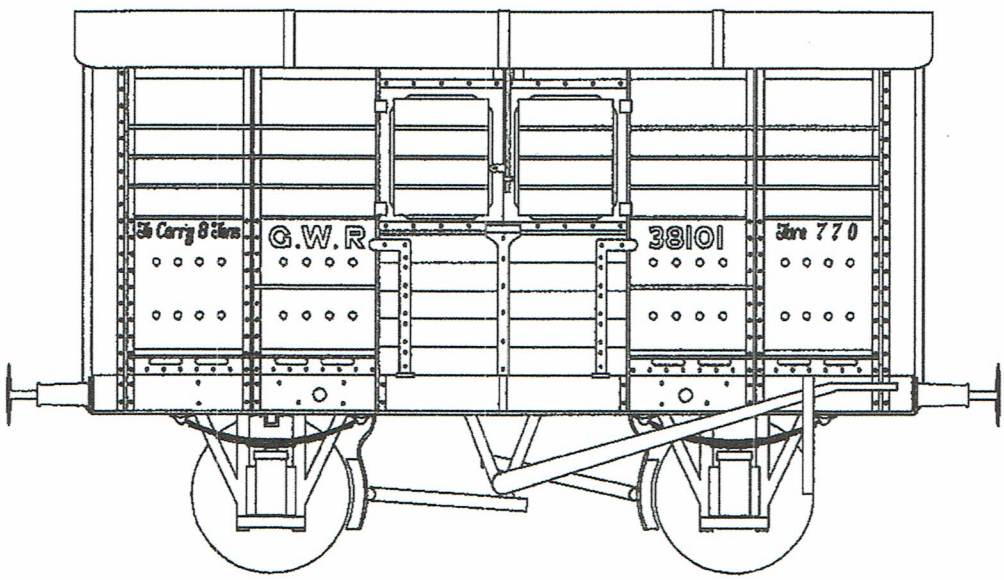
7mm

-SPRUNG BUFFERS-
-COMPENSATED-
-3 LINK COUPLING-

QUALITY ETCHED KIT
WHEELS & TRANSFERS
REQUIRED TO FINISH

7mm

G.W.R IRON CATTLE VAN
1888 - 1935



- 16' 1" OVER HEADSTOCKS - 9ft WHEELBASE -

HISTORY

THIS SOLITARY IRON CATTLE WAGON No. 38101 WAS BUILT IN MARCH 1888 UNDER LOT 433

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE IDEA FOR THE DESIGN HAD BEEN BORROWED FROM THE THEN POPULAR "IRON MINK" THE BODY BEING THE SAME LENGTH OVER THE HEADSTOCKS, THE SAME WIDTH, BUT AT 6' 11 1/2" HIGH, SLIGHTLY TALLER THAN THE STANDARD IRON MINK.

THE SIDES OF THE VAN EXTENDED APPROX HALFWAY UP THE BODY, THE OUTSIDE FRAMED DOORS BEING REPLACED WITH A RAMP AT THE BOTTOM AND TWO SWINGING BARN TYPE DOORS AT THE TOP.

THE UNDERFRAME, RUNNING GEAR AND BRAKES WERE THE SAME AS A STANDARD IRON MINK, AND COUPLINGS WERE 3 LINK.

SEVERAL SMALL CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE DESIGN OF THE VAN OVER THE PURSUING YEARS, THESE WERE AS FOLLOWS.

IN FEBRUARY 1894 A MOVEABLE PARTITION WAS FITTED TO ALLOW THE CHANGE FROM A MEDIUM TO A SMALL CATTLE VAN AND THE INSIDE LENGTH WAS REDUCED TO 15' 6"

JUNE 1900 "OK" PATTERN OIL AXLEBOXES REPLACED THE GREASE AXLEBOXES.

APRIL 1908 THE FLOOR WAS COVERED WITH ASPHALT

APRIL 1925 "INSTANTER" COUPLINGS REPLACED THE 3-LINK

JUNE 1927 ALTERATION TO THE DOOR BOTTOM STRAP

DECEMBER 1928 A SEPARATE INDEPENDENT LEVER BRAKE WAS FITTED

MARCH 1935 THE VAN WAS CONDEMNED

THIS KIT IS DESIGNED AS ORIGINALLY BUILT, BUT OTHER PARTS ARE INCLUDED TO COVER SOME OF THE CHANGES.

REQUIRES - 3' 1 1/2" DIA. 8 - SPOKE WHEELS

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