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DIESEL MULTIPLE UNIT TRAINS  
WITH 'RED TRIANGLE' COUPLING  
CODE AND TORQUE CONVERTER  
TRANSMISSION

PART 1

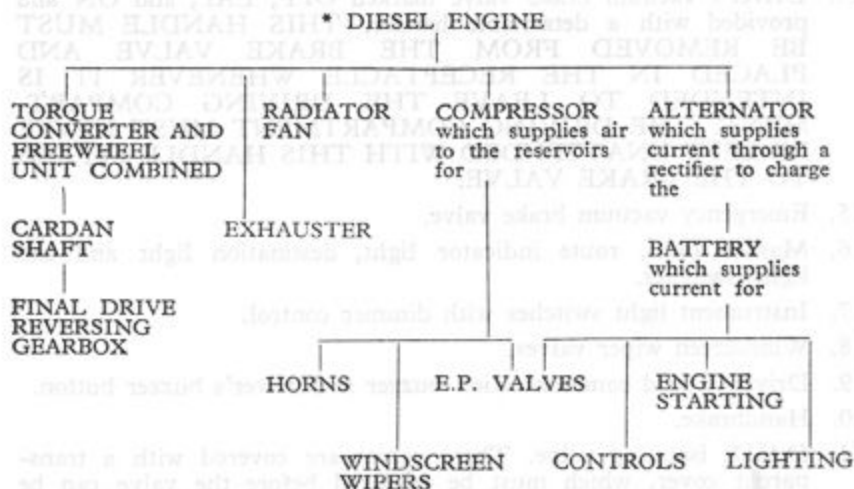
GENERAL DATA AND EQUIPMENT

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# EQUIPMENT FITTED TO 'RED TRIANGLE' DIESEL MULTIPLE UNIT TRAINS WITH TORQUE CONVERTER TRANSMISSION

## POWER AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

The majority of multiple unit Diesel trains are provided with two horizontal Diesel engines, each of which is arranged to drive through a transmission to the axle. A typical arrangement of one set of equipment is as follows:-



\* Rolls-Royce 8-cylinder 238 H.P.

## DRIVING COMPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

1. Control circuit switch, operated by a Yale type removable key.
2. Power controller handle incorporating a Driver's Safety Device (D.S.D.).
3. Gear selector handle marked N (neutral), 1, 2, 3 and D.
4. Reversing switch with detachable handle. This device selects FORWARD and REVERSE, but the handle can only be removed when in the OFF position. The gear selector handle can only be moved when the reversing handle is in FORWARD or REVERSE.

THIS HANDLE MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE REVERSING SWITCH AND PLACED IN THE RECEPTACLE WHENEVER IT IS INTENDED TO LEAVE THE DRIVING COMPARTMENT. THE DRIVING COMPARTMENT MUST NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED WITH THIS HANDLE FITTED TO THE REVERSING SWITCH. (See modification to Rule 126, page 39 of the General Appendix.)

5. Engine start buttons; one each for the left hand and right hand engines of the train.
6. Engine stop button.
7. Engine indicator lights; one per engine up to 6 power cars.

8. Air pressure and final drive engagement indicator lights; one light per car for up to 6 power cars.
9. Control panel light test button.
10. Two tone horn control.
11. Speedometer.
12. Main reservoir air pressure gauge.
13. Duplex vacuum gauge indicating brake pipe vacuum and release pipe vacuum.
14. Driver's vacuum brake valve marked OFF, LAP, and ON and provided with a detachable handle. THIS HANDLE MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BRAKE VALVE AND PLACED IN THE RECEPTACLE WHENEVER IT IS INTENDED TO LEAVE THE DRIVING COMPARTMENT. THE DRIVING COMPARTMENT MUST NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED WITH THIS HANDLE FITTED TO THE BRAKE VALVE.
15. Emergency vacuum brake valve.
16. Marker light, route indicator light, destination light and cab light switches.
17. Instrument light switches with dimmer control.
18. Windscreen wiper valves.
19. Driver/Guard communication buzzer and driver's buzzer button.
20. Handbrake.
21. D.S.D. isolating valve. These valves are covered with a transparent cover, which must be removed before the valve can be operated. If this cover is removed an entry must be made in the Repair Book.
22. D.S.D. hold over button on the right hand side of the driving compartment.
23. Car and train light controller.
24. Car heater switches.
25. Fire alarm bell.
26. Demister switch.
27. A.W.S. switch.
28. A.W.S. reset button.
29. A.W.S. indicator.
30. Loudaphone.
31. Handbrake indicator light (where fitted).
32. Passenger communication valve.

## EXTERNAL CONTROLS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Fuel injection pump manual control handle.  
This consists of a "T" handle mounted on the solebars and is connected to the fuel pump governor by means of a flexible cable.
2. Panel containing local engine "Start" and "Stop" buttons

3. Fire alarm bell test button; one mounted on a fire alarm control box attached to each solebar.
4. Engine isolating switch; one on each solebar.
5. Final drive isolating plunger; one on each final drive gearbox.
6. Unloader valve blanking cap nut.
7. Battery isolating switch.
8. Flame switch, under protecting cover (2).
9. Secondary fire equipment button (2).
10. Graviner fire bottle detector pins for determining if fire bottles are full. One on underside of each bottle.
11. Fuel line shut off cocks.

## **EQUIPMENT ON HEADSTOCK**

1. Screw coupling.
2. Vacuum brake pipe.
3. Vacuum release pipe.
4. Main reservoir equalising pipe with self venting shut-off cock and "Star" valve in coupling.
5. Jumper cables (two) with dummy sockets.
6. Live jumper sockets (two).

## **FUNCTIONS OF EQUIPMENT WITH TRAIN IN WORKING ORDER AND FULL AIR PRESSURE**

### **1. Control circuit switch with removable Yale type key**

This switch provides a positive supply of current from the battery of the leading car, via the No. 6 fuse, to the driving compartment controls and the local start and stop buttons on the whole train. A negative return from all train line control equipment is also controlled by this switch simultaneously with the positive supply.

### **2. Reversing switch**

This switch is fitted with a removable handle. The handle can only be fitted and removed when the switch is in the OFF position. When the handle is moved to FORWARD or REVERSE, the gear selector handle is unlocked and the "D" (drive) may be selected. When the switch is moved to a FORWARD or REVERSE position, the positive E.M.F. from the battery, which is switched by the control circuit switch, is made available to:-

- (a) Energise the appropriate forward or reverse relays on the train.
- (b) Supply current for operating the D.S.D. relay.
- (c) Supply current, via the D.S.D. switches, for the gear selector switches. (See Gear selector.)
- (d) Supply current, via the D.S.D. switches, for the power controller switches. (See Power controller.)
- (e) Operate the "Engine" and "Air and Axle" indicator lights.

### 3. Gear selector

The gear selector is provided with a control handle, which is normally locked in the NEUTRAL position and cannot be moved until a direction is selected by the reversing handle.

When a direction is selected, the gear selector may be moved into any of the four gear ratio positions. In each of these positions an appropriate switch is closed by cam action and current from the battery is supplied, as described in "Reversing switch" 2 (c) above, to the appropriate relay on each power car of the train for hydraulic drive. THESE CARS CAN NO LONGER BE USED IN MULTIPLE WITH TRAINS WITH 'BLUE SQUARE' COUPLING CODES.

### 4. Power controller

The power controller is provided with a handle which is hinged at the base and sprung in such a way that its normal position is slightly higher than its operating position, i.e. under the weight of the driver's hand. When the handle is depressed the following actions take place:-

- (a) A switch is closed which allows current to flow from the battery, via the control circuit switch and a switch operated by the reversing switch shaft, to the operating coil of each D.S.D. relay on the train.
- (b) A switch is closed which allows current to flow from the battery, via the control circuit switch and a switch operated by the reversing switch shaft, to the switch contacts in the gear selector and power controller. If the handle is moved from its normal IDLING position without being initially depressed the brakes will remain fully applied, the engines will continue to run at idling speed and the torque converters will remain in neutral irrespective of the gear selector position.

If the power control handle is depressed and then moved from the IDLING position towards the full power position, four switches will be closed and opened in sequence due to cam action. The contacts of these switches when closed allow current to pass along the train lines and energise the engine control E.P. valves in each power car.

### 5. Relays and E.P. (Electro-pneumatic) valves

As shown above, the movement of the gear selector and reversing switch allows current to pass along the train lines to energise the operating coils of various relays, situated within the control scheme of each power car. Each relay is equipped with one or more pairs of contacts which open and/or close as necessary, according to their function, when their coils are energised. When the relay contacts are closed they allow current to pass from the local battery to the coil of an E.P. valve, or alternatively they make or break the circuit to other components as required.

An E.P. valve is a device which, when energised, will allow a supply of compressed air to pass into another piece of apparatus. When de-energised it will allow the air which has passed into the apparatus to become vented to atmosphere and shut off the supply of air.

The E.P. valves which become energised by the torque converter relays and forward and reverse relays are each arranged to pass air to the torque converter control valves and final drive gearbox cylinders. When, for instance, it is desired to reverse a train the relay coil controlling the forward direction becomes de-energised, by having its current supply removed by the reversing controller. The relay contacts then open and remove from the E.P. valve coil the current supply from the local battery. The E.P. valve then allows the air in the forward direction cylinder of the final drive unit to become vented to atmosphere. The movement of the reversing handle, after opening a switch controlling the forward direction of the vehicle, will close a switch which controls the reverse direction. This will allow train line current to energise the reverse relay. When this relay becomes energised its contacts close and allow current from the local battery to energise the E.P. valve for the reverse direction of travel. This allows air to pass to the reverse direction final drive gearbox cylinder.

The engine control E.P. valves are energised directly from the train lines without train relay control.

## 6. Driver's brake valve

The driver's brake valve is of a type to be used only with the Gresham and Craven "Quick release" system. It has three positions i.e. OFF, LAP and ON. When it is required to release the brakes the engines are normally idling and the capacity of the exhausters, which are belt driven from the engines, is consequently low. For this reason the "Quick release" has been designed.

The functions of the system are as follows:-

- (a) OFF position. In this position the brakes are initially released and maintained in the OFF position. When being released, air in the brake pipe passes through the driver's brake valve and feed valve of the leading car, into the brake release pipe and then via the control valves into the high vacuum reservoirs on each car. A release of the brakes will therefore cause a temporary reduction in release reservoir vacuum. If the brake is applied and released several times in rapid succession the vacuum in the release pipe will become progressively reduced, i.e. if no time is allowed for recharging after each release. A release reservoir vacuum of less than 21in. Hg would not contribute very effectively to the releasing of the brakes, but if allowed to fall to a very low level would considerably increase the time of brake release by the exhausters alone. A control valve is provided on each vehicle which retains at least 19in. of vacuum in the release reservoirs at all times.
- (b) LAP position. In this position the brake valve isolates the brake cylinders from the exhausters and from the atmosphere. A partial reduction of vacuum in the brake cylinders can therefore be retained without further movement of the brake valve handle.
- (c) ON position. In this position the ports of the valve are arranged to admit air from atmosphere into the vacuum brake pipe. The intensity of the brake application is increased as

the brake valve handle is moved further towards the ON position.

## **7. Starting panel**

The engine starting panel consists of one start button to start all of the left hand engines on the train and one start button to start all of the right hand engines. These buttons must not be used unless there is sufficient air pressure to illuminate the final drive indicator lights. When insufficient air pressure is available "local" starts must be made.

When a driving compartment engine start button is pressed, a relay operating coil on each power car becomes energised, via the train lines and the control circuit switch, from the battery of the leading power car. Energisation of the engine starting relays causes their contacts to close and allow a current supply from each local battery to operate the starting contactor within each starter motor. The starting contactor within the starter motor directly couples its armature/field system to the local battery. This begins the starting sequence within the motor which enables the engine to be started. This action takes place on all of the right hand or left hand engines simultaneously. Arrangements are made however for a signal from the tachometer drive to operate a relay in such a way that the local current supply, which controls the starting contactor within each starter motor, will be open-circuited when the corresponding engine runs at its idling speed. This ensures that the starter motor action ceases when the engine fires, even if the start button remains depressed, and it also prevents damage to a starter motor if the start button is depressed when the engine is already running.

An isolation switch in the circuit, situated on the solebar, can be operated to prevent an engine from being started when a driving compartment start button is pressed. This switch is used when an engine or transmission component is defective and thereby prevents the engine from being started.

## **8. Stop button (Modified system)**

One Stop button is provided in each driving compartment. This provides a supply of current from the battery of the leading power car, via the control circuit switch, to the operating coils of the stop relays of each car. When the coils of these relays are energised, their contacts open and their associated engine run solenoids are de-energised. The engines are then stopped. Local stop buttons are provided on each car for stopping individual engines.

## **9. A.W.S. switch**

The purpose of the A.W.S. Switch, which is provided in the driving compartment of each car, is to ensure that the train can only be driven when the A.W.S. equipment is operative.

The switch, which is also commonly referred to as the "change-end" switch, consists of two pairs of contacts which open and close simultaneously. One of these pairs of contacts is placed in the battery supply line to the A.W.S. convertor. The other pair of contacts is placed in the circuit carrying the battery supply from the power controller to the gear selector. Both pairs of contacts are open when the switch is in the OFF position.

Only the A.W.S. Switch in the leading car of the train must be in the ON position; and it will be seen that unless the switch is in the ON position, thereby making the A.W.S. equipment operative, the battery supply will not be connected to the gear selector, which will therefore be inoperative.

Incorporated in the A.W.S. equipment is a red isolating handle. When this handle is moved to the ISOLATED position, a cock is closed in the vacuum brake pipe connection, but the voltage convertor contacts remain open. Operation of the A.W.S. Switch is still necessary, therefore, in these conditions, in order to energise the gear selector thereby enabling power to be transmitted from the engine to the wheels.

#### 10. Driver's safety device (D.S.D.)

In section (1) (d) it was shown that the power controller handle, when depressed, closes a switch which provides a supply of positive current from the battery to the operating coil of each D.S.D. relay on the train. This current closes the contacts of each relay and provides a local current supply to the solenoid of each D.S.D. valve. When the solenoid is energised the brakes can be released. When the solenoid is de-energised, atmospheric air is admitted into the timing chamber of the apparatus through a small orifice. After a period of 5-7 seconds, the timing chamber and associated chamber become sufficiently charged with air to act on the diaphragm of the emergency valve and lift it off its seat. The opening of the emergency valve admits air into the brake pipe through a full orifice.

The driver's safety device valves are normally situated behind a transparent cover. If the valve becomes faulty the transparent cover must be removed and the isolating handle must be placed in the ISOLATE position. It will therefore be seen that the isolation of one D.S.D. valve on the train does not prevent others from working and the D.S.D. is only inoperative if all the D.S.D. valves on the train are isolated.

#### 11. Graviner Fire Extinguishing Equipment

Each engine, torque convertor and fuel tank of these cars is protected by Graviner Fire Fighting Equipment. In the event of a fire developing in the vicinity of any of this equipment the Graviner Automatic Fire Fighting Equipment at the appropriate end of the car will operate by discharging 4 cylinders of B.C.F. gas. Additionally the fire alarm bells will ring in all driving compartments and Guard's compartments in the train, the red indicator lights will illuminate on both fire control boxes on the affected car, both engines on the affected car will be stopped and all heaters on the train will be stopped.

If the fire is not extinguished by the automatic extinguishers, 4 further cylinders of a secondary system may be discharged, by pressing a button on either of the solebars of the power cars marked 'PRESS BUTTON TO OPERATE SECONDARY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS'. The secondary system will only operate if the primary system has been discharged and it cannot be operated accidentally.

In the event of the primary system operating, the bells may be silenced and the red warning lights may be extinguished by



placing the double pole isolating switches on both fire control boxes to the OFF position. This will prevent both engines from being started.

If a fire occurs after the discharge of the automatic system and the double pole switch has been placed into the isolated position, the bells may sound and the red warning lights may be illuminated as a result of the operation of the re-setting thermostat above the torque convertor. The bells will continue to ring and the red warning light will remain illuminated until the re-setting thermostat cools sufficiently for its contacts to open. In these circumstances the secondary system may be used, or failing this the fire will have to be extinguished by hand extinguishers.

See page 20 for "action to be taken in the event of a fire."

#### 10. Driver's safety device (D.S.D.)

In section (f) (b) it was shown that the power controller handle, when depressed, closes a switch which provides a supply of positive current from the battery to the operating coil of each D.S.D. relay on the train. This current closes the contacts of each relay and provides a local current supply to the solenoid of each D.S.D. valve. When the solenoid is energized the piston can be released. When the solenoid is de-energized, atmospheric air is admitted into the timing chamber of the apparatus through a small orifice. After a period of 2-7 seconds the timing chamber and associated chamber become sufficiently charged with air to act on the diaphragm of the emergency valve and lift it off its seat. The opening of the emergency valve admits air into the brake pipe through a full orifice.

The driver's safety device valves are normally situated behind a transparent cover on the front of the train. The cover is hinged and can be opened to inspect the valves. It will therefore be seen that the D.S.D. valves on the train does not prevent others from working and the D.S.D. is only inoperative if all the D.S.D. valves on the train are isolated.

#### 11. Giviner Fire Extinguishing Equipment

Each engine, torque convertor and fuel tank of these cars is protected by Giviner Fire Fighting Equipment in the event of a fire developing in the vicinity of any of this equipment the Giviner Automatic Fire Fighting Equipment at the appropriate end of the car will operate by discharging 4 cylinders of B.C.F. gas. Additionally the fire alarm bells will ring in all driving compartments and Giviner's compartments in the train, the red indicator lights will illuminate on both fire control boxes on the affected car, both engines on the affected car will be stopped and all trains on the train will be stopped.

If the fire is not extinguished by the automatic extinguishers, 4 further cylinders of a secondary system may be discharged, by pressing a button on either of the solenoids of the power cars marked "PRESS BUTTON TO OPERATE SECONDARY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS". The secondary system will only operate if the primary system has been discharged and it cannot be operated automatically.

In the event of the primary system operating, the bells may be silenced and the red warning lights may be extinguished by