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Ladies & Gentlemen,

Welcome to our DArstaed newsletter No: 58

This month only good news.

A4's

The A4 production is now running full steam ahead in earnest. Our first shipment in February in a semi gloss finish proved so popular that many distributors changed their preference and that is the finish we will now adopt. Hence there will be two options, semi gloss with steel hand rails or semi gloss with handrails painted in the same colour as the body, the latter we call “Hi Rail”, an American term for “more scale like”.



We are also steaming ahead with the development of the 2-R version of the A4 and a sample will undergo a series of very extensive and lengthy running trials by our 2-R gurus within the next two weeks. We have also commissioned a new heavy duty motor with flywheel for this issue as 2-railers like long trains of 10+ coaches. Our 3-R A4 pulls effortlessly with such a rake as has been shown on a layout at Sandown on 28th may but we have now to prepare for serious garden railway running assuming rakes of a dozen or more of our coarse scale full length 44 cm tinplate coaches.

Part of the preparations for our foray into the realm of 2-R is the preparation of adding Analog sound in addition to the option of DCC operation. For that purpose I contacted on Valentines Day Mr. Allister Hughes, a retired qualified electronics engineer to look into both issues i.e adding Analog sound and adding / developing the DCC operation of all our locos. Allister as most of you may now be aware is our appointed UK Service Agent.

With fervency and zeal Allister took on the job and teamed up with our Bruce Coleman to search for the right formula. The result was shown at Sandown, not only DCC operation but also Analog sounds have been successfully built into a Jinty and and A4 without there being a need to change over to DCC i.e. running via a normal DC only controller. Of course all our future productions will be made in such a manner that the devices can be installed easily to save cost either on a retro fit basis or by Allister himself. The result can be seen here.

Darstaed A4 with Analog Sound Card supplied & installed by Allister Hughes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwE7vdRYx6k>

Darstaed Jinty with Analog Sound Card supplied & installed by Allister Hughes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8i85DoQqCI>

Darstaed Pannier Tank DCC System Built, supplied and installed by Allister Hughes :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4aBFxoXC8gE>

For further comments, suggestions or information please contact Allister @ : darstaedservicecentre@gmail.com or

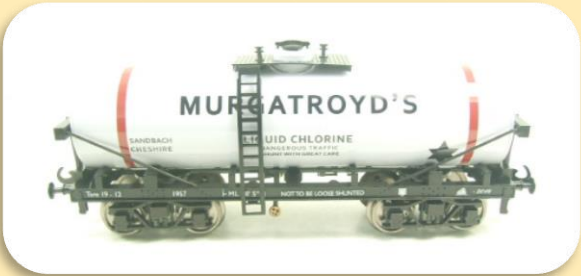
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Bogie Tankers

The BTs (Bogie tankers) are a resounding success and the first repeat order will be shipped next Monday already. As announced in our NL of May the cost unfortunately has to rise to 79 GBP so if you still wish to purchase for the price of 69 GBP please contact your distributor forthwith.

Please find below the actual photographs of the BTs courtesy of Mr. Finch The Stationmaster.





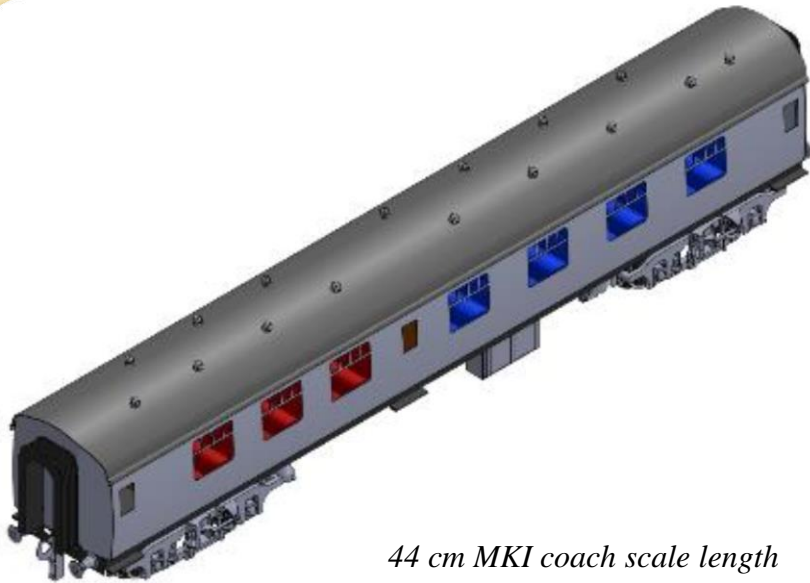
Coaches

The only credible MK1 coaches available that look like MK1 coaches are those made by Heljan but although very beautiful they are a bit fragile and perhaps beyond the financial means of some.

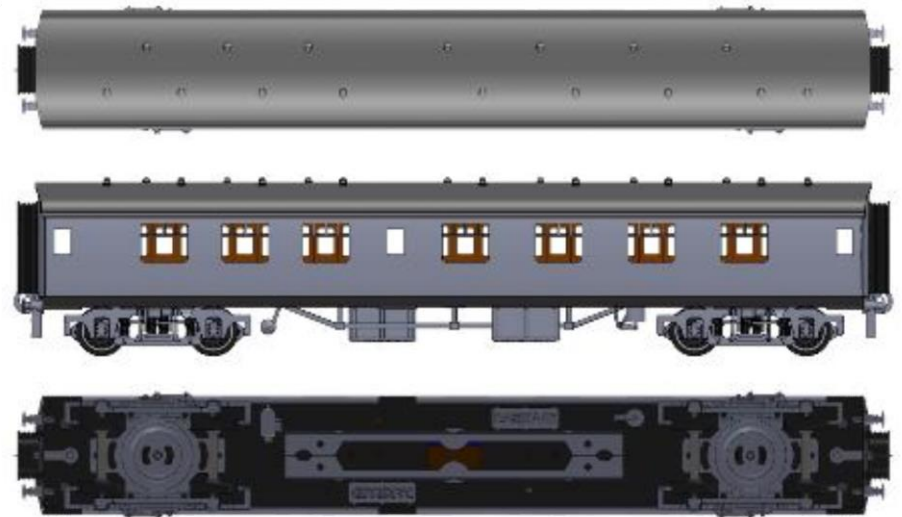
Therefore we will produce a complete range of MK1 coaches both for 3-R running and 2-R running. The former will be 35 cm length and the latter 44 cm length which is scale length for these 63ft coaches.

About 7 liveries are envisaged : carmine/cream, chocolate cream, SR green , blue/grey, 3 regions maroon and may be Pullmans, BR blue or cream/green ? The first two will have new proper BR1 (MK1) bogies, the others will have the sprung commonwealth bogies that we have used before. The 3-R 35 cm ones will come out with the diesels. This stock will also be used for the CEP.

The rakes will be made up of sets A,B and C plus a few singles.



44 cm MK1 coach scale length



Regarding our CCs these will also be done in 40 cm as they represent 57ft and 60ft stock. Rake compositions in accordance with prototypical practice.

Mineral Wagons

We have had many requests to reissue the MWs (Mineral Wagons) and have contacted our distributors to gauge demand. It appears many are required for the 9F locomotive that has been promised to appear soon. The next series, if made, will be suitable to 2-R running on all commercially available 2-R track down to PECO Code 124 and LENZ. If you are interested please contact our distributors so that they may convey market requirement. The new wagons would be with different artwork.



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. Other 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 with a set of appropriate NCs (that are scale length) if there is sufficient interest. Of course 3-R versions will be available too.

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

Jinty SDJR blue

Jinty LMS maroon

Jinty BR Black with pre and post lions

Jinty SNCF

Pannier GWR green

Pannier LT maroon

Pannier BR Black

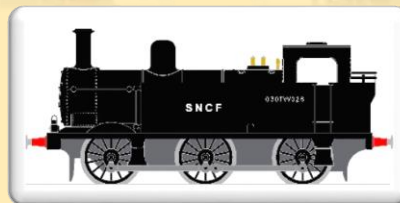
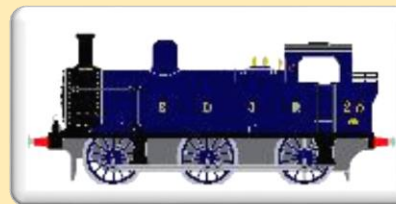
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Incl Vat, Excl P&P

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



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I thank those who have come forward.

Andries Grabowsky

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