



# DARSTAED

## Trains de luxe



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Ladies & Gentlemen,

Welcome to our Darstaed newsletter No: 65

We wish you a merry X-Mas as far as that is possible and that you may stay safe in these horrible times. The year 2020 has been terrible as well for model train manufacturers who do not order their trains by long distance call. Although the China factories have recovered in the second half of 2020 we are still not able to get to China to actually sit in the factory to develop new products, supervise our print runs and do all that which needs personal attention. Also a lot of small specialist suppliers had to close and we are not able at the moment to visit new ones. However we are sure 2021 will be better and the craft will rise as a Phenix from its ashes.

A positive point was that we were awarded for the second time in 3 years the first prize by the Hornby Magazine Model Railway Awards. The award was given by our customers for the MK1 suburban coaches. This brings the total of awards to four in three years which is quite satisfactory for a relative newcomer in the 2-rail finescale market.



Best O Gauge  
Carriage

Notwithstanding the interruption of our supply line Ellis Clark Trains has yesterday launched a new product, the carflat in 2-rail finescale with or without Oxford diecast cars. This product is made in the UK except the bogies and bottom plate and we are very pleased Mr. Clark and his staff have been able to find locally some specialist companies that can complement our manufacturing base. We hope to increase the local content over time as new technologies still come from the West.

Ellis Clark Trains announces :

### **A little History...**

The carflats were initially constructed from the chassis' and bogies of the 63ft Mk1 Mainline coaches due to the coach interiors and sides being worn and no longer fit for purpose. The idea of the wagon was to offer a long-distance service that allowed British holidaymakers to take their car on holiday with them but they were also used for transporting new vehicles from the factories.

The first Carflat was built in 1956 and were produced from a number of early coach chassis from a number of different regions along with some BR Mk1 coaches. Their initial use was to carry new cars from the factories and these were all painted in wagon bauxite. By 1964 they had become predominantly Blue.

When Motorail launched in 1966 the Carflats received their large named sideboards and were fitted out for high speed running, these remained in BR Blue livery until they were withdrawn from service. The Motorail service did not run for most of the winter period and during this time the Motorail wagons could be found hired out to car manufacturers for transportation of new vehicles.

In 1978 a company called Railease built a large batch of fleet wagons and these were painted bright yellow, but by the early 1990's, apart from departmental use they were mostly scrapped.

## **The Darstaed Models**

This project is a little different to others, here's what's happening...

These 63ft BR Mk1 Carflats will be constructed from the Darstaed Mk1 Mainline coach chassis and newly tooled bogies, the remaining construction is taking place in-house at Ellis Clark Trains, with a very limited amount being produced.

The carflats will be available in 3 Liveries, including BR Bauxite, BR Blue & BR Blue 'Motorail' - all coming supplied with water slide transfers including a choice of running numbers.

**Release Date:** December 2020

**Prices:** £149 Each or 4 for £565

### **Specifications:**

Diecast chassis/underframe

Newly tooled scale Mk1 bogies & wheels

Finely detailed etched brass sides/stanchions, professionally painted in house

Laser cut wood flooring - stained in house

Sprung buffers

Finescale wheels fitted

Capable of running on Peco 2nd radius curves (40.5")

BR Blue 'Motorail' - provided with Sprung Screwlink couplings

BR Blue/BR Bauxite - provided with sprung Interstanter couplings

Waterslide transfers supplied with a choice of running numbers

## Darstaed Finescale O Gauge Carflats

Ref	Livery Colour	Branding	Running Dates	Pre-TOPS/TOPS
D33-1	Bauxite	-	1956 - 1964	Pre
D33-2	BR Blue	-	1964 onwards	Pre & TOPS
D33-3	BR Blue	Motorail	1966 onwards	Pre & TOPS

TOPS numbering took place between 1974 - 1976



D33-1



D33-2



D33-3



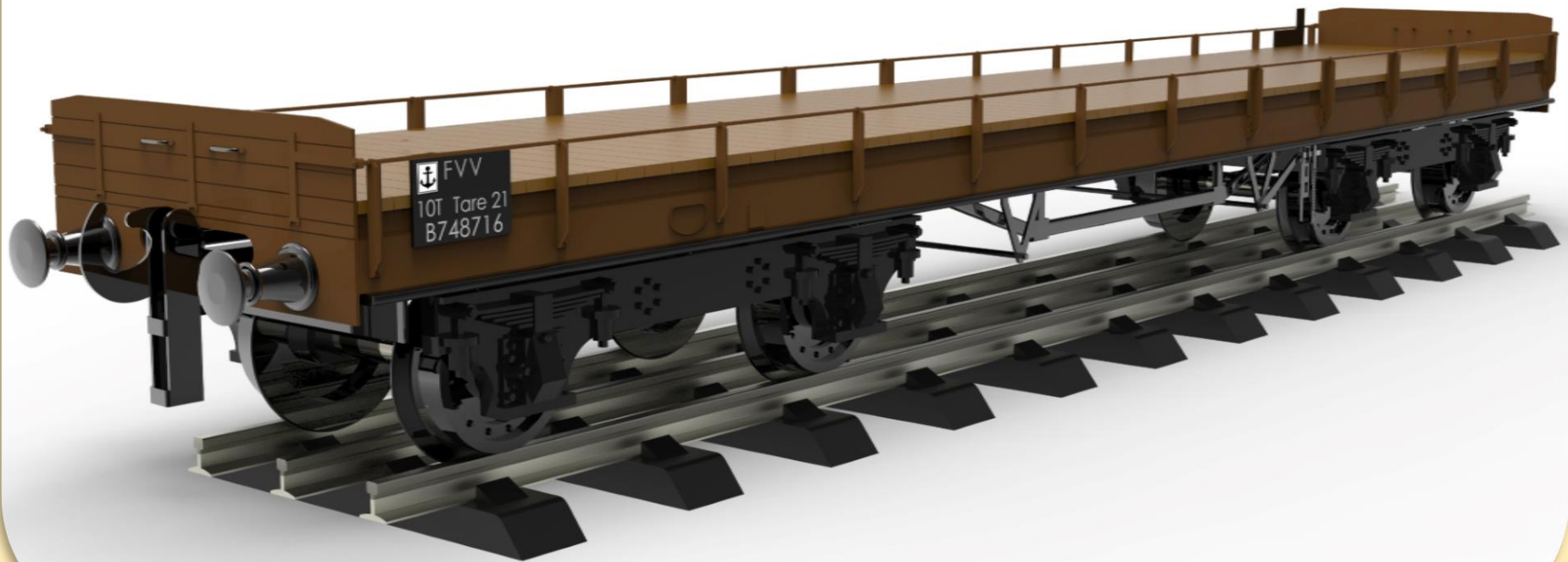




For our 3-rail coarse scale customers we offer two carflats, one RECTANK used during WWI to transport vehicles and ultimately the first tanks to the front.

The post-war carflat will be available in its early bauxite livery only. As in summer time these carflats were often attached to sleeper trains there will be a special offer for a set of sleepers with a carflat.





**Specifications:**

Diecast chassis/underframe

Laser cut MDF wood flooring

Coarsescale wheels fitted

Capable of running on 2ft radius curves

These two models will also be manufactured in the UK by Mr David Upton, our UK distributor.  
The cost and availability of these are not known yet.

As Mr Upton will be able to do only a few at the time early reservation is recommended.

We wish you all a prosperous 2021.

Enjoy your trains,  
Darstaed Team



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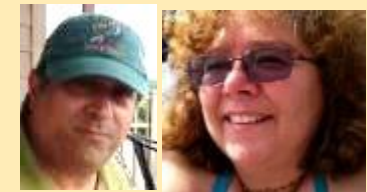


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