



West Somerset Railway Diesel Locomotive Pack



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1 Brief history

1.1 1661 North Star

The Class 47, or 'Brush Type 4', was the British Railways standard large diesel-electric locomotive of the mid-1960s and was designed to operate similar trains to the 'Westerns'. Only a few were initially allocated to the Western Region and most of these were given names that had originally been carried by Great Western Railway locomotives, in 1661's case this dated back to the broad gauge 'Star' Class, but the North Star name had also been carried by four other GWR locomotives, the most recent being Castle Class 4000.

1661 received its name in a ceremony performed by Ray Gunter, the Minister of Labour, at London Paddington station on 20 March 1965. It was allocated to Landore TMD until 1973 when it was transferred to Old Oak Common, after which it moved around various sheds. Its number was changed to 47077 under the TOPS scheme in 1974 and then became 47613 when fitted with electric train heating equipment ten years later.

In 1989 it was rebuilt with additional fuel tanks which caused it to be renumbered again as 47840. It was part of the Virgin Trains fleet until 2002 and then was hired to various operators by its owner, Porterbrook.

It was finally withdrawn in 2008, repainted into two-tone British Railways green livery, renumbered back to 1661, and sent to the WSR. It is now part of the Diesel & Electric Preservation Group based at Williton.



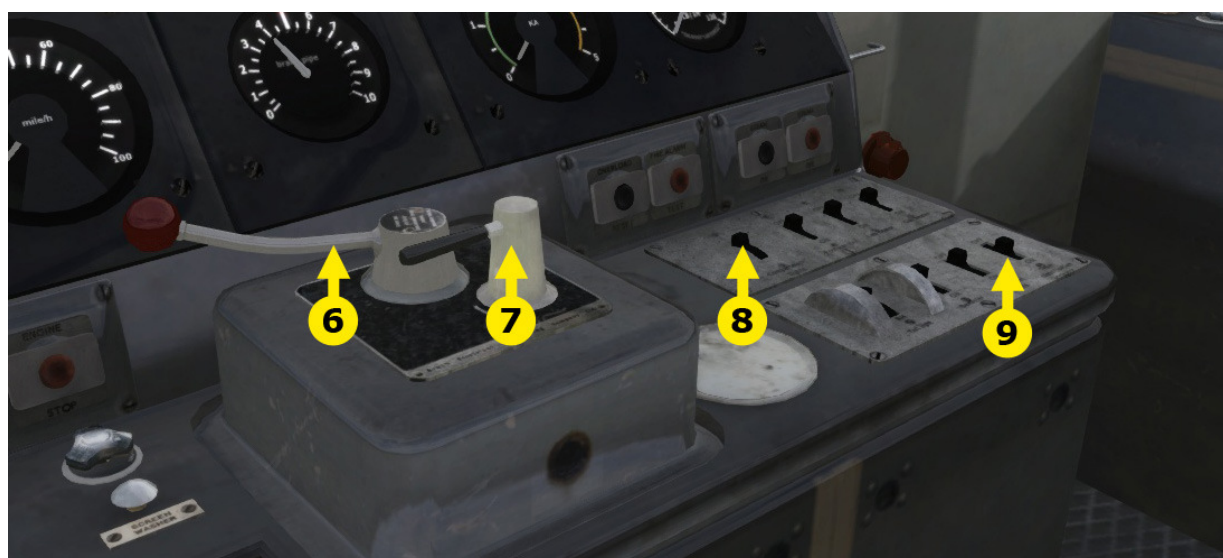
1.2 2133 BR Class 03

British Railway's class 03 shunters were small 0-6-0 locomotives powered by 204hp Gardner engines. Built at Swindon in 1960, 2133 spent many years based at Taunton and working in various goods yards in the area. After just nine years working with BR it was sold to British Cellophane for shunting their factory sidings at Bridgwater.

It was no longer needed in 1994 and so donated to the West Somerset Railway by Courtaulds, the then owner of the site. It carries BR green livery and can usually be found working as the station pilot at Minehead. A second locomotive, number 03119, was based on the railway from 1996 until 2011.



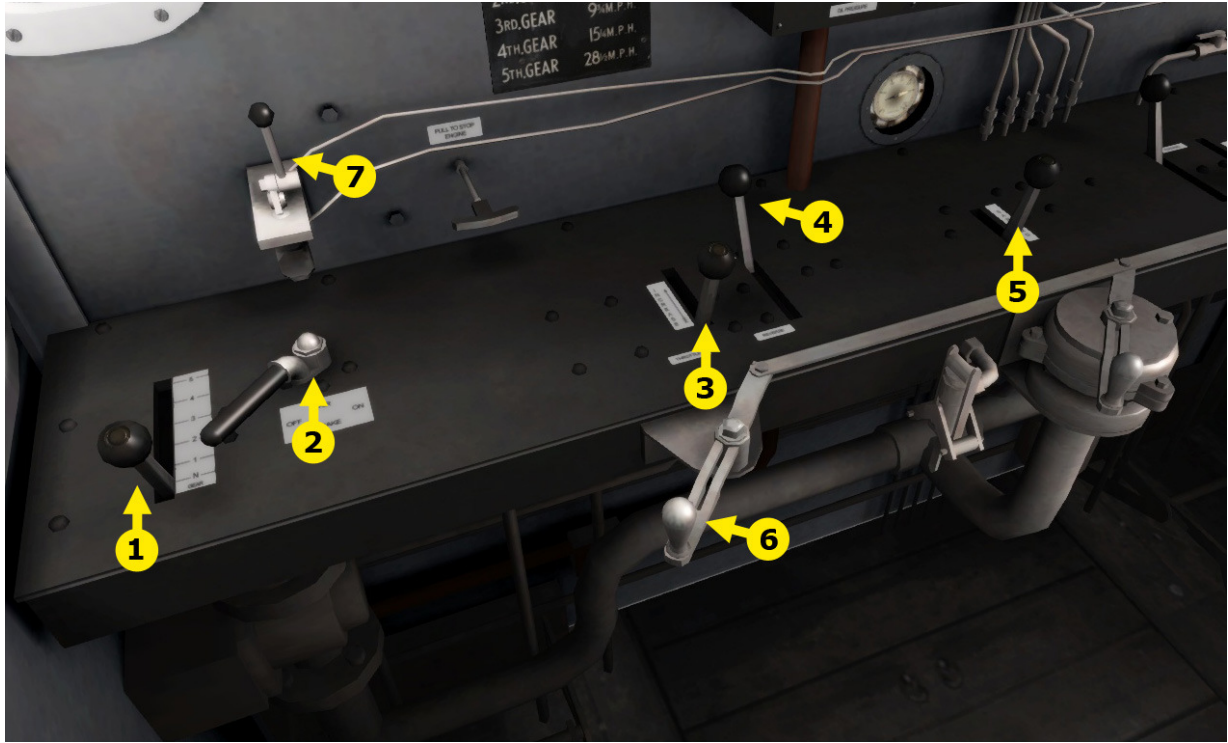
2 Class 47 Cab



Main console

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| 1 | Train Brake |
| 2 | Loco Brake |
| 3 | AWS Reset |
| 4 | Horn |
| 5 | Wipers |
| 6 | Power Handle |
| 7 | Reverser |
| 8 | Cab Light |
| 9 | Headlights |

3 Class 03 Cab



Main console

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|---|-------------------|
| 1 | Gear Lever |
| 2 | Engine Brake |
| 3 | Throttle |
| 4 | Direction Control |
| 5 | Sander |
| 6 | Train Brake |
| 7 | Horn |

4 Scenarios

The following scenarios for the West Somerset Railway are included:

4.1 Class 03 Driver Training

Driver Training for the Class 03 Diesel Mechanical Shunter using Expert Controls.

4.2 Diesel Gala Days

Departing from a crowded Williton station, drive the Class 47 hauling a rake of Mk1 coaches to Minehead and back, forming one of two shuttle trains operating a diesels day on the West Somerset Railway. During operations a Class 03 will be performing demonstration freight in the yard at Williton

4.3 Freight with Freight

The West Somerset Railway can be a busy place with passenger trains alone. To really show off the preserved scene, the diesel enthusiast crew is keen to show freight can be just as fun to watch. Amongst the busy schedule of Steam trains, operate some freight movements between Williton and Dunster. Shunt back and forth, and arrange the wagons as required.



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