

SR PARCELS & MISCELLANEOUS VAN S2212

PMV S2212 was built by SR Ashford Carriage & Wagon Works, in March 1935, to Design No. 3103. It was one of 50 PMV's [numbered 2181 – 2230] constructed under Order A762. It went into service to carry mails, parcels and general produce but, after 24 years of revenue earning service, it was withdrawn to be converted into a Chief Civil Engineers Department Tool Van in 1959.

It was allocated Departmental Number DS70055 and repainted in plain matt Departmental Olive livery. It is likely that the wooden panelled doors would have been changed to plywood faced doors during this period in it's history. Although it would have gone out in many Permanent Way trains it was based at Woking Pre Assembly Depot. It was certainly noted as being present in August 1982 and on 16th November 1985.

For some unknown reason, when it was withdrawn, it was moved to Tattenham Corner sidings for storage from where it was purchased in December 1999. Extraction proved to be quite awkward as DS70055, and several other withdrawn vehicles, were sited on the same siding line but it had been disconnected from the national network. A lot of human power was needed to move them for access by road transporters.

Initially restored in black livery by early 2004 but was repainted green in June 2012. The vehicle was claimed for Operations Department use and it was agreed to S2212 being used with steam crane DS 1561. Its contents now include various items pertaining to the Steam Crane.

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