

# Museum Collection: Speeder 5-5



The 5-5 was built in 1976 by Fairmont Motor Cars and delivered late that year to Simpson Timber in Shelton. It arrived with Orange exterior and yellow interior paint and given number 100. In its 42 plus years of service the 5-5 has never left Simpson rails (a rarity). It has spent it's entire working life for Simpson Timber on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington state. It was purchased to aid in track maintenance and inspection of the vast Simpson rail network. That function has continued to this day, having served with the PRLM and it's volunteer crews on the same railroad it was built for. The 55 was donated to the PRLM in 2017 by Sierra Pacific Industries. Since being owned by the museum it has received some much needed attention. For starters, or stoppers, the vacuum powered brake system needed rehabilitation with new brake blocks and remanufactured linkage components. The Ford straight 6 power plant received a much needed tune up and a few new parts & pieces. Replacement of deteriorated floor board & panels, side rails, side curtains, curtain chains and replacement black vinyl seats completed the planned work to insure it's reliability and safe use in the coming months. Being easy to load on a car trailer the 5-5 has been playing the role of ambassador for the Simpson Railroad. It has been making it rounds of local train shows, swap meets and Mason county area events.

## Specs

**Built by:** Fairmont Motor Cars

**Year Built:** 1975

**Serial Number:** 242822

**Model:** A-8C Gang Car

**Weight:** 4550 lb.

**Drive Train:** Ford 6 Cylinder, 4 wheel Drive , Heavy Duty Transmission

**Capacity:** 14 persons (very friendly persons-Fairmont spec)