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Freight Traffic Report

A two-week winning streak for rail traffic

For the second week in a row, U.S. railroad traffic in the week ended Jan. 19 was up over the corresponding period a year ago, at least partly due to the effect of winter storms on year-to-year comparisons. Carload freight was up 5.6% to 325,415 cars, intermodal traffic climbed 3% to 230,771 containers and trailers, and total volume rose 6.7% to 33.6 billion ton-miles. In Canada, carload traffic in the week ended Jan 19 rose 1.3%, and intermodal volume rose 13.0%. Kansas City Southern de Mexico reported carload traffic up 7.4% from last year, while intermodal volume rose 10.5.

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New orders beef up TrinityRail backlog

TrinityRail's freight car backlog increased in fourth-quarter 2007 to 31,870 cars from 31,300 in the prior quarter. Trinity Industries said its Rail Group received firm orders in the fourth quarter for 7,310 new cars and shipped 6,740 cars. The backlog of unfilled orders on Dec. 31 was the second highest year-end backlog in the company's history and consisted of a mix of tank cars, covered hoppers, auto racks, box cars, and coal cars.

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