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GWR Travelling Post Office Vans (Diags.L18-L25 of 1929-1947)
In 1929, 1932, 1933 and 1947 the GWR introduced a number of varied length TPO vans to Diags.L18 to L25, all with 'offset Post Office gangways'. There are too many variations and differences for us to list all these independently but, to give a summer 1958 example, the West of England TPO was shown in official carriage workings as:

- Siphon G. One of eight branded *'To work on Down & Up West of England TPO'*
- Stowage Brake Van. One of Nos.812-814 (Diag.L23, 50ft vehicles)
- Stowage Van. One of Nos.793-795 (Diag.L21, 57ft vehicles) (Later transferred to LMR for West Coast Postal)
- Sorting Carriage. One of Nos.843-845 (Diag.L25, 63ft Hawksworth vehicles of 1947)
- Sorting Carriage. One of Nos.806-808 (Diag.L18, 50ft vehicles)
- Sorting Carriage. One of Nos.846, 847, 835 (Diags.L25 and Diag. L13 70ft vehicle)
- Brake Van. One of Nos.39, 81, 1177 (Diag. K40) (Later transferred to LMR for West Coast Postal)
- Three Siphons G. Three of eight branded *'To work on Down & Up West of England TPO'*
- Siphon G. One of Nos.1297 or 2943 branded *'To work on Down & Up West of England TPO'*

Significantly, Diag.L23 No.814 has been preserved in working order at the Great Western Society, Didcot and demonstrates TPO pick-up and delivery. This vehicle was built new in 1940 to replace the same-numbered vehicle which had been destroyed in an accident.

Nos.812-814 were fitted with nets in 1946.

The Paddington-Penzance Postal in late 1959 was formed:

• Siphon G*		} Paddington-Penzance	
• Diag.723 Stowage Brake	W80450-5	}	
• Diag.722 Stowage Van	W80400-2	}	
• Diag.720 Sorting Van	W80300-5	}	} Made by Bachmann
• Diag.720 Sorting Van	W80300-5	}	}
• Diag.721 Sorting Van	W80306-8	}	
• Diag.723 Stowage Brake	W80450-5	}	
• Siphon G*		Paddington-Plymouth	
• Siphon G*		} Paddington-Exeter	
• Siphon G*		}	
• Siphon G**		Paddington-Bristol	

* Siphons G 1002, 1014, 1015, 1033, 1035, 1036, 1039, 1041 branded '*To work only on Down & Up West of England TPO'*.

** Siphons G 1043 and 1049 branded *'To work only on Down & Up West of England TPO.*