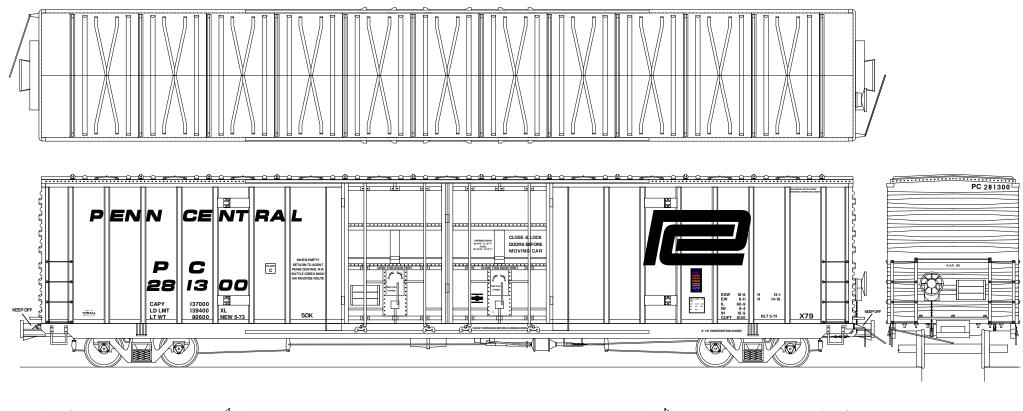
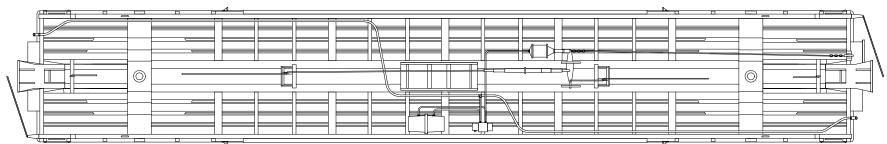
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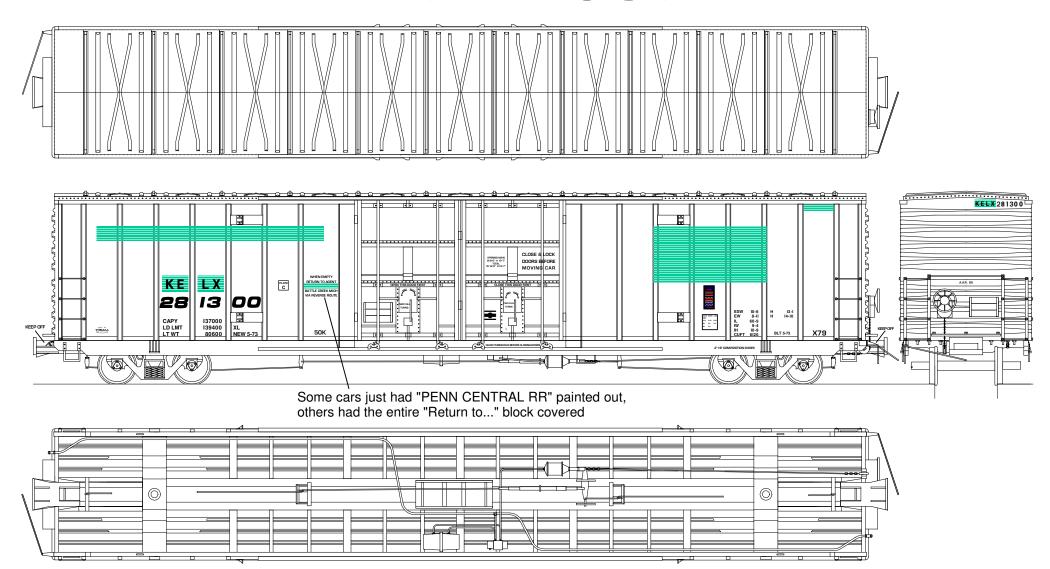




PC 281300-281399 were painted Penn Central green. This color is available in several options: Floquil Polly Scale Penn Central Green: F414368, Model-Flex Penn Central Green: 16-90, Scalecoat II Penn Central Green available from the Penn Central RR Historical Society: www.pcrrhs.org. The roofs were an unpainted galvanized steel. Based on the photos seen, the roofs were likely masked off when the cars were painted, since they don't seem to show green overspray. (See the first photo in the history document)

On April 1, 1976 Penn Central was merged into Conrail and all X79 cars were transferred. Most cars continued on in full PC paint until the remaining portion of the ten year lease from the Kellogg Company expired in June 1983. A few X79 cars did receive full Conrail paint jobs in the late 70's.

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When the X79 fleet was returned to the Kellogg Company they had their PENN CENTRAL lettering, reporting marks and logo painted out. Cars were given KELX reporting marks, but retained their original Penn Central numbering, becoming KELX 281300-281399. The PC green paint-out cars can be modeled by starting with a faded Penn Central green, then using a different shade of green to make the paint out areas. Some photos show a blue-green paint used for covering the affected lettering. In the early 90's, the paint used to cover the lettering became washed out revealing some of the original lettering. This can be simulated by applying all of the lettering, then using paint washes to carefully cover selected areas of the "painted out" lettering. Also note, that by this time the unpainted galvanized roof had started to show some signs of rust.