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Pictured our previous design made in 2004

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

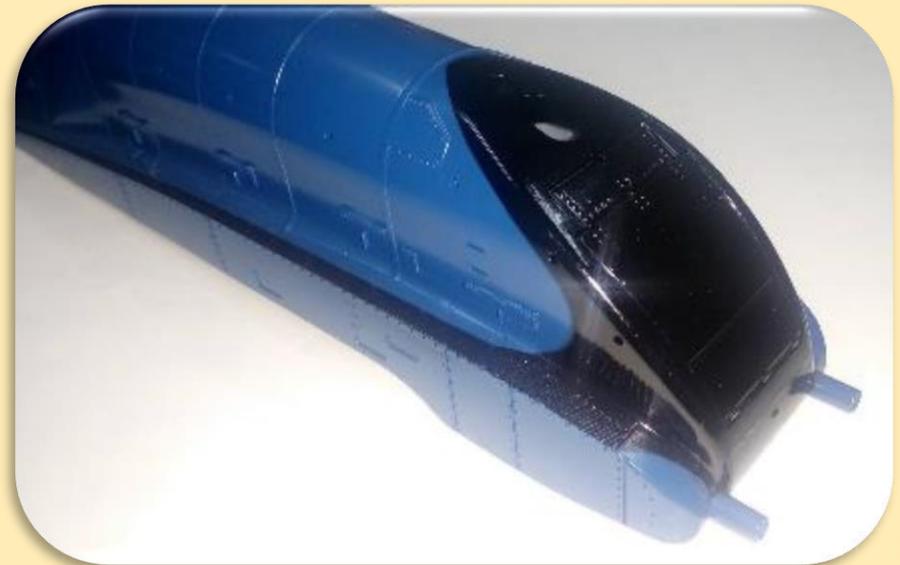
Welcome to our DArstaed newsletter No: 56

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Ellis Clark has been appointed our distributor for our 2-R products. Mr. Clark is well known as a trader with an excellent reputation. He is based in West Yorkshire and will have soon stock of our CCs in 2-R and the BTs (Bogie Tankers). Of course he will also take pre-orders for our 2-R A4s.

The production of the A4s is progressing steadily, we are now at the stage of spraying the black on the blue bodies. Each body needs seven different steps of black spraying with seven different masks. After each step the body goes into the oven for 20 minutes at 120 degrees Celsius. All spraying is done in-house.



*Copper Masks for spraying
black on the A4 bodies*



All the CCs have been produced now but the BR(E) Gresleys are awaiting some decals. These will be done next week.

The BTs are in production now and will be shipped this month on schedule.





Prewar Liveries

1. Vacuum

2. Esso





3 .Shell Mex



4. Pratt's



5. Power Ethyl

6. United Molasses





7. ICI - Maroon



8. Golden Fleece



9. Pool - Black

10. Pool - Grey





Postwar Liveries

11. Mobil

12. Murgatroyd's





13. Shell



14. Regent



15. BP

16. National Benzole





17. Esso - Grey

18. ICI - Blue





19. Castrol

20. Shell Chemicals





21. Golden Fleece

22. Milk Tanker



All the BTs will be supplied with wheels that also run on 2-R PECO track SM-31, Code 143, Code 124 and LENZ. Of course the checkrails of the switches do not have to be removed or altered. If we offer 2-R that means we offer truly 2-R operation without compromise.



PECO Code 124



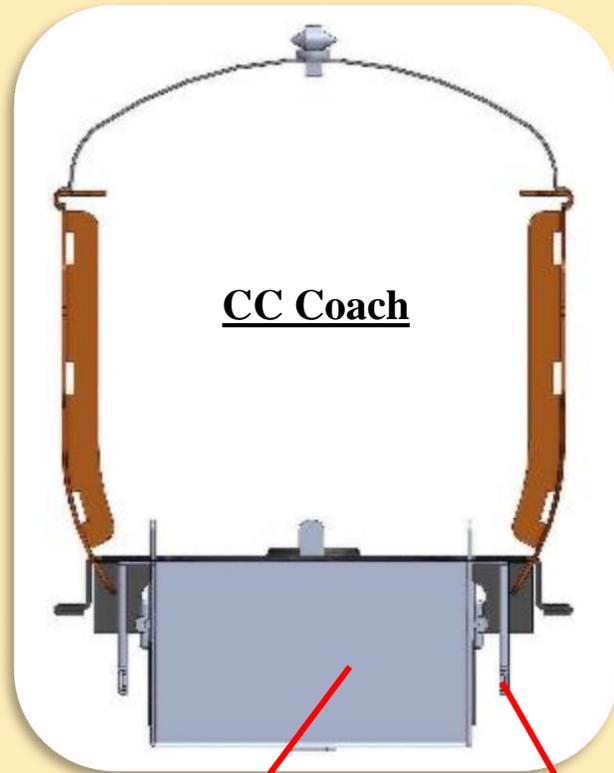
LENZ

If you click the link below you can see the BT running through a PECO Code 142 switch.

<https://www.facebook.com/Darstaed/videos/1682206062036839/>

New Developments

The next coaches to be done are the MK1s. The MK1s have a very distinctive shaped body totally different from the pre-war CCs that we produced. Also underneath the chassis the construction is totally different. The stanchions are running along the centre and the battery boxes etc. are on the sides. This contrary to our CCs of pre-war construction.



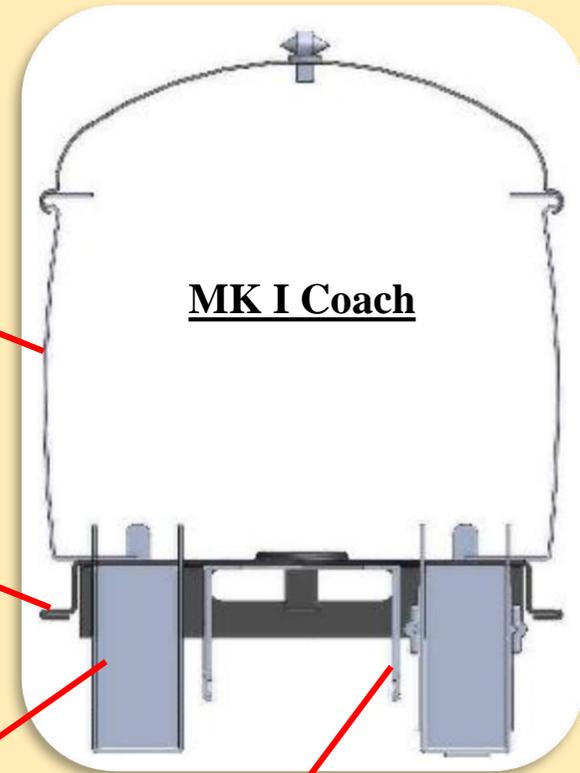
Battery Box

Stanchions

Fully Curved
coach sides

Separate Steps
Under Doors

Battery Box



Stanchions running along the centre

We may not be producing the earliest MK1s in b/c but all the others that had commonwealth bogies which have proven to be very popular when we made them for our Ace production over 10 years ago.

As we will be moving into 2-R territory these coaches will be made too scale length 63'6"ft = 444 mm or 44 cm over the buffers. This allows us also to reissue the Pullmans at scale length of 44 cm. For our 3-R customers we will issue the MK1s also at 35 cm. We may issue the most popular CCS, that were shorter, in 40 cm length.

Diesels

On the Diesel front we have commissioned the tooling which will be common tooling for both the Warship and a Deltic and any other Diesel we wish to make. This is saving a lot of time and cost. It may be remembered that a few years ago we made a fine scale version of the cousin of the Warship which is the V-200 bringing another cost saving that we will apply for the benefit of the customer. The Diesels will both be truly either 3-R or 2-R without compromise.

We are thankful to the members of the tinplate forum who advised us on some tweaks in the design and we are happy now that we have captured the unique character of these locos.

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Two Rail

We thank all of you who continue to comment on the questions posed in our January NL no 53. We have started making new 2-R tooling for the coach wheels. Also for locos different wheel sets have to be offered for 2-R and 3-R operation as for 3-R operation the driving wheels need lateral movement and need a b2b 27.5 mm whereas for proper 2-R operation the b2b required is 29mm. We are of the opinion that it is not a good idea to offer 2-R/3-R switchable because the result will be goose nor ganter. More about that when we have samples running to illustrate but some large scale 2/3R switchable locos offered at the moment do not perform on 2ft radius tinplate track (nor even on 054 Atlas) and if used on PECO/LENZ switches the checkrails have to be removed. This in our view is not acceptable.

Also we have received some comments that our locomotives have too any gears to appeal to 2-R affectionados. I beg to disagree. Although fine scale running may be with plastic rolling stock that even may have bearings on the axles and therefore represent a lighter load we do not produce fine scale. We produce 2-R coarse scale and do have the reputation that our locomotives are “rugged” and run forever if properly maintained. I personally like garden railways and these call for long trains. If Garden Railwaymen would use our coaches in a full rake of Sets A,B,C and D behind an A4 it has to run and keep running. Some other manufacturers mainline locos may not be able to do that as it has been reported that some run hot and stall after some time. I also personally do not like one axle only driven and the other axles by the driving rods only, that is asking for trouble. Therefore I am afraid that our gear trains are there to stay. To anyone who wishes to take out gears I will make available wheels and shafts without gears.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER

We are considering to reissue the Jinties and Panniers in proper 2-R together with a set of NCs (that are scale length) if there is sufficient interest.

The following liveries would be issued as sets of one loco plus 3 NCs :

Jinty CR blue

Jinty MR maroon

Jinty SDJR blue

Jinty LMS maroon

Jinty BR Black with pre and post lions & green or maroon NCs

Pannier GWR green

Pannier LT maroon



Incl Vat, Excl P&P

All other Jinties (Except film green, NCC and NCB) and Panniers will be available as singles @ 365 GBP and NC sets @ 245 GBP . See our website @ http://www.darstaed.com/products_a.html

Enjoy your trains,

Cheers,

Andries



Announcement

BEWARE ROGUE DEALER !

Contrary to company policy Mr. Barnicoat has taken advance payments for our products from some of our customers. Mr. Barnicoat appears to be unprepared to make a refund for the goods undelivered. Any of our customers who has made an advance payment to Mr. Barnicoat can contact me at: grabowsky@darstaed.com

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"I have always had a passion for Model railways and for the past few years I have been specializing in O gauge. I have always run my business on a friendly and down to earth approach and I am extremely excited to now be offering 2-rail Darstaed products"

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