

# Museum Collection: Speeder 5-5



The 5-5 was built in February of 1977 by Fairmont Motor Cars and delivered that same month to Simpson Timber in Shelton. It arrived painted in Fairmont's federal Yellow paint and given number 100. It had a double end cab, Wide side curtains, electric horn, light group, and double electric wipers added as options when ordered by Simpson. In its 42 plus years of service the 5-5 has never left Simpson rails (a rarity). It has spent its 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 its 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 its 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:** 1977

**Serial Number:** 242822

**Car 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)

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Car Class or Sales Symbol <u>AB-C-245</u>		Car No. <u>242822</u>	Engine No. <u>16191</u>
Assembled By	Date	Engine Make <u>Ford</u>	Engine Type <u>six</u>
Tested By <u>at JPS</u>	Date <u>2-9-77</u>	Place Used <u>prop</u>	
EQUIPMENT	MAKER	TYPE OR MODEL	SERIAL NO.
Carburetor	<u>Holley</u>		
Air Cleaner	<u>Ford</u>		
Fuel Pump	<u>Carter</u>		
Governor			
Oil Filter	<u>Ford</u>		
Magneto			
Generator <u>alt.</u>	<u>Ford</u>		
Distributor	<u>"</u>		
Coil	<u>"</u>		
Starting Motor	<u>Ford</u>	<u>5100 lbs</u>	
71806E	Double end cab top(applied)		
62916	Wide side curtains(applied)		
109826	Electric horn(applied)		
99927	light group(applied)		
78377	Double elec. wipers(applied)		

Fill one card for each engine of outside manufacture, recording data on equipment used. Use blank spaces for equipment not shown. On reverse side record data on motor car, transmission, blower, pumps, etc. F 215A



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Sold to SIMPSON TIMBER CO., SHELTON, WASHINGTON

Shipped to Same

% R. Cook

Date Shipped 2-11-77

Via Murphy

Invoice No. 91752-S

Paint Color (if not standard) Fed. yellow

SO: 215980

Remarks:

EQUIPMENT	MAKER	TYPE OR MODEL	SERIAL NO.
Clutch	<i>Ford</i>		
Blower			
Air Compressor			
Hyd. Motor			
Hyd. Motor			
Pump			
Pump			
Transmission	<i>Ford</i>		
Trans. Oiled	<i>✓</i>	Reverse Gear Oiled	<i>✓</i>

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Final Inspection By

Date