

Drewry 204hp, 0-6-0, BR Class 04, Colour livery sheet 1, created October 2023

Livery and Painting Notes by Charlie King who painted and weathered the Tram Loco.

Introduced in 1952, the class would have appeared in the then standard livery of all black with red buffer beams. Numbering followed the style used by steam locomotives. Some had the number painted on the buffer beam.

From 1957, the black changed to green with the yellow and black wasp stripes appearing officially from 1961. Numbering changed to the later serifed style from 1957 although photographs show the earlier 'steam' style of numbering still in use with a 'D' prefix into the early 1960's. Loco numbers changed at this time too from 11xxx to D22xx

Detail changes evolved over time and the livery couldn't really be fully described as 'standard'. Positioning of the 'wasp stripes' and overhead warning flashes varied slightly. Front handrails could be painted white, black, or possibly even yellow! Some examples carried a steam loco type shed code although whether this was a cast plate or painted on is hard to tell, and, if carried, its positioning was variable. From the mid 60's TOPS Data panels appeared on the cab side.

Cab interior would appear to have been body colour, black later green, up to the waistline and white above no doubt rapidly discolouring.

Withdrawal took place between 1967 and 1972 so there is a possibility that a few received the BR Blue corporate livery.

As always working from photos of your chosen prototype is the only way to claim complete authenticity.

The sample model is finished as follows:

Paint (https://www.phoenix-paints.co.uk/) (https://www.revell.de/en/):

Body and side skirts Precision Post 1954 Loco Green P101.

Buffer Beams Precision Buffer Beam Red P993

Cab interior upper panels and inside the roof Revell SM301 Satin White

Cab and bonnet end Revell 15 Matt Yellow (As a weathered finish was specified, I faded the yellow with the addition of white in the approximate ratio of 2 yellow to 1 white.)

All black parts are Revell SM302 Satin Black

Railtec Transfers (http://www.railtec-models.com/):

Complete Loco Pack BR Green (Late Crest) covers the livery elements for the diesel shunters.

Pack 7mm-1207 'wasp stripes'.

Pack 7mm- 9095 specific shed codes should you need one.

Notes: Railtec Transfers being water slide recommend a gloss coat for improved adhesion and to lose any surrounding transfer film. To help the transfers to bed down over rivet detail and get a 'painted on' finish use Humbrol Decal Fix. Do not use the otherwise excellent Micro Sol products as they are too severe and will spoil the transfer.

Finish with a couple of coats of thinned satin varnish. Varnish's that require thinning with White Spirt or propriety varnish thinners give a harder wearing finish than acrylic or other water-based varnishes.





Former industrial 204hp Drewry finished in BR black at Mangapps Farm Railway Museum