



360794 Southern Hopper

This car was selected for our 24th Annual Convention held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is the first Standard “O” 3 bay hopper with operating hatches used by any train club as a commemorative. The car continues the plan to have all 90’s decade LCCA Convention cars in “O” scale.

The number 360794 used for our model is prototypical for this hopper and the last three digits signify the month and year of the 24th Convention. All slogan and technical data printing on the car is white. At the brakewheel end of the car there are 2 lines of printing which read:

**SOUTHERN
360794**

On the car end opposite the brakewheel is the special Convention souvenir notation in 5 lines that reads:

**LCCA
24th ANNUAL
CONVENTION
CHATTANOOGA
JULY 30, 1994**

This is the first car produced by Lionel with printing on the ends. Another special graphic is the “CENTRAL OF GEORGIA DIV.” designation in the upper, left hand corner of the car on both sides.

There is no “BUILT BY LIONEL” or their build date information notations on this car. For manufacturer’s identification purposes,

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is embossed in 3 lines upon the center chute on the car’s bottom.

The car consists of ten (10) molded plastic pieces plus the 2 truck assemblies and two-piece metal brakewheel. Included are: Body; Coal load; 6 bottom chutes (identical to each other) and 2 truck plates (one with air brake reservoir and one without).

All the pieces are tuscan plastic painted tuscan. Snap fit construction is utilized since the only mechanical

fasteners are the two screws used to hold the die cast, sprung trucks to their respective plate assembly and the four screws used to secure the truck plates to the body. The 6 hatches are packed in a separate clear plastic bag with an instruction sheet in the car’s box. (This “do-it-yourself” installation of hatches is a regular practice on all Lionel Standard “O” 3 bay hoppers.)

The Lionel inventory listing number for the car is 6-52038. (This is the number printed on the end of the box.) A total of 3,800 Southern 3 bay hoppers were produced for the Club.

— Bill Button, RM #3538,
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