-33	11-14-56	convt to FMdx 90875 Idler Car-Wrecker		
24335	9591	6- 2-33	5- -63	retired		
24030	9592	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Steel		
23899	9593	6- 2-33	12- 3-53	convt to FMdx 96610 Roadway Flat Car		
23840	9594	6- 2-33	4- 7-53	convt to FMdx 90820 Float Idler Car		
24104	9595	6- 2-33	9-16-53	convt to FMdx 96605 Roadway Flat Car		
24236	9596	6- 2-33	12- 7-53	convt to FMdx 96611 Roadway Flat Car *		
24301	9597	6- 2-33	6-24-57	convt to FMdx 90876 Idler Car-Wrecker		
23740	9598	6- 2-33	3-24-54	sold to Bethlehem Stl Lt.Wt. 45,700#		
23597	9599	6- 2-33	12- 9-53	convt to FMdx 96612 Roadway Flat Car		