

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR PURCHASE					
# OF CARS	DOT / CLASS	CAPACITY	COMMENTS	PRODUCT	REF #
ANY	11A100W1	20,000			13858
20-50	111A100W1	21,000	286 GRL preferred		13760
ANY	111A100W3	23,500			13859
10	111A100W1	25,500	Coiled or non-coiled		13828
15	111A100W1	25,500			137767
ANY	111/117A100W	25,500			13824
10	FLAT	65'	286 GRL, Bulkheads		13867
ANY	GONDOLA	52'	Mill		13711
ANY	GONDOLA	4,000	Steel bodies		13712
3-5	GONDOLA	6,000+	End doors preferred, 263 GRL		13791
5	GONDOLA	6,500+	End doors, 286 GRL		13855
20	HOPPER	3,000	Any gate type		13827
5	HOPPER	3,600	Manual gates		13756
7	HOPPER	4,000	286 GRL, 4 Pocket		13854
ANY	HOPPER	6,000+	manual gates		13866
30	HOPPER	6,000+	263 GRL		13790
20-50	LO	3,000		Sand	13801
30	LO	4,550+	Trough hatches, gravity gates		13823
ANY	LO	4,750			13857
100	LO	5,800	286 GRL	Plastic pellets	13844
2	LO	5,800	28" gates		13856

THE GREAT BEND TUNNEL

The history of rail building that drove the growth of the U.S. in the mid 1800s is known to have been brutal and dangerous work. The indomitable will to progress west in those times was fraught with obstacles. Some seem to be insurmountable. Nothing exemplifies this like the construction of the Great Bend Tunnel.

In 1869, Virginia Central railroad’s President, Williams Carter Wickham convinced industrialist Collis P. Huntington to venture the funds to help build a line from Richmond VA to the Ohio River. Huntington was also at this same time, involved with the Central Pacific’s efforts to build the Transcontinental Railway. In order to facilitate the funding of the project, the Virginia General assembly proposed a merger of the previously planned Covington & Ohio Railroad with the Virginia Central to form the new Chesapeake & Ohio Railway.

Just west of Talcott, West Virginia, Big Bend Mountain stood in the way of that westward progress. Though the Big Bend River led the way around the mountain, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway decided that the extra eight miles of travel was more than they could bear. Instead, a 6,500 foot straight line tunnel through the mountain seemed the better option.

The C&O contracted the services of Captain William R. Johnson a confederate civil engineer. He mostly employed a crew of recently freed African Americans and Irish immigrants. Construction of the tunnel began in 1870 at the west side of the mountain near Hilldale, WV.

To be continued...

John Henry and the Coming of the Railroad - New River Gorge National Park & Preserve (U.S. National Park Service)
https://www.johnhenryhistoricalpark.com/tunnel-construction
Great Bend Tunnel Construction Historical Marker

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EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR LEASE					
# OF CARS	DOT / CLASS	CAPACITY	COMMENTS	LAST CONTENTS	REF #
3	111ALW100W3	20,000	Aluminum shell, exterior coils, insulated		13814
5	111A100W3	21,000		Red Liquor	13842
2	111A100W3	21,000	Exterior coils, insulated, 263 GRL	Clean	13682
1	111A100W1	23,500	263 GRL		13797
3	111A100W3	23,500	263 GRL		13864
2	111A100W3	23,500		Clean	13799
5	111A100W3	23,500	Exterior coils, insulated	Clean	13617
8	117J100W	23,500	286 GRL	Clean	13832
200	111A100W3	25,500			13851
80	117J100W	25,500	Short term		13863
72	111A100W3	25,500	286 GRL	Clean	13821
40	111A100W1	30,000			13772
10	111A100W1	30,000			13757
70+	AAR211	34,000			13868
10	BOX	50'			13811
40	FLAT	85'	Steel decks, 286 GRL		13837
25	GONDOLA	4,500	Single tub		13831
70	GONDOLA	4,500	286 GRL, twin tub	Coal	13743
20	HOPPER	4,000	Steel bodies, manual gates		13829
30	LO	4,600	263 GRL		13862
16-30	LO	5,150		Grain	13736
14	LO	5,800	263 GRL, pneumatic gates		13846
25	LO	5,800	263 GRL	Plastic pellets	13865
14	LO	5,850			13808

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EQUIPMENT <i>NEEDED</i> FOR <i>LEASE</i>					
# OF CARS	DOT / CLASS	CAPACITY	COMMENTS	PRODUCT	REF #
<i>ANY</i>	<i>111A100W1</i>	<i>20,000</i>			<i>13858</i>
10+	111A100W1	20,000	263 or 268 GRL	Solubles	13789
<i>25</i>	<i>111A100W2</i>	<i>20,000</i>		<i>Hydrochloric Acid</i>	<i>13861</i>
<i>40</i>	<i>111A100W3</i>	<i>20,000+</i>	<i>286 GRL</i>		<i>13848</i>
2	111A100W1	23,500	Compartment cars	Base oil	13758
<i>ANY</i>	<i>111A100W3</i>	<i>23,500</i>			<i>13859</i>
6	111A100W3	23,500	263 GRL		13816
10	111A100W3	23,500		Glycols	13787
20-25	111A100W3	23,500	Exteroir coils, insulated, lined, long term	Vegetable oil	13640
<i>5-20</i>	<i>111A100W3</i>	<i>23,500+</i>	<i>286 GRL</i>		<i>13852</i>
200	111A100W1	25,500		Fuel oil	13809
2-3	111A100W3	25,500	286 GRL		13766
25+	111A100W3	25,500	286 GRL		13722
1	111A100W3	28,000	Short term		13751
<i>20</i>	<i>117R100W</i>	<i>29,000+</i>	<i>2 Year lease</i>		<i>13860</i>
8	117R100W1	30,000			13750
15	112J340W	33,500		LPG	13793
50	GONDOLA	ANY	Flat bottom	Aggregate	13834
10	GONDOLA	2,400		Aggregate	13719
100	GONDOLA	2,500+	Flat bottom	Aggregate	13778
100+	GONDOLA	2,500+		Magnesium sulfate ore	13695
3-5	GONDOLA	6,000+	End doors preferred, 263 GRL		13791
ANY	GONDOLA	ANY	Flat botom		13802
20	HOPPER	4,000	Steel bodies, manual gates		13783
30	HOPPER	6,000+	263 GRL		13790
20-50	LO	3,000	Short term	Sand	13801
<i>ANY</i>	<i>LO</i>	<i>4,750</i>			<i>13857</i>
1-5	LO	5,150	286 GRL		13734
<i>2</i>	<i>LO</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>28" gates</i>		<i>13856</i>
3	LO	6,200	Gravity / pneumatic gates	Plastic pellets	13775

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EQUIPMENT <i>AVAILABLE</i> FOR <i>SALE</i>					
# OF CARS	DOT / CLASS	CAPACITY	COMMENTS	LAST CONTENTS	REF #
<i>50</i>	<i>111A100W3</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>263 GRL</i>		<i>13850</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>DOT 211</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>286 GRL, Qualified through 2032</i>	<i>Clean</i>	<i>13845</i>
30	111A100W3	23,500	263 GRL	Various / Clean	13825
<i>200</i>	<i>111A100W3</i>	<i>25,500</i>			<i>13851</i>
7	111A100W1	26,600		Clean	13788
400	117J100W1	28,300	286 GRL		13813
45	111A100W1	30,000		Ethanol	13782
75	111A100W1	34,000			13804
1	112J340W	34,000	Storage car	LPG	13820
15	112J340W	34,000		LPG	13796
<i>70+</i>	<i>AAR 211</i>	<i>34,000</i>			<i>13868</i>
10	BOX	50'	220 GRL		13811
15	BOX	50'	220 GRL		13812
10	BOX	50'	220 GRL		13786
45	FLAT	85'	286 GRL		13826
<i>30</i>	<i>FLAT</i>	<i>89'</i>	<i>263 GRL</i>		<i>13849</i>
100+	GOLDOLA	4,520			13805
<i>25</i>	<i>HOPPER</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>Steel bodies, manual gates</i>		<i>13838</i>
25	HOPPER	4,000	Manual gates	Coal	13838
20	HOPPER	4,000	Steel bodies, manual gates		13829
40	HOPPER	4,000	Manual gates, aluminum bodies		13781
45	HOPPER	4,200	286 GRL, rapid discharge gates		13765
<i>25</i>	<i>LO</i>	<i>3,200</i>	<i>286 GRL, round hatches, gravity gates</i>		<i>13839</i>
50	LO	3,200	Round hatches, gravity gates, 286 GRL		13839
50	LO	3,281		Sand	13803
35	LO	4,550	4 pocket	Grain	13784
14	LO	5,850			13808

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