



LNER B17/5 Historical notes

Two of the B 17 class 4-6-Os were given the 'A4' streamlining treatment by Gresley for working the Prestige 'East Anglian' Express. These entered service in 1937 and were named 'East Anglian' and 'City of London'.

Though of undoubted publicity value, performance was no better than the remainder of the class, and in view of increased maintenance costs, BR removed the streamlined casings in 1951, with both locos resuming their former identities as standard members of the class.

Assembly Instructions

This model is designed to fit the Hornby tender-driven 'Footballer' mechanism, using the same screws and mounting points. Modellers wishing to construct a finescale chassis can fit the Comet Models B17 chassis kit as an alternative, but will need to obtain a Hornby tender underframe (obtainable from Hornby spares specialists).

Before carrying out any modification you are advised to check the Hornby mechanism for proper running.

Begin by cleaning up any moulding flash & feeds, then gluing the cab interior to the body, then drill holes & add handrails to choice;

In order to fit within the side valances it is necessary to slice off around 1.5mm from the outside faces of the Hornby cylinders. This may be carried out with a fine saw, sharp knife or a file. Remove also a small amount from the outer ends of the plastic motion bracket.

In some cases the valve gear may just catch the bodywork - this can be carefully bent inwards, ensuring that clearances are maintained between the moving parts.

We recommend the body should be sprayed with a good quality car-type primer before final painting.

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