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R-32 FLEET RETIRED WITH CELEBRATORY FINAL RUNS



Famous photo of the R-32 inaugural run from the New York Central's Mott Haven Yard to Grand Central Terminal's Track 37 on September 9, 1964, taken from the E. 149th Street overpass.
New York Times photograph



R-32 3785-3784 (Budd, 1964) is seen resting over the weekend at Jamaica Yard on June 8, 2002.
Jeff Erlitz photograph

This Month's Cover Photo:

R-46 5670 (Pullman-Standard, 1975-78) leads a southbound **C** train to Coney Island at the Avenue J station on the Brighton Line on December 12, 2021.
Jeff Erlitz photograph

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After 58 years of service, the R-32s, nicknamed the Brightliners and among the oldest subway cars to operate in the world, will officially retire from service. To commemorate the historic occasion of the train's retirement and its unique car design, New York City Transit (NYCT) placed one R-32 train into service to operate on four consecutive Sundays in December and early January.

Sundays, December 19 and 26; and January 2, 2022 R-32 Retirement Runs:

- Scheduled to depart Second Avenue station on the **F** line at 10 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM and 4 PM, making all express stops to 145th Street station on the **D** line
- Scheduled to depart 145th Street station on the **D** line at 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM and 5 PM, making all express stops to the 2nd Avenue station on the **F** line

Sunday, January 9, 2022 - Final Farewell to the R-32s

To commemorate its final run, the cars will run on the original debut route from 1964, on the **C** line (the then-BMT Brighton Line).

- Departs Brighton Beach station on the **C** line at 10 AM, 12:30 PM, 3 PM and 5:30 PM to 96th Street, making express stops on the Brighton and Broadway Lines, via the Manhattan Bridge
- Departs 96th Street station on the **C** line at 11 AM, 1:30 PM, 4 PM and 6:30 PM to Brighton Beach, making express stops on the Brighton and Broadway Lines, via the Manhattan Bridge

About the R-32s

The R-32s were the first large fleet of mass-produced stainless-steel cars purchased by NYCT, comprising a total of 600 cars. Built in

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