

# Woodhead Electric Railway in Blue



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### **1.2 Route Features**

Manchester London Road/Piccadilly Reddish Electric Depot Rotherwood Exchange Sidings

# 2 Rolling Stock

## 2.1 BR Class 08 - BR Blue



### 2.2 BR Class 76-bX - BR Blue



## 2.3 BR Class 506 - BR Blue, BR Blue & Grey

- BR Blue MOBS, DTOS & TOS
- BR Blue Weathered MOBS, DTOS & TOS
- BR Blue & Grey MOBS, DTOS & TOS
- BR Blue & Grey Weathered MOBS, DTOS & TOS



### 2.4 HAA MGR Wagon



## 2.5 Ex-LNER HOP 21t Coal Hopper



## 2.6 MCV 16t Mineral Wagon



## 2.7 Ex-LNER Toad E Brake Van



### 2.8 BR Mk1 Coaches – BR Blue & Grey

- Mk1 Brake First
- Mk1 Guard
- Mk1 Brake Second Corridor
- Mk1 First Corridor
- Mk1 Mini Buffet
- Mk1 Second Corridor
- Mk1 BR Tourist Second Open





## 2.9 GUV Blue Express Parcels & GUV Blue Newspapers

# **3 Driving the BR Class 08**

## 3.1 Cab Controls



- **1** Headlights (H / Shift+H)
- 2 Cab Light (L)
- 3 Loco Brake ([/])
- **4** Exhauster Speed-up ( P )
- 5 Sander (X)
- 6 Train Brake (;/')
- 7 Reverser (W/S)
- 8 Power Handle ( A / D )
- 9 Wipers (V)
- **10** Air Release Valve (Ctrl+I)
- **11** Engine On / Off ( Z )
- 12 Brake Mode (Page Up / Page Down )

### 3.2 Driving Notes

- Max Speed 15mph
- Brake Modes
  - Unfitted or light engine with vac bag off dummy coupling.
  - Unfitted, light engine or unbraked shunting.
  - Wagons with vacuum brake and no D.A. valves.
  - Wagons with vacuum brake and D.A. valves.
  - Passenger coaching stock with vacuum brake and D.A. valves.

# 4 Driving the BR Class 506

## 4.1 Cab Controls





- 1 Train Brake (; / ')
- 2 Handbrake (/)
- 3 Horn (Space)
- 4 Reverser (W/S)
- **5** Power Handle (A / D)
- 6 Pantograph Down (Ctrl+P)
- **7** Pantograph Up ( P )
- 8 Overload Reset (R)
- **9** Passenger Heat Trip (mouse only)
- **10** Crew Heat Trip (mouse only)
- **11** Crew Heat Set (mouse only)
- **12** Control Key Switch (mouse only)
- **13** Train Line Key (mouse only)
- 14 Wiper Reducing Valve (mouse only)

- **15** Wiper Switch (V)
- **16** Destination Roller (mouse only)
- 17 Manual Wiper control (mouse only)
- 18 Driver/Guard Buzzer (C)
- **19** Fuse Cupboard (mouse only)
- 20 Marker Light Top Left (mouse only)
- **21** Marker Light Top Right (mouse only)
- 22 Destination Light (mouse only)
- 23 Cab Light (L)
- 24 Marker Light Bottom Left (mouse only)
- 25 Marker Light Bottom Right (mouse only)
- **26** Tail Light (mouse only)
- 27 Instrument Lights (mouse only)

### 4.2 Driving Notes

• Headlight combinations can be cycled through using the H / Shift+H keys.

# 5 Driving the BR Class 76-bX

## 5.1 Cab Controls





- **1** Wiper Switch (V)
- **2** Loco Brake ([/])
- **3** Manual Wiper Handle (mouse only)
- 4 Deadmans holdover switch (mouse only) 24 Regenerative Brake (, /.)
- **5** Secondman's Horn (mouse only)
- **6** Power handle Button (E)
- **7** Pantograph Up (P)
- **8** Overload Reset (loco) (mouse only)
- **9** Pantograph Down (Ctrl+P)
- **10** Power Handle (A / D)
- **11** Combination Lever (C / Ctrl+C)
- **12** Supply Motor Generator (mouse only)
- **13** Exciter Motor Generator (mouse only)
- **14** Cab Light (L)
- **15** Instrument Lights (1)
- **16** Window Heater (mouse only)
- **17** Marker No. 2 (Ctrl+1)
- **18** Marker No. 1 (Ctrl+4)
- **19** Marker No. 3 (Ctrl+2)
- **20** Cab Heater 1 (mouse only)

- 21 Rheostatic Brake Switch (R / Ctrl+R)
- **22** Weight Transfer Switch (mouse only)
- 23 Marker No. 4 (Ctrl+3)
- 25 Reverser (W/S)
- **26** Foot Warmer (mouse only)
- **27** Cab Heater 2 (mouse only)
- 28 Control Key Switch (mouse only)
- 29 Clear Call Switch (mouse only)
- **30** Overload Reset (multiple locos)(mouse only)
- **31** Call Button (mouse only)
- **32** M8 Valve Pin (Return)
- 33 Train Brake (M8 Valve) (; / ')
- **34** Sander (X)
- **35** Deadmans Pedal (mouse only)
- 36 Locomotive Formation (Home / Ctrl+Home)
- **37** Brake Mode (Page Up / Page Down)
- **38** Advanced Mode (B)
- **39** Pantograph Flashing Effect (Ctrl+Shift+Y)
- 40 Brake Selector (End / Shift+End)
- 5.2 Starting the Class 76
  - 1. Move Reverser into forward or reverse.
  - 2. Move the Combination Lever into Series.
  - 3. Release Train Brake or Loco Brake
  - 4. Once the brakes are released, move the power handle into notch 1. You will notice the Field Amps and Armature Amps increase on the gauges in front of you. Do not allow the amps to go near 1000 amps as you will overload the loco/locos.
  - 5. Slowly notch up on the power handle until you reach the Full Field notch (displayed as "F.F." on the HUD.
  - 6. Once at Full Field move the Combination Lever into Parallel and reduce the Power Handle into notch 1. After about 1 second, you will hear the loco go from Series to Parallel. You will also see this on the Field and Armature gauges.
  - 7. Slowly notch up on the Power Handle again as before, all the way into the Weak Field notches.

## 5.3 Clear Call System

This system allows the leading loco to control multiple locos to assist up steep inclines. To use this system advanced mode is required (press B key).

- 1. Select locomotive formation using Home / Ctrl+Home.
- 2. Turn the Clear Call Switch to increase power from the assisting locomotive/locomotives. Quarter power, half power and full power can be selected.

## 5.4 Regerative Braking

Regenerative brakes use the motors to create a braking effect while regenerating electricity and sending it back into the overhead wires.

If you wish to use the regenerative brake between 16 mph and 33 mph and unlikely to be much above 33mph then move the combination lever to series. If speed is likely to be between 33 mph and 55 mph and unlikely to be below 33 mph select parallel. Speed may need to be maintained by the friction brakes until setup.

Please note that regenerative brakes are inoperative if the weight transfer switch is in the on position.

- 1. With the combination lever set in the required position as stated above, move the regenerative handle to it's first notch. If in parallel it will take around 2 seconds for the parallel connections to be made from series.
- 2. Once the connections have been made, increase the regenerative brake handle's position until the motor voltmeter reads approximately the line voltage.
- 3. Move the power handle straight to notch 15 and do not pause in any notch to prevent the resistors heating up. To produce a braking effort move the regenerative brake handle towards back. You should note the motor voltmeter reading increasing, and the armature ammeter reading increasing. The higher the current on the armature and field ammeters the more braking effort is being generated.
- 4. To increase speed, move the handle towards motoring (forward), to decrease speed move the handle back towards.

## 5.5 Rheostatic Braking

The locomotive is also fitted with rheostatic brakes, which operate relatively similarly to the regenerative brakes. These brakes are operative in series only and are effective right down to speeds below 5 mph. They shouldn't really be used above 20mph as the high currents will very quickly burn out the resistors. This brake should only be used in emergencies or poor adhesion conditions. The Rheostatic braking is inoperable if the weight transfer switch is enabled.

To enable rheostatic brakes, first the regenerative brake handle must be in motoring, the combination lever in series, the power handle in off and the weight transfer switch off.

- 1. The rheostatic brake switch has 4 positions: Off, B1, B2 and B3 which alter the excitation of the motor fields. The higher the excitation the more braking effort. To begin rheostatic braking, move the rheostatic brake switch to the desired excitation setting.
- 2. Open the power handle and rheostatic braking should commence as indicated by the armature ammeter which should now show a current.
- 3. To increase braking effort, increase the throttle setting (this decreases the resistance and increases the current) or increase excitation.

Brake Selector Switch Setting	Approx. time for brake cylinder pressure to drop below 5psi after brake pipe pressure rises above 70psi.	Approx. time for brake cylinder to reach maximum after brake pipe pressure rises drops below 50 psi.
Air Passenger	15-20 seconds	3-5 seconds
Air Goods	45-60 seconds	20-28 seconds
Vacuum Passenger	5-8 seconds	10 seconds
Vacuum Goods	25-30 seconds	10 seconds

#### 5.6 Brake Selector

#### **5.7 Locomotive Formations**

Locomotive formations can be selected using the "Home/Ctrl+Home" key:

- 1 lead locomotive and 0 banking locomotives.
- 2 lead locomotives and 0 banking locomotives.
- 2 lead locomotives and 1 banking locomotive.
- 2 lead locomotives and 2 banking locomotives.
- 1 lead locomotive and 1 banking locomotive.

- 1 lead locomotive and 2 banking locomotives.
- 4 lead locomotives and 0 banking locomotives.

#### 5.8 Faults and Failures

On the Class 76 there are a number of faults and failures which could occur. In standard mode they are simplified or not present.

#### Overload

*Description:* Current exceeded safe limits and so power has been cut to protect motors and circuits.

*Symptoms*: Loss of power, Line switch light extinguished with power handle open, fault light illuminated

Cause: Current exceeded 950 amps

*Remedy:* If 1 lead loco, press local reset button, if multiple lead locos press main fault reset button

#### **Resistor High Temperature**

Description: Resistors are running hot and care must be taken not to burn them out.

*Symptoms*: fault light illuminated and isn't extinguishable.

*Cause*: Excessive current for prolonged time periods.

*Remedy:* Stop using resistance notches until fault light extinguishes by itself. Do not move combination lever to off otherwise motors blowers (and hence cooling will cease). Note: Advanced mode Only

#### **Resistor Burn Out**

Description: Resistors have run so hot that one or more components has failed.

*Symptoms*: fault light illuminated, Loss of power, Line switch light extinguished with power handle open, Failure message.

Cause: Excessive current for prolonged time periods.

Remedy: None, locomotive is a complete failure.

Note: Advanced mode Only

#### Traction Motor High Temperature

Descriptions: Motors are running hot and care must be taken not to burn them out.

Symptoms: fault light illuminated and isn't extinguishable.

*Cause*: Excessive current for prolonged time periods.

*Remedy:* reduce and cut power until fault light extinguishes by itself. Do not move combination lever to off otherwise motors blowers (and hence cooling will cease). Note: Advanced mode Only

#### Traction motor burn out

*Description:* Motors have run so hot that the insulation on the armature has melted causing a flashover and the motors to fail.

*Symptoms*: fault light illuminated, Loss of power, Line switch light extinguished with power handle open, Failure message.

*Cause*: Excessive current for prolonged time periods.

*Remedy:* None, locomotive is a complete failure.

Note: Advanced mode Only

#### Loss of Line Volts

*Description:* Line voltage has been lost *Symptoms*: Voltmeter reading less than 900 volts, loss of traction power.

*Cause*: Pantograph dropped, Overhead line fault\*

*Remedy:* Check pantograph is raised. Otherwise shut off power and wait for line voltage to return.

Note: overhead line fault can only be caused through scenario scripting.

#### Large drop in line volts

Description: Line voltage not in usual operating range (1350-1650 volts).

Symptoms: Line Voltmeter reading is not between the bands of between 1350-1650 volts.

*Cause*: One or more substations have tripped or failed meaning voltage is being provided from a substation some considerable distance away resulting in a voltage drop.

*Remedy:* Wait for voltage to return to normal and reduce power to reduce load on substation. Note: Substation line fault can only be caused through scenario scripting.

#### Air brake traction interlocks.

*Description:* To prevent damage for occurring, or moving with inoperative brakes power will be cut.

Symptoms: Loss of traction power, Line switch light extinguished with power handle open

*Cause*: Air brake pipe pressure dropped below 45psi, or main reservoir pressure dropped below 80psi

*Remedy:* Increase brake pipe pressure above 62psi and/or wait for main reservoir pressure to increase past 95psi.

#### Deadman's demand.

*Description:* Deadmans device has activated bring about an emergency application of the air brake.

*Symptoms*: Loss of traction power, Line switch light extinguished with power handle open, train pipe pressure rapidly dropping.

*Cause*: Deadmans pedal or holdover button not depressed while reverser in the forward direction, and 6 second delay period exceeded.

*Remedy:* Move throttle to off, re-depress deadmans pedal and make a full application of the locomotive straight air brake. Once made the demand should cease, the brake released and traction power should return.

#### 5.9 Brake Modes

The brake mode can be changed with the Page Up / Page Down keys:

- Passenger coaching stock with vacuum brake and D.A. valves.
- Wagons with vacuum brake and D.A. valves.
- Wagons with vacuum brake and no D.A. valves.
- Unfitted, light engine or unbraked shunting.
- Unfitted or light engine with vac bag off dummy coupling.

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