Steam Heat Class 37s

SCOTLAND'S DIESEL FLEET IN DETAIL

A reference guide to the 1980s & 1990s compiled by **Andrew Donnelly**

The Scottish Diesel & Electric Group (SDEG) is proud to announce the release of the fourth volume of Scotland's Diesel Fleet in Detail - Steam Heat Class 37s

This volume of Scotland's Diesel Fleet in Detail encompasses a series of comprehensive notes on the classic and hugely popular steam heat class 37/0 fleet, which dominated both passenger and freight services in the Scottish Highlands during much of the 1980s. Also included is a review of the former class 25 'ETHELs' and through steam-pipe fitted class 20s, which worked with the class 37/0s on the West Highland Line. Although the reign of the steam heat class 37s was relatively short, the early 1980s was a truly classic era in Scotland's railway history, with the diverse class 37 fleet contributing to the enormous interest in the period. The book has been compiled both as a useful reference source for modellers and as a general review of the sub-class from the 1980s through to the 1990s. Summaries of the main detail and technical variations are also included. The main section covers locos which had an operational steam heat boiler whilst based in Scotland during the early 1980s, with brief overviews of several other locos which spent relatively short periods allocated to the region. Each loco entry includes notes and photographs covering the period from the early 1980s onwards, along with detail modifications and livery changes relating specifically to their period based in Scotland. After displacement by the refurbished class 37/4s, many of these locos remained in Scotland for freight and departmental duties, hence the period up until privatisation of British Rail's freight operations in the mid-1990s also being covered. Brief notes also outline the destiny of each example, whether that be refurbishment, disposal or passage into preservation.

The book has been compiled by Andrew Donnelly, edited by Graeme Moyes and has benefited from numerous invaluable contributions received from both SDEG members and various specialists with regards to the class 37/0 fleet, including several renowned authors and former Eastfield Depot staff. Photographic coverage of the class 37/0s on both passenger and freight workings during the period in focus is lavishly provided by a number of well-known railway photographers. Their images cover the kaleidoscope of liveries carried by the locos, as well as some very unusual workings, largely highlighted by using previously unpublished material. Based upon feedback received and the success of the first volumes of the series, this edition is printed on high quality 135gsm paper. The popular 25cm square format and hardback cover have been retained, but with many more locos to include and greater coverage than previous editions, this volume has been significantly expanded to 180 pages.

Scotland's Diesel Fleet in Detail; Steam Heat Class 37s is exclusively available from the SDEG for a cost of £33 plus £6.50 P&P for UK addresses; a small price increase from the earlier volumes, but with 50% more pages. Payment is by UK bank transfer only. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash, cheques or credit card payments. A small number of Volume 1 (Class 26s), Volume 2 (Class 47/4s) and Volume 3 (ScotRail Express) of Scotland's Diesel Fleet in Detail are still available for purchase for £30 each plus £6.50 P&P. Should you wish to purchase more than one volume of the series or multiple copies of a volume to be posted together, prices for P&P will be £9.50 for any two copies and £11.00 for any three copies for UK addresses only. Orders of more than two copies will be sent in separate parcels due to weight and size issues. For non-UK addresses, P&P will be charged at cost; please enquire for a quotation for this or larger volume orders. We will endeavour to fulfil your order as quickly as possible, but please note that some delay may occur with posting. This series is entirely self-funded by the SDEG, with profits used to fund future volumes and to support the group's modelling activities. The SDEG would like to thank the many contributors to this initiative, along with the purchasers of our previous volumes. Updates on the series, as well as of the SDEG's other activities are posted on social media, including Facebook and RMweb.

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