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## **Chapter 1**

## **Driver**

## 1.1 Driver.guide

Train Driver Simulator V1.7

Introduction

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Other features

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## 1.2 Introduction

Description

Installation

The Class 87 Locos

The West Coast Main Line

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## 1.3 Description

 $$\operatorname{This}$  is a Train Driver Simulator, simulating Class 87 locos working on the West Coast Main Line from Euston to Glasgow.

At least read Quick Start in TrainDriver.guide or you'll get nowhere!

#### Features:

9 Difficulty levels
Moving graphics
Sound effects
Unlimited choice of journeys with auto timetable creation
Realistic train handling
401 miles of route of varying gradients and curvature
Five possible weather/rail conditions
Various startup options
Day or night trains
Save journeys at any time
Log made of journey with average speeds etc.
Random Temporary Speed Restrictions
Time speed up (up to x5)
Detail On/Off option for slower Amigas

and many more options to experiment with.

#### Requirements:

Any Amiga with at least 1 mb

#### Recommended:

Hard Drive

Accelerated A1200 or better

Note: This guide uses SYS: Utilities/MULTIVIEW to view pics on the disk.

This is Version 1.7 of a Train Driver Simulator, simulating

I originally wrote this program for my own use, but I have been persuaded by friends who have played it, that it was suitable for public release.

I wrote this program with the excellent Blitz2 because the other train driver simulations advertised for fifteen or twenty quid (UKP) in the railway mags, are generally text based, with limited options so I wanted to write a program that made you feel that you were actually in the cab, and one in which the train behaved realistically, with proper moving graphics, unlimited options, and was freely available.

This program is aimed at users with a little UK railway knowledge but anyone can have a go. Although the program has moving graphics I

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would be the first to admit these are simple and are there mainly to indicate the approach of railway-related objects, and are not particularly scenic, although in V1.7 there are curves, bridges and trees added.

I have yet to see a commercial train driver simulator with any graphics other than signals and still objects.

As well as this guide there are help pics on the disk:

Help Keys Map Profile

The first two pics can be accessed from within the program with the Help key.

Please note this program is still in development but is generally stable.

Also some of the data is incomplete, such as signal numbers, but the data on the program is otherwise accurate as far as I know.

Changes since V1.6

o New weather conditions Icy and Fall

Icy: Very poor rail adhesion
 Wheelslip in upper half of green zone
 Brakes may cause wheel slide below 60 psi
 Snowfall!

Fall: Leaf-fall season. Very treacherous!
Wheelslip possible whenever taking power
Braking may cause wheelslide at any time

The rail adhesion is also affected by the difficulty level chosen. The chosen setting may also change during your journey depending on the difficulty level chosen.

o Diversionary route via Northampton added between milepost 56 and Rugby

This line is an extension of the Slow lines from Hanslope junction to Rugby. The line speed is 75 mph and is signalled with 3 aspect colour light signals (ie no double yellows). This route is two miles longer than the main line via Weedon. The line falls at 1 in 200, through Hunsbury Hill tunnel, to Northampton and then climbs at 1 in 230 back up to Rugby through a short tunnel at Crick.

To force a train to be diverted hold Left-alt key while passing Signal no 79.

- o New cab screen graphics (Thanks to Hans Berkhout :))
- o Random speed trap

At any point along the route there could be a speed trap set up by traction inspectors. You will be advised as soon as your speed has been recorded.

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```
If you are speeding there is a possibility you will be releived of your driving duties immediately.

o Better compatability GUI

GUI problems with A500 fixed

o Optional screen requester to help NTSC users for the cab screen, and other screens are now NTSC compatible.

o More fine tuning of data and graphics

o Guide and help pics updated

o More bugs fixed ('Start at' gadget etc)
```

#### 1.4 Installation

assigned TrainDriver:

Just drag the TrainDriver disk/drawer to where you want it on your ←
Hard Drive

Open the new TrainDriver drawer and double click Start\_TrainDriver
which will make the necessary assigns and run the program.

Or to do it manually:

All the files needed must be in the same drawer which must be

\* C:Assign FONTS: Traindriver:fonts/ ADD

Add these lines(\*) to your S:user-startup if you use it regularly.

Double-click on TrainDriver1.7 icon if assigns have been made permanent.

Any

Problems

#### 1.5 Problems

 $\hbox{ If the simulation runs very slowly try and free as much memory as possible. Turn details off with key J or on the Option screen.}$ 

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It will multitask but runs quicker on its own.

Boot without startup-sequence and type

cd dh0:Traindriver ( <-- or wherever)
C:execute Start\_TrainDriver</pre>

or write a short new alternative startup as above

I have done a lot of work to try and make this program work on all Amigas from A500 to A4000, and it has been successfully ran on many configurations.

Any other problems write to

me

**1.6 WCML** 

The West Coast Main Line is 401 miles long and runs from London  $\,\leftarrow\,$  Euston

to Glasgow Central.

Map Profile

The route was electrified through to Glasgow in 1974 and since then has been mainly in the hands of Class 87 locos, as featured in this simulation.

The main stations on the route, where some InterCity West Coast services stop are:

Watford Junction
Milton Keynes
Rugby
Nuneaton
Tamworth
Lichfield Trent Valley
Stafford
Crewe
Warrington
Wigan North Western
Preston
Lancaster
Oxenholme
Penrith
Carlisle

and in Scotland:

Lockerbie (no ICWC trains stop) Carstairs (no ICWC trains stop) Motherwell Driver 6 / 28

The highlights of the route are the climbs over Shap and Beattock summits with

Gradients

as steep as 1 in 69.

Although generally these cause no problems for electric locos, on wet rails a standing start on these gradients with a heavy train takes skill, care, and patience

Despite the title of "West Coast" the sea is only visible at Hest Bank, north of Lancaster.

The quickest scheduled journey time is under five hours on 1S57.

Also included is the Slow Line alternative route from Hanslope to Rugby via Northampton.

This line is an extension of the Slow lines from Hanslope junction to Rugby. The line speed is 75 mph and is signalled with 3 aspect colour light signals (ie no double yellows). This route is two miles longer than the main line via Weedon. The line falls at 1 in 200, through Hunsbury Hill tunnel, to Northampton and then climbs at 1 in 230 back up to Rugby through a short tunnel at Crick.

To force a train to be diverted via Northampton hold Left-alt key while passing Signal no 69 on the Fast Line.

#### 1.7 Gradients

See also Profile

Please note that if you have just driven over a summit, that until at least half of the train has passed over the top, the gradient will be effectively still uphill, even though the gradient may read downhill.

Gradients may vary on the Slow Lines

Miles Gradients Location

```
0.0 Down 1 in 149 Euston
0.2 Down 1 in
               575
0.4 Up
        1 in
                70
0.6 Up
        1 in
               112
0.8 Up
        1 in
                77
1.0 Down 1 in
               409
1.3 Level
2.3 Down 1 in
               643
3.2 Up
        1 in
               587
4.5 Level
7.0 Up
        1 in 339
14.4 Level
15.8 Down 1 in 337
16.0 Down 1 in
               708
16.8 Up 1 in 586
```

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```
17.2 Up
         1 in 393 Watford
        1 in 1038
18.5 Up
20.0 Up
         1 in 508
         1 in
22.2 Up
                338
23.8 Down 1 in
                812
24.0 Up
         1 in
                335
31.0 Level
31.9 Down 1 in
               333
38.0 Down 1 in 540
39.0 Up 1 in 1330
40.0 Down 1 in 927
41.2 Down 1 in 1683
44.2 Down 1 in 660
46.2 Level
46.8 Up
         1 in
                892
48.3 Level
48.7 Down 1 in
               440 Milton Keynes
51.0 Level
52.0 Down 1 in
                225
52.3 Up 1 in
                350
52.9 Level
54.1 Up 1 in
                475
54.6 Up 1 in
                326
56.3 Up 1 in 410
58.1 Up
         1 in 330
60.8 Down 1 in 320
62.9 Down 1 in 2640
66.0 Up
        1 in 800
67.2 Down 1 in 1200
68.0 Down 1 in 765
69.1 Up 1 in
               330
69.4 Up
        1 in
               310
69.7 Down 1 in
                933
                490
69.9 Up 1 in
         1 in
70.8 Up
                350
        1 in
73.8 Up
                415
75.6 Up
         1 in
                640
76.2 Level
76.7 Down 1 in
                870
78.0 Down 1 in
                370
81.7 Down 1 in 200
82.1 Down 1 in 365 Rugby
83.8 Level
         1 in
84.2 Up
                330
85.6 Level
86.5 Down 1 in
                510
87.0 Up 1 in
                395
88.0 Down 1 in
                600
88.4 Up 1 in
                530
88.8 Level
90.4 Up
        1 in
                330
92.0 Down 1 in 1254
93.7 Down 1 in 320
97.1 Down 1 in 730 Nuneaton
99.0 Up 1 in 645
101.8 Down 1 in 415
102.8 Down 1 in 321
```

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```
104.7 Up 1 in 888
105.2 Down 1 in
               439
106.9 Down 1 in
                654
108.3 Level
110.1 Up 1 in 851 Tamworth
110.3 Down 1 in
               359
111.7 Up 1 in 1305
112.7 Up
         1 in 376
113.4 Level
114.0 Up
         1 in
                463
         1 in 331
115.0 Up
117.7 Down 1 in 2707
119.0 Down 1 in
121.3 Down 1 in
                317
122.2 Level
122.6 Up 1 in
                577
123.9 Down 1 in
124.7 Up 1 in
                408
126.8 Down 1 in
                452
127.2 Down 1 in
127.6 Up 1 in
                437
128.4 Down 1 in
                330
129.2 Up 1 in 351
130.9 Down 1 in 346
132.5 Up 1 in 846
133.0 Down 1 in 1847
133.3 Up   1 in 3910 Stafford
135.9 Up
          1 in 517
139.0 Up 1 in
                509
141.0 Up 1 in
                650
143.4 Up
         1 in
                590
145.0 Up
         1 in
                398
147.9 Level
148.4 Down 1 in
                348
150.0 Down 1 in
                177
153.3 Down 1 in
                269
156.8 Down 1 in
                330 Crewe
157.8 Level
162.4 Down 1 in 411
162.9 Down 1 in 616
163.6 Up 1 in 2485
164.4 Down 1 in 300
165.6 Down 1 in 2220
166.6 Down 1 in 419
168.6 Level
168.9 Up 1 in
               360
169.9 Down 1 in 1981
170.8 Down 1 in 440
171.8 Level
172.6 Down 1 in
                330
173.9 Level
174.2 Up 1 in
                330
175.5 Level
175.8 Down 1 in
               180
176.9 Down 1 in
177.2 Down 1 in 567
178.9 Level
```

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```
179.4 Up
         1 in 135
180.6 Down 1 in
               160
180.9 Down 1 in 135
181.9 Down 1 in 460 Warrington
183.3 Up
         1 in
                400
183.1 Down 1 in 1010
184.2 Up 1 in 639
185.7 Up
         1 in 132
186.4 Up
         1 in
               470
186.8 Up
         1 in
                255
187.1 Up
         1 in
                156
187.8 Up
         1 in
                473
189.6 Down 1 in
                417
191.1 Level
192.2 Up
         1 in
                705
193.3 Up
         1 in
                260
193.7 Up
         1 in 156 Wigan
193.9 Down 1 in 200
194.1 Up 1 in
                360
         1 in
194.4 Up
                104
196.0 Up 1 in
                366
197.6 Up 1 in
                242
198.1 Up
         1 in 119
198.4 Down 1 in 596
199.0 Down 1 in
               197
199.4 Down 1 in
                246
                106
200.0 Down 1 in
200.6 Down 1 in
                235
201.0 Down 1 in
                114
202.0 Up 1 in
                936
203.3 Down 1 in
                432
204.2 Down 1 in
                110
204.9 Down 1 in
                314
206.8 Down 1 in
                106
207.2 Down 1 in
                440
208.1 Up 1 in
                397
208.8 Up 1 in
                240
         1 in
209.0 Up
               240 Preston
209.1 Up
         1 in
                101
209.3 Level
209.5 Up
         1 in 173
         1 in 503
209.7 Up
212.1 Down 1 in 1115
214.3 Down 1 in 644
216.8 Level
217.1 Up
         1 in 1042
220.0 Level
221.0 Up
         1 in 1199
222.2 Level
226.1 Up 1 in
                736
228.0 Down 1 in
                735
228.8 Down 1 in
                 98
229.8 Down 1 in
                347
230.0 Up 1 in
               363 Lancaster
230.2 Level
230.6 Down 1 in
                305
231.6 Down 1 in 469
```

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```
233.1 Level
234.0 Up 1 in 460
235.7 Down 1 in
                369
236.8 Level
237.0 Up 1 in
                134
239.4 Down 1 in
                293
240.8 Level
242.8 Up
         1 in 173
245.5 Up
        1 in
               193
246.6 Up
         1 in 392
247.2 Up
         1 in 111
248.6 Up
         1 in
                178 Oxenholme
         1 in
249.6 Up
                104
250.4 Up 1 in 213
250.8 Up
        1 in
                124
251.5 Up
         1 in
               131
253.9 Up
         1 in
                106
         1 in
255.9 Up
                396
256.1 Down 1 in
                204
257.1 Up 1 in
                777
258.2 Level
258.8 Down 1 in
                425
260.2 Level
261.5 Up 1 in 146
263.1 Up
        1 in
                75 Shap
267.2 Level
268.0 Down 1 in 130
269.2 Level
270.0 Down 1 in 142
271.2 Down 1 in 125
277.2 Level
279.0 Down 1 in 193
280.1 Up 1 in
               191
280.5 Down 1 in
               616
282.1 Level
283.6 Up 1 in
                539
283.2 Down 1 in 186
285.1 Level
                    Penrith
287.0 Down 1 in 164
289.5 Down 1 in 228
292.4 Level
292.8 Down 1 in 184
294.3 Down 1 in
                131
298.1 Level
298.7 Down 1 in 110
298.8 Level
                    Carlisle
299.1 Down 1 in 100
299.4 Level
299.8 Up 1 in
                318
        1 in
300.0 Up
                318
300.2 Up 1 in
                877
         1 in
                311
300.5 Up
301.1 Down 1 in
               330
302.1 Level
304.0 Down 1 in
305.1 Down 1 in 616
305.8 Level
```

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```
306.2 Up 1 in 193
308.5 Up 1 in 200
313.7 Level
313.8 Down 1 in
                190
314.7 Level
314.9 Up 1 in
                396
315.6 Down 1 in
                493
315.9 Level
316.8 Up 1 in
               203
321.0 Down 1 in
                200 Lockerbie
323.8 Down 1 in
                528
327.9 Level
                880
328.1 Up 1 in
329.9 Up
                366
         1 in
332.5 Down 1 in
                330
333.5 Level
334.6 Up
         1 in
                202
339.0 Up
         1 in
                 88
         1 in
341.0 Up
                 81
         1 in
342.0 Up
                 79
343.1 Up 1 in
                 74
344.1 Up 1 in
                 76
345.0 Up 1 in
                 69
345.3 Up
         1 in
                75
348.7 Up
         1 in
                835 Beattock
349.0 Down 1 in
                99
351.1 Level
352.5 Down 1 in
                152
354.0 Down 1 in
                240
361.6 Level
362.2 Up 1 in
                340
362.7 Level
363.2 Up 1 in 231
363.4 Up 1 in
               194
364.8 Down 1 in 1020
366.2 Down 1 in
367.7 Level
368.0 Up 1 in 196
369.0 Down 1 in
               150
371.1 Level
372.0 Up 1 in
                165
         1 in
372.4 Up
                402
372.6 Up
         1 in
                207
         1 in
373.0 Up
                300 Carstairs
                366
373.5 Up 1 in
         1 in
373.9 Up
                453
375.1 Up
         1 in
                204
376.2 Level
376.7 Up 1 in
                190
377.2 Down 1 in
                190
378.1 Down 1 in
                129
380.0 Down 1 in
                98
381.8 Down 1 in
                261
382.5 Down 1 in 140
383.0 Down 1 in 199
386.2 Down 1 in 137
387.3 Down 1 in 116
```

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```
388.1 Down 1 in 143 Motherwell
388.6 Up 1 in 146
388.8 Level
389.1 Down 1 in 132
389.6 Down 1 in
               178
389.9 Down 1 in 115
390.8 Down 1 in 135
392.8 Down 1 in 391
393.0 Level
393.2 Up 1 in 280
393.7 Up
         1 in 108
394.2 Level
394.6 Down 1 in 724
395.0 Level
        1 in 110
395.3 Up
395.6 Down 1 in 236
396.0 Down 1 in 163
397.1 Up 1 in 440
397.3 Down 1 in 516
397.6 Down 1 in
               224
        1 in 630
397.9 Up
398.2 Level
398.3 Up 1 in 274
398.5 Level
398.7 Up 1 in 268
399.0 Down 1 in
               217
399.4 Down 1 in
               400
400.0 Down 1 in
               177
400.2 Up 1 in 177
400.5 Up
        1 in 220
400.6 Up
        1 in 132
400.7 Down 1 in 245
401.0 Up 1 in 231
        1 in 172 Glasgow
401.2 Up
```

### 1.8 Quick Start

Double Click on Start\_TrainDriver to make necessary assigns and  $\ensuremath{\hookleftarrow}$  run TrainDriver

```
Click mouse to remove title screen

Select "1S47" on file requester

Click "OK" on

Startup Options Screen
for default options

Press: a to cancel

AWS
horn
f to select Forward
"F" should appear above the brake guage
z to release brakes

Hold . for power
```

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```
You should now start to move !

Press Help to view help pics
```

## 1.9 Startup Options Screen

```
If in doubt, click OK to choose the default options until you get \,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,
   the hang of it.
Difficulty Level
Start time
Loco no.
Train length
Initial Speed
Starting mileage
Headcode
Select Stops
Dry/Wet/Fog/Icy/Fall
Confirm Quit On/Off
Auto-delete On/off
    Pal Screen/Screen req
Vigilance/Isolated
Detail On/off
View Log
View Timings
Delete
Help
Load
 OK
```

## 1.10 Difficulty Level

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Select a difficulty level between 0 and 9

- 0 Fewer random events, no crashes
- 1 Realistic level

2-9 Increasing number of random events, slippery rail, longer station stops, lower power, poorer brakes etc. Also greater chance of being diverted over Slow Lines and via Northampton.

#### 1.11 Start Time

Select Hours and Minutes of start time

Default is 06:19 for 1S47

It is best to set the time to one minute before departure to allow station time before "R" appears.

#### **1.12 Locos**

Select any loco 87001 to 87035, or thyristor controlled 87101.

When selected the loco's name will be displayed. Some of the locos have been renamed, but I prefer the old names.

Class 87 locos were built in 1973-75 and are 5,000 hp AC electric locos, supplied by 25 kv overhead wires. They have four traction motors which can be used for rheostatic braking above 10 mph. The power is increased through 38 notches, and then into weak field.

87101 is the most powerful though it is currently ironically demoted to freight duties. It will generally have a higher random power rating.

All locos are 110 mph.

Although powerful these locos have a very high power to weight ratio which means poor adhesion, particularly on a wet rail.

When you start a new journey the loco will be given a random loco-rating. This will be displayed at the top of the cab screen. This indicates the amount of power available compared to a 100% fit loco. Braking may also be affected.

## 1.13 Train length

Select number of coaches to be attached behind your loco. Most of the trains on this line have 9 or 10.

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```
Default is 9.
```

Average weight is 35 tons.

## 1.14 Starting Mileage

Select starting mileage between 0.18 and 401 from Euston.

The loaded trains are at 0.18 which is the mileage of your loco from the buffers at Euston. Trains starting at Euston MUST start at 0.18 miles.

You must start at Euston when creating a new train.

See also

Start at -->

#### 1.15 Headcode

The train Headcode is a four digit code

eg 1S47

- 1 denotes Class 1 Express Passenger train
- S denotes destination region ie Scotland
- 47 denotes individual train number

1S57 is the quickest train on the line, "The Royal Scot"

In the Save Drawer are these trains:

```
1S47
```

1S55

1S57 Royal Scot

1S75

1S83

1S84

1S89

1S13

1S26 Sleeper

These trains have been given preset parameters which you may alter from the Startup Options Screen.

Load with the

LOAD gadget.

If these trains are used the timekeeping function (see

Timings

)

will use timings built into the program.

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If you type in a different code, set all other parameters and then click OK, the program will look in Traindriver: Trains/ and see if a file exists for that train.

If not, it will create timings for this train based on the parameters chosen and take the time selected as being one minute before departure from Euston. A file will now be created for the Trains and Save drawers.

Note: when creating trains it is assumed you are at Euston, and the Timing gadget will not work until the train is created. To view the created timings press "t" during the sim.

## 1.16 Initial Speed

Set your initial speed to 0-110 mph

Default is 0.

If you start at 0 mph you are effectively just inserting the key in the loco, which will cause the

AWS

horn to sound.

You will then have to select "f" for Forward before you will obtain power.

## 1.17 Stops

If you select the "Calls at -->" gadget it will change to "Start at -->", and you must select the station to start your train.

Click on the stations to choose where your train will stop/not stop.

Loaded trains will set the stops automatically.

#### 1.18 Auto-Delete On/Off

If selected ON this will automatically delete any files with the same name, but with lower miles, each time a game is saved.

eg

When saving 1S47.Joe.101.001.123 all files beginning 1S47.Joe.101.001.... less than 123 miles will be deleted.

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#### 1.19 Detail On/Off

Toggle Detail On/off for faster screen drawing. Useful for slower Amigas but very basic graphics.

Also press "j" in game to toggle.

## 1.20 Vigilance

Click on this gadget to isolate (ie disable) Vigilance Device

### 1.21 Rail & Weather conditions

Click to change initial rail conditions between Dry, Wet or Fog.

Dry: Good rail conditions

Wheelslip unlikely unless in red zone

Braking firm at any pressure

Wet: Fair rail conditions

Wheelslip likely in yellow or red zones

Braking may cause wheel slide below about 50 psi

Fog: Visibility about 100 yards

Poor rail adhesion

Wheelslip at top of green zone

Brakes may cause wheel slide below 55 psi

Icy: Very poor rail adhesion

Wheelslip in upper half of green zone Brakes may cause wheel slide below 60 psi

Snowfall

Fall: Leaf-fall season. Very treacherous!

Wheelslip possible whenever taking power Braking may cause wheelslide at any time

The rail adhesion is also affected by the difficulty level chosen. The chosen setting may also change during your journey depending on the difficulty level chosen.

#### 1.22 Confirm Quit On/Off

Choose either "Confirm Quit Off" for quit exits or "Confirm Quit On" for a small requester on your WB screen checking you want to quit after pressing "Esc".

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## 1.23 View log

View Log views log of loaded train.

Close window when viewed or press Return Esc to Quit if viewed from cab screen

## 1.24 Timings

View scheduled timings of loaded train.

Format: Miles, Station, Time due, Stop

Click mouse when viewed or press Return

Hold "t" during simulation to see this screen.

## 1.25 Help

Click this gadget to view the two in-game Help pics:

Help

Keys

Pressing "Help" during the simulation shows these pictures.

#### 1.26 Load

Click to bring up a requester to load saved train file. Requester will be set to "TrainDriver:Save/" but if the disk gets full use any drawer/disk you like

If you want to see if you are keeping time, you must use the codes of the trains which can be loaded from the "LOAD" gadget from the "TrainDriver:Save" drawer, as can any trains you save.

1826 is a sleeper train departing at 2355 with 16 coaches. This train is timed at 80 mph, and stops at Carstairs to detach a portion for Edinburgh.

#### 1.27 Delete

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Click "OK" on the first requester to confirm you want to delete chosen files.

Then choose files to delete from the file requester to delete saved train file.

Requester will be set to "TrainDriver:Save/" but if the disk gets full use any drawer/disk you like

Use to delete any other file if you wish.

Click "Cancel" when you have finished.

#### 1.28 OK

Click "OK" when you are done and you should be taken into the cab.

Let's go!

## 1.29 Driving

When you enter the cab from the Startup Options Screen

you

will see the drivers view through the cab window on the left, and the data display on the right. Below these are the dashboard indicators, and between them are the driver's indicator

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and the milepost symbol.

You may also notice a small horizontal white line which indicates when the horizon is level. Watching the horizon gives warning of changing gradients.

For a description of these features see the Help pic

If you start at a stand the

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horn

will be sounding and will need

to be cancelled with "a". Press "f" to put the motors into Forward and when the "R" appears below the signal number, (after a few seconds and only in a station), you may depart.(If you get bored of waiting, press "5" to speed up time.)
The bottom row of

keys

control the brakes and power.

So press "z" to release the brakes and then "." or ">" to notch up the power. Watch the gradient and speed to make sure you don't roll back.

To find out where you are at any time press Space bar to view the profile chart of the next ten miles ahead.

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## 1.30 Signals

The distance from the next signal is shown on the display in yards  $\hookleftarrow$ 

If you see two yellows, then the next signal may be one yellow and the next may be red, in which case you must stop within 35 yards of it to get the message from the signalman.

Some signals, in lower speed areas, have only three aspects, red, yellow and green. Here there is no advance warning double-yellow.

He may ask you to pass the signal at danger.

Your speed passing a signal with two yellows should generally be below 90mph and at one yellow try to reduce your speed to 60mph.

If you can see a red signal and you're over 60mph you will struggle to stop. However, beware of signals closer together than usual, and reduce your speed accordingly.

A hint to assist stopping is to keep your speed well below one tenth of the number of yards from the stopping point.

Flashing yellows countdown to a high speed junction, speed 30 to 70mph.

A junction signal either has a letter above, S for Slow Line or F for Fast Line, or has five white lights diagonally displayed, indicating the direction of the crossover.

Other signals may have a number displayed indicating the platform that you will enter.

Junctions without flashing yellow signals are protected by red signals which will change as the train passes over the

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magnet if the

route is set and the line is clear.

These junction speeds vary between 10 and 40 mph.

A warning board will be shown after passing the junction signal indicating the junction speed, and the speed limit board will also be seen indicating the position of the junction.

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#### 1.31 Stations

The distance from the next station you are stopping at is shown on the display in miles, and then in yards when you approach.

Again you must stop within 35 yards of the Stop board displaying the number of coaches to enable you to get the "R" indication when your guard is ready to leave. If you pass this board, select "O" to shut the motors down, then "R" to select Reverse and notch up power with "." in the usual way until you are back behind the board. Be careful not to overshoot again backwards!

The time you arrive and depart stations, and certain other points will be recorded on the log, plus the average speed since the previous point.

The "R" indicator will not appear before the booked time to depart, or at a red signal, or if you pass the stop board.

## 1.32 Braking

Keys:

- z Release
- x Reduce
- c Increase
- v Increase (continuous)
- b Emergency

To apply brakes hold c until the guage reads 50 psi (pounds per square inch) and release with z when approaching the desired speed level.

Alternatively use v to brake, "catching" the brake with x as the needle comes down to 50 psi.

Normal Full Service application is 50 psi (vertical needle on dial). Normally the driver would not use a greater braking force than this, particularly in the wet.

Allow time for the brakes to release down the length of the train particularly after heavy braking, before taking power.

When braking try not to brake too hard as you come to a stand or you will spill the tea, and you will have to wait for the air brake pipe to charge up again. You will hear the wheels screech to a halt if you stop too harshly.

Having said that, don't pass a red signal ever, and don't speed excessively or the guard will put the brake on or you may even derail the train.

In the wet don't be too heavy on the brakes or the wheels may lock up and slide greatly increasing braking distance.

Your speed passing a signal with two yellows should generally be <90 mph and at one yellow try to reduce your speed to 60 mph.

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If you can see a red signal and you're over 60 mph you will struggle to stop. However, beware of signals closer together than usual, and reduce your speed accordingly.

If necessary kill the power with "n". This is bad but better than passing red signals !

A hint to assist stopping is to keep your speed well below one tenth of the number of yards from the stopping point, until the speed is down to 10 mph, then release brakes completely until about 50 yards, then rub brakes lightly for smooth stop (no audible screech).

### 1.33 Power

Keys:

n Power Off
m Run down
< Notch down
> Notch up
/ Run up

When taking power watch that you don't let the Ammeter go into the red area or you will overload the motors and lose power.

Reset with "i", you may need more than one attempt.

In poor weather you should also stay below the yellow region to avoid wheelslip.

When reducing power you should use "m" and wait for the notch indicator to run down, rather than use "n", as sudden shutting off of power could cause arcing and damage to the motors.

The speed limit is indicated by a white circular sign, with a red border.

Reductions in speed limit are indicated by a white triangle with a yellow border, with the new limit in black. Generally about 1.5 miles warning is given, unless two or more reductions follow closely.

In cases of severe speed reduction, an

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horn will sound.

When passing from a lower speed to a higher speed section remember not to accelerate until the whole train has passed the higher speed limit board.

At any point along the route there could be a speed trap set up by traction inspectors. You will be advised as soon as your speed has been recorded. If you are speeding there is a possibility you will be releived of your driving duties immediately.

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#### 1.34 Other features

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#### 1.35 Saved trains

To save a train just press Q and then select OK on the filerequester. Unless Auto-delete is switched off in the Startup screen all old savings of this journey will be deleted.

The file will be saved to TrainDriver:Save/
The file name will be set to the code of the train,
drivers name, loco no., difficulty level, mileage.
eg 1S47.Bill.033.001.133

#### 1.36 Neutral Sections

If you see the Neutral Section Warning Board you must run down the power to zero before the Neutral Section Board, or there may be a loss of power (reset with "i").

The warning board is one mile before the neutral section.

As a guide it takes 36 seconds to run down power from full power which is a mile at 100 mph.

If you shut off power in time, power will be returned at the end of the short dead section.

Do NOT use the brakes in a neutral section as it is a rheostatic brake fed from the motors, so you will lose braking.

Warning is white on black, board at neutral section is black on white.



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#### 1.37 AWS

Two hundred yards before signals you will pass over an Automatic Warning System magnet

If the signal is green this will ring a bell and no further action need be taken.

Otherwise a horn will sound and you must press "a" to cancel within five seconds or the brakes will be applied. Joystick button also cancels the AWS horn.

There are also AWS magnets at Speed Reduction Warning Boards.

## 1.38 Vigilance Device

If Vigilance is not isolated in the Startup Options Screen a bleeper will sound if no key is pressed for 60 seconds.

If "d" is not pressed within five seconds , the brakes will be applied.

This replaces the traditional Deadman's Pedal.

## 1.39 Temporary Speed Restrictions

Random TSRs will be generated depending on the Difficulty level  $\,\, \hookleftarrow \,\,$  selected.

An

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horn will sound and a board with flashing white lights will tell you what speed you must reduce to by the next board. After your train has passed the "T" board you may resume Line Speed. Remember to allow for the length of the train to pass. The "T" board on the display will remain there until the train is clear.

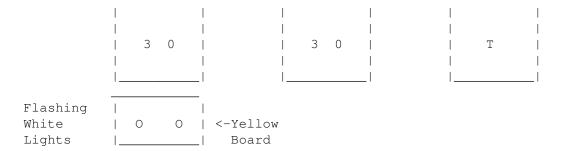
TSRs appear on the profile chart, seen by pressing Space bar.

The TSRs will be recorded on the  $\log$  along with the speed you entered the restriction.

TSR Boards: Green with Black figures or Blue with White figures

Warning Commencement Terminating

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## 1.40 Clock speed

By holding keys 1 to 5 until the number appears alongside the time  $\hookleftarrow$  , you may adjust the speed with which time elapses.

eg key 5 will make the clock advance 5 seconds every second

However use the faster clock speeds with care as naturally your reaction time will effectively be that much slower.

If the

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horn sounds, or a Speed Reduction Board appears, or certain other events occur, requiring your attention your clock speed will revert to  $1. \,$ 

Key p pauses the simulation.

## 1.41 Keys and lights

Keys

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## 1.42 Keys

Note: hold keys until desired result is seen

- f Forward
- r Reverse
- o Off

The letters O F or R appear above the brake guage to indicate current mode.

Note: f & r only work when the game has first started or after the train has stopped and o has been pressed to stop the motors. In reality there is a three position switch:

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\ | /
so you must stop, go to O (off) then into Reverse.
Putting the switch into Off while moving will cause a brake
application. Pressing f or r whilst the motors are running and audible
will have no effect.
Also power notches must be run down to zero before changing direction.
So when starting, hold F until you hear the motors start up, and F appears
then hold O until you hear them shut down, see O, then press R until you hear
the motors restart and R appears. You are now in reverse.
NOTE: Maximum speed when reversing is 10 mph.
Esc Escape without saving etc.
    Save, View log and Continue (or Esc to Quit)
     The file name will be set to the code of the train,
     drivers name, loco no., difficulty level, mileage.
     eg 1S47.Bill.033.001.133
Space View profile of next ten miles
    View Log
    View Timings
 h
    Horn (also joystick up/down)
    Wiper On/Off
 W
 1 - 5
                 Clock speed
                    Pause
                 р
    Clears Signalman's message or tunnel name from screen
 i
     Resets overloads (when B light comes on)
    Cancels
                 AWS
                 horn (also joystick button)
     Cancels
                 Vigilance Device
                 bleeper
     Toggles Detail On / Off
 j
     View booked timings (if available for your
                 Headcode
                Help View Keys
          Help
                 Braking
                Keys: z x c v
Off
     << < > >> On
                    Emergency
                 Power
                              m < > /
                Keys: n
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## 1.43 Lights

Off Down << < > >> Up

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- L Line light indicates 25KV power on
- W Wheelslip

B Air Blast Breaker cuts off power at Neutral Sections and on overload

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