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Term	Definition	RR	Year
400: Route of the 400 [Chicago,	The Chicago & North Western Railway introduced its 400 family of long distance passenger trains in 1936, with service between Chicago and the	C&NW	1936
A & D Board [Arrivals & Departures Board,	The A & D Board or Arrivals & Departures Board usually displays the train name or number, its "arriving from" or "departing to" city, and expected time of		
A Train [Subway, Rapid Transit, Express	The "A Train" is a limited stop or express train as opposed to an all stop "B" train. The term was popularized in the jazz standard "Take the 'A' Train" by	IND	1936
Accommodation Passenger Train [Local,	An Accommodation train is a local, typically making stops at many of the railroad's stations. The Accommodation train was designed to feed passengers		
Accommodation train ["All Stop"	An Accomodation Train generally operated on a slower schedule, and made almost every station stop on the route, as compared to Limited, or Express		
Accommodation train [Passenger Train]	An Accommodation passenger train is generally one that makes "all stops" to accommodate all passengqers. The train is generally a secondary train, not		
Acela Express [High Speed Passenger	The Acela is a high-speed train that operates between Washington, DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston. The train uses an	ATK	2000
ACES Atlantic City Express Service	The Atlantic City Express Service (ACES) was an inter-city train service offered by the Borgata, Caesars Atlantic City, and Harrah's Entertainment, operating		2009
Advance [Passenger train name, Second	Passenger trains named "Advance" were additional trains (often called "Sections") that operated on a regularly scheduled basis and were designed to		
Advanced Guideway System [AGS;	The automated guideway transit (AGT) is a fully automated, driverless, grade-separated transit system in which vehicles are automatically quided along a		
Advanced Passenger Train (APT)	The Advanced Passenger Train (APT) was a tilting high speed train developed by British Rail during the 1970s and early 1980s, for use on	BR	1972
Aerotrain [high-speed passenger train,	The Aerotrain was an experimental high-speed, lightweight articulated streamlined train developed by General Motors in 1956. The train	GMC	1956
Air conditioning 1854 [Passenger Cars,	The Michigan Southern adopted the Dr. Geo F. Foote ventilating system for its passenger cars. This system permitted air to circulate from	MSO	1854
Air conditioning 1931 (Passenger Cars,	The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was the first railroad to begin operating the world's first completely air-conditioned (mechanical A/C) passenger	B&O	1932
Air conditioning: Ventilation system on	Fresh air is taken from the outside of a coach through two hoods, located just above the lower roof deck roof, at diaqonally opposite corners of the car ;	PRR	1904
All Pullman [Sleeping car, All-Pullman,	During the peak years of American passenger railroading, several all-Pullman trains existed, including the 20th Century Limited on the New York Central	PULL	
Alley L [Chicago Elevated line]	The Chicago & South Side Rapid Transit Railroad was known as the "Alley L" because of its route, which followed city owned alleys on the south side of	C&SSRT	
American Flyer [Passenger Car]	The American Flyer was an early streamlined American passenger railcar built by Pullman-Standard in the 1930s. They were the first streamlined equipment	PSM	
American Flyer Cars [Streamlined	The New Haven Railroad took delivery of 205 lightweight riveted high tensile smooth-sided Cor-Ten steel passenger coaches and grill cars	NYNH&H	1934
American Freedom Train	The United States has seen two national 'Freedom Trains'. The 1947-1949 Freedom Train was a special exhibit train that toured the United States in		1947
Amerika - Hitler's Private Train [World War	Amerika was a highly protected private train used by Adolph Hitler during World War II to visit various foreign governments, and to visit the front lines of		
Amfleet [Metroliner, Horizon Car, Comet II,	Amfleet is a series of intercity railroad passenger cars built for the operator Amtrak by the manufacturer Budd Company in two series during the late 1970s	ATK	1975
Amfleet I Amcafe [Snack Car, Dinng Car]	The Amfleet I Amcafe Car is a short distance coach having 51 Coach seats and a Snack bar [1] Amfleet is a fleet of single-level intercity railroad	ATK	1975
Amfleet I Amclub [Coach-Club seat-Snack	The Amfleet I Amclub is a short distance coach having 23 Coach seats, 18 club seats and a Snack bar [1] Amfleet is a fleet of single-level intercity railroad	ATK	1975
Amfleet I Amdinette [Coach-Dinng Car]	The Amfleet I Amdinette is a short distance coach having 23 Coach seats, a Snack bar and a 32 seat dining area (8 booths with 4 seats/booth [1] Amfleet is	ATK	1975

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Amfleet I Long Distance Coach	The Amfleet I Long Distance coach has 84 seats. [1] Amfleet is a fleet of single-level intercity railroad passenger cars built by the Budd Company for	ATK	1975
Amfleet I Short Distance Coach	The Amfleet I Short Distance coach has 84 seats. Amfleet is a fleet of single-level intercity railroad passenger cars built by the Budd Company for Amtrak in	ATK	1975
Amfleet II AmCoach	The Amfleet II Amcoach has 59 seats. [1] Amfleet is a fleet of single-level intercity railroad passenger cars built by the Budd Company for Amtrak in the	ATK	1981
Amfleet II Amlounge [Dining-Snack Bar-	The Amfleet II Amlounge is a combination Dining-Snack-Coach; the Dining area has 40 seat (10 booths of 4), a Shack Car in the middle, and 17 Coach	ATK	1981
Amtrak Cascades Service [Passenger	Amtrak began operating the first Cascades trains using a Talgo trainset leased by the State of Washington Department of Transportation. The 467-mile (752	ATK	1994
Amtrak is formed [passenger train]	Amtrak is formed in 1971 to take over the nation's rail passenger train operation. The company is limited by funding limitations imposed by the	ATK	1971
Angle Cock & Air Brake Hose [passenger	A valve located at each end of locomotives and cars used to open or close the brake pipe. The handle is hinged so as to lock in either the open or closed		
Apartment Car [RPO, Railway Post Office	An Apartment Car is a term used by the U.S. Postal Service to describe a car in which only on portion of the car is used for the sorting of mail enroute; the		
Arch Roof [Harriman Standard Passenger	An Arch Roof Car has a distinctive round roof that runs the length of the car, as opposed to a Monitor or Clerestory roof, which features a raised "Clerestory"	UP	
Arkansas' "Separate Coach Law" of 1891	The Separate Coach Law of 1891 (Act 17) was a Jim Crow law requiring separate coaches on railway trains for white and black passengers. [1]		1891
Armour Yellow Paint Scheme [M-10000	The Union Pacific's M-10000 streamliner was painted in Armour Yellow with Leaf Brown roof and undersides. Armour Yellow was chosen for safety	UP	1934
Arrow [Electric multiple unit/MU commuter	The Jersey Arrow is a type of electric multiple unit (EMU) railcar developed for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and used through successive commuter operators	NJT	1968
Articulated Cars [Articulated Train	A flexible passenger car design built in two or more jointed sections, but coupled together and operated as a single unit. Some designs employed the		1934
Astra Dome [Observation Car, Vista	The Astra Domes were a fleet of streamlined dome cars built by the American Car and Foundry Company ("ACF") for the Union Pacific Railroad in 1954-	UP	
Auto Carrier	A car for carrying automobiles - usually from a metropolitan center to a tourist area, thus avoiding a long drive for the owner of the car.	NYC	1905
Auto-Railer [Self Propelled Rail Car/	The Evans Products Company was known primarily as a railroad supply firm. In 1934, it introduced a 16-passenger rail bus called the Auto-Railer. The Auto-	EVANSAR	
Auto-Train	Auto-Train Corporation (reporting mark AUT) was a privately owned railroad which used its own rolling stock, and traveled on rails leased	AT	1971
Automated Farebox [Streetcar PAYE;	The development of the Pay-as-you-enter streetcar design was a significant development in the evolution of streetcar design, as it	JFBC	1880
Auxiliary Power Generator [Diesel	The Auxiliary Power Generator is a separate low horsepower (typically 20-50 HP) Diesel engine contained within the body of a Diesel Locomotive. These		
Auxiliary Power Generator Car	Long distance passenger cars manufactured after 1930 were increasingly equipped with air conditioning systems. Originally, the air conditioning was		
AVE 103 Train design and technology	The AVE 103 is a new class of high speed train operated in Spain. In 2020, it is the fastest in the world, and is rated at a maximum speed of	RENFE	2007
AVE Alta Velocidad Española ("High	AVE trains run on a network of high-speed rail track owned and managed by Adif, where other high-speed (Avant, Alvia) and mid-speed (Altaría) services	RENFE	
Avelia Liberty [High Speed Rail, Bullet	Avelia Liberty is a model of high-speed passenger train marketed by French train producer Alstom. It is related to the TGV family of high-speed trains, but	ATK	2021
B1-1B Truck SD70MACH [tractive effort,	The SD70MACH is a unique model within the SD70MAC product family, as it is equipped with B1-1B trucks, rather than the C-C trucks used on the previous	METRA	
Baggage Car [Railway Express Agency;	A car fitted for carrying passenger's baggage and other large items. In some cases a Baggage car was used to transport Express Shipments by the Railway		

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Baggage Clerk	A person responsible for tagging baggage, loading, unloading and routing baggage en route between destinations.		
Baggage Handler [Passenger Train,	The baggage handlers duties were to load and unload baggage from passenger trains. In small towns, the telegraph operator or station agent		
Baggage Master (Baggage Car)	A Railroad employee charged with overall responsibility for the Baggage Car and its contents. From 1840 to about 1920, passengers referred to him as the		
Baggage-Horse Car	A Baggage Car fitted for carrying horses. The modern thoroughbred horse racing industry in America developed in Kentucky in the mid 1850's, and by	L&N	
Baggage-Mail Car [Passenger Train;	The Baggage-Mail Car is a Baggage car that has been modified internally to allow the storage of mail, usually magazines, newspapers and the like. These		
Baker Heater [Steam Line/Steam Heat;	The Baker Heater was used extensively in the late 1800's and early 1900's to heat railroad passenger cars, and passenger stations. A coal or wood		1876
Basket Rack [Luggage Rack for	Basket Rack is an archaic term used to describe a Luggage Rack, usually mounted at the roof line, and easily accesible by a passenger. Basket Racks		
Bedroom Sleeping Car [Double Bedroom,	The Bedroom was a sleeping car compartment designed for two persons. The design included a toilet, and wash basin and 1 full length bed and one upper	PULL	
Bell Cord [Passenger Train]	The Bell Cord was a way of communicating to the engineer the need to make an unscheduled stop. By custom, it was understood the Conductor would pull		
Bennie Railplane [Early Streamlined	The Bennie Railplane was a form of rail transport invented by George Bennie (1891–1957), which moved along an overhead rail by way of propellers.	PSM	1933
Betterment Car (Pre-Streamlined)	The introduction of the first streamlined passenger trains in the Great Depression caused a significant increase in passenger traffic. The	PULL	1935
Bilevel Commuter Car [Bi-Level, Bi	The first Bi Level/Gallery commuter cars were introduced by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for operation in its suburban Chicago	CB&Q	1950
BiLevel Long Distance Passenger Car	A BiLevel Long Distance Passenger car has two levels and were first used on the Santa Fe Railroad's El Capitan Passenger Train. The cars	AT&SF	1954
Blue Ribbon Fleet [Streamlined	The Pennsylvania Railroad coined the term "Blue Ribbon Fleet" to create an advertising slogan for their top trains,The first trains to gain this name	PRR	1920
Boat Train (also Steamboat, Ferry)	A passenger train used primarily or exclusively to connect a land based railroad station, usually in a major city, with the terminus of a ferry boat or		
Bomb, Bomber [Commuter Passenger	Slang term used to describe a railroad commuter car manufactured by Bombardier and based on the Comet design developed by Pullman-Standard	BT	1986
Border Crossing [Passport, foreign	In general when traveling to a foreign country you must have a passport, and in some cases a visa. In some countries, there is a fee to enter the country, or		
Bradley Coach; Bradley Car	A car manufactured by the Bradley Car Works (Osgood Bradley & Co.)	BRADCW	
Brightline [Diesel Locomotive, Commuter	Brightline is a commuter railroad that will operate between Miami and West Palm Beach. The Diesel Locomotives and passenger cars are built by Siemens	SIEMENS	2018
Budd–Michelin "Micheline" rubber-tired rail	The Budd–Michelin rubber-tired rail cars were built by the Budd Company in the United States between 1931 and 1933 using French firm Michelin's	BUDDEW	
Buffet Car [Dining Car]	A car similar to a dining car, but designed to provide meal service from a limited menu compared with a full dining car menu; or a car where food and		
Bull Moose Special [Labor Strike Paint	The Bull Moose Special was an armored train deployed by the coal operators during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912–14. The train's name	C&O	1912
Bumping Post [Union Station, Passenger	A Bumping post is usually placed at the end of a "stub" track, to prevent cars or locomotives from overrunning the track. Bumping posts are a common feature		
Burr Automatic and Pneumatic Mail	The Burr Automatic and Pneumatic Mail Exchange (Railway Journal Volumes 20-22, http://books.google.com/books?id=48s0AQAAMAAJ&pg=RA9-PA24)		1910
Bush Train Shed [Umbrella Shed;	The Bush Train Shed or umbrella shed design was conceived by Lincoln Bush, the Chief Engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western in	DL&W	1905

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Business Car (Official Car)(Office Car)	Business Car (also called an Official Car)-Business Cars were used to transport railroad officials on company business.		
Cab Car (or Control Cab)(Commuter	A suburban commuter passenger car equipped with a control cab for the locomotive engineer. The control cab allows the train to be operated from		1953
Cabbages, cab-control-baggage cars	Amtrak developed their Non-powered Control Units (NPCUs) by removing the prime mover, main alternator, and traction motors from surplus F40		
Cable Car-worlds first	Andrew S. Hallidie was the first person to patent a cable car. Hallidie designed a cable car system using an endless wire rope, and displayed		1871
Cable Cars-early designs.	Henry Casebolt was a blacksmith who built and operated the Sutter Street Cable Railway in San Francisco. He built horse and cable powered cars for his	CSHR	1873
Cable Line [Automated People Mover	The Cable Liner is a range of automated people mover products designed by Doppelmayr Cable Car for use at airports, in city centers, intermodal		
Cafe Car [Dining Car]	A Cafe Car has a kitchen, usually in the center; one end of the car is equipped to serve meals or beverages, the other end being fitted for other		
Cafe Century [20th Century Limited Dining	The New York Central's 20th Century Limited featured a "night club" called "Cafe Century". The Cafe Century was used as a dining car during meal hours,	NYC	
Cannon BallCannonball Passenger Train	It seems that the use of "Cannon Ball or Cannonball" was used by numerous railroads over the years as a name for their passenger trains. And, even, some	WAB	
Car Attendant	A person whose duties combine those of the porter and steward on modern passenger trains.		
Car Barn [Interurban, Street Railway,	Car bars were built to protect expensive passenger or private cars from the weather when they were not in use, and also to provide a facility where cars		
Car Diagram [See also Pullman,	Pullman Car Diagram card- The Pullman Company developed a printed card for each type of car in its fleet-at one point the Pullman company had over 100	PULL	
Car-Go-Rail and Auto-With-You Service	Car-Go-Rail, introduced by CN in 1963, was a service that allowed a passenger's auto to travel between the same two cities as the passenger, but	CN	1963
Cardinal's Train	The Cardinal's train was a special train movement from New York to Chicago, and was used to transport the Pope's personal representative, Papal Legate		1926
Chair Car [Coach, Passenger Car, Parlor	A Chair car is a coach with lower seating density than a standard coach, and having reclining seats. It differed from "Coach" accommodations by offering	AT&SF	
Chambrette [Single Bedroom	Chambrette was a french term used in Eastern Canada. It translates to "small room", and is equivalent to a Single Bedroom accommodation in a sleeping	CN	
Change of trains [passenger train]	It is common on a longer train to have to change trains in order to arrive at your destination. But some surprises can happen. My son and I took the		
Chapel Cars [Passenger Car]	A car designed for holding church services.		1890
Chateau Sleeping car	The Château series is a fleet of 29 lightweight streamlined sleeping cars built by the Budd Company for the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1954. Each	CP	1954
Circus Trains	During the period from the mid to late 1800's, and continuing through today, the circus has traveled about the country, setting up their shows overnight, and		
Citrus Paint Scheme EMD E4 Diesel	When the Seaboard Air Line introduced its new Florida Orange Blossom Special streamliners, it painted the diesel locomotives in an eye catching color	SAL	
City of Everywhere [Streamlined	Beginning in 1955, passenger train revenues began to decline, and by the 1960's, the loss of revenue, combined with escalating costs due to inflation in	UP	1960
Clark AutoTram [Railbus; Clark	The Clark AutoTram was a high capacity, aluminum body Rail Bus. The illustration [1] shows a 10 window car arranged as a 20 passenger parlor or		1933
Clerestory Roof [Passenger Car,	A monitor (in architecture) is a raised structure running along the ridge of a double-pitched roof, with its own roof running parallel with the main		1860
Clocker	A term that came into use in the mid 20th Century, to describe the regular hourly departures of passenger trains from the Pennsylvania Railroad's Broad	PRR	

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Closed Pouch Service [Railway Mail	The traditional RPO service used a Railway Post Office car in which mail was sorted by Railway Mail Service Employees, and distributed to the appropriate		
Club Car {Baggage Car, Smoking Car,	A Club car is a combination car: one end of the car is used as a baggage car, and is separated by a bulkhead from the remainder of the car, which is used as		
Coach [Passenger Car, Day Coach]	A coach is a car equipped for carrying passengers, but not having sleeping car arrangements. A Day Coach is car configured for transporting coach		
Coach-Generator Car [Head end power/	When the Burlington Railroad began receiving its new Budd built Gallery Commuter Cars, it needed to find a power source to provide electrical power	CB&Q	1950
Coach-Long Distance [Chair car, Smoking	Long Distance coaches differed from Short distance coaches in several respects: overall seating capacity was more limited, allowing passengers		
Coach-Short Distance	Short Distance Coaches are designed for short trips compared with long distance coaches. The primary difference between a short and long distance		
Coach-Sleeper	In an effort to make train travel more affordable, Pullman introduced what it called the Coach-Sleeper in 1940. The car contained ten semi-private rooms,	PULL	1940
Coast Daylight	The Coast Daylight was a passenger train originally run by the Southern Pacific Railroad (SP) between the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco,	SP	
COLA	Abbreviation used for City of Los Angeles Passenger Train	UP	
Colonist Car [coach/sleeper, Emmigrant	Colonist Cars were built by the Canadian Pacific, the Intercolonial Railway, the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway to provide very	CP	
Color Schemes-Painting of early	Reference 1 provides a good description of the paint schemes used on early passenger train cars.		
Combination Depot	A passenger station combining facilities for passengers and a freight/baggage storage area.		
Combine [Baggage, Express, RPO,	A Combine car combines two or more separate compartments; typically one is used for passengers, and the other for Baggage, or a Railway Post Office. The		
Comboose [Coach-Caboose, Mixed Train,	A Camboose is a combination car consisting of one section used as a coach, and another section used as a caboose. The caboose section had a cupola, or		
Comet [Lightweight Streamlined	The Comet was a diesel-electric streamliner built in 1935 for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad by the Goodyear-Zeppelin Company.	NYNH&H	1935
Comet Suburban Commuter Car	The Comet railcar, known as the Shoreliner on Metro-North Railroad, is a class of locomotive-hauled railcars that was first designed in the late 1960s by	NJT	1970
Commutation Ticket or Passenger	A commutation ticket or multi-ride ticket allows a passenger to travel, at a discounted fare, for a certain number of trips, paid in advance. The most		
Commuter Car [Passenger Car, Suburban,	A Commuter car is generally a car designed for short distance travel (1 hour or less), usually terminating in a large metropolitan area. Commuter cars are		
Commuter Train [Suburban train; Long	A Commuter Train is usually provides short-haul passenger transportation typically with routes less than 50 miles in metropolitan and		
Compartment [Pullman, Passenger Car.	Compartments and Double Bedrooms are private rooms for two passengers, with upper and lower berths, washbasins, and private toilets, placed on one	PULL	
Composite Car [Combine, Combination	A Composite Car is the same as a Combine: a car combining two or more separate compartments; one used for passengers, and the other for Baggage,		
Conditional Stop [Passenger Train]	A Conditional Stop is a stop that is not a regular timetable stop. On some railroads, conditional stops were used to discharge, but not board passengers.		
Conductor's brake valve [Conductor's	A conductor's Brake Valve is located at the end of each passenger car. Opening the valve causes the train brakes to be applied. The valve is normally		
Confederation train {Passenger Train,	Canada celebrated the Centennial of its Confederation in 1867 by operating the Confederation Train. The Confederation train visited all of the major cities	CM	1967
Congo [Congressional Limited Passenger	Congo is a railfan slang term for the Congressional Limited.	PRR	

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Constitution Liners [SPV 2000/SPV-2000]	The unused cars were converted in 1994, being de-powered and converted to coaches for use on Shore Line East commuter service. Dubbed "Constitution	BUDEW	1994
Control Car, Cab Car, Push-Pull, Non-	A control car is a generic term for a non-powered railroad vehicle that can control operation of a train from the end opposite to the position of		
Cook	One who prepares main entrees on passenger trains.		
COSF	Abbreviation used for City of San Francisco Passenger Train	UP	
Couchette [Coach/Sleeping Car]	A Couchette is a European sleeping car similar to a Slumbercoach, having seats that convert to sleeping berths.		
Cowboy Pullman [Caboos, Coach]	A Cowboy Pullman was the popular name given to a Drovers Caboose. Drovers Caboose were used to provide seating for the drovers, or cowboys		
Curved Side Car-Cincinnati Car	The company became famous in 1921, for its Curved Side Car design. In 1921 chief engineer Thomas Elliot designed the curved-side car, a	CINC	1921
CZ - The California Zephyr	The Burlington's California Zephyr was commonly called the "CZ" among railfans.	CB&Q	
D.C. & H. Dining Car and Hotel	D.C. & H. is an abbreviation used by the Union Pacific for its Dining Car and Hotel Department.	UP	
Dawn to Dusk Run [Pioneer Zephyr]	The term "Dawn to Dusk" run came from the first public trial of the Pioneer Zephyr on May 26, 1934, when the Zephyr set a speed record for	CB&Q	1934
Daylight Speedliner [Budd RDC passenger]	The Daylight Speedliner was an American named passenger train of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O) in the 1950s and early 1960s. Equipped	B&O	
Dayliner [Budd RDC, Canadian Pacific]	Both the Canadian National Railway (CN) and Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) purchased RDCs. CP used the RDCs, which it called Dayliners, throughout its	CP	
Deadhead [Dead Head employee, Pass]	A non-paying passenger; typically a railroad employee who is riding a train without charge, by way of his Pass, or when on official travel to another		
Deck Roof	Most Wood and Heavyweight steel passenger cars were designed with Clerestory Roofs, sometimes called the Railroad Roof. Early streetcars		
Diamond Herald [Illinois Central]	Albert Medin was the editor of the "Illinois Central Magazine" published by the Illinois Central Railroad. He is also credited with the redesign of the famous IC	IC	
Diaphragm [Vestibule; Passenger Cars,	Diaphragms are bellows-like connections that enclose the space between cars. [5] Diaphragms or Vestibules (archaic term) were introduced in the		
Dining Car	A dining car (American English) or a restaurant carriage (British English), also a diner, is a railroad passenger car that serves meals in the manner of a full-	C&A	1868
Dining car Chimes [First call for Dinner;	Typical evening dining seating was offered at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00. Meals might be announced by a waiter using chimes, passing out menus or posting a		
Dining Car Delmonico [George Pullman]	George Pullman changed the world of rail travel in 1857, when he introduced the luxurious "Pioneer" sleeping car. He marketed his Pullman sleeping cars to	PULL	1868
Dining Car Service	The Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore was the first railroad to begin offering dining car service in 1863.	PW&B	1863
Dinky-Train [Gas Electric, Commuter]	A gas-electric motorcar train, or any routine, short passenger run having few passengers, typically stopping at every station along the line. The Burlington	CB&Q	
Director Car, Director's Train, Special	Director Car - a former passenger car or set of passenger cars converted for use on special train movements (Directors Special Meetings, Annual Meetings,		
Dome Car [Vista Dome, Sceneramic	A Dome car is two level passenger car having a raised observation area enclosed in glass, also known as a Vista Dome and by other names. The	CB&Q	1945
Dormitory Car [Dormitory-Baggage,	A sleeping car that is set aside in full, or partially for the use of the dining car and train operating crew. The dormitory car is typically placed at the front of the		
Double Bedroom Sleeping Car [Pullman,	The Bedroom was a sleeping car compartment designed for two persons. The design included an in room toilet, and wash basin and 1 full length bed and	PULL	1930

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Drawing Room Sleeping Car [Pullman,	The Drawing Room accomodated up to four people (day time seating)and two persons at night. It is generally considered the most luxurious "Standard"	PULL	
Drovers Caboose	Drovers Caboosees were used to provide seating for the drovers, or cowboys who accompanied stock shipments to the slaughterhouses. In some cases, the		
Drumhead-Tailsign-Passenger Train	The term drumhead refers to a type of illuminated sign bearing the train's stylish logo, that was mounted at the rear of passenger trains. The first		
Duplex Room Sleeping Car [Pullman,	The Duplex Room design was introduced in 1932. The design featured a room similar to a roomette, located on two levels. The Lower room was at regular	PULL	1932
Duplex Roomette Sleeping Car [Pullman,	The Duplex Roomette design was developed by Pullman-Standard, and was introduced to the railroads just prior to World War II. It provided a compact	PULL	
Dutch Door [Passenger Car]	A Dutch door is a particular design that allows the upper half of the door to be opened inward, allowing a trainman or conductor to give signals by leaning out		
DZ - the Denver Zephyr [Passenger train]	The Burlington's Denver Zephyr was commonly referred to in the railfan community as the "DZ".	CB&Q	
Early Passenger Car "Stagecoach"	Early railroad passenger cars, as exemplified by the Baltimore & Ohio, were designed using a stagecoach body mounted on railroad wheels.	B&O	1830
El Capitan Hi-Level Passenger Cars	The El Capitan was Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway passenger train that was instantly recognizable because of its Hi-Level (Bi-Level)	AT&SF	1938
Electric lighting used in passenger cars	Although the first use of electric lighting was developed and used in railway cars in the 1887, it did not see widespread usage until tafter		1887
Electric multiple unit [EMU railcars	An electric multiple unit or EMU is a multiple unit train consisting of self-propelled carriages, using electricity as the motive power. An EMU	LORC	1893
Electric multiple unit [EMU railcars	An electric multiple unit or EMU is a multiple unit train consisting of self-propelled carriages, using electricity as the motive power. An EMU requires no	SSER	1893
Electroliner [Interurban Rapid Transit	The Electroliners are a pair of streamlined interurban trainsets built by the St. Louis Car Company in 1941. Initially numbered 801–802 and 803–	CNS&M	
Emergency Cord; Emergency Brake	The emergency cord provided a way for a passenger or the conductor to notify the engineer to make an emergency brake application. Older passenger cars		
Emmigrant Car [coach/sleeper,	Emmigrant cars were built by a variety of U.S. Railroads to provide basic, low cost transportation for U.S. citizens and immigrants. During the 19th	UP	
Empire Connection	The Empire Connection is a rail connection between New York City's Grand Central Terminal and Penn Station. Prior to the building of this connection,	ATK	1991
Empire Corridor	The Empire Corridor is a term used to refer to the approximately 460 mi (740 km) corridor between Niaqara Falls and New York City, including the cities of	ATK	
Enclosed Section [Section, Sleeping Car,	The Enclosed Section modified the standard open section by adding a folding door and wall to separate the sections, along with a small lavatory. In essence,	PULL	
ETT - Employee Timetable [Passenger	ETT is a commonly used abbreviation for "Employee Time Table", which is designed for used of railroad employees only in the operation of		
Europass [European railroad passenger	The Europass is a ticket that allows a person to travel across multiple countries with thousands of destinations for a fixed price. It is flexible in that the itinerary		
Executive Office Car {EOS, OCS,	An Executive Office Car is a Business Car that has been modified for use in special trains used to host customer executives.		
Exhibition Car [Exhibit Car, Special Train,	Exhibition (Exhibit) Car - used by the railroad's Public Relations department for special events.		
Express Box Car [Passenger Train;	Express Box cars were usually standard box cars that were modified with steam heat lines (to connect to passenger cars depending on steam heat) and		
Express Train [Passenger Train, Limited]	An Express Train is a Passenger Train having a limited number of stops. It usually operates at higher speed than an ordinary passenger train.		
ExpressTrak [Express Trak Mechanical	ExpressTrak was a group of Mechanical Refrigerator cars built by Ebenezer Railcar and initially leased to Express Trak in 2000. Express Trak subsequently	ATK	2000

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Extra Fare passenger train	Extra fare passenger trains were exclusive, super deluxe trains that offered the "best there is" in service. These trains were legendary for their service and		
Fast Mail [Railway Post Office/Railway	The term "Fast Mail" was used to describe a train dedicated primarily for the transportation of mail and express train at high speed, and usually with		1832
Feature Car [Passenger Train, Passenger	A Feature car is generally a specialized, luxurious, or unique one of a kind cars provided by a railroad to draw attention to a particular passenger train. The		
Federal Aid Highway Act [Interstate	The passage of the Interstate Highway Act led to many changes in the rail industry.		1956
Fish Car, Fish tank, Fish Racks	Live fish were transported in special passenger, express or baggage cars fitted with large tanks of water flanked by ice blocks. The cars were used to transport	NP	1873
Fishbelly Sidesill	A distinctive type of sidesill design used on many early Santa Fe Passenger cars. The sidesill provided strength to the car body, and was tapered at the	AT&SF	
Flag Stop [Accommodation train, Station]	A Flag Stop is usually a smaller station that would not be a regular stop on the timetable. The station agent would "flag" the train to stop by placing a flag at		
Flag Stop [Whistle stop; Timetable,	The placement of a white flag at a station designated as a "flag stop" instructed the engineer to stop his passenger train, in order to allow a passenger at the		
Fleet of Modernism [Blue Ribbon Fleet,	In 1938, as the depression was ending, the Pennsylvania Railroad decided to replace its premiere trains with an even higher standard of	PRR	1938
FLIRT [Fast Light Innovative Regional	Stadler FLIRT (Fast Light Innovative Regional Train) is an electric multiple unit (EMU) produced by Stadler Rail AG. The articulated trainset	STADLER	2004
Florida Fun Train	Allen Harper, chairman and chief executive officer of Hollywood-based First American Railways, had a dream. The idea was to create an eight-car train		1997
Flying Hamburger [Fliegender Hamburger;	The DRG Class SVT 877 Hamburg Flyer – sometimes also Flying Hamburger or in German Fliegender Hamburger – was Germany's first fast diesel train,	DRB	1933
Form 1 Timetable [System Timetable]	Form 1 timetables, also known as System Timetables, were the largest and most complex of all timetables. They included all branchline and mainline		
Form 2 Timetable [Condensed]	A Form 2 Timetable is a condensed timetable, having fewer entries than a Form 1 System Timetable.		
Frecciarossa 1000 (ETR 1000) [High	The Frecciarossa 1000, also known as the ETR 1000[6] (Trenitalia classification) is a high-speed train operated by Italian state railway	BT	
Funeral Train [U.S. Presidents]	A funeral train carries a coffin or coffins (caskets) to a place of interment. Funeral trains today are often reserved for leaders, national heroes, or		
Gallery Car [Commuter Car, Bi-Level	A high capacity bi-level passenger car used in suburban passenger operations. Gallery cars were widely used in the Chicago area. The first	CB&Q	1950
Garland Ventilator	Garland Ventilator - introduced in 1906 was a roof mounted ventilator that provided some of the benefits of "air conditioning" prior to the introduction of		1906
Gas-Electric Dracar [Interurban car]	One of the very first self propelled "gas-electric" cars was introduced by the Drake Railway Automotrice Company in the United States in 1912, after its	DRAKEA	1912
Gas-Electric Motor Car-Early History	Gas-Electric or Gasoline-Electric Motor Car development occurred on a variety of railroads. [1]		1905
George [Pullman Sleeping Car Porter,	During the era of sleeping car operation,, railway sleeping car porters in the United States were commonly referred to by the name "George" regardless of	PULL	
Golden Spike Centennial Limited	The Golden Spike Centennial Train was a special 14 car train that was operated to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the		1969
Great Steel Fleet [Fleet of Modernism	In a joint announcement, Pullman and the New York Central announce the order of new streamlined equipment that the New York Central called "Great	NYC	1937
Green Book-Hotels for colored people	Although pervasive racial discrimination and poverty limited black car ownership, the emerging African-American middle class bought automobiles as		
Green New Deal proposal [High Speed	The Green New Deal proposal being considered (December 2018) by Congress is a 20+ year program designed to eliminate carbon emissions,		2018

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Hallidie, Andrew Smith [San Francisco	Andrew Smith Hallidie (March 16, 1836–April 24, 1900) was the promoter of the Clay Street Hill Railroad in San Francisco, USA. This was the world's first	CSHR	1873
Halt [Flag Stop, or small station; Streetcar	The distinction between railway=halt and railway=station might differ from country to country. A halt is usually smaller than a station, or a location where		
Handsomest Train in the World	A train of great luxury, high style and magnificent appearance. Several railroads, at various times, advertised their trains as being the handsomest in		
Hatcheck [Passenger Train, Conductor,	The "Hatcheck" was a form of receipt given to the passenger after tickets had been taken. The Hatcheck was originally placed in the train rider's hat band,		
Hauptbahnhof [Hbf, Railroad Union	Hauptbahnhof, or HbF, is the term used to describe a railroad station in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. In large cities with several stations, the		
Head House [Headhouse], Station]	A head house is an American railroad term describing the part of a train station which does not house the tracks and platforms. In the context of rail transport,		
Head Station [Union Station, Terminal	A Head Station is a large station, usually serving as the primary, or largest station on a railroad. The station is typically located at the terminus of the		
Headhouse [Stub terminal Passenger	Stub terminal stations usually have a large passenger station located at the end of the tracks. Buildings of this type are called the "Headhouse" because of		
Heating/Heater [Passenger Car, Steam	Passenger Cars are typically heated by one of the following methods:		
Heavy Rail	Heavy Rail: a commuter railroad operating over existing freight rail lines. Heavy rail denotes a track designed primarily for high-speed, heavy duty, high		
Heavyweight Sleeping Car - last runs	While the actual "last run" of heavyweight sleeping car in regularly scheduled service is difficult to determine, Ref 1 indicates that the New York Central was	NYC	
Hedley-Doyle Stepless Streetcar [Dragon	Hedley and Doyle were employees of the J.G. Brill company. They designed this center entrance streetcar, which was manufactured in limited quantities by		1913?
HEP - Head End Power [Steam Line,	HEP Head End Power - a passenger car equipped with HEP receives all of its power needed to operate car lighting, air conditioning, and car heating from the		
Heritage Dining Car [Passenger Train]	The last of Amtrak's traditional Heritage Dining cars were sold in 2017.	ATK	1971
HFR High Frequency Rail Service	HFR or HFR High Frequency Rail Service is a term used to describe Commuter train services in densely populated large cities, with fast and frequent	VIA	2015
High Speed Rail [HSR, Interurbans,	The United States has trailed in terms of high speed rail, compared with Japan, France, and Germany. The United States has its own definitions		
High Speed Rail in China [Passenger	High-speed rail (HSR) in China refers to any railway in China with commercial train service at the speed of 200 km/h (124 mph) or higher as internationally		
High Speed Rail in France [HSR][TGV	The first French high-speed rail line opened in 1981, between Paris's and Lyon's suburbs. It was at that time the only high-speed rail line in Europe. As of	SNCF	
Highliner [Illinois Central Electric lines,	The Highliner is a bilevel Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) railcar. A typical Highliner was able to seat 156 passengers, and operate faster than it's	IC	1971
Horizon Car [Amfleet, Comet II,	Amtrak's Horizon Fleet are rail cars based upon the Comet II commuter coach design. The coaches were built by Bombardier Transportation in	ATK	1989
Hotel Car [Sleeping Car, Pullman, Palace	A Hotel Car was an elegant sleeping car equipped with a kitchen and dining facilities, equivalent to a Cafe-Sleeper. The term was used shortly after the		1867
Hyperloop [High Speed Passenger	Hyperloop One is a high-speed transportation system developed by Elon Musk, incorporating reduced-pressure tubes in which pressurized		2020
IC3 [Flexliner, DMU Diesel Multiple Unit,	The IC3 (or class MF) is a Danish-built high-comfort medium/long distance diesel multiple-unit train.[1] The sets were built by ABB Scandia (later		1989
Immigrant Trains ["Emigrant Line",	The term "Emigrant Line" is a holdover from stagecoach and steamboat operations where an operator might offer different "lines" priced and	PRR	
Immigrant Trains [Emigrant Train, Land	Immigrant trains brought settlers, mainly Europeans (Irish, German, and Scandinavians, to the western states (west of the Missouri River). In		

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Infill Station (In-Fill Station) [Passenger]	An infill station (sometimes in-fill station) is a train station built on an existing passenger rail, rapid transit, or light rail line to address demand in a location		
Instruction Car (Air Brake Instruction,	Instruction Cars are used for training of locomotive engineers and other railroad crews, with particular emphasis on safe operation of air brakes,		
InterCity Passenger Train [British Rail,	InterCity (or, in the earliest days, the hyphenated Inter-City) was introduced by British Rail in 1966 as a brand-name for its long-haul express passenger	BR	1966
InterCity125 [InterCity 125, Inter City	The InterCity 125 (originally Inter-City 125,[1] or High Speed Train) is a diesel-powered passenger train built by British Rail Engineering Limited	BR	1975
Interline passenger [Passenger Train;	An Interline Passenger uses a through tick, permitting travel over a joint route, composed of the railroad lines of two or more carriers. An example is the		
interRegio [Regional Passenger Train;	The InterRegio is a train service seen in some European countries. These are trains that run "from region to region".		
Jacobs Bogie [Lightweight Streamlined	The Jacobs bogie (named after Wilhelm Jacobs [1858-1942]) is a type of rail truck commonly used under articulated railcars and tramway vehicles. Instead	CB&Q	1934
Jarrett & Palmer Special "Lightning	The Jarrett & Palmer "Lightning Express" was a special, chartered train that travelled coast to coast over the Transcontinental Railroad in 1876. The trip		
Jeep [US Army Troop Car converted to	After the end of World War II, the US Army sold most of its Troop cars (Kitchen cars and Sleeping cars) to the railroads, who converted them to	AC&F	
Jim Crow Laws [Passenger Car,	The Jim Crow laws were racial segregation laws enacted between 1876 and 1965 in the United States at the state and local level. They mandated		1877
Keystone Corridor	The Keystone Corridor is a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) designated high speed corridor with a 349-mile (562 km) railroad line between	ATK	
Keystone Passenger Train [Tubular Train,	The Keystone was a set of eight uniquely designed lightweight streamlined cars built by the Budd Company in 1956 for the Pennsylvania Railroad. The set	PRR	1956
Kite Loop Track [Scenic Passenger Train	Passengers on this train were treated to beautiful scenery along the southern rim of the San Gabriel Mountains passing through Pasadena, San Dimas,	AT&SF	
Leighton, James T. [Improvements to	James T. Leighton and his brother, Dominicus, founded the New Haven Car Company prior to 1868. They received four patents for improvements to	NHCC	
Letterboard [Passenger Car, Head end	The Letterboard is a strip of metal or wood running the entire length of the car. It is located immediately above the windows. See Ref 2 for Head end cars.		
Lightweight Streamline Passenger Cars &	The Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company was the first company to manufacture a lightweight, stainless steel passenger train, which was	CB&Q	1934
Limited Passenger Train	The use of "Limited" Passenger train names were governed by the following: (1) The train must have a distinctive trade name; (2) must operate an an	PRR	1881
Line # [Pullman Sleeping car, Passenger	Pullman Line # The Pullman Company assigned a "Line#" for all of its sleeping cars. The Line # was used for accounting and employee assignment purposes	PULL	
Linotype Car [Newspaper Typesetting,	During the late 1800's and early 1900's, some railroads equipped a baggage car, or other passenger car with a linotype type setting machine, and a printing		
List of Officers, Agencies, Stations ..	The List of Officers, Agencies, Stations is a comprehensive document listing railroad officials, agents and railroad facilities. The information		
Loading # [Pullman Sleeping Car;	Pullman Loading # - a unique number assigned beginning at the rear of the train and incremented for each additional car. The Loading # was displayed in	PULL	
Local Passenger, Local Service, Local	A Local Passenger is one who uses a passenger train for only a few hours to complete his journey. A Local Service railroad is a carrier principally engaged in		
Locomotor (steam driven self propelled	Developed by International Harvester, and appears to have been incorporated by the former (or as a joint ownership with Ryan) as the Railway Locomotor	RYC	1927
Long Distance Passenger car [coach	Passenger Cars used in Long Distance Passenger train service were often equipped with either conventional toilets, one for the women, one for the men;		
Lot number (Pullman)	A lot# was used by the Pullman Company to identify the production lot or contract used to produce a group of cars for a specific railroad, or several	PULL	

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Lounge Car [also Buffet-Lounge, Club Car,	The Lounge Car allows passenger freedom of movement, and provides a variety of comfortable chairs and sofas in which he may lounge and enjoy the	PULL	
Lounge Coach [Olympian Hiawatha	The Milwaukee called its long distance coaches "Lounge coaches". In reality, the cars were a standard long distance coach with a men's and women's	CMStP&P	
Lower Berth (Upper Berth; Section	The section arrangement consisted of two coach seats during the day. At night, the seats were converted to a bed (the lower berth for one person) and the	PULL	
LRC Train	LRC is an acronym for Light, Rapid, Comfortable. It has become a brand for lightweight high-speed diesel powered tilt trains used both in Canada and the	BT	1980
Lunch-O-Mat [Automat/Vending Machine	The Lunch-o-Mat" was a 1946 Budd chair car that had been converted in 1953 to serve sandwiches, soft drinks, snacks, ect. A forerunner of the Automat of	AT&SF	19853
M-10000 [Union Pacific articulated	The M-10000 was this country's first streamlined passenger train, which began operation in 1934. This train, along with the Burlington's Zephyr,	UP	1934
M-497 experimental Jet powered Rail Car	The M-497 (nicknamed Black Beetle by the press) was an experimental jet-powered railcar test bed of the New York Central Railroad, developed and	NYC	1966
M&E Train [Mail & Express, RPO, Railway	During World War II, a total of 268 Pennsylvania Railroad trains per day used the Hudson Tube tunnels. Of the 268 trains, 183 were long distance, going		1869
Maglev Developments 2016 High Speed	Northeast Maglev, a development company, announced it plans to explore the construction of a 40-mile Maglev line linking Washington, DC with Baltimore.		2026
Maglev High Speed Train [Passenger	Maglev (derived from magnetic levitation) is a method of propulsion that uses magnetic levitation to propel vehicles with magnets rather than with		
Mail - U.S. Post Office authorizes Postage	Beginning in 1913, it was possible to send a child weighing 50 lbs or less on the train, paying for transportation at Parcel Post rates, which were		
Mail Bag Catcher (Main Crane) [L.F.	Most RPO cars had a hook that could be used to snatch a leather or canvas pouch of outgoing mail hanging on a track-side mail crane at		1867
Mail Car [RPO/Railway Post Office Car,	A Mail car is a general term that is used most frequently to describe an RPO or Railway Post Office Car, in which mail is received, sorted, and	C&NW	1864
Mail Jack (Mail Crane) [RPO/Railway	A Mail "Jack" or Mail Crane is a device located at trackside, usually near a station or depot, that is designed to allow an RPO/Railway Post Office		
Make Up of Trains [Consist Book,	Most major railroads published a document called the "Make-Up of Trains" for its employees. The document listed the Train #, the type or class of car used,		
Master Room [Sleeping car; Pullman,	The Master Room had a large, fixed lower double bed sleeping two, along with an enclosed full shower, along with private toilet facilities.The beds could be	PULL	
Matched Equipment; Matched Set	Usually, a streamlined passenger train having all cars of the same style or design (ie, all fluted side cars or all smooth side) and all having the same paint		
Material Handling Cars (MHC) [Express	Amtrak purchased a group of Material Handling Cars in 1986 in order to ship express parcels via Amtrak. The custom built cars were designed to be	ATK	1986
Medical Car [Physical Examination Car]	A car used by the railroad to conduct physical examinations of workers, or in some cases, to provide on site medical car for injured workers at remote job		
Messenger [Railway Mail Service, Railway	A messenger was an employee of the post office. His duties were to accompany the transfer of mail from the post office to the railway RPO car or to		
MetroCard [New York City Subway, PATH	The MetroCard is the payment method for the New York City Subway; New York City Transit buses, including routes operated by Academy Bus under	MTA	1992
Metroliner [Amfleet, Horizon Car, Comet	The Budd Metroliner car was a married pair electric multiple unit ("EMU") train designed for first-class, high-speed service on the Pennsylvania	ATK	1969
Mixed Train [Drovers Caboose, Freight	A Mixed train is a freight train that operates with at least one car capable of seating passengers. The remainder of the train would consist of freight cars of		
Mixed Train speed on narrow gauge lines	Passenger travel by Mixed train was notoriously slow, since the train typically stopped at every city along the route to pickup and set out cars. In addition,	OB	
Monitor Roof [Clerestory Roof, Passenger	A monitor (in architecture) is a raised structure running along the ridge of a double-pitched roof, with its own roof running parallel with the main roof. The		1860

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Motor Car Manufacturers [Gas-Electric	The following companies were engaged in building these fascinating self propelled motor cars:		
Motor Car Streamlined Trains 1935-50	Some Early Motor Cars or Gas-Electric railcars were built as streamlined motor cars, and pulled several streamlined cars in a trainset. These early streamlined		
Motorailer [Diesel Locomotive Hydraulic	The Motorailer was a self propelled streamlined Motor Car similar in concept to IC a Gas-Electric Motor car, except that the Motorailer had a Diesel engine for		1940
MotoRailer [Self propelled Motor Car	American Car & Foundry built a single bi-directional Motor car called the MotoRailer for use on the Missouri Pacific's 47 mile Lincoln to Union, Nebraska	ACF	1942
Movie: 42nd Street [Special Passenger	As part of a publicity campaign for the film 42nd Street (1933), Warner Bros. studios, with the assistance of the General Electric Company, assembled a 7-	AT&SF	
MP 54 Electric Multiple Unit Car	The Pennsylvania Railroad's MP54 was a class of electric multiple unit railcars. The class was initially constructed as an unpowered, locomotive hauled coach	PRR	1908
Multilevel Multiple Unit Commuter Car	The Bombardier MultiLevel Coach is a bi-level passenger rail car manufactured by Bombardier for use on commuter rail lines. The first units	BTCK	2006
National Railroad Passenger Corporation	The Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 was an Act of Congress that established Amtrak as a corporation wholly owned by the U.S. Department of	ATK	1970
News Butcher [Peanut Boy]	A local peddler who sells newspapers, magazines, sandwiches, fruit, etc on the train. Sometimes the news butcher was allowed to ride a train from one station	VNRH	
Nightstar (Transcontinental Railroad)	The Nightstar was a proposed overnight sleeper service from various parts of Britain to continental Europe, via the Channel Tunnel. To run alongside the		1992
North Platte Canteen [World War II	Before World War II, North Platte was a geographically isolated town of 12,000 Soldiers, sailors, and aviators on their way to fight the war rode	UP	1941
Northeast Corridor [NEC, Amtrak,	The Northeast Corridor (commonly abbreviated NEC) is the busiest passenger rail line in the United States by ridership and service frequency. The route is	ATK	
Observation Car	An observation car/carriage/coach (in US English, often abbreviated to simply observation or obs) is a type of railroad passenger car, generally operated in a		
Observation Car-Open Air [Vista Dome	40-70 years before the introduction of enclosed Dome Car by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, other railroads had introduced what amounted to		
Office Car [Business Car]	An Office Car is another name for a Business Car. Office Cars were designed more for official use, and less for entertaining of guests. Thus a Business car		
Official Railroad Station List [Open and	Open and Prepaid Station List (OPSL) and now known as Official Railroad Station List is an official listing of every interchange location between every		
Official Railway Guide (ORG)	The Official Railway Guide (Official Guide of the Railways); the rail traveler's guide to passenger travel: train names and numbers,		1868
Oil-Electric (Oil Electric) Motor Car	Oil-Electric Motor Car for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway (1917): Kerosene is converted into a fixed gas and fed to a 150-HP	NC&StL	1917
Omaha Orange [Maintenance of Way,	The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad used "Omaha Orange" as the paint on its Maintenance of Way Equipment.	CB&Q	1939
Omaha Orange [Passenger Car Color]	The Great Northern Railroad used "Omaha Orange" as the paint on its streamliners, introduced in 1939. (Ref 1)	GN	1939
Omnibus Passenger Transfer Service	Omnibus Companies were established to transfer passengers and baggage between the various railroad depots, steamships and Ferry boat. The		
On time [Timetable, Passenger Train,	On time usually refers to a passenger train that departs at the time scheduled in the timetable, and arrives at the destination at the scheduled time, per the		
Open and Prepaid Station List [OPSL	Open and Prepaid Station List (OPSL) and now known as Official Railroad Station List is an official listing of every interchange location between every		
Open and Prepay Stations - OPSL [Official	The Official List of Open and Prepay Stations , or OPSL, listed every freight station by railroad. It is now called the Official Railroad Station List and is		
Open Platform Observation Car [Vestibule,	Although the first passenger cars in the United States resembled stagecoaches, car builders soon changed their designs to incorporate a longer		1888

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Open Section [Pullman Sleeping Car;	From the 19th to the mid-20th century, the most common and more economical type of sleeping car accommodation on North American trains was the "open	PULL	
Orient Express Train	The Orient Express was the name of a long-distance passenger luxury train service originally operated by the Compagnie Internationale des Wagons-Lits.		1883
Orphan Train [Tourist Car, Second	The Orphan Train Movement was a social experiment that transported children from crowded coastal cities of the United States, such as New		1853
Paint Scheme [Depot, Station, Color	Railroads realized that their stations were a symbol of the railroad, and the railroad needed a way for the public to quickly identify (relate to) the stations		
Palace Car [Barney & Smith, Harlan &	Woodruff was the first company to introduce a Silver Palace car, in 1866, one year before the founding of the Pullman Palace Car Company. These		1855
Panorama Dome Car (Single Level Dome) Design		VIA	1997
Pantry Chef	One who assists the cook, responsible mainly for side dishes, breads and desserts.		
Paper Wheel [Passenger Car, Sleeping	Paper Wheels were fabricated wheels made up of a cast iron hub bolted to an iron disk and a wrought iron or steel tire bolted to another disk, with the two		1869
Park series (Park car) [streamlined dome-	The Park series or Park car is a fleet of lightweight streamlined dome-sleeper-observation cars built by the Budd Company for the Canadian Pacific Railway	CP	1954
Parlor Car [Coach; Passenger Car;	A parlor car is a type of passenger coach that provides superior comforts and amenities when compared to a standard coach. The parlor seat is typically a		
Parlor Drawing Room Sleeping Car (See	The Parlor Car Drawing Room is a Drawing Room that accomodates up to five persons, and is used for daytime travel. A sofa seats three persons, and two	PULL	
Partitioned car, Divided Coach	Jim Crow laws existed mainly in the South and originated from the Black Codes that were enforced from 1865 to 1866 and from prewar segregation on		
Passenger Car	A Passenger car is a railroad car designed to carry people. It is the opposite of a freight car, which is designed to carry merchandise, coal, ores, or lumber.		
Passenger Car and Box Car (Retired)	Retired railroad passenger cars, box cars were often put to use as a passenger station or freight station. In some cases, these were temporary		
Passenger Car Design-Slumbercoach	The Slumbercoach was designed by the Budd Company as a high capacity sleeping car, offering lower sleeping car charges, than a conventional sleeping	CB&Q	1938
Passenger Car Design-Superliner	The Superliner is a bi-level passenger car designed for use on Amtrak trains. The Santa Fe Railroad introduced the first bi-level sleeping cars in	ATK	
Passenger Car Design-Viewliner	The Viewliner is a single level sleeping car designed for use on Amtrak trains. The car was introduced into service in the mid 1990's.	ATK	
Passenger Mile [Passenger train]	A Passenger Mile is computed as one passenger who travels one mile in a railroad car. It is a measure of profitability, particularly when computed per		
Passenger Partnership-UP-C&NW-MILW	See UP-C&NW-MILW Passenger Partnership	UP	1955
Passenger Partnership-UP-C&NW-MILW	See UP-C&NW-MILW Passenger Partnership	C&NW	1955
Passenger Sleeping Car-Private RR	The Milwaukee Railroad was one of the few railroads in the country that designed, built, owned and operated its own sleeping cars.	CMStP&P	
Passenger Sleeping Car-Pullman (first	The first sleeping car for a US railroad was placed in service by the Pullman Company in 1859.	PULL	1859
Passenger Svc-B&O East of Baltimore	The B&O ended all passenger service east of Baltimore on April 27, 1958.	B&O	1958
Passenger Svc-Streamlined	The UP was the first railroad to introduce a lightweight, streamlined passenger train not powered by a steam locomotive. The first City of	UP	1935
Passenger Svc-Streamlined	The UP was the first railroad to introduce a lightweight, streamlined passenger train not powered by a steam locomotive. The first City of Portland was this	UP	1935

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Passenger Svc-Streamlined Trains	The Burlington Railroad operated the largest fleet of named streamliners in the US. The Burlington competed against The MP's Eagles, Santa Fe's		
Passenger Svc-Streamliner Evolution	The Burlington's Zephyr was the country's first diesel powered streamlined train; the CB&Q Pioneer Zephyr was placed in service on		1935
Passenger Svc-Transcontinental Service	Robert R. Young, who was the Chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio, and eventually the New York Central, once remarked: Hogs can cross this country		
Passenger Train Evolution of trains, cars	See Reference List above.		
Passenger Train Ridership Trends 1920's	Ridership trends on the Louisville & Nashville may be representative of an extreme trend. However, all railroads experienced the same cycles of	L&N	
Passenger Train Travel (Early ...1850)	Travel by Railroad up until the Civil War was often difficult, as there were few connecting routes. The U.S. railroad network grew from the east to west, so		
Passenger Train travel 1840's vs today	Early passenger train travel lacked the comforts that we are accustomed to. In the 1840's, during the winter, passenger cars lacked heating, and so "urchins		
Passenger Train Travel-Decline	The decline, and eventual demise of most of this country's rail passenger trains can be directly traced to this country's love for the automobile. After the end of		1955
Pattern Dome Car	A two level passenger car having a raised observation area enclosed in glass. The Burlington was the first railroad to recognize the need for a passenger car	CB&Q	
Peanut Whistle	Suburban trains, especially electrically powered trains, were often equipped with a small whistle that produced a shrill sound. These whistles became		
Pendolino [Tilting Train, High Speed Rail	The idea of a tilting train became popular in the 1960s and 1970s when various rail operators, impressed by the high-speed rail services being introduced in		
Pendulum Car [Lightweight	The design of the pendulum car was strongly influenced by the 1930s aviation engineering. Its chief designer, William E. Van Dorn, was an	PREC	1935
Pennsylvania 6-5000 [Hotel	The Pennsylvania Railroad built the Hotel Pennsylvania nine years after it opened Pennsylvania Station. The hotel is located directly across the	PRR	1919
Pennsylvania Station (New York City)	The opening of Pennsylvania Station marked a significant achievement, speeding the transportation of passengers from New Jersey to New York	PRR	1910
Pie Car {Circus Train Dining Car}	The Circus trains had their own lingo: "Pie Car" was the Circus employee's word for Dining Car. The name is believed to have originated at the beginning	RBBX	
Pintsch Gas (lamps)	Pintsch gas was a compressed gas derived from distilled naphtha for illumination purposes during the 19th and early 20th centuries. It was		1883
Pioneer III [Amfleet, Metroliner, Horizon	The Pioneer III railcar was a short/medium distance coach designed and built by the Budd Company in 1956 with an emphasis on weight savings. A single	PRR	1956
Pioneer-Pullman's first Sleeping Car	George Pullman built his first sleeping car, the Pioneer, and operated the car over the Chicago & Alton Railroad in 1864. Although there were	C&A	1864
Plan [Pullman Plan#]	The Pullman Company assigned a 4 digit plan number to represent a drawing or blueprint number assigned to a class of car configuration, identifying the	PULL	
Planetarium Dome (Domeliner)	Planetarium Dome coaches Missouri Pacific introduced its dome cars on the Colorado Eagle in June 1948 [2] and July 12, 1952 on Trains #1-2 (the Texas	MP	1948
Porter	One employed to carry baggage for and assist patrons at rail terminals; a car attendant who waits on passengers and makes up berths.	PULL	
Porter-Pullman	A porter is (a) a railroad employee assigned to assist passengers by carrying their baggage from a taxi stand to the train, and then carrying the baggage		
Possum Belly [Truss Rod Passenger Car]	A truss rod passenger car equipped with a storage box under the floor, within the truss rod structure. (Ref 1)		
Post war passenger boom	The development of the dome car in 1945 spurred the demand for passenger traffic, particularly among leisure or vacation oriented travel;	CB&Q	1945
Prepay Station [Freight Car, Freight train;	A station, usually an unmanned, non-agency station, in which freight charges must be prepaid. It may also be a flag stop for a passenger train (noted with an		

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Private Car [Passenger Car, Business Car,	Private Car: A private railroad car, private railway coach, private car or private varnish is a railroad passenger car which was either originally built or later		
Private Room [Pullman Sleeping Car;	Private Room accommodations were typically used for privately owned cars, or for cars owned by tour companies. The Private room usually had a toilet, two	PULL	
Private Section [Section, Private; Pullman	The Private Section was based on the design of an Enclosed Section, which modified the standard open section into by adding a folding door and wall to	PULL	
Private Varnish/PV [Private car, Business	A privately owned passenger car, usually a former observation car or business car converted for personal use. The term dates from the "Gilded Age" when		
PTT - Public Timetable [Passenger Train]	PTT is a commonly used abbreviation for "Public Time Table". It is the opposite of an "ETT" or Employee Timetable, which is designed for used of railroad		
Pullman Car	The term Pullman Car was synonymous with Sleeping Car, and for most people the term connoted 'traveling in style and comfort. Pullman	PULL	1867
Pullman Green paint color [Paint color	The 'proper' color of Pullman green paint has been the subject of uncountable threads on several groups, and there is no consensus. Part of the reason is		1900
Pullman Porter	A Pullman Porter is a railroad or sleeping car employee assigned to assist passengers in the sleeping cars, by setting up their beds for use in		
Pullman S Type Sleeper [6-4-6	The first railroads to order Pullman's new "S Type" sleeper were the Louisville & Nashville, the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, and the Nashville, Chattanooga &	PULL	1953
Pullman sleeping car accommodations	Pullman cars were almost all sleeping cars - i.e., cars that had day seating which was converted to sleeping berths at night. A ticket on a Pullman 'sleeper'		
Push-Pull Commuter Trains Push-Pull	A suburban locomotive or passenger car equipped with a control cab for the locomotive engineer. The control cab allows the train to be operated		1953
Race Track	The Burlington's mainline between Chicago and Minneapolis was used by the Morning and Afternoon Zephyrs, which completed their runs in 5.5 hours, at an	CB&Q	
Rail Travel Credit Agency [Passenger	The Chesapeake & Ohio, along with Perl Marquette, introduced its own brand of credit card in January of 1946. 15 months later, most of the other major		1946
Rail Zeppelin [Schienenzeppelin:	The Schienenzeppelin or rail zeppelin was an experimental railcar which resembled a zeppelin airship in appearance. It was designed and developed		1929
RailPax [Amtrak Informal name]	Amtrak was originally referred to informally as "RailPax (short for "Railroad Passenger)". The concept evolved with the creation of the National Railroad	ATK	
Railroad Roof	Most Wood and Heavyweight steel passenger cars were designed with Clerestory Roofs, sometimes called the Railroad Roof. Early streetcars also		
Railway Mail Service	Congress designates certain railroads as official Postal Routes, beginning the era of what became the Railway Mail Service (RMS).	C&NW	1838
Railway Post Office Car (First) [RPO,	Railway Post Office. A car specially designed for the receiving, delivery, and sorting of US mail enroute. The Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad was	C&NW	1838
Railway Post Office Car/RPO; Railway	The development of the Railway Mail Service, a unit of the U.S. Postal Service, can be traced to the year 1831, when the first shipment of mail	C&NW	1864
Rainbow Era	Amtrak's early years are often called the Rainbow Era. During this period, Amtrak assembled its locomotives and passenger cars from a pool of	ATK	1971
Rapido [Streamlined Passenger Train]	Rapido was the brand name for the Canadian National's express passenger train service in the Quebec City-Windsor Corridor. Rapido service was	CN	1965
Receive Only [Station, Passenger Train]	A Receive only passenger station is served only by local trains-not express, or limited passenger trains. For example, the Broadway Limited was for many		
Recreation Car [Theater car, Movies]	The Jeffersonian was an all-coach passenger train operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad between New York City, Washington, D.C., and St.		1948
Red Devil [Interurban, Cincinnati Car	The management of the 1929 newly formed interurban Cincinnati and Lake Erie Railroad wanted to replace its heavy and aging interurban coaches with	C&LE	1929
Red Goose [McKeen Motor Car, Gas-	The Red Goose was a name given to a McKeen Motor Car used by the McCloud River Railroad.	MCCRR	

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Redbird [IRT/Interborough Rapid Transit	IRT/Interborough Rapid Transit R33 singles cars were painted red, giving rise to the nickname "Redbird".	IRT	
Reduce to 90 [High Speed Rail/HSR]	The Milwaukee Railroad was known for its high speed runs between Chicago and Milwaukee (Rondout and Milwaukee), Chicago & St. Paul (along the	CMStP&P	
Relay Depot	A term used to describe a depot or station facility used as a crew change facility and occasionally for passenger use when changing trains. Relay		
Relief Train [Passenger Train, Wreck]	A Relief Train is e an extra passenger train dispatched to provide transportation for passengers stranded because of an equipment failure,		
Renaissance passenger cars (Nightstar	The Nightstar was a proposed overnight sleeper service from various parts of Britain to continental Europe, via the Channel Tunnel. To run alongside the	VIA	1992
Restaurant Car [Dining Car]	The restaurant car was a Pullman operated carl The restaurant occupies a portion of a Lounge, Parlor or Sleeping Car and offers complete dining service,	PULL	
Restaurant/Lunch Room [Dining Car,	Railroads were forced to build hotels and restaurants to house, and feed their customers and employees. In many cases, other companies, notably the Fred		
Rexall Special Train	The Rexall Train of March to November 1936 toured the United States and Canada to promote Rexall drug store products and to provide the equivalent of		1936
Rider Coach [Dormitory][Passenger Car,	Rider coaches were typically "end of life" passenger cars used primarily reserved for the use of the train crew, or for railroad personnel being		
Roger Williams Train	Although the Roger Williams name was originally associated as the name of a passenger train that was operated by the New Haven Railroad, the	NYNH&H	1956
Roomette Sleeping Car [Pullman,	The roomette was a small sleeping car compartment designed for one person. The design included a toilet, and washbasin in the compartment, and occupied	PULL	1936
Royal Train of 1939	The Royal Train operated in the spring of 1939 to transport the King and Queen of England across Canada.		1939
RPO Car Design [Railway Post Office car]	The traditional RPO car was equipped with one postal mail hook that was used to catch a mail pouch mounted on a ground mounted mail crane while the train		
RPO Clerk [Railway Post Office]	A railroad postal clerk, usually assigned to an RPO (Railway Post Office) car with responsibility for sorting mail en route.		
RPO Service begins operation [Railway	The first Railway Post Office service began on the C&NW between Chicago and Clinton, IA.	C&NW	1864
RPO Service end of operation	The last railway post office operated between New York and Washington, D.C. on June 30, 1977.		1977
RPO-First car built	The first RPO car was built by the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad in their Hannibal Car Shops.		
RR Car, Head End Pssgr: Postal	The US Postal Service began its first railway mail service in 1875, when the New York Central inaugurated its Fast Mail, a specially decorated Mail		1875
RR Car, Pssgr: Construction: Wood	The last passenger cars manufactured from wood were built in 1911, by the Ohio Falls Car Company, which was owned by AC&F at that time. Steel had		
RR Car, Pssgr: Design: Clerestory Roof	Most Wood and Heavyweight steel passenger cars were designed with Clerestory Roofs, sometimes called the Railroad Roof. Early streetcars also		1860
RR Car, Pssgr: Design: Deck Roof	Most Wood and Heavyweight steel passenger cars were designed with Clerestory Roofs, sometimes called the Railroad Roof. Early streetcars also		
RR Car, Pssgr: Design: Vestibule	A vestibuled train is a passenger train whose cars have enclosed vestibules at their ends, in contrast to the open platforms on early cars.	PRR	1887
RR Car, Pssgr: Dining	The Chicago & Alton was the first railroad to offer a complete dining car service on its trains in July, 1884. By the late 1960's, all railroads were		1884
RR Car, Pssgr: Dome Car: Sky Top	The Milwaukee's Sky Top Observation Lounge Car was designed by Brooks Stevens for the 1948 Olympian Hiawatha. The streamlined cars	CMStP&P	
RR Car, Pssgr: Sleeping Car: Touralux	The Touralux car was a popular tourist class open section sleeping car used on the Olympian Hiawatha passenger train between Chicago and	CMStP&P	

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RR Car, Pssgr: Streamlined: Zephyr	The Zephyr was the first lightweight diesel powered streamlined train to be used in the United States. Its introduction in 1934 marked the	CB&Q	1934
RRollway [Deodat Clejan, Bi-Level Auto	RRollway was a precursor to Auto-Train (1971). The concept was developed by Deodat Clejan, an inventor, who was director of transportation planning for	GATX	1963
Running in Charge [Pullman Porter,	Running in charge was a practice in which the Pullman Porter acted as, and performed the duties of the Pullman Company conductor. It was instituted for	PULL	
Sailing [Streamlined Passenger Train	The Union Pacific used the term Sailing in the mid 1930's as part of an advertising program to describe its newly introduced Streamliner departures.	UP	
Saloon [Salon, Toilet, Dressing Room, long	The term "Saloon" or "Salon" is an archaic name given to the "toilet facilities" on long distance trains. The toilet facilities on long distance trains were larger		
Sapsan (Peregrine Falcon) TGV type	Sapsan (Russian: "Peregrine Falcon", known as Velaro RUS EVS) is a Russian gauge high speed electric express train. The design is part of the	RZD	2008
School Train [Passenger Train]	Railroads operated "School Trains" that were used in regular service to transport children from their homes to the city. School trains were typically		
Segregation of colored people on	Jim Crow laws existed mainly in the South and originated from the Black Codes that were enforced from 1865 to 1866 and from prewar		
Separate But Equal [Passenger Train,	Many railroad stations built prior to around 1920 were designed with separate waiting rooms: one for the men, and one for women. The photo of the Kearney,		1896
Shadow Lining	Shadow Lining was a method of painting a conventional heavyweight Pullman car in a way that simulated a fluted side, stainless steel	CB&Q	
Shinkansen [Bullet train][High Speed Rail]	The Shinkansen (new trunk line) is a network of high-speed railway lines in Japan operated by four Japan Railways Group companies. Starting with the	JNR	1954
Shore Line	The Shore Line route between New Haven and Boston, formed by the Shore Line Railway, and the New York, Providence & Boston, became a major part of		
Shoreliner; Bomb, Bomber [Commuter	Slang term used to describe a railroad commuter car manufactured by Bombardier and based on the Comet design developed by Pullman-Standard	MNCR	1986
Shotweld [lightweight stainless steel	Builders of railroad passenger cars realized that stainless steel, although more expensive than ordinary sheet steel, would be an ideal material for	BUDDER	1932
Shovel Nose Zephyr [Streamlined	The Burlington Railroad's first generation streamlined passenger trains were powered by a unique diesel locomotive that came to be known as a	CB&Q	1934
Side Door Caboose [Express car, LCL	Side Door cabooses were typically built in the 19th and early 20th Century. The provided versatility for the railroad, being used for light freight and express on	CCC&StL	
Siesta Coach [Slumbercoach, Tourist	The Slumbercoach is an 85-foot-long, 24 single room, eight double room streamlined sleeping car. Built in 1956 by the Budd Company for the Chicago,	BUDDER	1956
Silk Road [Passenger train, Travel, Silk	The Silk Road began long before the construction of railroads. It was a "road", or perhaps more like a camel path, that connected the silk factories in China		
Silk Train [Tea & Silk Train, Silk car;	After the end of the Civil War the U.S. economy grew robustly up until the Great Depression in 1929.. It was the time of the Gilded Age, and wealth	CMStP&P	
Silver Palace Car [Sleeping Car]	Woodruff was the first company to introduce a Silver Palace car, in 1866, one year before the founding of the Pullman Palace Car Company. These	WOODTT	1856
Silverliner [Electric multiple unit/EMU	Silverliners are Electric multiple unit railcars built by the Budd company and used in commuter rail service in the Philadelphia area since 1958 by the	SEPTA	
Single Room [Passenger Train, Sleeping	The Single Room Pullman accomodation contained a full length bed, and no upper berth.	PULL	
Skip Stop [Passenger Train, Commuter	Commuter railroads in major cities generally offered three types of services. I will use my experiences with the Burlington Railroad between Chicago and	CB&Q	
Skyline Dome Car [Dome-Buffer-Lounge]	The cars were constructed of stainless steel; save for a Tuscan red letterboard bearing the name "Canadian Pacific" they were unpainted. The cars were	CP	1954
Skytop Parlor Lounge Observation [Brooks	The Skytop Lounges were a fleet of streamlined passenger cars built by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad ("the Milwaukee Road") and	CMStP&P	1948

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Sleeper [Sleeping Car, passenger car]	A car equipped for overnight sleeping accommodations. In 1858 The New York Central began operating a sleeping car on overnight trains between Albany	NYCR	1858
Sleeping Car Rail Fares, Ticket Prices	Railroads customarily charged sleeping car fares as an "extra fare" or premium priced service compared to coach fares. For this reason, a customer		
Sleeping Car: Conversion from wood to	Pullman's success at designing and building sleeping cars began with wood car construction in 1859. Steel was unavailable at the time, and	PULL	1907
Sleeping Car: First in U.S. [Pullman,	The Cumberland Valley Railroad was the first railroad in the country to offer sleeping car service between Harrisburg and Chambersburg. Their	CUMV	1839
Sleeping Car: Transcontinental Passenger	Following the end of World War II, people had money to spend, and wartime rationing ended. The euphoric conditions that prevailed spurred economic		1946
Slip Coach [Passenger Train, Flying	Slip Coaches were British passenger coaches that were uncoupled from a train at speed, and then were braked to a stop at a designated station. The cars	GWRE	
SLRV Super Light Rail Vehicle [Passenger	Super Light Rail Vehicles (SLRV) have greater length and added passenger capacity compared to conventional Light Rail Vehicles (LRV). The SLRV will	DART	2008
Slumbercoach [Sleepercoach, tourist	The Slumbercoach was designed by the Budd Company as a high capacity sleeping car that could be sold at significantly lower sleeping	CB&Q	1956
Solarium Observation Car [Sun Room	The Solarium observation car featured an enclosed observation platform, with rear and side facing windows. Many of these cars were rebuilt from older	CB&Q	1909
Southern Pacific 3/4 length Dome Car;	Southern Pacific's 3/4 length dome cars were designed by Frank Stangle, Jr.	SP	1954
SPV2000 [SPV-2000, RDC, Diesel	Budd announced the design in 1976. At the time it contemplated multiple unit operation of up to six cars with a top speed of 120 miles per hour (190 km/h).	BUDEW	1978
Stainless Steel Streamlined passenger	Builders of railroad passenger cars realized that stainless steel, although more expensive than ordinary sheet steel, would be an ideal material for	BUDEW	1932
Stateroom [Drawing Room Sleeping Car;	An archaic definition of a Drawing Room. The Stateroom was luxurious compartment provided in sleeping and private cars, sometimes containing a	PULL	
Station [Depot, Union Station,	A train station, railway station, railroad station, or depot (see below) is a railway facility or area where trains stop to load or unload passengers or freight. Note:		
Station Agent/Station Master/Depot Agent	Oversees operations connected with railroad building adjacent to tracks, where passengers and freight may be located.		
Station Design: Separate Men's and	Many railroad stations built prior to around 1920 were designed with separate waiting rooms: one for the men, and one for women. The photo of the Kearney,		
Station List [Official List of Open and	The Station List Publishing Company published an official list of railroad stations. Currently, Railinc publishes the same information [1] Originally, the		
Station: 2 story or multi-story building	Railroad stations were designed with multiple stories for several reasons:		
Station/Terminal design considerations	The design of a passenger terminal must include capacity and throughput considerations: How many cars and locomotives will occupy a given track?		
Steam Car [Self Propelled Rail Car/	Self Propelled Steam cars were early predecessor to many forms of self propelled cars: Budd RDC, Doodlebug, Gas-Electric, diesel multiple unit		
Steam Generator: Steam Generator Car	During the era of the steam locomotive, passenger cars were heated with steam heat that was passed from the steam locomotive via flexible hoses at		
Steam Heat warms passenger cars	The first use of steam heat to warm passenger cars began in 1881. Steam was generated in the steam locomotive, and was passed through the		1881
Steam Motor Car [Ganz Steam Motor Car]	A Steam Motor Car is a self propelled rail passenger car. Between 1901 and 1908, Ganz Works of Budapest and de Dion-Bouton of Paris collaborated to		1901
Steel, Passenger Car Construction	The first use of steel for passenger car production occurred from two events: (1) The opening of New York City's subway system (the IRT, for	PRR	1906
Step Box [Passenger car]	Back in the days before high-level platforms a device called a "step box" was used to bridge the gap between a passenger car's bottom step and the station		

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Steward	A person responsible for provisioning of food in a dining car; a person who takes meal orders, and delivers the meal to a dining car passenger.		
Stewardess	During the early years of top western streamliner trains (Burlington's California Zephyr, and Union Pacific's streamliner fleet), a stewardess was assigned to		
Stillwell Coach	The Stillwell Coach was designed for the Erie Railroad-around 400 cars were built. When originally built, the cars featured a distinctive gothic window frame.	Erie	
Storage Mail Express Car	An express car, usually used for storage of 3rd class mail, such as newspapers, and advertising matter. These cars were often box cars that were		
Stout Railplane [Early Streamlined	William Stout designed, and Pullman-Standard manufactured in 1933 the Stout Railplane, and early entrant into the race to provide the railroads with	PSM	1933
Strata Dome [Vista Dome car]	The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad used the term Strata Dome to identify their Vista Dome-Lounge and Dome-Coach streamlined cars. The B&O was the	B&O	
Stream styling [Streamstyled Passenger	During the 1930's, the railroads realized that, with declining traffic resulting from the Depression, they needed new and innovative ways to improve		
Streamlined Locomotives + Passenger	Raymond Loewy, Otto Kuhler, Henry Dreyfuss and other designers promoted an optimistic vision of the future, free of the economic chaos		
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Streamlined Passenger trains	As a partner in through passenger service with the UP, the C&NW originated and terminated more streamlined trains in one location (Northwestern Station)	C&NW	1936
Streamlined Passenger Trains	Alton-Baltimore & Ohio (Abraham Lincoln, Ann Rutledge) Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (Super Chiefs, El Capitans, San Diegans,		
Streamlined train M-10001	The Union Pacific was the first railroad to introduce streamlined passenger service in the United States. It numbered its early passenger	C&NW	1936
Stub Station [Through Station, Passenger	A Stub station is a railroad station in which all the tracks terminate. Stub stations are more costly to operate, since trains must be backed or pulled out		
Suburbanaire [Coach, Commuter Car,	The Suburbanaire was a rebuilt open platform commuter car painted in Green and Tan paint. The cars were built at the time the first double deck gallery cars	CB&Q	1950
Subway-first in world	The first underground railroad was opened for use in London in 1863. Five years later, the first elevated railway was opened in New York City.		1863
Sun Lounge Car [Vista Dome]	The Seaboard Air Line built several unique, glass-roofed "Sun Lounge" buffet-lounge-sleeper car in 1955. The cars entered service in 1956.Regular high-	SAL	1956
Super Dome [Superdome, Vista Dome,	The Super Dome was a dome lounge built by Pullman-Standard for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad ("Milwaukee Road") in	CMStP&P	1952
Superliner [Amtrak, Bi-Level car	The Superliner is a bi-level passenger car designed for use on Amtrak trains. The Santa Fe Railroad introduced the first bi-level sleeping cars in	ATK	1979
Surfliner [passenger car]	The Surfliner Car is an Amtrak Superliner car, whose design was modified for use on the Pacific Surfliner trains in California. Some of the	ATK	2000
System Timetable [Passenger Train]	A System Timetable is distributed to the public and includes the railroad's complete passenger train service schedule, and every station served, local and		
Table Car	A car that has been converted, or built for use with tables, but no kitchen facilities. May be used as a companion to a dining car, thus adding dining car		
Tailsign-Drumhead-Passenger Train	The term drumhead refers to a type of removable illuminated sign bearing the train's stylish logo, that was mounted at the rear of passenger trains. The first		
Talgo III train (Spain/Spanish)	Talgo III coaches and locomotives entered service in 1964, introducing longer cars and easy directional reversibility of the cars. The Talgo III/RD was		1964
Talgo in North America [ACF/American	1950- Talgo II coaches and locomotives were first built in 1950 at the American Car and Foundry Company (ACF) (the diesel-electric locomotives were	ACF	1950
Talgo Train [Amtrak, Cascades, (Tren	The Talgo Trains were designed by a Spanish manufacturer of railway locomotives and cars. Talgo trains are best known for their		1950

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Tempo Passenger Car: Hawker-Siddeley	The Tempos are a fleet of 25 lightweight streamlined railway coaches built by Hawker-Siddeley Canada for the Canadian National Railway in 1968. The cars	CN	1968
Texas Zephyr [Streamlined Passenger	The Texas Zephyr was a named passenger train operated by the Colorado & Southern Railway and the Fort Worth & Denver Railway (both subsidiaries of	C&S	1940
TGV Train à Grande Vitesse [LGV	The TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse, French for high-speed train) is France's high-speed rail service, currently operated by VFE, the long-distance rail	SNCF	1981
Thermopane Windows [Pullman	Passenger cars were originally built with conventional single pane glass windows, called "Squire windows". This style of window was clearly identifiable		
Thrift-T-Sleeper [Pullman Sleeping car]	Holders of coach tickets on the Missouri Pacific were able to get a lower berth for only \$6.00 or an upper berth for \$2.50, without paying a Pullman fare. After	MP	
Through Car Service [Through Train,	Freight Houses were a vital link in the nation's transportation system. Only a small amount of traffic was "interchanged" (i.e., when a car was transferred		
Through Car Service [Through Train,	Through Service is a type of passenger train transportation in which one or more cars, or an entire train traveled across two or more railroads or two or		
Through Station [Stub Station Passenger	A through railroad station is one in which trains can pass through, after making their station stop. Kansas City Union Station and Dallas Union Station were		
Ticket [Passenger Train, Ticket Office]	A train ticket is issued by a railway operator that enables the bearer to travel on the operator's network or a partner's network. Tickets can authorize the bearer		
Ticket Clerk; Ticket Agent	Stationed at the ticket window, this person sells tickets and tour information to passengers.		
Ticket Lift [Passenger Train, Conductor,	After having boarded a train, a passenger will be asked to produce a valid ticket for passage on the train by the Conductor, or other authorized person.		
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Tight Lock/Tightlock/Tight-Lock	The AAR/APTA Type H TightLock coupler is a Janney automatic coupler typically used on North American mainline passenger cars, and has been		1945
Tilting Train [RENFE Talgo AVE, Italy	A tilting train is a train that has a tilting mechanism that is activated when the train enters a curve, enabling increased speed and reduced energy loss from		1983
Tilting Train England-ICE [Advanced	British Railroad passenger travel increased steadily until around 1918, and then began a long term decline, with 50% fewer passengers being	BR	1979
Timetable [Employee's Timetable,	Timetables are usually produced in a matrix format, with services shown in columns, and stations or stops on the rows of the table. There will	B&O	1830
Timetable Construction and Development	The following is an edited version of an article that appeared in "The First Edition", The Newsletter of the National Association of Timetable Collectors",	LIRR	
Timetable-History of and use by traveler	The first compilation of railway timetables in the United Kingdom was produced in 1839 by George Bradshaw. Greater speeds and the need for more accurate		
Tip Top Tap [Bar Car, Lounge Car, Buffet-	The Tip Top Tap Lounge was a famous buffet-Lounge that served liquor, following the end of Prohibition.	CMStP&P	1937
Toilet [Dry Hopper, Chemical Retention,	Many passenger trains (usually medium and long-distance) have toilet facilities, often at the ends of carriages. Toilets suitable for wheelchair users		1994
Token-Railroad fare	One of the first uses of tokens for railway fares occurred in 1848, when the Montreal & Lachine Railroad issued tokens good for third class passage on its	M&LAC	1848
Touralux Sleeping Car [Pullman,	The Touralux car was a popular tourist class open section sleeping car used on the Olympian Hiawatha passenger train between Chicago and	CMStP&P	
Tourist Car [Second Class Sleeping Car,	A sleeping car designed to provide inexpensive sleeping car accommodations. The cars were usually designed for high density sleeping arrangements: the 16	PULL	
Trailer [Gas-Electric Motor Car, Interurban,	A Trailer was an unpowered passenger car or freight car that was operated in a "train" usually powered by a Gas Electric Motor car, or an Interurban. The		
Train Caller [Union Station, Passenger	A Train Caller was stationed at many large passenger stations, to announce the departures of important trains (and perhaps the arrival of same). The caller		

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Train Curtain (Train announcement signs)	A train "curtain" was a roll type train announcement sign. The curtain was either a black cloth, or a flexible black material, having the Train name ("Royal	CNJ	
Train Curtain [Passenger Station Train	During the peak of the passenger train era, most large city passenger stations employed the use of "Train Curtains" that were displayed adjacent to, or over		
Train Door [Head end equipment,	Some types of head end equipment were equipped with a train door, which gave the workers in those cars access to the rest of the passenger train.		
Train gate [Union Station, Conductor,	Train gates are (were) used at virtually all large railroad stations, such as Union Stations. The gates were used to prevent passengers from passing from		
Train Indicator-Passenger Train station	Train Indicators were used in large passenger stations to indicate the Train number, the Train name, Destination and intermediate points, and the		
Train Name on Letterboard [Passenger	For a short time in the 1929-early 1930s, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy placed the name of its top trains in large letters in the middle of the letterboard,	CB&Q	
Train of the Stars [Streamlined Passenger	The Santa Fe Railroad's Super Chief came to be known as the "Train of the Stars" because of the large number of movie-stars and celebrities who	AT&SF	
Train off [Passenger Train discontinuance,	Train off is a term associated with the discontinuance of passenger train service on one or more trains between certain points. All passenger train		
Train Shed [Passenger train, Union	A train shed is a building adjacent to a station building where the tracks and platforms of a railway station are covered by a roof. It is also known as an		
Train X (Xplorer) [American Car & Foundry	Train X was developed by the Chesapeake & Ohio beginning in 1947. The train was expected to reduce the cost of car manufacturing, maintaining and	NYC	1956
Train-X, XPlorer, Dan'l Webster [New York	Train-X was an advanced lightweight nine car articulated passenger train designed and manufactured by Pullman, in an effort to spur demand for its	PULL	
Trainset [Union Pacific "City of" Burlington	Early, first generation lightweight, streamlined passenger trains introduced in the 1930's were designed as semi-articulated trainsets. Trainsets were		
Transcontinental Passenger Association	The Transcontinental Passenger Association was formed around 1900 by the General Passenger Agents of major railroads. (Ref 5 & 6)The Association	TCPA	1900
Transcontinental Sleeping Car Service	Following the end of World War II, people had money to spend, and wartime rationing ended. The euphoric conditions that prevailed spurred economic		1946
Travel Tray [Dining Car]	Russell Dearmont, became the trustee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad during its bankruptcy, and later as the Chief Executive. While Chief Executive, he	MP	
Troop Hospital Car [Troop Sleeper, World	Troop hospital cars, also based on the troop sleeper carbody, transported wounded servicemen and typically travelled in solid strings on special trains		
Troop Kitchen Car [World War II, Dining	Troop kitchen cars provided meal service en route for military service members (the troops took their meals in their seats or bunks). The cooking was	AC&F	
Troop Sleeper, Troop Car [World War II]	Troop train cars were ordered by the U.S. Government during World War II in order to reduce the shortage of passenger cars and sleeping cars during the		1943
Troop Train, Troop Car [World War II,	Troop train cars were ordered by the U.S. Government during World War II in order to reduce the shortage of passenger cars and sleeping cars during the		1943
Trout, Mountain [Dining Car menu item,	The Burlington Railroad, and perhaps other railroads featured Rocky Mountain Trout on the dinner menus on their top trains. It was an important selling point	CB&Q	
Truck Design Evolution (Railroad	See The American Railroad Passenger Car, pp 497- for an excellent description of the evolution of passenger car truck design. By 1865, the		1865
Turbo Train [United Aircraft/UAC	The Turbo Train UAC) was an early high-speed, Gas turbine train manufactured by United Aircraft Corporation that operated in Canada	MLW	1968
Turbo Train [United Aircraft/UAC Canada,	The Turbo Train UAC) was an early high-speed, Gas turbine train manufactured by United Aircraft Corporation that operated in Canada between	NYNH&H	1968
Turboliner [Gas Turbine] [RTG Turboliner,	The Turboliners are a family of gas turbine trainsets built for Amtrak in the 1970s. The trains were powered by gas turbine engines and ran on diesel fuel.	ATK	1973
Turbotrain [Turbo Train, SNCF/France]	The Turbotrain was an early French high-speed, gas turbine train. It was born in 1967, for use on France's SNCF intercity lines. There were several versions,	SNCF	1967

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Turtleback	A term used to describe a streetcar or passenger car having a smooth, rounded roof.	CSL	
Umbrella Shed	The Bush Train Shed or umbrella shed design was conceived by Lincoln Bush, the Chief Engineer of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western in 1905. He	DL&W	
Union Station	Large railroad stations came to be known as Union Station from their function as a location where two or more railroads arrive and depart, allowing a transfer		
Union Station [First in the world,	In 1853, Indianapolis' Union Station, the first important "union station" in the world, was opened by the Terre Haute & Richmond, Madison &		1853
Union Station architectural design-early	The design of many of the great Union Stations that were built during the early part of the 20th Century were influenced by the negative effects of		
Upper Berth (Lower Berth Section	The section arrangement consisted of two coach seats during the day. At night, the seats were converted to a bed (the lower berth for one person) and the	PULL	
US Post Office Mail Contract [Railway	The US Post Office ended its Mail carrying contract with the railroads in 1967. Prior to this time, the railroads provided postal sorting facilities		
Varnish [Wood passenger car]	The term "varnish" comes from the pre-1900's. when wooden passenger cars were painted, and then several coats of varnish were applied to protect the		
Venice-Simplon Orient Express (VSOE)	The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, or VSOE, is a private luxury train service from London to Venice that is popularly referred to as the Orient Express, its		1982
Venture Car [Coach]	Siemens Venture is a type of locomotive-hauled passenger railroad car built by Siemens Mobility for the North American market. The cars are derived from the	SIEMENS	2018
Vesitule, Closed	A vestibuled train is a passenger train whose cars have enclosed vestibules at their ends, in contrast to the open platforms on early cars. Typically, a vestibule	PRR	1887
Vestibule [Open Platform passenger	Vestibule - an enclosed area connecting two railroad cars, protecting the passenger from rain and winter weather. The vestibule also introduced a	PULL	1887
Viewliner [Sleeping Car, Amtrak;	The Viewliner is a single level sleeping car designed for use on Amtrak trains. The car was introduced into service in 1994	ATK	1994
Viewliner II [Sleeping Car, Amtrak;	The Viewliner II is an "updated" version of the Viewliner I. It differs from the original Viewliner design, since the Viewliner II roomettes do not have in-room	ATK	2017
Vista Dome [Passenger Car,	C. R. Osborn, Vice President of General Motors and General Manager of Electro-Motive Division, is generally credited with being the "Father of	BUDEDEW	
Vista Dome Car	The California Zephyr, which began service on March 20, 1949, was the first long distance train to operate a dome car, called the Vista Dome, in railroad	CB&Q	1949
Wagon Lits	Colonel William Mann of Perkins, Ohio founded the Mann Boudoir Sleeping Car Company to build and operate a sleeping car company to	CIWL	1870
Washboard Multiple Unit (MU) Commter	New Haven Railroad's 4400 series "Washboard" cars made by Pullman Standard and retired since the late 1970s and early 1980s. The cars got this	NYNH&H	
Washer: Car Washer, Diesel Locomotive	Railroads began to realize that the cleanliness of their equipment was as important a tool for advertising as the print advertisement was. As a result,	CB&Q	
Water Closet [Toilet passenger car]	European term for toilet.		
Working a Car [RPO, Railway Post Office]	A term used for the process of sorting mail in a Railway Post Office Car while the train is enroute to its destination.		
World's Fastest High Speed Trains Bullet	World's Fastest High Speed Trains [World Wide High Speed Train List (over 200 km/hr or 125 mph) TGV/France, Shinkansen/Bullet Train, Eurostar,		1964
X 2000; X-2000; X2000; X2 [Tilting train;	X 2000, also called SJ X2 or simply as X2, is a tilting train operated by SJ in Sweden. It was constructed by Kalmar Verkstad in Kalmar, Sweden (prior to		1990
Xplorer	The Xplorer was introduced in 1956 by the visionary Robert Young, and designed as a lightweight unit train. The nine-car train featured a hydraulic	NYC	1956
Yellowstone Park Act	The Yellowstone Park Act was signed on March 1, 1872, creating the first National Park in this country. The Northern Pacific was instrumental in	NP	1872

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Zephyr (streamlined passenger train)	The Zephyr, along with the Union Pacific's M-10000, introduced a new era of lightweight, streamlined passenger train service. The two trains were	CB&Q	1934
Zephyr Rocket [Streamlined Passenger	The Zephyr Rocket was an overnight passenger train operated jointly by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad ("Burlington Route") and the	CB&Q	1941
Zephyrette (Stewardess, Nurse) [California	The Zephyrette was a combination of stewardess and nurse, employed on the California Zephyr at the time of this train's introduction.	CB&Q	
Zulu Car [Tourist Car , Second Class	The term "Zulu Car" was an archaic term used in the early years of railroading (prior to 1900) to describe an "basic accomodation" immiqrant car. Rather than		