

Wagon types

This section lists the wagons built from 1965 until closure in 1992, in order of the year built. This is the period when Standard Railway Wagon built Private Owner wagons of a more modern design, mainly in relatively small batch sizes. A section is included for each contract, each one numbered with the owner and year of contract award at the head of the section. Note, that entry to service date may differ to the contract date by some months. An outline description and technical summary is included for each contract along with a wagon diagram for several examples. Early wagons were designed in the Imperial system of feet, inches, Tons and Gallons but from 1971 onwards all designs were in the Metric system of mm, Tonnes and Litres. This list shows the data for the wagons in the Metric equivalent with for example 45 Tons being rounded up to 46 Tonnes and 100 Tons to 102 Tonnes. For main line wagons, except where stated, maximum design speed was 60mph (96 km/h) in both the tare and laden condition.

This information has been gathered from SRW records with reference to the BR Diagram Book. The wagon details are those at the time of build. During their life some of the wagons have been modified or changed owners and use, which may not be reflected in this list. Wagons built before 1973 were allocated “owners numbers” before TOPS Numbers were introduced. Where known, the initial owners numbers that were allocated have also been quoted.



*ARC bogie hoppers supplied during 1989 and 1990 are seen under construction in the main erecting shop towards the end of SRW Heywood works' life.
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An incredible 142 different contracts were executed during the 27 year period between 1965 and 1992, an average of over 5 per year! Several were repeat designs but a large number were of a completely new design and even the similar designs had some minor change or other to accommodate the wishes of individual customers.