

SR 12 TON VENTILATED VAN S 48367

This vehicle was one of a batch of 500 ordered by the Southern Railway, on 30th April 1935, as part of Lot No. 866. It was built at Ashford Carriage & Wagon Works to design diagram 1458. These were quickly constructed as the entire batch took only around four months, from May to September 1936, and were numbered 48277 to 48776.

48367 had a standard 4 wheel, 10 ft wheelbase chassis with a lever hand brake fitted to either side operating a total of four brake shoes. It was fitted with vacuum brakes, using one standard 18 ins SR design brake cylinder, and the vehicle weighed 7 Tons 9 cwt in working order. A total of 2,885 similar 12 Ton Ventilated Vans, to Diagram 1458, were constructed by the Southern Railway.

Nothing of the van's SR or BR working life has been unearthed until withdrawal from Capital Stock.

48367 was then moved into Departmental Service to serve as a stores vehicle at Ashford Carriage & Wagon Works being allocated the number DS 421. It was noted there towards the end of 1982 but it never seemed to move anywhere else. Eventually, DS 421 was transferred to Internal User stock records and re-numbered again becoming 082268.

It was purchased from Ashford and some time after arrival at Swanage it was repainted in SR Brown livery resuming it's former duties as a stores vehicle for the C&W Department.

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