

# POWERLINE UPDATE

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Update on Powerline Products and Production.

## COACHES

The V/Line Passenger Coaches were sent out to retailers who had ordered them around the middle of May. All orders were filled in full.

The contractors in Hong Kong produced the decoration in their usual high standard. This livery will join the other BS coach liveries for all those who are modellers of the Victorian railway scene.

The West Coast Railway coaches ( BS & BRS ) will arrive early in June. Actually coming out on the same ship as the V/Line Coaches on its next voyage from Hong Kong. They should be available to the trade in the second week of June. For those attending the Adelaide Model Railway Exhibition, La Trobe Valley and Glen Waverley in June, they should be on sale there.

With the arrival of the West Coast Coaches, we will have completed our production of Victorian coaches. For the modeller/ collector there will then be available BS ( and in some cases BRS ) coaches in Red/Silver, Blue/Gold, Tang./Grey, V/Line Pass. Corp. & West Coast Rly. livery. ( We have a re-run of the Tang./Grey BS coming with the West Coast shipment.)

This is where we will have to stop with the BS/BRS coaches. There are no more liveries left that we can now produce. Unless with the sale of the Victorian railway passenger services a new livery appears.

## FUTURE ORDERS.

We are currently accepting back orders for the following products:

### "BIG LOCOMOTIVES"

<i>P204S</i>	<i>Stealth 81 Class .</i>	
<i>P206</i>	<i>81 Class Frt Rail Blue</i>	<i>Single Mtr.</i>
<i>P207</i>	<i>81 Class Frt Rail Blue</i>	<i>Dual Mtr.</i>
<i>P216</i>	<i>V/Line G Class</i>	<i>Single Mtr.</i>
<i>P217</i>	<i>V/Line G Class</i>	<i>Dual Mtr.</i>
<i>P218</i>	<i>BL NR</i>	<i>Single Mtr.</i>
<i>P219</i>	<i>BL NR</i>	<i>Dual Mtr.</i>

All the above will be produced with the new SM/2 motor set up. This includes new PC Board, revised wiring set up, and new light guides. The modifications to the motor units will enhance top speed running and the light output of the head lights. New wheel sets have been produced for these locomotives together with the revised traction tyres. Note also new RP25 wheel sets will also be available.

### 48/830 Class.

New motor set up, improved lighting, new wheels and some modifications to the body shell.

<i>P239</i>	<i>48 Class Austrac Mk 1</i>	
<i>P235B</i>	<i>48 Class Freight Corp Blue Mk 1</i>	
<i>P237B</i>	<i>830 Class AN green w/green roof.</i>	

*Due towards end of September 1999.*

### Coaches.

<i>P495</i>	<i>West Coach BS Coach.</i>
<i>P496</i>	<i>West Coast BRS Snack Bar.</i>
<i>P455</i>	<i>V/Line BS Eco Tang. Coach.</i>

*P185 West Coast Coach set. 3 box. (2 BS diff. Nos & BRS with catalogue)*

*All of these three coaches due in the first week of June 99.*

## **Freight.**

P511 NOBX PTC Blue Gondola  
P512 NOBX Indian Red Gondola.

*Revised boxing. Should be released in a couple of months. Will come out with a selection of gondolas with containers.*

## **HELP**

The Update is produced and sent out, with the latest information of what is available and when items are going to be produced.

But from the phone calls we get, we might just as well not bother to produce the Update. You would be surprised how many retailers just do not read what is sent out to them.

We try and keep the update short and to the point because we know time is valuable and information is vital.

So please read our little Update and save everyone a little bit of time. Suggestion, leave a copy out on your front counter for your customers. They will do the reading for you and advise you what is happening. You are welcome to photocopy the Update.

## **GONDOLA with CONTAINERS**

Last Update we advised that we had rerun the gondola die. The die is in Australia and is actually run in Dandenong.

The yellow (P676A) gondola is now available to all retailers.

We are having new boxes made for the gondolas and the insert will allow us to put in 2 x 20' containers.

A range of gondolas with containers should be released as soon as the new boxes arrive from Hong Kong. (Possibly with the first shipment of the revised 81 Class locomotives.)

We will then be issuing both flat cars and gondolas with containers.

## **Coach Packs.**

We have often been asked why we produce coach packs. These are the boxes with 3 coaches in them.

It is a marketing expectation that if you buy a pack you should get a special price. It should be cheaper.

We produce the coach packs as a special. It costs us time and materials to produce the packs. It would be much cheaper if we did not do it. This is why the coach pack is quite often not as cheap as buying 3 separate individual coaches.

We do try and even out the costs by doing the little extra and put a catalogue in the pack and shrink-wrap it all. The pack infact nearly becomes a Presentation Set. A better way to collect the coaches and display them.

This is the philosophy behind the current coach pack sets being produced. We will continue to produce the packs, but buyers and retailers should realise the reason behind the production of them.

### **Special Note:**

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## Buffet Cars: Mitta Mitta & Wimmera.

We have had a number of requests to buy these cars by them selves. When the original run was produced, only enough were made for boxed coach sets.

Therefore the only way these particular items can be obtained is the buying of one of the coach packs.

The buffets were produced in the Red and in the Blue/Gold livery and the wholesale stocks still have some left in stock. All the cars in the both of these sets have Argentine Bogies.

Stock Numbers: P161 for VR Red "S" Cars Set & P162 for VR Blue "S:" Car Set.

## NEW STOCK ITEM.

### BASE FOR B.G.B. 20' & 40' CONTAINERS.

Well not new, but a variation of existing stock. As many will already know, Broad Gauge Bodies have issued a large range of containers. Mostly 40 foot, but also 20' and some 48' containers.

They come with a large range of decals and a number of shops have them as a made up item.

To assist modellers needing a base to put the 20' and 40' containers on, we will be supplying the National Rail Flat *with out* containers.

The item number is P689NR and will be available for delivery to retailers immediately. Expected retail price \$12.99 each.

## Powerline Jackets and Polo shirts

Many of you attending various exhibitions, from Adelaide all the way through to Brisbane, would have seen Powerline staff in neat customised polo shirts and Jackets. These are made locally and are of a good quality seen mostly in fashion, brand label and exclusive shops. These items are soon to be available in various forms to Dealers, retailers and rail enthusiasts.

The Jacket features a woollen body, leather sleeves, leather pocket edging and full lining with an inside pocket. Similar to top brand and football club jackets which sell for between \$260 and \$375.

These are exclusive to Powerline Models Pty Ltd and only available through Powerline Direct, expected price \$200 to \$250, dependant on variations offered.

The polo shirts are a well known brand of good quality with the Powerline logo and no pocket. Expected price \$30. Colours and choices to be advised.

Note both items feature the Powerline, Model Railways of Australia, logo in red and yellow. Variations for limited edition products plus caps may follow in the future.

These items will not be a regular line or a regular purchase and are only being produced due to the requests and demand, and the attempts to make existing examples disappear. From time to time these items will be offered in very limited numbers.

At present the following will be available for order only.

Jacket sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42

Black body, red leather sleeves and edges, black cuffs \$200

Black body, mustard yellow sleeves and edges, black cuffs \$200

Polo shirtsizes: S/ M/ L

Colours available: white, green, blue

# Stock List

What is available in your local shop?

## CATALOGUE

PCAT4 Catalogue - 4th. Edition

## LOCOMOTIVES

P204S 81 Class, Stealth LTD ED...  
P204S-RP P204S with RP25 Wheels  
P206 81 Class Freight Rail Blue  
P207 81 Class Frt Rail Blue D/Motor  
P207-RP P207 with RP25 wheels  
P216 G Class VR Mk 1  
P217 G Class Mk 1 Dual  
P217-RP P217 with RP25 wheels  
P218 BL Class National Rail  
P219 BL Class Nat Rail, Dual/Motor  
P219-RP P219 with RP25 wheels

Some retailers still have stock of these locomotives. Currently the re-runs of these of these locomotives with the SM/2 PCB and light guides should be available August/September 99.

**P239 48 Class Mk 1 Austrac**  
**P235B 48 Class Mk 1 Freight Corp.**  
**P237A 830 Class Mk 1 Green Roof**

Note: 48/830 class locomotives will be made with revised power unit and changes to body shell. Expected production will start in July 1999.

## COACHES

P420 NSW FS (2nd) (Tuscan)  
P421 NSW BS (1st.) (Tuscan)  
P422 NSW BSR Buffet (Tuscan)  
P423 NSW MHO Pass. Brk. (Tuscan)  
(two numbers available)  
P424B NSW KB Parcels (Tuscan)  
P434A VR Blue/Art Deco 1st/2nd.  
P435A VR Blue/Art deco 2nd.  
P436A VR Blue/Art Deco 1st.  
P438S VR St. Gauge Buffett (Blue)  
"Spirit of Progress"  
P440 NSW FS Coach (Candy)  
P441 NSW BS Coach (Candy)  
P443 NSW MHO Pass. Brk. (Candy)  
P444 NSW KB Parcels (Candy)  
P455 V/Line BS Eco Car. Tang.  
P456 V/Line BRS Snack Bar Tang.  
P458S V/Line VRS Buffet . Tang.  
P462 NSW Red Cross Car

P463 NSW MHO B/down (Yellow)  
P464 NSW FS "3801 Ltd." Livery  
P465 NSW MHO Bicentennial L/ED  
P475 V/Line Pass. Corp BS Coaches  
available with 3 different num.  
P495 West Coast Rly BS Coach 2 num.  
P496 West Coast Rly BRS Snack

## SCALE FREIGHT

P500 MHG Brake Van Black  
P504 L550 Lab Test Car  
P510 BDX Gondola NSW Black  
P511 NOBX PTC Blue Gondola +  
P512 NOBX Indian Red Gondola +  
+ arriving in the next 8 weeks. All gondolas are produced in Australia with imported wheel sets.

## FREIGHTLINE ECONOMY FREIGHT

P603 AN Grain Hopper  
P604 V/Line Hopper  
P641A Caltex Tanker  
P642 Golden Fleece Tanker(yellow)  
P651A Ampol Tanker  
P671 V/Line Gondola  
P672 SAR Grey Gondola  
P674 AN Green/yellow Gondola  
P675 BHP Steel Gondola  
P676A Yellow Undec. Gondola  
P678 National Rail Gondola

The container wagons ( listed below ) have 2 x 20' containers.

P620A TrackFast Container Wagon  
P622A AN/TNT Cont. Wagon #  
P681 CSR Container Wagon  
P682 Nat Rail/K&S Cont Wagon #  
P683 Allied Pickfords Cont. Wagon  
P684 Nat Rail/FCL Cont Wagon #

*Currently out of stock but most shops have still got supplies of these wagons.*

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***If unable to get supplies at your local shop, use Powerline Direct ring 03 9596 8123***

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