

U.S. FREIGHT CARS BY TYPE AND AGE*

		Total	Avg. Age	1-10 yrs.	11-20 yrs.	21-30 yrs.	31-40 yrs.	Over 40 yrs.
Box Cars	RR	111,418	25.2	17,026	24,448	9,010	58,170	2,764
	PVT	21,147	22.8	7,065	952	4,377	7,621	1,132
Covered Hoppers	RR	139,036	22.8	27,759	33,835	29,380	42,388	5,674
	PVT	324,584	18.1	85,463	116,074	60,189	55,461	7,397
Open Hoppers	RR	78,987	27.2	9,008	14,374	13,341	35,367	6,897
	PVT	103,692	15.0	42,514	34,191	9,497	16,134	1,356
Gondolas	RR	130,625	23.3	23,106	38,792	22,603	32,113	14,011
	PVT	115,340	15.8	38,830	43,444	15,184	15,662	2,220
Flat Cars	RR	72,753	15.9	37,864	15,016	6,633	9,843	3,397
	PVT	132,332	19.3	30,964	55,984	16,217	16,015	13,152
Refrigerator	RR	14,599	26.3	2,597	3,129	1,347	6,203	1,323
	PVT	3,219	18.6	1,338	804	138	813	126
Tank Cars	RR	521	32.4	3	48	192	220	58
	PVT	291,706	16.1	108,953	85,617	54,073	40,449	2,614
All Others	RR	2,259	35.1	1	26	605	1,103	524
	PVT	3,685	24.2	718	910	618	1,285	154
Total	RR	550,198	23.3	117,364	129,668	83,111	185,407	34,648
	PVT	995,705	17.2	315,845	337,976	160,293	153,440	28,151

* As of January 2010; totals may not match other sources. RR = Railroad car owners. PVT = Private car owners.

Source: AAR/UMLER

STILL AGING ...

The aging of the U.S. freight-car fleet continues. Of the 1,545,903 cars in the fleet as of January 2010, 62,799 of them — or 40.6 percent — were more than 40 years old, according to Association of American Railroads/UMLER data. Of the 1,581,470 cars in the fleet as of January 2009, 52,470 — or 33.2 percent — were more than four decades old. Not one car type “got younger” during the past year. “The extremely low level of [rail-car] deliveries this year and next will serve to intensify the pressure to replace aged equipment in various fleets during the longer-term forecast horizon,” note the authors of Economic Planning Associates Inc.’s July 2010 “Railcar Overview” report.

