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What is this made of?

Stainless steel

Who made it?

St. Louis Car Company

When was it in service?

The R-42 first appeared on the N line on May 9th, 1969; it made its final run on the A/C line on February 12th, 2020.

Which routes did it serve?

All lettered, or B Division lines.

When first introduced, the R-42 replaced the Standard and R-1 subway cars, many of which had been in service since the subway lines they ran on had first opened—in the case of the Standard, as early as 1915. The R-42 was the first subway car to have built-in air conditioning. Most of the R-42s were retired between 2006 and 2009, becoming part of an artificial reefing program to provide a habitat for sea life in the Atlantic Ocean. The R-42 was featured in the famous car versus subway chase scene in the 1971 movie, *The French Connection*. The two cars that appeared in the film—#4572 and #4573—are the very same ones that can be found on the platform at the New York Transit Museum.