

COLORADO EAGLE

Dome Diner - Stabled at Council Bluffs

The *Colorado Eagle* was built by American Car & Foundry in 1955 as dome diner No. 8004. It was reacquired by Union Pacific in 1993 and named the *Colorado Eagle* after the synonymous streamliner, which began service on the Missouri Pacific Railroad on June 21, 1942. The Colorado Eagle replaced the Scenic Limited between St. Louis and Denver. The stainless-steel train was built by the Budd Company and painted blue and gray to match the other Eagle trains.

The first dome coaches were acquired by Missouri Pacific in June 1948, and assigned to the Colorado Eagle. The dining cars on the Colorado Eagle were the only streamlined dining cars on the Missouri Pacific to carry names. Unlike the other Eagle trains, the sleeping cars on the Colorado Eagle were named for rivers rather than having an Eagle prefix.

The train consisted of a dome coach, three sleepers, a flat coach, a grill-coach and a diner lounge. The name was dropped in February 1964, and the train was taken out of service in April 1966.





Configuration: Colorado 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 of 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.