



MISSOURI RIVER EAGLE

Dome Diner – Stabled at Council Bluffs

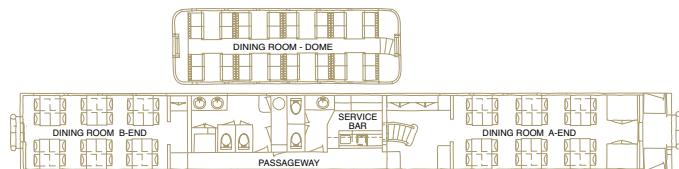
The *Missouri River Eagle* was built by Pullman Standard in 1958 as dome coach No. 7011. In 1993, it was named the *Missouri River Eagle*, after a Missouri Pacific Railroad passenger train.

The car was converted to a dome diner in the mid 1980s by Transico, an excursion train operator. UP repurchased the car in the early 1990s.

The Missouri River Eagle was the first and the last diesel streamliner passenger train on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. It began regular service March 10, 1940, operating between St. Louis, Mo., through Kansas City, Mo., and Omaha, Neb. Two six-car train sets were built for the train by the American Car & Foundry. The rail cars were constructed of aluminum alloy and styled by Raymond Loewy, a noted industrial designer. A 2,000-horsepower locomotive pulled a mail/storage car, a mail/baggage car, a standard coach (with restrooms at each end), a deluxe coach (with restroom/lounge at each end), a diner/bar/lounge car and a rounded-end parlor/observation car. Each car was painted in three shades of gray and blue, with yellow striping and aluminum trim.

One of the most notable features of these passenger cars was the wide, double-pane picture windows—new in railroad coach construction—which provided passengers with a better view of the passing landscapes. Air conditioning, indirect fluorescent lighting and carpeting made the Eagle a most attractive symbol of deluxe railroad travel.

The Kansas City-to-Omaha segment of the route was discontinued in September 1965. The St. Louis-to-Kansas City train remained in service until May 1, 1971, when, with the advent of Amtrak, the United States government operated passenger train service.



Configuration: Missouri River Eagle is a Dome Diner with six square-tops on each end of the car, for a total of 12 tables, each of which seats four. There also are eight square-tops in the dome, each of which seats four, for a total of 32 seats. Total car seating is 80. The car has no kitchen, and has restrooms in the belly.