

SR 5 PLANK GOODS WAGON PBA 6000 I

Another five plank open goods wagon from the Port of Bristol Authority.

The exact details for this vehicle are impossible to define, as the PBA never kept details of the rolling stock they purchased. General features give a little help however.

Overall it appears to be an example of Southern Railway design diagram 1379 or 1380 of R E L Maunsell. Some 900 examples of this type were built. If correct it may well have been constructed in one of three batches at Ashford Carriage & Wagon Works in 1930 or 1931.

The four wheel chassis (9 ft wheelbase) never had vacuum brakes and only lever operated hand brakes were fitted. It's possible the wheels, springs and axle boxes from withdrawn LSWR 10 Ton open wagons have been used.

It was purchased from Bristol in 1981 and was used on the Swanage Railway's PW trains for some years. It was withdrawn some time ago and 6000 I is currently awaiting funding for it's restoration.

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