



BRCW/SULZER 'LION'

'LION' was a joint venture Type 4 Co-Co prototype built by the Birmingham Railway Carriage & Wagon Co., with a Sulzer 2,750hp engine (as later fitted to cl.47) & AEI electrical equipment.. The locomotive entered service in 1962, running trials over both Eastern & Western Regions of BR, The unusual & distinctive white livery ensuring it got noticed wherever it went.! Though generally considered successful, with 100mph plus performance & impressive haulage capacity, 'LION' was withdrawn when in need of a second heavy overhaul, as the owners, BRCW, had been forced out of the locomotive business due to financial difficulties.

This kit is intended to clip on to the HORNBY class 47 chassis, (A little trimming may be needed at the corners), & can employ the glazing units from the redundant Hornby bodyshell; the 2 valance mouldings should be glued to the centre portion of the underframe with the bodywork in place to ensure a snug fit;- pare away the moulded support brackets so that the valances sit back from the bodysides, & glue with a little contact adhesive. Drill the body for wire handrails before painting; From photographic evidence, the livery appears to be slightly Ivory in shade rather than pure white. You will need to obtain some oval buffer heads to finish, & any other detail parts as required. These should be available from the likes of Shawplan or Howes. Fox transfers make the side stripes & gold numbers, together with appropriate nameplates.

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