



-SPRUNG BUFFERS-
-COMPENSATED-
-INSTANTER LINK-

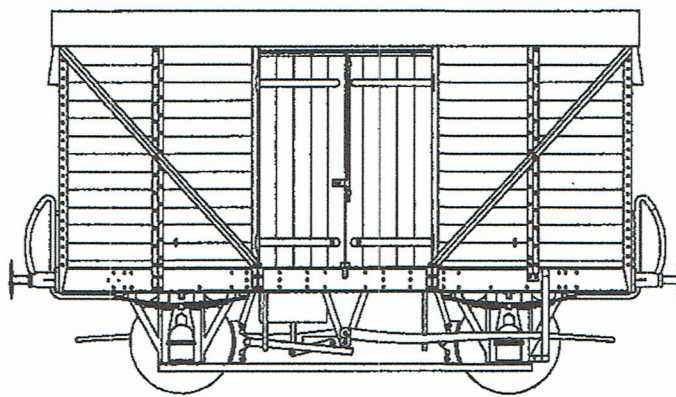
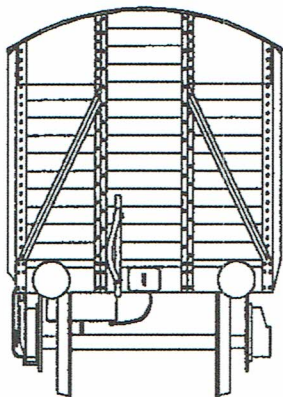


BRASS ETCHED KIT
WHEELS & TRANSFERS
REQUIRED TO FINISH



OTHER VARIANTS MAY BE CONSTRUCTED FROM THIS KIT

G.W.R MINK DIAGRAM V23 1933 ONWARDS



10' WHEEL BASE - MORTON HANDBRAKE - FITTED
HISTORY

MINK DIAGRAM V23 WAS INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER 1933. THE DESIGN WAS ALTERED TO 10ft WHEELBASE AND A NUMBER OF MINOR BODY CHANGES ALSO TOOK PLACE.

THE FIRST OF THE VACUUM BRAKED VANS (DIA. V23) APPEARED JUST BEFORE THE UNFITTED VANS (DIA. V24) No. 123501 WAS COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 1933, AND 123251 WAS COMPLETED NOVEMBER 1933.

THE V23 DIAGRAM MENTIONS SOME AS BEING FITTED WITH SCREW COUPLINGS AND LONGER BUFFERS, WHILST THE REST HAD INSTANTER COUPLINGS AND STANDARD LENGTH BUFFERS.

THE DESIGN REMAINED IN PRODUCTION FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS, UNTIL MARCH 1943; DURING THAT TIME 4081 VACUUM BRAKED AND 2389 UNFITTED VANS WERE BUILT.

OF THE VACUUM FITTED VANS, LOTS 1269 AND 1310 WERE FITTED WITH SCREW COUPLINGS AND 1ft 8 1/2in BUFFERS.

THE 350 VEHICLES BUILT TO LOT 1371, Nos. 141719-142093 WERE GOVERNMENT FINANCED AND NOT TAKEN INTO G.W.R STOCK.

SOME OF THESE VANS WERE ALLOCATED TO PARTICULAR LOCATIONS OR TO SPECIFIC TRAFFIC.

FOR EXAMPLE No. 123533 WAS WRITTEN "RETURN TO J.S. FRY & SONS SIDING, KEYNSHAM, SOMERDALE, G.W.R" FROM JUNE 35 UNTIL APRIL 39

Nos. W101235, W101062, AND W101172 HAD "RETURN EMPTY TO HONEYBOURNE W.R" WRITTEN ON THEM IN JULY-AUGUST 49, BUT THE BRANDING WAS REMOVED FROM THE LAST TWO IN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER OF THAT YEAR. IN THE CASE OF W101172, IT IS DESCRIBED AS BEING "DEBOARDED" IN DECEMBER 49, SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ALLOCATION WAS WRITTEN ON A PANEL OF WOOD WHICH WAS FASTENED TO THE BODY SIDES INSTEAD OF BEING PAINTED ON THEM. FOR SOME REASON, W101131 IS SPECIALLY RECORDED AS BEING LETTERED 'XP 10'0" WHEELBASE' AT ASHFORD ON THE 14th AUGUST 49.

MOST OF THE V23 VANS LASTED INTO THE 1970's AND THEIR CONDEMNED DATES DO NOT APPEAR IN THE REGISTERS, BUT No. 101110 OF LOT 1199 WAS CONDEMNED ON 5th SEP 1959.

MANY OF THE V24 UNFITTED VANS WERE EQUIPPED WITH VACUUM BRAKES BY B.R FROM 1957 ONWARDS, e.g. W114220 (NOV 57) W124214 (AUG 58) W124213/8 (MAY 58) AND W114219 (AUG 59). OTHERS ALTERED INCLUDED W114404/6/9/12/574.

ONLY A FEW OF THE UNFITTED VANS WERE ALLOCATED. No. 124432 WAS WRITTEN 'EMPTY TO SHIPTON G.W. FOR GRAIN TRAFFIC' ON 10th NOV 34 WHILST 125109 WAS WRITTEN 'FLOUR TRAFFIC ONLY. EMPTY TO WANTAGE ROAD' IN THEORY FROM AUG 35 UNTIL MAR 55 BUT IN PRACTICE THIS ALLOCATION MAY HAVE BEEN REMOVED (OR SIMPLY IGNORED) DURING THE WAR, THIS WAGON WAS FITTED WITH A VACUUM BRAKE IN JUNE 58.

No. W124431 WAS WRITTEN 'RETURN TO SOUTH LAMBETH W.R FOR CROSSE & BLACKWELL' ON 20 FEB 60.

No. W125137 WAS CONVERTED INTO A TOOL VAN IN NOV 50 ON (EX GWR) LOT 1678.

REQUIRES 3' 1 1/2" - 3 HOLE DISC WHEELS

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