

Railways of Southern Africa 150 Years - Locomotives and Trains



This publication reviews the railway development within the sub continent from the beginnings, in 1860, over the following one hundred and fifty years. Comprehensive technical detail regarding the motive power, which had been placed into service with the state managed railway organisations, is outlined through the various chapters. The major private railway operations in the region are also featured. Extensive photographic details of all the locomotive classes and designs are portrayed. In addition, there are numerous pictures depicting well known trains which have seen service in the region over the years.

The documented railways and steam locomotive designs begin with those from the various systems which were in existence prior to the formation of Union, in 1910. This continues with categorised reviews of the all the subsequent motive power classes of the South African Railways and thereafter, Transnet. Next, there are special sections dealing with Metrorail, Kei Rail and the Gautrain. Finally, the railways

and motive power of the neighbouring countries: Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia and Botswana.

This 416 page book contains 848 black and white archive and 884 colour photographs, many of which have never been published before. In addition, there are 391 technical drawings or diagrams, 23 major technical specifications tables and 11 regional railway maps. For the entire time span to 2011, the author has spared no effort in order to depict the subject matter from a wide and varied perspective. This publication is highly recommended for the railway enthusiast who has a topical interest within this region of the African continent.

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