

Breweries-1

Historic bottling plant. - (origin)

Inbound cars =

- beer reefers of full, cold, microbrewed beer barrels/kegs from rotating breweries
- boxcar of empty no-return bottles from glassmaker
- boxcar of printed cardboard shipping cartons and labeling materials from papermill

Outbound cars =

- cars with empty microbrewed beer barrels
- insulated boxcar (optionally reefer) of packaged microbrewed beer in bottles

Scene elements =

- 1900's rectangular building, with bottling machine and temporary holding areas

Vintage building started as a brewery bottling plant, was converted to soft drink bottler during prohibition when nearby brewery was demolished, nearly closed when soft drink bottling regionalized, but gained new life when it returned to its roots and started bottling micro-brewed beer. Building contains a bottling machine, and holding areas for supplies and product. Long spur runs alongside the long front wall of the rectangular building, and is covered by a building length overhang. Other side of spur parallels an alley street. Building wall length is at least THREE boxcars long. One boxcar floor level door will be found penetrating this wall near each end of the wall. The door located closest to the head of the bottling machine will handle the cars of barrels and empty bottles, and the door at the other end of the wall will handle the packaged bottle cars. Modelers choice as to which of these doors the cars of packaging material are unloaded, as will be the placement of probable additional doors for beer truck use (such as a street level regular door, through which a person can push a keg, or bottle case, on a handtruck) . Track is embedded in pavement, so that beer trucks can be smoothly backed over the rails from the street to a truck door (when a train car is not there), to load beer for local delivery. This includes any beer in kegs being transloaded through the bottling plant. A typical work day would have inbound train cars of microbrewed beer barrels/kegs from one of several rotating micro breweries, empty no-return bottles, and cardboard shipping cartons and labeling materials, arriving in the morning (a truck with metal bottle caps made locally will also make a delivery). The same reefers that bring full barrels will typically be loaded with empty returns. Mid-day the beer would be bottled, labeled and cased. Local beer delivery trucks arrive and are loaded in the afternoon. Empty train cars for bottled beer leaving town arrive towards evening.