

# NAMEPLATES OF THE SOUTHERN LOCOMOTIVES

The amazing increase in the numbers of railway enthusiasts in this country during recent years has revealed the need for a book dealing solely with the identification of locomotives by means of their nameplates, and this publication is designed to meet that need in regard to the engines of the Southern Railway.

The practice of naming locomotives in classes means that the name is the most quickly seen clue to the design and class of the engine it adorns, and every "spotter" should make full use of this quick means of identification.

The photographs and drawings have been specially prepared to include as much helpful information as possible. All the important named classes working on the Southern Railway to-day are mentioned, and three short but interesting reports of naming ceremonies are included.

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## DIFFERENT POSITIONS AND SHAPES OF LOCOMOTIVE NAMEPLATES

At the time of going to press the total number of named locomotives in service on the Southern Railway is 212; this does not include the "West Country" Class locomotives, which are still being delivered.

In all, there are five different shapes of class nameplates. These are as follows:

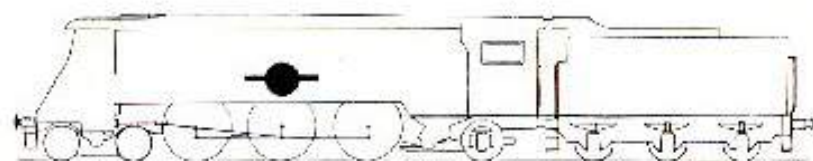
The circular design as fitted on the "Merchant Navy" Class.

The shield with scroll design as fitted on the "West Country" Class.

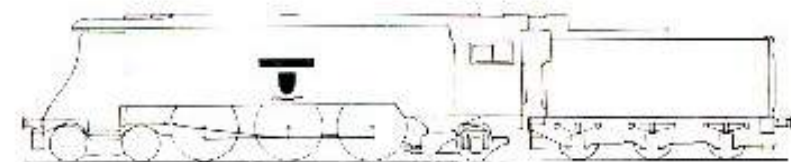
The crescent design as fitted on the "Lord Nelson," "Remembrance," "Schools" and "H-1" and "H-2" Classes.

The rectangular shape with diamond-pointed ends as fitted to the "King Arthur" and "Isle of Wight" Classes (and at one time on the "River" Class).

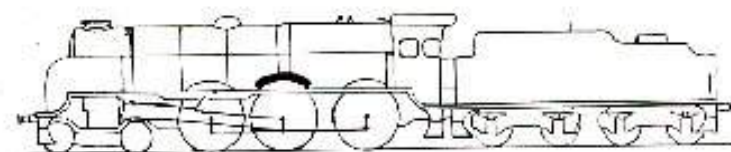
The rectangular shape with square cut ends as fitted to the locomotives "Ironsides" No. 3458, "Hecate" No. 949, and other miscellaneous locomotives.



"MERCHANT NAVY" CLASS

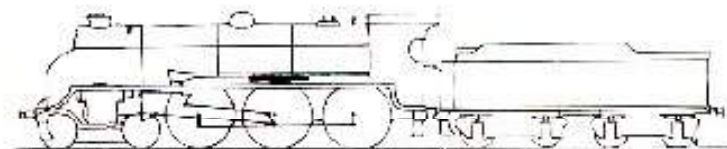


"WEST COUNTRY" CLASS

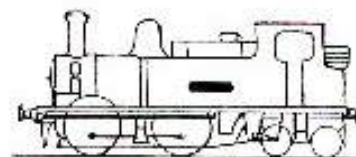


"LORD NELSON" CLASS

The shape of the nameplate above is the same as is used on the 4-6-0 type "Remembrance" Class, the 4-4-0 type "Schools" Class, and also the "Brighton Atlantics."

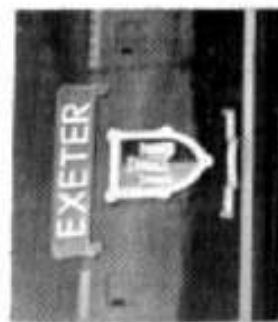


"KING ARTHUR" CLASS



"ISLE OF WIGHT" ENGINES

The position of the nameplate above is the same on the "B-4" Class (dock engines), the class of miscellaneous engines, and "Ironsides." The "River" Class, described on page 43, also had the same position.



"West Country" Class Locomotive



## SOUTHERN RAILWAY, 4-6-2 TYPE

### "WEST COUNTRY" CLASS

The seventy locomotives of the new "West Country" Class are being named after towns and beauty spots in the west of England, and are painted in the Southern peace-time livery of malachite green with yellow lining, instead of the war-time austerity black.

Although these locomotives are similar in outward appearance to the "Merchant Navy" Class, they are actually 2 ft. 3 in. shorter, and the weight is reduced by 8 tons 15 cwt. as compared with the "Merchant Navy" locomotives. The air-smoothed engines are capable of drawing heavy trains over restricted routes west of Exeter, where "Merchant Navy," "Lord Nelson" and other heavy locomotives are not permitted, owing to load limitations over the bridges and the track in this area.

Though the "West Country" Class locomotives have been built as light as possible, they are able to develop high power, and this enables them to haul heavy passenger and freight trains over any part of the main lines.

The tractive effort is 31,000 lbs. at 85% boiler pressure.

The first twenty names of the 4-6-2 type, "West Country" Class, are as follows:

Exeter	Sidmouth
Salisbury	Tavistock
Plymouth	Launceston
Yeovil	Bude
Barnstaple	Lyme Regis
Exmouth	Wadebridge
Okehampton	Axminster
Ilfracombe	Padstow
Bideford	Seaton
Bodmin	Budleigh Salterton