

# WANTED

## Baldwin Builders Plate #70480



**The builders plate we are looking for is configured like the one above.  
The plate for 557 carries the  
1944 Baldwin builders # 70480**

**Last photo evidence was September of 1959 while 557 was in service  
hauling the First Alsaks State Fair special.  
The plate is missing from photographs after 1964.  
The round plate is located on the centerline of the smoke box just above the  
steam delivery pipe to the cylinders.**

### **Locomotive 557 by the Numbers**

Several numbers have identified this locomotive over the years.

**28019S809 or serial number 809 during construction**

**U.S.A. Transportation Corp as # 3523**

**Alaska Railroad #557 when transferred in 1944**

Engine 557 Restoration Company is fortunate to have the US ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORP rectangular builders plate from the right side of the smoke box, the original superheater plate and the boiler test plate from the backhead. The Baldwin round plate would complete the set for restored Engine 557.

Return of the missing plate, and the heritage story of it's travels since being removed from the locomotive would be a great addition to the restoration effort. Please assist in locating builders plate #70480.

**Please contact 907 350 4340 with any information that may lead to return of the Baldwin Plate.**