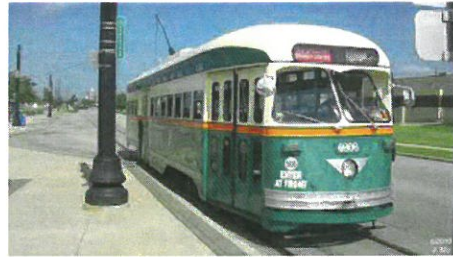


Kenosha Streetcars

Kenosha has 7 operating PCC streetcars. Each car is painted in the colors and lettering of a city in North America that operated these cars in the 1940s and 1950s. Six of the cars were operated by the Toronto Transportation Commission from 1951 to 1995. The seventh operated in Philadelphia from 1948 to 1993.



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TTC 4615 Johnstown, PA



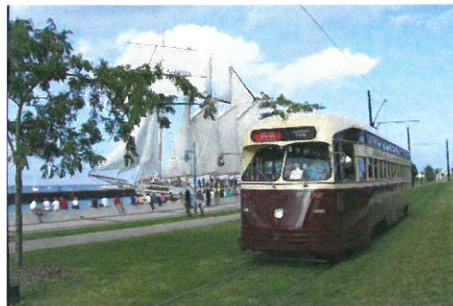
TTC 4609 Pittsburgh



TTC 4616 Cincinnati



SEPTA 2185 Philadelphia



TTC 4610 Toronto



TTC 4617 San Francisco

Photos: Brad Preston, John DeLamater

The first production PCC car was built in 1936. 5,024 of these modern streetcars were built in North America; the last one was built in 1951.

Car 2185 was built for the Philadelphia Transportation Company in 1948 by the St. Louis Car Company. It was one of a group of 60 cars, numbered 2141 to 2200. The car has operating controls at only one end. It is 46 feet, 5 and 3/8 inches long, and 8 feet, 5 and 3/8 inches wide. It is all-electric. Most PCCs built after World War II feature standee windows, the oval windows below the roof line.

In the late 1970s, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority began a general overhaul program for its PCC streetcars. During the overhaul, 2185 was painted in the white with red and blue stripes scheme. It appears that 2185 last operated in Philadelphia in 1992.

The 4600 cars were built for the Toronto Transportation Commission in 1951, using frames manufactured by St. Louis Car Company. The cars were assembled by Canadian Car and Foundry. They were part a group of 50 cars, designated TTC class A-8, and numbered 4500 to 4549. The cars have operating controls at only one end. They are 45 ft, 5 in long, and 8 ft, 4 in wide. They are all-electric. Most PCCs built after World War II, feature standee windows, the oval windows below the roof line.

From 1986 to 1991, 18 cars from the A-8 class were rebuilt, involving a complete electrical, mechanical, and structural overhaul. The rebuilt cars were designated class A-15, and numbered 4601 to 4618. The cars operated in Toronto until 1995. When the Kenosha Streetcar line was built in 1998-2000, five TTC A-15 cars were purchased. 4617 was donated in 2011 by John DeLamater.

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Kenosha was the first 21st Century American city to rediscover the benefits of streetcars, and more than anyone it was Joe McCarthy's vision and perseverance that helped create the nation's first 21st Century street railway system in 2000.

Kenosha constructed a modern electric streetcar system utilizing historic PCC streetcars in coordination with the HarborPark development on the shores of Lake Michigan. The line has become a model project studied by urban planners worldwide, and is used by thirty percent of visitors to Kenosha.