

STEEL DIVISION

September 17, 1947

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"AB" AIR BRAKE EQUIPMENT
FOR INGX CARS

We received a letter from Mr. D. W. Vittum, which was written by Mr. Waldbauer, of the traffic department, dated September 9, together with a copy of letter from the Association of American Railroads, addressed "TO THE PRIVATE CAR OWNERS;" and signed by Mr. V. R. Hawthorne, dated August 26, 1947. This letter from the AAR points out that all privately owned railroad cars which are to be used in interchange service must be equipped with "AB" brakes by January 1, 1949.

We formerly had a program of applying these brakes at the rate of 75 sets per year, but during the war we were unable to purchase this brake equipment. Up to the present time we have applied 238 sets of "AB" brakes to our cars and we have on hand 62 sets which have yet to be applied. We plan to put these remaining sets on INGX cars during the balance of this year or possibly before. The rate of application of these brakes is shown in the table below.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NO. OF BRAKES APPLIED</u>	<u>ACCUMULATED NO. OF BRAKES APPLIED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1940	42	42	
1941	58	100	
1942	50	150	2-sets reapplied a/c 2 wrecked cars
1943	0	150	
1944	0	150	
1945	0	150	
1946	73	223	75-sets ordered 2-13-46 - Rec'd Feb., 1946
Sept. 17, 1947	15	238	75-sets ordered 10-11-46 - Rec'd July, 1947
To be applied balance of this year	(62)	(300)	

As this table indicates, we will have approximately 300 sets of "AB" brakes applied by the end of this year.