

## **Pacific Coast Borax – Ryan Ore Gathering Tramway – aka, *the Baby Gage* Locomotives and rolling stock**

As an unregulated tramway, there were no regulatory records of the railroad's equipment. As an adjunct to the mining operations, the railroad was not listed in Poor's Railroad manuals. As a result, the information below should be considered notes rather than a comprehensive roster.

### **Locomotives**

#### **Early locomotives**

Chappell says the earliest locomotive(s) were built by Milwaukee. A photograph of Milwaukee locomotive No 2 appears in *Railroads of Death Valley*, p. 20. The number 2 on this locomotive suggest that there were at least two. A Milwaukee locomotive of similar design appears in a photograph of the Pacific Coast Borax owned Gerstley mine at Shashone, and may have been transferred there from Ryan after arrival of the Plymouths.

#### **Later Locomotives**

Plymouth AL-1, c/n 77, 1/5/1916, 3 tons, friction drive, Continental N3.5 engine

Plymouth AL-1 c/n 106, 4/21/1916, 3 tons, friction drive, Continental N3.5 engine

Note: one of the two AL's is on display at Furnace Creek Ranch Museum. A mucker, built on a Plymouth locomotive frame is also found in their collection, likely the second AL.

Plymouth BL-4 c/n 1584, 10/23/1923, 6 tons, friction drive, Buda BTU engine

At Ryan operable

<https://www.facebook.com/ryancampdv/videos/10201025065808660/?theater>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXXGRrqENL4>

A small battery locomotive, numbered 2 appears in photos of tourist service. (Possibly transferred from the PCB mine at Boron) At least one photo identifies the locomotive as a Macha

A small battery electric locomotive is reportedly at Ryan today, believed to have originally operated at Gerstley, then at Boron.

### **Cars**

**Ore cars** – At least two styles are seen in photos, low iron tip cars with a flat bottom, and gable bottom cars, likely built by Koppel, one of which is on display with the Plymouth AL at Furnace Creek

**4 wheel Flat cars** – to haul mine timbers and supplies

**Passenger cars** - (for tourist service) 4 with H&K seats salvaged from DV or T&T passenger cars, one with metal framed seats. Photos also show passengers in flat bottomed ore cars. At least one car still on site at Ryan.

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