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Pictured our previous design made in 2004

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

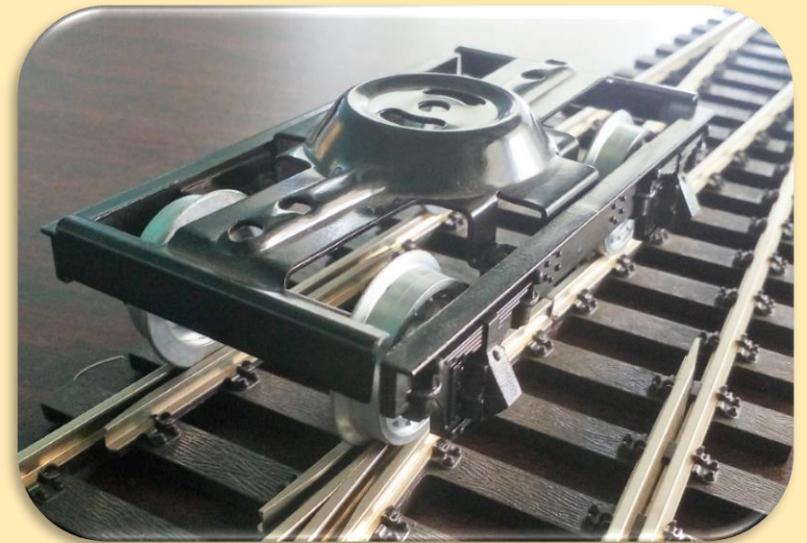
Welcome to our DArstaed newsletter No: 60

Back from holidays in Europe we are forging full speed ahead with the A4 production. The target is to deliver the balance of Batch 1 by September, hopefully the bulk at Sandown.

The CC (Corridor Coach) program has been completed and the last batches go into production this August. A good run it was over the last 18 months, 38 different sets of 3 coaches and a large number of singles. Production will resume in 2017 for any repeat orders especially when other mainline locomotives appear.

After the success of the BTs (Bogie Tankers) that run on all 3-R and 2-R track down to PECO code 124, we have made a coach wheel with the same specifications. These wheels can be retro fitted on all our coaches produced by Darstaed as well as on all the coaches we produced before 2008 that were sold under our Ace Trains brand. These wheels are isolated and free running.

Bogies with 2-R pick up facilities are also available.



Peco 124 Point work

Darstaed is known for excellent pricing in relation to the quality of the products offered and we always endeavor to make our offerings affordable to all. It is therefore with great reluctance that we have to inform our customers that we have to raise our prices due to the decrease in value of the Pound Sterling as a result of Brexit. Current stocks held by the distributors will not be affected but any future shipments will. If you have your eye on a set please enquire with your distributor what is the status.

Next on the menu are the MK1 coaches in scale length of 44 cm. There will be 5 liveries, BR Grey/Blue, BR(S) Green, BR Maroon, BR(W) Chocolate/Cream and BR Carmine/Cream. The former four will have commonwealth bogies, the latter new detailed BRI bogies.

Each livery will have 12 different coaches.

The coaches feature :

1. Scale length 44 cm
2. Sprung bogies either commonwealth or BRI
3. Sprung oval buffers
4. Interchangeable hooks (facility for Kadee, hook/link, scale links etc)
5. Prototypical side curvature.
6. Highly detailed ABS roof
7. Detailed coach ends
8. Prototypical under carriage arrangement.
9. Sprung oval buffers
10. Detailed interiors
11. Interior lighting, lit lamps on tables where applicable

We have published on our FB page some preliminary CAD images which prompted on the O Gauge Forum some very worthy suggestions for improvement. We have taken these on board and thank those who prompt us to make the best product we can. We always welcome suggestions or well founded criticism.







The MKI range will also be produced in 35 cm to coincide with the issue of the Diesel Warship and the Delitic. The production of the 44 cm MKI liveries will be alternated with productions of other 2-R coarse scale full length coaches the first being the range of LNER teaks and BR(E) to accompany our 2-R A4s.

Our service centre has not been idle and progress has been made by Allister Hughes regarding the development of sound systems. Here two youtube clips, one with our A4 and one with a Deltic (Heljan). Text by Allister.

<https://youtu.be/R9pXLsJ8ZGY>

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This is my new Darstaed O Gauge A4 loco fitted with a DCC Sound Decoder driven with a Digitrax Zephyr controller.

Following previous tests I found the decoder also required a stay alive unit even though the Atlas track I use is in pristine condition and is also regularly cleaned but I found the slightest power interruption would stall the loco. Later on I propose to add a MERG Booster Kit / Unit (which I have now built) to the Digitrax Zephyr to increase the track voltage from 16v max to 20 - 24v max and to increase the max current available to be in excess of 10A. This will then allow me to expand my layout and allow the system to be fully compatible with the loco types I run which for now is primarily Darstaed, ACE and one Heljan Deltic with analogue sound.

<https://youtu.be/n6w9i9VdJhA>

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The camera used does not do justice to the sound as its a bit thin, not re producing the typical Deltic roar which is there when listened to live + most of all it should not be compared to DCC as in the A4 above, rather its a Analogue compromise.

Enjoy your trains,

Cheers,
Andries



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