

THE RAIL SIMULATOR NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Hello! Here is the September issue of the Rail Simulator newsletter. We have some big news this month – introducing the 4th train to feature in Rail Simulator – the popular Deltic! With this we show you some renders of the engine.

The Rail Simulator team are still moving on, and we've now brought in a few testers, not quite Beta phase yet – but the testers are required for the daily developments on the project, making sure we're ticking along nicely!

So, what have we been up to this past month? Rail Simulator's first Demo video was available for download from our website last month! If you haven't seen this and want to take a copy for yourself – then download from here www.railsimulator.com

We also announced the fundamentals of our Scenario Tool that will work as an integral part of the World Editor in Rail Simulator, and released news on the Philips amBX system Rail Simulator is to work with to create a more immersive experience whilst driving trains in a virtual world!

Also – just to remind you all that the Rail Simulator Demo will be available to play on the Uktrainsim stand at the Aldershot and Farnham Model show on October the 14th and 15th, if you can make it to the South of England – then please come along!

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Introducing the Deltic!

We are pleased to show you the Deltic Train to feature on Rail Simulator's Newcastle to York route! Images are below, as well as a bit of history of the train.



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The English Electric Company prototyped and then produced 22 Class 55 Deltic locomotives in 1960, which then operated on the East Coast Mainline between London Kings Cross and Edinburgh Waverly. After 8 years of service, the standard British Rail Blue was applied across the fleet, and the engine managed to reach a top speed of 105mph fuelled by two Napier engines, which made it the most powerful train on the British railways during this time. By 1980, the Deltics reign had almost finished, mainly due to the arrival of the Inter-City 125 trains, and it was taken off the main lines, relegated to stopping services, including the Trans-Pennine route.

Army Regiments and Races Horses were the themed names for the 22 locomotives which were originally numbered D9000 to D9021. In the 1970s when TOPS was adopted as the numbering system, they were renumbered to 55001 to 55022, thus the Class 55! Due to the vast following the Deltic had, six of the twenty-two were preserved, and still operate today. Three of these are owned and operated by the Deltic Preservation Society, for more information on them, check out their website at www.thedps.co.uk



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The inclusion of the Class 55 Deltic in Rail Simulator has been a growing rumour from early in the project. As part of the community involvement the Rail Simulator team has had, the Newcastle - York route was chosen following a community vote, and thus appropriate stock was required. It made sense to choose the late 70s period, so the power of the Deltic could be included. Although featured in the closing years of its life, the Deltic is presented in Rail Simulator as a formidable force as it commands the East Coast Mainline route.



NEXT MONTH

The Rail Simulator Demo will be attending two events next month, one mentioned earlier in this newsletter and one of which will be announced formally on the website soon.

The Add On scheme will be discussed in more detail next month, we're nearly ready to give you the official news on that, and the latest info on all things Rail Simulator will be docked on to the website too, giving you the regular updates so far!