



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
Investigative Hearing

Norfolk Southern Railway general merchandise freight train 32N
derailment with subsequent hazardous material release and fires,
in East Palestine, Ohio, on February 3, 2023

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**Pressure Tank Car Fleet Figures for Number of
Cars Equipped with Aluminum Protective
Housing Covers.**

From: [Lee Verhey](#)
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Subject: Re: NTSB East Palestine, Ohio Investigation (RRD23MR005)
Date: Monday, March 13, 2023 12:05:17 PM
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Paul:

In response to your inquiry regarding the approximate number of pressure tank cars with aluminum protective housing covers, RSI has collected and aggregated data from the RSI member companies who own or manage tank cars.

Based on the aggregate responses of the RSI members we surveyed, RSI's members have initially identified approximately 8,206 pressure tank cars with aluminum protective housing covers out of a total of approximately 85,216 pressure tank cars in the North American fleet (according to an UMLER query). RSI cannot estimate the total number of pressure tank cars with aluminum covers in the entire North American fleet as not all pressure tank car owners are RSI members. However, RSI members collectively own and supply for lease over seventy percent (70%) of railroad tank cars operating in North America. RSI is continuing to evaluate this data and will supplement this information, as applicable.

Please let us know if you have any follow-up questions regarding this data.

Respectfully,

Lee Verhey
Executive Director Committee on Tank Cars
Railway Supply Institute
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From: Stancil Paul <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 4:49 PM
To: Lee Verhey <[REDACTED]>
Subject: NTSB East Palestine, Ohio Investigation (RRD23MR005)

Good afternoon Lee,

Thank you for reaching out to me with to offer RSI assistance regarding the NTSB investigation of the derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

Confirming our conversation, it would be helpful to know how many pressure tank cars with aluminum protective housing covers are in the North American fleet.

We will be sure to reach out to RSI if any additional questions come up.

Thank you,

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