

William Stanier revolutionised steam locomotive design on the LMS creating not just machines fit for purpose but drawing on the experience of others to produce without doubt the most successful non-standard steam engine ever to run in the United Kingdom: 'Turbomotive'.

Here for the first time in book form is the full story of this remarkable machine which is regarded as one of the finest non-conventional steam engines ever to have been built on these shores. Able to consistently operate normal revenue-earning services, it had its origins in a series of steam turbine experiments one of which in Sweden, truly resulted in the success the designers had wished for.

Despite continuing to operate as a turbine into British Railways days, No 6202 was eventually converted to conventional form only to be damaged beyond economical repair just a few weeks later at Harrow & Wealdstone.

But that was not to be the end of the turbine story. In America several massive railway steam turbines had already been built, all to the same basic concept as that promoted by Stanier. If both designer and locomotive have a legacy it is to prove innovation can lead to success and there was still the potential to develop steam away from its original conventional form.



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