

Simple Car Cards – A commodity-based approach

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Items Needed:

- Cards
- Card Pockets
- Train Folders

Papers:

- Card Master Key - List of all the card moves
- Layout Location List – List of all industries with car types and siding capacities
- Layout Schematic – simple line drawing of the track plan
- Train Sequence List – list of what trains will run and in what order
- Train Instructions – specific instructions for operating a particular train
- Rolling Stock Inventory – list of the cars on the layout

Optional:

- Time Table
- Train Orders
- Dispatchers sheet
- Train Register

Resources:

Car Cards: “A commodity based card operating system” By Jim Vail – April 1991 – RMC
Online Explanation: [Operating on the Willoughby Line](#) MRH March 2012- page 80
OPSIG – www.opsig.org
Ops primer: www.gatewaynmra.org/operate.htm
Ops primer: Realistic Railroad Operation – Tony Koester - Kalmbach
TT & TO ops primer: “19 East, copy three” Sprau and King – OPSIG
Waybill Car Cards and Train order forms: Micro Mark
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Figure 1