

W26 GWR COLLETT RESTAURANT COMPOSITE (RC)

Diagram H38

10 rebuilt circa 1947; withdrawn 1962; none preserved

60'

These etched sides can be built into a complete coach using products from our range as supplied in our full kits. Please refer to the panel opposite. Should you prefer they can also be used for scratchbuilding.

Towards the end of the bow ended era Collett produced a number of 60' designs in a style similar to the earlier 57' stock. These composite diners were completed to lot 1451 in June 1931. Being self-contained and not needing to be marshalled next to other open stock they were used in general service. Post-war renovation gave them the more modern sliding vents depicted by this etch and they served in premier trains until the advent of the new BR Mk1s caused them to be cascaded to lesser duties. They had flush fitted commode and door handles giving a width of 9'3" and thus better route availability, and were mainly used on cross-country services.

Sample formations

08.40	Paddington, Reading, Oxford, Birmingham	BTK/CK/RC/TK/BTK/CK/TK Paddington - B'ham Oxford
09.10	Deal, Ashford, Redhill, Reading, Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton Shrewsbury, Chester Birkenhead	BTK/CK/BCK/BCK/RC/BTK/BCK/BTK Redhill-B'head Ashford-Birkenhead
12.30	Plymouth, Exeter, Bristol, Pontypool Road, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Crewe, Liverpool	BTK/CK/CK/BTK/BCK/BTK ² /RC ¹ /CK ² /BTK ² /BCK/BCK Ppool Rd N'ton Abbot Plymouth PpoolRd ¹ alternating LMS/GWR ² LMS coaches

Running numbers

9601-9610

Livery

The coaches were painted chocolate and cream, with a gold line at the boundary. There was a brown line at the eaves approximately 4" deep. Roofs were painted white. Droplights were painted 'mahogany'- a sort of brick red. Letters and numerals were gold shaded black.

There was a Coat of Arms in the lower panel with the London and Bristol crests above the shield. Class wording was placed in the waist panel on the doors, and numbers were placed at each end of the coach.

In 1930 along with new coaches for the Torbay and Cornish Riviera Expresses came an elaboration in the form of a completely lined waist panel, the 'double lined' variant. This was soon extended to all existing express stock, but not cross-country and non-corridor stock. Thirds were not marked, only firsts, but with the introduction of stock with end doors only it became necessary to reintroduce the 'third' to avoid confusion, particularly with composites. In 1934 the Garter Crest and Coats of Arms were replaced by the 'shirt button' monogram.

The final GWR style appeared from 1943 onwards. The cream panel extended from 7" below the cantrail down to 1½" below the windows. Double lining was applied, the lower waist line being 7" below the upper one. Lining was black and gold, and numbers were in the lining panel at both ends. Roofs were painted grey. The monogram was replaced with the new Coat of Arms in the centre of the panel flanked by the words 'Great' and 'Western'. This was later extended to all coaches built since 1936 which had the double lined waist style.

From 1949 they received BR crimson and cream and from 1956 lined maroon.

Further information

GWR Coaches 1890-1954	Harris	David & Charles
GWR Coaches Vols I & II	J H Russell	O.P.C.
GWR Coaches Appendix II	J H Russell	O.P.C.
Great Western Way	J N Slinn	H.M.R.S
British Railways Pre-Nationalisation Coaching Stock Vol. 1	H Longworth	O.P.C.

COMET MODELS components required to complete this carriage are:

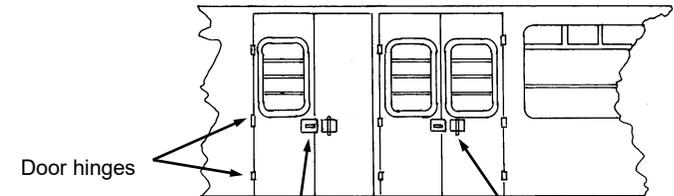
Underframe	UE1 (sic)	Bogies	BW3
Underframe castings	UCW1	Roof castings	RC5 & 7
Ends	EW1	End castings	ECW2
Roof	C10	Interior	INT3
Gas cylinders	C19		

Modelling note

The voids behind the area of the handles need to be filled by backing them with suitable strip material, either styrene fixed with adhesive or metal such as scrap from the surround of an etch soldered in place. After fixing drill for the door handles, make grab handles from 0.45mm wire and fix in place with adhesive.

Scrap views showing additional detailing of sides and ends

(not all details may apply to this diagram)

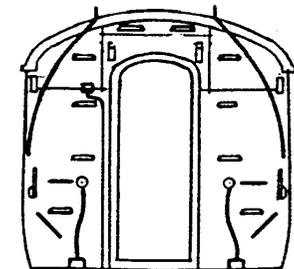


Door hinges

'T' door handles are supplied in complete kits and are available in product C6

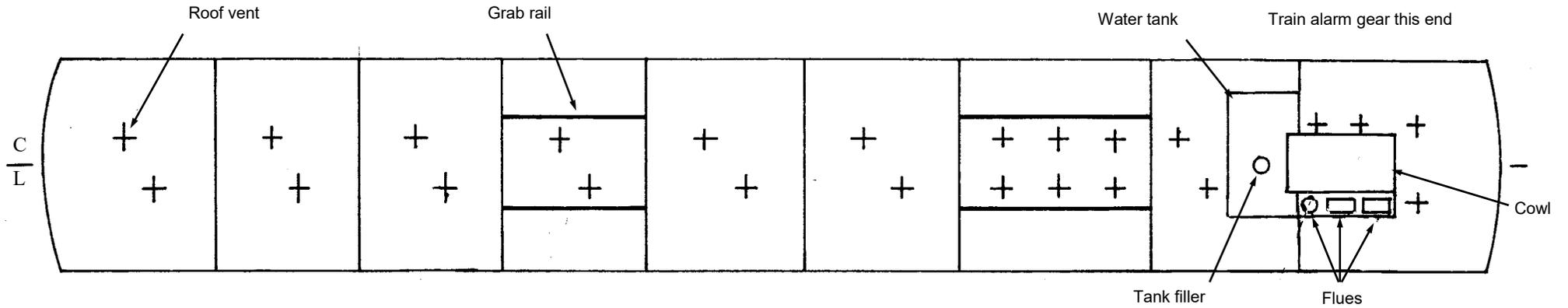
Make grab handles from 0.45mm wire

Door hinges, gangway suspension brackets, train alarm gear ears, gangway end covers and solebar ascending steps are available in product C26

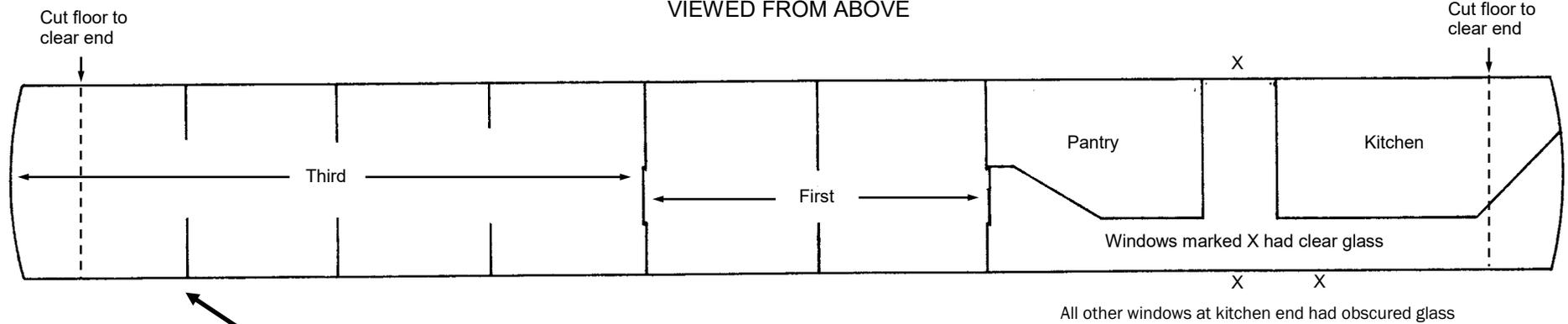


The ends are identical except that the train alarm gear is only fitted at the end shown on the roof plan overleaf

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ROOF AND INTERIOR PLANS VIEWED FROM ABOVE



UNDERFRAME VIEWED FROM BELOW

