

NEW BR(S) Mk. 1 'semi-Bachmann' Coach Types Announced.

In their latest (out here in Canada!) advert on page 97 of 'Model Rail' No. 28 (February 2001) DC KITS announced a series of etched brass overlays for the Bachmann 'OO' Mk. 1 coaches. Further overlays are announced on their webpage. www.dckits.co.uk - page 'DC Kits Professional'.

This is both good and yet curious news for the BR(S) modeller!

"GOOD", because a number of additional coach types suitable for BR(S) modellers will now be available. Yes, I do know that other manufacturers such as 'Southern Pride' and 'Coopercraft' and 'Comet Models' already offer some/all of these new offerings, but (presumably) by using these DC Kits offerings one will be enabled to produce more diverse rakes than those possible with just 'pure' Bachmanns, yet the entire rake will 'look of a kind'. So what is NEW in this offering?

Diag: 36	RFO	S 9
Diag: 73	FO	S 3063-3070
Diag: 90	'Boat' SO	S 3500-3514*
Diag: 98/99	RMB	S 1849-1852 + S 1881
Diag: 171/2	BCK	S 21251 + S 21263-21275
Diag: 701	RK	S 80009

* Wonderful/obligatory for pre-1956 'Short Sea Route' & 'Newhaven-Dieppe' Boat trains

"CURIOUS", because why would you hack up a perfectly good Bachmann SO or BCK to get... another perfectly good semi-Bachmann/DC Kits 'hybrid' SO or BCK? Am I missing something here??

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THE FULL, EXPANDED, ALL REGIONS DC KITS 'semi-Bachmann' LIST FOLLOWS:-

<u>Diagram #</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Running Numbers</u>	
1/5/10/14	SLF (1)	2000-2132	
- " -	SLC (5)	2400-2454	
- " -	SLSTP (10)	2500-2691	
- " -	SLEP (14)	2800-2832	
36/71	RFO (36)	1-11	3 aside
>>		S 9	
- " -	FO (71)	3000-3002	3-aside, NO Centre Door
60/61	<u>DC KITS & BACHMANN SO/SK - Identical Bodysells!</u>		
- " -	RSO (60)	1014-1017	3-aside, Centre Door NOT in seating bay
- " -	RUO (61)	1018-1057	----- " -----
72	FO	3003-3019	3-aside, Centre Door IN seating bay
73	FO	3020-3080	3-aside, Centre Door NOT in seating bay
>>		S 3063-3070	
- " -	- " -	3085-3151	----- " -----
- " -	RSO	{1058-1070}	{1976 on} ----- " -----
- " -	SO	{3600-3611}	{1981 on} ----- " -----
89/93/94	<u>DC KITS & BACHMANN SO/SK- Identical Bodysells!</u>		
- " -	SO (94)	3721-3735	4-aside, Centre Door NOT in seating bay
- " -	"- (93)	3736-4357	----- " -----
>>		S 3824-3849	
>>		S 3871-3873	
>>		S 3913-3946	
>>		S 3998-4047	
- " -	"- (94)	4358-4487	----- " -----
- " -	"- (93)	?4373-4472?	----- " -----
>>		S 4373-4394	
- " -	"- (93)	4488-4636	----- " -----
- " -	"- (93)	4639-4726	----- " -----
- " -	"- (93)	4739-4778	----- " -----
- " -	"- (94)	4779-4829	----- " -----
- " -	"- (89)	4830-5069	----- " -----
90	'Boat' SO	3500-3514	3-aside, Centre Door IN seating bay
>>		S 3500-3514	

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98/99	RMB (99)	1813-1837	
- " -	RMB (98)	1838-1852	
>>		S 1849-1852	
- " -	RMB (99)	1853-1882	
>>		S 1881	
161	BFK	14000-14027	3-aside
171/2	BCK (171)	21000-21019	3-aside
- " -	- " - (172)	21020-21024	4-aside
- " -	- " - (171)	21025-21059	3-aside
- " -	- " - (172)	21060-21091	4-aside
- " -	- " - (171)	21092-21118	3-aside
- " -	- " - (172)	21119-21194	4-aside
- " -	- " - (171)	21195-21262	3-aside
>>		S 21251	
- " -	- " - (172)	21263-21275	4-aside
>>		S 21263-21275	
181/182	<u>DC KITS & BACHMANN BSK - Identical BodysHELLs!</u>		
- " -	BSK (181)	34000-34289	4-aside
>>		S 34155-34159	
>>		S 34163-34154	
>>		S 34233-34284	
- " -	- " - (182)	34290-34315	-- " --
- " -	- " - (181)	34316-34612	-- " --
- " -	- " - (182)	34613-34654	-- " --
- " -	- " - (181)	34655-34748	-- " --
- " -	- " - (182)	34749-35038	-- " --
>>		S 34934-35023	
- " -	- " - (181)	35039-35499	-- " --
183/184	BSO (183)	9200-9362	4-aside
- " -	- " - (184)	9363-9380	-- " --
701/702	RK	80010-80021	
>>		S 80009	
- " -	RK	80022-80040	
313	'Suburban'CL	4300-43049	Short / 57' 1" underframe

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COLOUR KEY TO ABOVE:

GREEN = Mk 1's allocated to BR(S) when first built (Running Number information on other Mk. 1's allocated to and from BR(S) later in their careers would be welcomed!)

BLUE = Suspect Coach Running Numbers (Parkin 2nd Edition), pages 98 & 208. Do these numbers apply to the noted Diagram, or where?

MARIGILD = Etched overlays announced by DC KITS on their webpage www.dckits.co.uk - page 'DC Kits Professional' and/or on page 97, 'Model Rail' No. 28, February 2001

RED = Diagrams with IDENTICAL external bodyshell sides DUPLICATED by Bachmann & DC KITS. WHY?

SUGGESTION TO DC KITS

DC KITS TO DELETE

Diag: 89 (+60/61/93/94) SO

Diag: 181/182 (BSK)

Pointless duplication of existing Bachmann BodysHELLs!

DC KITS TO ADD

Diag: 56/184 RSO (56) 1000-1013 3-aside

----- " ----- SO (184) 3700-3720 4-aside

Otherwise there is absolutely no point in having two-thirds of a Kitchen+2 Restaurant Cars Set using Diags: 701/702 and 36 (+71 as an FO)

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