

Common Abbreviations and Nicknames

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Abbreviations

2-NOL	Suburban EMU with no lavatory
2-WIM	Suburban EMU of ex-LB&SCR ac trailer cars
2-SL	Suburban EMU of ex-LB&SCR South London ac driving cars
3-SUB	Suburban EMU of 3 cars
4-EPB	Suburban EMU with electro-pneumatic brakes
4-SUB	Suburban EMU of 4 cars
2-BIL	EMU with lavatories
2-HAL	EMU, half with lavatories
4-LAV	EMU with lavatories
4-BUF	4-COR EMU with buffet car
4-COR	Through corridor EMU of Portsmouth stock
4-RES	4-COR EMU with restaurant car
5-BEL	Brighton Belle EMU
6-CITY	6-PUL with a high proportion of Firsts
6-PAN	EMU with pantry car
6-PUL	EMU with Pullman car
ACE	Atlantic Coast Express
ARP	Air Raid Precautions
AWS	Automatic Warning System (of signals)
B&WR	Bodmin & Wadebridge Railway
BR(S)	British Railways Southern Region
CRC	EMU of 4-COR + 4-RES + 4-COR
C&W	Canterbury & Whitstable Railway
DD	Double decker suburban EMU
DEMU	Diesel-electric Multiple Unit
DMMU	Diesel Mechanical Multiple Unit (often shortened to just DMU)
DMU	Diesel Multiple Unit
ELR	East London Railway
EKR	East Kent Railway
EMU	Electric Multiple Unit

FY&NR	Freshwater, Yarmouth & Newport Railway
GCR	Great Central Railway
GER	Great Eastern Railway
GNR	Great Northern Railway
GS&WR	Great Southern & Western Railway (of Ireland)
GWR	Great Western Railway
IWCR	Isle of Wight Central Railway
IWR	Isle of Wight Railway
K&ESR	Kent & East Sussex Railway
L&B	London & Brighton Railway
L&C	London & Croydon Railway
L&G	London & Greenwith Railway
L&NER	London & North Eastern Railway
L&NWR	London & North Western Railway
L&SWR	London & South Western Railway
LB&SCR	London, Brighton & South Coast Railway
LC&DR	London Chatham & Dover Railway
LCGB	Locomotive Club of Great Britain
LMR	Longmoor Military Railway
LT	London Transport
M&SWJR	Midland & South Western Junction Railway
Met.	Metropolitan Railway
MLV	Motor Luggage Van
MPD	Motive Power Depot
MR	Midland Railway
NG	Narrow Gauge
OTMR	On Train Monitoring Recorders
PAD	Pre Assembly Depot
PD&SWJR	Plymouth, Devonport & South Western Junction Railway
RCHS	Railway, Canal and Historical Society
RCTS	Railway Correspondence & Travel Society
REA	Railway Executive Association
REC	Railway Executive Committee
ROD	Railway Operating Department (military)

S&DJR	Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway
SE&CR	South Eastern & Chatham Railway
SER	South Eastern Railway
SR	Southern Railway
SW	The Southern Way magazine
WEL&CPR	West End of London & Crystal Palace Railway
WD	War Department
WLER	West London Extension Railway
WW1	The First World War
WW2	The Second World War

Carriage & Wagon Nicknames

Birdcage	Brake van or carriage with raised end for guard's lookout
Dance Hall	SE&CR goods brake van with no duckets
Emigrant	L&SWR corridor stock suitable for any UK port
Ironclad	L&SWR steel-panelled corridor coaches
Juicer	EMU or electric loco
Nelson	EMU of 4-COR/ 4-RES/ 4-BUF stock
Nurse Cavall	SR 4-wheel utility van
Pill Box	SR goods brake van
Queen of Sheba	First generation of Bulleid 4-SUB units with the square end windows.
Road Van	L&SWR goods brake van
Tadpole	DEMU class 206 comprising Hastings narrow stock and a wider trailer.
The Glasshouse	The Devon Belle Observation Coach

Company Nicknames

Liver and Bacon:	LB = an early abbreviation for LB&SCR
Lurch 'em, Crash 'em and Ditch 'em:	LC&DR
Serene and Delightful	S&DJR
Slow and Doubtful	S&DJR

Geographic Nicknames

Castleman's Corkscrew	Brockenhurst to Bournemouth via West Moors
Catford Loop	Nunhead to Shortlands
Cuckoo Line	Eridge to Polegate

Dartford Loop	Hither Green to Dartford via Sidcup
Hayling Billy	Passenger trains of Hayling Island
Hundred of Hoo Line	Hoo Junction to Allhallows-on-Sea, Grain and Port Victoria
Inner Circle	London to Brighton via Oxted and Horsted Keynes
Middy	Mdhurst train services
Mid Kent Line	Lewisham to Hayes, Sanderstead, Addiscombe and Beckenham Junction
North Kent Line	London Bridge to Strood via Woolwich
Old Main Line	Redhill to Tonbridge
Outer Circle	London to Brighton via Oxted and Uckfield
Quarry Line	LB&SCR section of main line avoiding Redhill
Sevenoaks Cut-off	St Johns to Tonbridge via Sevenoaks
The Brick	Bricklayers Arms MPD
The Grid	School train for pupils of Hampton Grammar School
The Lane	Stewarts Lane MPD
Windsor Lines	The northernmost lines between Waterloo and Clapham Junction
Withered Arm	SR lines beyond Exeter
Why Chill 'em and Cart 'em:	Wye, Chilham and Chartham

Locomotive Nicknames

Black Motor	L&SWR class 700
Gladstone	LB&SCR class B1
Charlie	SR class Q1
Greyhound	L&SWR class T9
Jumbo	Beattie 4-4-0 or SE&CR class B1 or SE&CR class F1
Hornby	SR class CC electric loco
Large Hopper	L&SWR class L11
Mickey Mouse	BR class 2MT
Paddlebox	L&SWR class T14
Radial	LB&SCR class E4 or L&SWR class 0415
Small Hopper	L&SWR class K10
Spam Can	Unrebuilt SR Pacific classes BB, MN and WC
Terrier	LB&SCR class A1/ A1X
Vulcan	LB&SCR 0-6-0 goods engine

Siding Nicknames at Yards:

Clapham Junction: 33p12,

Eastleigh: 33p12,

Norwood Junction: 33p12,