

BRITISH RAILWAYS

**NAMING, LETTERING AND TELEGRAPH CODING
OF FREIGHT ROLLING STOCK, INCLUDING
CONTAINERS, WAGON SHEETS AND ROPES**

**IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS AND PAINTED COLOURS
OF FREIGHT ROLLING STOCK, INCLUDING
CONTAINERS AND WAGON SHEETS**

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PART (I) Naming, Lettering and Telegraph Coding of Freight Rolling Stock, including Containers, Wagon Sheets and Ropes.

PART (II) Identification Markings and Painted Colours of Freight Rolling Stock, including Containers and Wagon Sheets.

Set out herein are (I) the names and brief description of each type of vehicle (except for Special wagons where the British Railways' or Regional diagram book page number is shown), the lettering and telegraph message code, which is also embodied in the Standard Codes for Telegrams Booklet (BR.87222), and (II) the painted colours and identification markings applied to freight rolling stock.

As regards Special wagons, it should be noted the **first** letter immediately following the CODE name represents the controlling Region, viz.:—

B904000	LOWMAC	MR	—	London Midland
B905000	„	WE	—	Western
B904530	„	SC	—	Southern
B905020	„	EK	—	Eastern/North Eastern
B904145	TRESTROL	AB	—	Scottish

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PART (I)
FREIGHT STOCK—NAMING, LETTERING AND TELEGRAPH
MESSAGE CODING

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LETTERING ON WAGON	TELEGRAPH MESSAGE CODE
OPEN			
Low	Goods wagon, one plank, with or without drop sides	—	LOW
" 	Goods wagon, one plank, with drop sides and ends, V.B.	LOWFIT	LOWFIT
Medium	Goods wagon, 2 or 3 planks, with or without drop sides	—	MED
" 	Goods wagon, 2 or 3 planks, with drop sides, V.B.	—	MEDFIT
High	Goods wagon, over 3 planks	—	HIGH
" 	Goods wagon, over 3 planks, V.B.	—	HYFIT
" 	Goods wagon, over 3 planks with permanent sheet supporter	HYBAR	HYBAR
" 	Goods wagon, over 3 planks with permanent sheet supporter, V.B.	HYBAR	HYBARFIT
" 	Goods wagon, over 3 planks with permanent sheet supporter, fitted with cradles for strip coil traffic, unfitted	HYBAR COIL	HYBARCOIL
High or Medium	Goods wagon fitted with shock absorbing apparatus	SHOCK	SHOCK
Anhydrite	25-ton hopper wagon for conveyance of anhydrite in bulk, V.B.	ANHYDRITE	ANHYDRITE
Brick	High sided wagon, with drop sides	BRICK	BRICK
Bulk grain ...	Hoppered, bottom doors, for bulk grain	GRAIN	GRAIN
Carriage truck (freight)	Loading length under 20'	CARTRUCK	CARTRUCK
" "	Loading length over 20'	CARTRUCK A	CARTRUCK A
" "	Loading length under 20', V.B.	CARFIT	CARFIT
" "	Loading length over 20', V.B.	CARFIT A	CARFIT A

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LETTERING ON WAGON	TELEGRAPH MESSAGE CODE
OPEN (contd.)			
Carriage truck (freight) (contd.)	Loading length 32' 9", conforming to R.I.V. requirements, V.B.	CARFIT B	CARFIT B
" "	Loading length under 20' and fitted with through steam pipe, V.B.	CARFIT S	CARFIT S
Container chassis	Ex L.M.S. skeleton chassis for "FM" and "FR" type containers, V.B.	TYPE 1 CHASSIS	CHASSIS A
" "	Ex L.M.S. skeleton chassis for "BM" type containers, V.B.	TYPE 2 CHASSIS	CHASSIS B
Container flat	B.R. Standard 12-ton, ex G.W.R. and ex L.N.E., container carrying vehicle, V.B.	CONFLAT A	CONFLAT WITH APPROPRIATE SUFFIX LETTER
" "	Wagon for carrying two "AFP" type containers (modified pipe wagons) V.B.	CONFLAT B	
" "	Ex L.N.E. container carrying vehicle for "BM" or "FM" type containers, V.B.	CONFLAT M	
" "	Ex L.N.E. with movable chocks and ex S.R. with drop sides and ends, V.B.	CONFLAT S	
" "	Ex S.R. with drop sides and ends, length 29', V.B.	CONFLAT D	
" "	B.R. 21-ton wagon with skeleton sides 3' 4½" high. (For "LD" type containers)	CONFLAT LD	
" "	B.R. 14-ton flat wagon, V.B. (For "L" and "LC" type containers)	CONFLAT L	
" "	Wagon for carrying two containers on Inter-City express freight services (modified plate wagons), V.B.	CONFLAT P	

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LETTERING ON WAGON	TELEGRAPH MESSAGE CODE
OPEN (contd.)			
China Clay ...	High sided with end door	—	CLAY
Deal ...	Ex L.M.S. flat wagon 26' 6" or 27' long	DTH or DTK	DEALFLAT
Match ...	Flat top under runner wagon	MATCH	MATCH
Pallet brick ...	Pallet brick wagon 13-ton, V.B.	PALBRICK A	PALBRICK A
" "	Pallet brick wagon 16-ton, V.B.	PALBRICK B	PALBRICK B
Pig iron ...	Short, low sided, with fixed sides and ends	PIG IRON	PIGIRON
Roadstone ...	Flat wagon equipped with four skips for roadstone	ROADSTONE	ROADSTONE
Salt ...	High sided, with composition floor and brine pipes	SALT	SALT
Sand ...	High sided, without doors	SAND	SANDWAG
Sleeper ...	High sided, with through top planks over side doors	SLEEPER	SLEEP
Soda ash ...	Steel high sided, with or without doors, fitted with sheet supporter	SODA ASH	SODASH
Sulphate ...	High, 50 tons—bogie wagon with side doors	SULPHATE	SULPHATE
COVERED			
Goods van ...	12-tons or under ...	—	VAN
" "	12-tons or under, V.B. ...	—	VANFIT
" "	12-tons, metal lined, V.B.	TEVAN	TEVAN
" "	Over 12-tons ...	—	TRAVAN
" "	With movable partitions, V.B.	PARTO	PARTO
" "	Fitted with shock absorbing apparatus, V.B.	SHOCVAN	SHOCVAN
Ale van ...	Van with lattice sides or converted cattle truck	ALE	ALE

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COVERED (contd.)			
Alumina	Bulk alumina van, inside hoppers, 4 loading hatches in roof and outlets at bottom	ALUMINA	ALUMINA
Banana	Banana van, insulated, with or without steam heating apparatus, V.B.	BANANA	BANANA
Bulk material ...	24-ton covered hopper, filling hatches in roof and 4 bottom outlets	COVHOP	COVHOP
" "	20-ton covered hopper, two filling hatches in roof, fitted for discharge by compressed air, V.B.	PRESFLO (followed by name of commodity).	PRESFLO
Bulk salt	20-ton covered hopper, two filling hatches in roof, air assisted discharge, V.B.	BULK SALT	BULKSALT
" "	20-ton covered hopper, with full length side doors, gravity discharge, V.B.	SALT	HOPSALT
Gunpowder	Explosives van	GUNPOWDER	CONE
Insulated meat ...	Meat van, insulated, V.B.	INSUL MEAT	INS.
Ventilated meat...	Meat van, ventilated, V.B.	MEAT FOR FRESH MEAT	MEAT
Vent-Insul-Meat ...	Meat van, insulated, with adjustable ventilators, V.B.	VENT-INSUL MEAT	INS.
Ventilated fruit ...	Fruit van, ventilated, V.B.	FRUIT	FRUIT
Bulk grain	Covered hopper for loose grain	GRAIN	COVGRAIN
Motor car body truck	Inside length 39' 5" or over	BOCAR A	BOCAR A
Motor car van (freight)	Ex G.W. motor car van— Inside length 17' 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", V.B.	MOGO	MOGO
" "	Inside length 29' 8", V.B.	DAMO A	DAMO A
" "	Inside length 19' 8", V.B.	DAMO B	DAMO B
" "	Inside length 32' 8", V.B.	ASMO	ASMO

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COVERED (contd.)			
Pallet van ...	End-side door pallet van, fitted with partitions, V.B.	PALVAN	PALVAN
" " ...	End-side door pallet van, fitted with partitions and equipped with shock absorbing gear, V.B.	PALVAN SHOCK	PALSHOCVAN
Soda ash van ...	Covered hopper wagon for bulk soda ash, doors in roof and outlets at bottom	SODA ASH	HOPSODASH
Yeast van ...	Yeast van, ventilated, V.B.	YEAST	YEAST
Zinc oxide ...	Bulk zinc oxide, inside hoppers, two manholes in roof, no bottom outlets, discharge by suction	—	ZINC
STEEL CARRYING			
Single bolster ...	One swivel bolster ...	—	SINGLE
Double bolster ...	Two fixed bolsters ...	—	DOUBLE
Twin bolsters ...	Twin coupled wagons, each fitted with one swivel bolster	—	TWIN
High sided twin bolster	Converted from end door wagons and each fitted with one swivel bolster	HYTWIN	HYTWIN
Twin case ...	Converted from end door wagons and each fitted with one swivel bolster (no sides or ends)	TWINCASE	TWINCASE
Bogie bolster A ...	Length over headstocks not exceeding 35'	BOGIE BOLSTER A	BOBOL A
Bogie bolster B ...	Length over headstocks over 35' and under 45'	BOGIE BOLSTER B	BOBOL B
Bogie bolster C ...	Length over headstocks 45' and under 50'	BOGIE BOLSTER C	BOBOL C
Bogie bolster D ...	Length over headstocks 50' and over	BOGIE BOLSTER D	BOBOL D

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STEEL CARRYING (contd.)			
Bogie bolster— Special	Special diagram book, " page M. 19A	BORAIL MA	BORAIL MA
" "	" page M. 19B	BORAIL MB	BORAIL MB
" "	" page M. 19E	BORAIL MC	BORAIL MC
" "	" page M. 19F	BORAIL MD	BORAIL MD
" "	" page W. 22	BORAIL WB	BORAIL WB
" "	" page W. 22	BORAIL WC	BORAIL WC
" "	" page W. 22	BORAIL WE	BORAIL WE
" "	" page W. 24	BORAIL WF	BORAIL WF
" "	" page S. 1599	BORAIL SA	BORAIL SA
" "	" page E. 92	BORAIL EA	BORAIL EA
Plate	Low sided wagon, inside length between 24' 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 30' 7"	PLATE	PLATE
"	Low sided wagon, inside length 27', V.B.	PLATE	PLATEFIT
Bogie plate A ...	Long low sided bogie wagon 25-tons—inside length 40'	BOPLATE A	BOPLATE A
Bogie plate B ...	Long low sided bogie wagon 30-tons—inside length 37' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	BOPLATE B	BOPLATE B
Bogie plate E ...	Long low sided bogie wagon 40/42-tons—inside length 52'	BOPLATE E	BOPLATE E
Pipe	Medium, drop sides (19' 6" or 21' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside) for pipes	PIPE	PIPE
"	High, drop sides (21' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside) for pipes, V.B.	PIPE	PIPEFIT
Strip coil	Medium sided, bogie open wagons—42 and 56 tons	STRIP COIL	STRIPCOIL
Tube	High sided (20' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", or over, inside) for tubes	TUBE	TUBE

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STEEL CARRYING (contd.)			
Tube (contd.)	High sided (20' 6½", or over, inside) for tubes, fitted with transverse battens	TUBE (BATTEN)	TUBE BA
CATTLE			
Cattle wagon ...	Unfitted	—	OX
" " ...	V.B.	—	OXFIT
" " ...	V.P.	—	OXPIPE
FISH			
Fish van	Wheelbase 18' 0", V.B....	FISH-BLOATER	BLOATER
" "	Wheelbase 12' 0" or under, V.B.	FISH	FISH
" "	6 wheeled, V.B.	X FISH	X FISH
" "	4 wheels—wheelbase 14' or 15', V.B.	LAFISH	LAFISH
" "	4 wheels—insulated, V.B.	INSUL FISH	INSFISH
" "	6 wheels—insulated, V.B.	INSUL-X-FISH	INSIXFISH
BRAKE VAN			
Brake van ...	Freight train brake van	—	TOAD
" " ...	Freight train brake van, V.B. or V.P.	—	TOADFIT
Rope	Binding rope for wagons	—	ROPE
Sheet	Wagon tarpaulin ..	—	SHEET
MINERAL (NOT HOPPERED)	End, side or bottom doors:—		
Coal	Under 20 tons	—	MIN
"	20 tons and over ...	—	MIN XX
Coke	Under 20 tons	—	COKE
"	20 tons and over ...	—	COKE XX
Ironstone	27-ton wagon without doors	IRON ORE TIPPLER	TIPPLER

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MINERAL (HOPPERED)			
Bottom doors only:—			
Coal	Under 15 tons	—	HOP X
"	Under 15 tons (End brakes)	—	HOP EB
"	15 to 17 tons	—	HOP XV
"	20/21 tons	—	HOP XX
"	40 tons	—	HOP XL
"	24½ tons	—	—
Side discharge only:—			
"	40 tons, V.B.	—	HOPSIDE XL
Coke Bottom doors only:—			
"	Under 20 tons, with coke rails	—	HOPCOKE
"	20 tons with coke rails ..	—	HOPCOKE XX
"	Under 20 tons, without coke rails	COKE	HOPCOKE
"	20 tons, without coke rails	COKE	HOPCOKE XX
Ironstone	Iron ore wagons	IRON ORE	HOPOR
CONTAINERS— OPEN			
Medium	Drop-ends and demount- able sides, or drop-ends only	C	BOX C
"	For Clyde steamship services	S	BOX SS
Large	One drop-end and two side doors	D	BOX D
"	Drop-ends and demount- able sides	DX	BOX DX
Small	With or without drop- ends	H	BOX H

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LETTERING ON WAGON	TELEGRAPH MESSAGE CODE
CONTAINERS— (contd.) COVERED			
Small	Doors at one end ...	A	BOX A
"	Fitted with wheels and retractable jacks. Capable of being wheeled inside vans	SW	BOX SW
Large	Doors at one end ...	B	BOX B
"	Side doors, with or without end door	BD	BOX BD
Furniture	Fitted with laths inside for securing furniture, maximum capacity 720 cu. ft.	BK	BOX BK
"	Fitted with laths inside for securing furniture, capacity 650 cu. ft.	K	BOX K
Bicycle	Fitted with racks for bicycles	BC	BOX BC
Rayon yarn	Specially fitted for conveyance of rayon yarn	RY	BOX RY
Meat	Ventilated, fitted with hooks	BM	BOX BM
"	Insulated, not fitted with hooks	F	BOX F
"	Insulated, fitted with hooks	FM	BOX FM
"	Insulated, fitted with hooks and dry ice bunkers	FR	BOX FR
Highly insulated - Small	Doors at one end. For quick frozen commodities	AF	BOX AF
" "	Capacity 328 cu. feet, doors at one end for pallet loading of quick frozen commodities.	AFP PALLET	BOX AFP
" "	Doors at one end, fitted with eutectic plates. For quick frozen commodities	AFU	BOX AFU

NAME	DESCRIPTION	LETTERING ON WAGON	TELEGRAPH MESSAGE CODE
CONTAINERS—(contd.) COVERED (contd.)			
" " ...	Doors at one end, fitted with eutectic plates and rollers in floor. For pallet loading of quick frozen commodities	AFU PALLET	BOX AFUPAL
" " ...	For drikold—doors in roof	AX	BOX AX
Large " ...	Doors at one end (fitted with eutectic plates) for quick frozen commodities	AFX	BOX AFX
Bulk material ...	For material in bulk—loading through roof and gravity discharge	L	BOX L
" " ...	For cement in bulk—loading through roof and gravity discharge	LC	BOX LC
" " ...	For dolomite in bulk—loading through roof and gravity discharge	LD	BOX LD

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SPECIAL WAGONS			
Armour plate ...	W.17	ARM WB	ARM WB
" " ...	W.17	ARM WC	ARM WC
" " ...	B.1	ARM WE	ARM WE
" " ...	B.2	ARM WF	ARM WF
" " ...	M.2 (b)	ARM EB	ARM EB
" " ...	M.3	ARM EC	ARM EC
" " ...	B.1	ARM EL	ARM EL
" " ...	E.50, M.3 (a) and B.2 ...	ARM ET	ARM ET
" " ...	M.2 (a)	ARM EU	ARM EU

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Boiler bogie ...	E.54 and B.31 ...	BOILER EF	BOILER EF
" " ...	B.30 ...	BOILER EG	BOILER EG
" " ...	E.54 ...	BOILER EH	BOILER EH
Flat ...	M.27 ...	FLAT ME	FLAT ME
" ...	M.34 ...	FLAT MG	FLAT MG
" ...	M.39 ...	FLAT MN	FLAT MN
" ...	M.40 ...	FLAT MO	FLAT MO
" ...	M.41 ...	FLAT MP	FLAT MP
" ...	B.74 ...	FLAT MS	FLAT MS
" ...	W.9 ...	FLAT WB	FLAT WB
" ...	E.42 ...	FLAT EB	FLAT EB
" ...	E.42 and B.72 ...	FLAT ED	FLAT ED
" ...	E.38 ...	FLAT EF	FLAT EF
" ...	B.71 ...	FLAT EL	FLAT EL
" ...	E.48 ...	FLAT EP	FLAT EP
" ...	E.48 and B.70 ...	FLAT EQ	FLAT EQ
" ...	E.50 ...	FLAT ES	FLAT ES
" ...	B.74 ...	FLAT ET	FLAT ET
" ...	E.50 ...	FLAT EU	FLAT EU
Girder ...	M.137 ...	GIRDER MA	GIRDWAG MA
" ...	M.137 (a) ...	GIRDER MB	GIRDWAG MB
" ...	W.2 ...	GIRDER WB	GIRDWAG WB
" ...	W.2 ...	GIRDER WC	GIRDWAG WC
" ...	W.4 ...	GIRDER WE	GIRDWAG WE
" ...	W.2 ...	GIRDER WF	GIRDWAG WF
" ...	W.3 ...	GIRDER WG	GIRDWAG WG

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Glass	M.75 and B.171	GLASS MD	GLASWAG MD
"	B.172	GLASS MO	GLASWAG MO
"	W.15 and B.170	GLASS WC	GLASWAG WC
"	B.171	GLASS WE	GLASWAG WE
"	E.104	GLASS EA	GLASWAG EA
"	E.106	GLASS EB	GLASWAG EB
"	E.106	GLASS EH	GLASWAG EH
"	E.108	GLASS EJ	GLASWAG EJ
"	E.108	GLASS EM	GLASWAG EM
"	E.110	GLASS EN	GLASWAG EN
"	E.110 and B.172	GLASS EO	GLASWAG EO
"	B.171	GLASS EP	GLASWAG EP
Gun	M.139	GUNSET EB	GUNSET EB
"	M.140	GUNSET EC	GUNSET EC
"	E.118	GUNSET EA	GUNSET EA
Machine (under 3' rail to floor)	M.47	LOWMAC MD	LOWMAC MD
" "	M.51	LOWMAC MG	LOWMAC MG
" "	M.52	LOWMAC MH	LOWMAC MH
" "	M.52 (a)	LOWMAC MJ	LOWMAC MJ
" "	B.240	LOWMAC AB	LOWMAC AB
" "	M.52 (b)	LOWMAC MK	LOWMAC MK
" "	M.53	LOWMAC ML	LOWMAC ML
" "	M.54 (a)	LOWMAC MO	LOWMAC MO
" "	B.240	LOWMAC MR	LOWMAC MR
" "	B.243	LOWMAC MS	LOWMAC MS
" "	B.250	LOWMAC MU	LOWMAC MU

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Machine (under 3' rail to floor) (contd.)	W.10	LOWMAC WB	LOWMAC WB
	W.10	LOWMAC WC	LOWMAC WC
" "	W.10 and B.241 ...	LOWMAC WE	LOWMAC WE
" "	W.10	LOWMAC WF	LOWMAC WF
" "	W.11	LOWMAC WG	LOWMAC WG
" "	W.11	LOWMAC WH	LOWMAC WH
" "	W.11	LOWMAC WL	LOWMAC WL
" "	W.12	LOWMAC WM	LOWMAC WM
" "	W.12 and B.245 ...	LOWMAC WN	LOWMAC WN
" "	W.12 and B.243 ...	LOWMAC WP	LOWMAC WP
" "	W.10	LOWMAC WR	LOWMAC WR
" "	W.13	LOWMAC WT	LOWMAC WT
" "	W.13, B.248 and B.251...	LOWMAC WV	LOWMAC WV
" "	B.245	LOWMAC WW	LOWMAC WW
" "	B.246	LOWMAC WBB	LOWMAC WBB
" "	B.242	LOWMAC SC	LOWMAC SC
" "	S.1681	LOWMAC SD	LOWMAC SD
" "	B.247	LOWMAC SF	LOWMAC SF
" "	B.245	LOWMAC SG	LOWMAC SG
" "	B.243	LOWMAC SH	LOWMAC SH
" "	E.26	LOWMAC EF	LOWMAC EF
" "	E.28 and B.244 ...	LOWMAC EK	LOWMAC EK
" "	E.28	LOWMAC EL	LOWMAC EL
" "	E.28	LOWMAC EM	LOWMAC EM
" "	E.30	LOWMAC EN	LOWMAC EN
" "	E.30	LOWMAC EO	LOWMAC EO

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Machine (under 3' rail to floor) (contd.)	E.30 and B.242	LOWMAC EP	LOWMAC EP
	E.30	LOWMAC EQ	LOWMAC EQ
	" " B.243	LOWMAC ER	LOWMAC ER
	" " B.246	LOWMAC ES	LOWMAC ES
	" " B.245	LOWMAC ET	LOWMAC ET
	" " B.247	LOWMAC EU	LOWMAC EU
Machine (3' and over rail to floor)	M.59	HYMAC MC	HYMAC MC
	" " M.59 (a)	HYMAC MD	HYMAC MD
	" " M.59 (b)	HYMAC ME	HYMAC ME
	" " W.11	HYMAC WJ	HYMAC WJ
	" " W.13	HYMAC WK	HYMAC WK
	" " W.12	HYMAC WR	HYMAC WR
	" " E.16	HYMAC EN	HYMAC EN
	" " E.16 and B.390	HYMAC EP	HYMAC EP
	" " B.391	HYMAC EX	HYMAC EX
	Rectank	M.12	RECTANK MA
" " M.13		RECTANK MB	RECTANK MB
" " W.9		RECTANK WB	RECTANK WB
" " E.36		RECTANK EA	RECTANK EA
" " E.36		RECTANK EB	RECTANK EB
Roll	W.18	ROLL WB	ROLL WB
	" " W.18 and B.450	ROLL WC	ROLL WC
	" " W.18	ROLL WE	ROLL WE
	" " W.18	ROLL WH	ROLL WH
Transformer	M.135 (a)	TRANSFORMER MA	TRANSFORMER MA
	" " M.136 (a)	TRANSFORMER MB	TRANSFORMER MB

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Transformer (contd.) ...	B.470	TRANSFORMER MC	TRANSFORMER MC
" ...	W.8	TRANSFORMER WL	TRANSFORMER WL
" ...	E.118	TRANSFORMER EA	TRANSFORMER EA
Trestle plate ...	B.	TRESTLE AB	TRESTLE AB
" "	E.96 and B.490	TRESTLE EA	TRESTLE EA
" "	B.491	TRESTLE ED	TRESTLE ED
" "	E.98	TRESTLE EG	TRESTLE EG
" "	E.98	TRESTLE EH	TRESTLE EH
Trolley—flat ...	M.85 (a)	FLATROL MA	FLATROL MA
" "	M.96 (a)	FLATROL MO	FLATROL MO
" "	M.97 (a)	FLATROL MR	FLATROL MR
" "	M.106	FLATROL MV	FLATROL MV
" "	M.120	FLATROL MAA	FLATROL MAA
" "	M.126 (a)	FLATROL MBB	FLATROL MBB
" "	M.126 (c)	FLATROL MCC	FLATROL MCC
" "	M.129 (a)	FLATROL MGG	FLATROL MGG
" "	M.129 (b), B.511 and B.524	FLATROL MHH	FLATROL MHH
" "	M.133 (e)	FLATROL MLL	FLATROL MLL
" "	M.135	FLATROL MPP	FLATROL MPP
" "	M.135 (c)	FLATROL MRR	FLATROL MRR
" "	B.510	FLATROL MSS	FLATROL MSS
" "	B.515	FLATROL MUU	FLATROL MUU
" "	B.512	FLATROL MVV	FLATROL MVV
" "	B.525	FLATROL SB	FLATROL SB
" "	B.513	FLATROL WX	FLATROL WX
" "	W.12	FLATROL WW	FLATROL WW

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Trolley—flat (contd.)	W.12	FLATROL WY	FLATROL WY
” ”	W.24 (a)	FLATROL WLL	FLATROL WLL
” ”	E.120	FLATROL EA	FLATROL EA
” ”	E.120 and B.517	FLATROL ED	FLATROL ED
” ”	E.124	FLATROL EJ	FLATROL EJ
” ”	B.521 and B.523	FLATROL EL	FLATROL EL
” ”	B.518	FLATROL EN	FLATROL EN
” ”	E.122	FLATROL ER	FLATROL ER
” ”	M.129 (b) and B.524	FLATROL ET	FLATROL ET
” ”	E.130 and B.520	FLATROL EX	FLATROL EX
” ”	B.522	FLATROL EY	FLATROL EY
” ”	E.132 and B.514	FLATROL EZ	FLATROL EZ
” ”	B.519	FLATROL EAA	FLATROL EAA
” ”	E.132 and B.516	FLATROL EAB	FLATROL EAB
” ”	E.132	FLATROL EDD	FLATROL EDD
” ”	E.128 and M.133 (e)	FLATROL ELL	FLATROL ELL
” ”	B.512	FLATROL EVV	FLATROL EVV
Trolley—propeller	E.144	PROTROL EB	PROTROL EB
” ”	B.660	PROTROL ED	PROTROL ED
” ”	E.146 and B.661	PROTROL EG	PROTROL EG
Trolley—trestle	M.118	TRESTROL MB	TRESTROL MB
” ”	M.121	TRESTROL MC	TRESTROL MC
” ”	M.122 (a)	TRESTROL MD	TRESTROL MD
” ”	M.122 (b)	TRESTROL ME	TRESTROL ME
” ”	M.133 (b)	TRESTROL MF	TRESTROL MF
” ”	M.134 (a)	TRESTROL MG	TRESTROL MG
” ”	B.680 and 682	TRESTROL MO	TRESTROL MO

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Trolley—trestle ... (contd.)	E.102	TRESTROL EA	TRESTROL EA
" "	E.102	TRESTROL EB	TRESTROL EB
" "	E.102 and B.681	TRESTROL EC	TRESTROL EC
" "	B.687	TRESTROL EJ	TRESTROL EJ
" "	E.100	TRESTROL EM	TRESTROL EM
" "	E.102 and B.684	TRESTROL EN	TRESTROL EN
" "	B.682	TRESTROL EO	TRESTROL EO
" "	B.	TRESTROL AO	TRESTROL AO
Trolley—well	M.96 (b) and B.733	WELTROL MA	WELTROL MA
" "	M.98	WELTROL MB	WELTROL MB
" "	M.98 (a) and B.730	WELTROL MC	WELTROL MC
" "	M.126	WELTROL MJ	WELTROL MJ
" "	M.126 (b)	WELTROL MK	WELTROL MK
" "	M.129	WELTROL ML	WELTROL ML
" "	M.133	WELTROL MO	WESTROL MO
" "	M.133 (c)	WELTROL MP	WELTROL MP
" "	M.133 (a)	WELTROL MR	WELTROL MR
" "	M.136	WELTROL MU	WELTROL MU
" "	B.731	WELTROL MV	WELTROL MV
" "	W.5	WELTROL WB	WELTROL WB
" "	W.5	WELTROL WC	WELTROL WC
" "	W.6	WELTROL WE	WELTROL WE
" "	W.6	WELTROL WF	WELTROL WF
" "	W.6	WELTROL WG	WELTROL WG
" "	W.7	WELTROL WH	WELTROL WH
" "	W.7	WELTROL WJ	WELTROL WJ
" "	W.7	WELTROL WK	WELTROL WK

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SPECIAL WAGONS (contd.)			
Trolley—well (contd.)	W.8 and B.737	WELTROL WL	WELTROL WL
" "	W.7	WELTROL WM	WELTROL WM
" "	W.5	WELTROL WN	WELTROL WN
" "	W.6	WELTROL WO	WELTROL WO
" "	W.6	WELTROL WP	WELTROL WP
" "	W.6	WELTROL WR	WELTROL WR
" "	W.6	WELTROL WT	WELTROL WT
" "	W.6	WELTROL WU	WELTROL WU
" "	B.734	WELTROL WW	WELTROL WW
" "	W.6	WELTROL WX	WELTROL WX
" "	W.5	WELTROL WY	WELTROL WY
" "	W.5	WELTROL WZ	WELTROL WZ
" "	B.735	WELTROL WBB	WELTROL WBB
" "	S.1690	WELTROL SA	WELTROL SA
" "	B.736	WELTROL EB	WELTROL EB
" "	B.732	WELTROL EC	WELTROL EC
" "	E.136	WELTROL ED	WELTROL ED
" "	E.138	WELTROL EF	WELTROL EF
" "	E.138	WELTROL EG	WELTROL EG
" "	E.138	WELTROL EH	WELTROL EH
" "	E.140	WELTROL EK	WELTROL EK
" "	E.142	WELTROL EL	WELTROL EL
" "	E.140	WELTROL EM	WELTROL EM
" "	E.140	WELTROL EN	WELTROL EN
" "	E.142	WELTROL EP	WELTROL EP
" "	M.135 (b)	WELTROL ES	WELTROL ES
" "	M.136	WELTROL EU	WELTROL EU
Wheel	E.112	WHEELWAG EA	WHEELWAG EA
" "	E.114	WHEELWAG EH	WHEELWAG EH
" "	E.116	WHEELWAG EJ	WHEELWAG EJ
VEHICLES ON LOAN FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS			
50 ton flat	WARFLAT	WARFLAT
20 ton case	PARROT	PARROT

PART (II)

IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS ON WAGONS AND CONTAINERS

Symbol	Significance
Diagonal white stripe on each side of mineral wagons.	Position of end door.
White "V" at bottom centres of sides.	Bottom doors.
Vertical white stripes, 3 on each side and end.	Vehicles equipped with shock absorbing gear.
Solid yellow triangle on sides of 24½-ton mineral wagons.	To readily distinguish from 21-ton mineral wagons.
Solid blue spot on wagon sides.	Vehicles fitted with roller bearing axle boxes.
Red triangle on sides of W.R. china clay wagons.	Interior of vehicles lined with zinc.
Letter "L" on sides of W.R. china clay wagons.	Vehicles constructed with longitudinal floor boards.
Solid yellow spot on sides of banana vans.	Vehicles constructed with improved insulation and not equipped with steam heating apparatus.
Letter "C" divided by a vertical line on wagon sides.	Loading centre of wagons.
White St. Andrew's cross on black background on wagon sides.	Vehicles allocated for internal user only.
White star or stars on underframe.	Indicates position of vacuum brake release cord.
Solid white or black triangle 6" x 6" x 3" painted on the solebar on either side of certain types of wagons equipped with two vacuum brake cylinders.	Point of triangle indicates location of "changeover lever" for regulating vacuum brake pressure.
Letters "XP" over "WB" on wagon sides.	Vehicles suitable for running on passenger trains according to wheelbase shown.
Stars on tanks and star plates on tank wagons:—	
One star.	See Regional Instructions.
Two stars.	See Regional Instructions.
Three stars.	See Regional Instructions.

IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS ON WAGONS AND CONTAINERS—contd.

Symbol	Significance
Letters "COND" in white on wagon sides.	Railway-owned vehicles condemned.
Letters "M.T.D." in white on wagon sides.	Ex Privately-owned wagons condemned.
Yellow letters "H" or "L" on bottom right hand corners of wagon sides.	Applied by C.M.E. representative and indicating nature of repair involved, i.e. H = Heavy L = Light
Letters "S" or "SS" on sides of Continental ferry wagons.	Vehicles may be worked in the same trains and under the same conditions as equivalent British vehicles marked "XP".
Anchor sign surrounded by a rectangle on sides of Continental ferry wagons.	Vehicles conforming to the loading gauge agreed by the International Union of Railways.
Letter "i" enclosed in double rectangle on sides of containers.	Railway-owned and privately-owned containers in International traffic which comply with regulations under Customs Seal.
Letter "i" enclosed in one rectangle on sides of containers.	Railway-owned and privately-owned containers subject to individual Customs Control and requiring certificate of approval.
Red letter "R" in white circle on sides of open grain hopper wagons.	Indicates that the bottom doors have been sealed with rubberised solution.
Letters "R.I.V." enclosed in rectangle on sides of vehicles.	Wagon conforms to the requirements necessary for running over Continental railways.
Letter "P" enclosed in a rectangle on sides of privately-owned wagons and containers.	The wagon or container has been registered by a Railway Administration.
Five-pointed yellow star on sides of privately-owned wagons.	The wagon owner is a party to the Com-muted Annual Payment Scheme in lieu of empty haulage charges.
Yellow enamel plate bearing small letter "c" inside a large "C" in black or, alternatively, symbol painted in similar colours on the sides of privately-owned wagons.	The wagon owner is a party to the Com-muted Annual Payment Scheme in lieu of shunting and siding rent charges.
Top half of circle, with a cross at either end, on sides of wagons used for International traffic.	Vehicle must not be allowed to pass over a shunting hump.

MARKINGS ON WAGON SHEETS

Two sets of figures, one in white and one in yellow, on top surface of tarpaulin, e.g. 9/57 in white and 9/58 in yellow.	Indicates that the sheet was issued in September 1957 and must be returned to Sheet factory not later than September 1958 for overhaul.
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COLOURS FOR FREIGHT ROLLING STOCK

OPEN WAGONS (UNFITTED), MERCHANDISE, MINERAL AND STEEL-CARRYING

(a) Body

- (i) **Timber construction**—woodwork unpainted, steelwork grey, lettering white on black background.
- (ii) **Steel construction**—grey, lettering white on black background.

(b) Underframe

- (i) **Timber construction**—woodwork unpainted, steelwork black, lettering white on black background, running gear black.
- (ii) **Steel construction**—grey, lettering white on black background, running gear black.

OPEN WAGONS (FITTED OR PIPED), MERCHANDISE, MINERAL AND STEEL-CARRYING

(a) Body

- (i) **Timber construction**—bauxite red, lettering white.
- (ii) **Steel construction**—bauxite red, lettering white.

(b) Underframe

- (i) **Timber construction**—woodwork unpainted, steelwork black, lettering white on black background, running gear black.
- (ii) **Steel construction**—black with white lettering, running gear black.

On fitted stock, the vacuum pipe to be painted bauxite red from headstock to rubber connection and on "piped only" stock to be white from headstock to rubber connection.

On vehicles fitted with roller bearing axle boxes, the axle box casing to be painted yellow and in some instances yellow with a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " red bar (according to the type of grease used).

NOTE.—Vehicles having the axle box casing painted pillar box red are also of the roller bearing type, but these will eventually be re-painted yellow.

COVERED VANS (UNFITTED)

- (a) **Body**—grey, lettering white on black background.
- (b) **Underframe**—black, lettering white, running gear black.

COLOURS FOR FREIGHT ROLLING STOCK—contd.

COVERED VANS (FITTED OR PIPED)

- (a) **Body**—bauxite red, lettering white.
- (b) **Underframe**—black, lettering white, running gear black.
- Ventilated meat—(a) **Body**—crimson, with yellow lettering.
- (b) **Underframe**—black, lettering white, running gear black.
- Ventilated/Insulated meat } (a) **Body**—white with black lettering.
- Insulated meat } (b) **Underframe**—black, lettering white, running gear black.
- Insulated fish } (a) **Body**—bauxite red.
- Non-insulated fish } (b) **Underframe**—black, lettering white, running gear black.

On fitted stock, the vacuum pipe to be painted bauxite red from headstock to rubber connection and on "piped only" stock to be white from headstock to rubber connection.

On vehicles fitted with roller bearing axle boxes, the axle box casing to be painted yellow and in some instances yellow with a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " red bar (according to the type of grease used).

NOTE.—Vehicles having the axle box casing painted pillar box red are also of the roller bearing type, but these will eventually be re-painted yellow.

OTHER TYPES

Docks and works wagons (all types) — Green.

Departmental vehicles — (a) **Body**—

Covered—Timber construction
Black with yellow lettering.

Open—Timber construction
Unpainted with yellow lettering on black panel.

All types—Steel construction
Black with yellow lettering.

(b) **Underframe**—
All types
Black with white lettering, running gear black.

CONTAINERS

- (a) **OPEN** — grey with white lettering on black background.
- (b) **COVERED (General merchandise)** — crimson with yellow lettering.
- (c) **COVERED (Meat—Ventilated)** — crimson with yellow lettering.
- (d) **COVERED (Meat—insulated)** — white with black lettering (roofs painted grey where not covered with P.B.S. roofing material).
- (e) **COVERED (Highly insulated)** — white with black lettering (roofs painted grey where not covered with P.B.S. roofing material).
- (f) **COVERED (DRIKOLD) TYPE "AX"**— white with black lettering, fitted with a permanent small sheet to cover loading hatch.
- (g) **BULK MATERIAL** — grey with white lettering on black background.

