

33048/D6566

Built: BRC&W Works, Smethwick.
Introduced to Traffic: 26th August 1961.
BRC&W Works Number: DEL 170.
Pre-TOPS Number: D6566.
TOPS Renumbering: 8th December 1973.

Depot Allocations: HG (73C) 26/08/61.
SL: 24/11/85.
Stored (S): 05/01/95.
Withdrawn: 13/02/97.

Modifications / Restrictions: One Man Operation (SSF) Fitted: 03/89.
Snowploughs Fitted: SL 02/93.
ETH Isolated: SL 30/03/91.
Headlight Fitted: SL 04/92.
Cab Telephone Fitted: SL 12/94.

Liveries: BR Green.
BR Green with small yellow warning panels.
BR Green with full yellow ends. (Last green 33 til 05/71)
BR Blue.
BR Blue. (P)
Revised BR Blue - white roof and red bufferbeams. (P)
BR Blue. (P)
BR Green with full yellow ends. (P)
BR Green with small yellow ends (P)

Livery Notes: Red Guttering Stripe applied: Summer 1988.
White Lamp Brackets and Buffers: HG 08/95.

Sectors: 11/05/87 – Departmental.
28/05/87 – DXXX.
18/01/88 – DXXA.
16/04/88 – FAXX.
16/08/88 – FALS.
05/11/88 – DCSA.
03/12/88 – FALS.
22/01/89 – FASB.
07/07/91 – DCSW.
05/04/92 – NKJR.
20/03/94 – EWRB.
15/01/95 – ENXX.

Works Attention: Intermediate Overhaul at ZG: 10/05/85.
Main Generator Repairs at ZG: 08/89.

Withdrawn from Service: Out of Service at 07.00 at SL on 05/01/95.
Stored Serviceable at 07.00 at SL on 05/01/95.
Condemned at 06.00 at SL on 13/02/97.
Switched off with no defects.

Final Main Line Passenger Working:

11/12/94: 1Z30 08.41 Bristol Temple Meads-Dollands Moor, from Woking-Dollands Moor with 33052, "The Southern Serpent" Railtour.

Disposal & Preservation:

Locomotive stored at Stewarts Lane and moved to Hither Green in August 1995 for apprentice painting training which saw the locomotive receive several coats of BR blue and yellow together with white lamp brackets / wheel rims / buffers together with engine room painting. Locomotive also used to calibrate Depot Fuel Point and was displayed at Staff Open Day in 1996. Locomotive placed on second EWS tender list in February 1997 and sold for preservation to Clive Burrows, of the Diesel & Electric Preservation Group in March 1997. Moved by road on 19th May 1997 to Bishops Lydeard, West Somerset Railway. Arriving on 21st May 1997. Worked the first Class 33/0 passenger trains in preservation on 25th October 1997.

Renumbered 6566 and repainted in Revised BR Blue (white roof and red buffer beams) for the locomotive's 40th birthday celebrations in August 2001.

Subsequently renumbered D6566 and repainted in BR Green livery with full yellow ends.

A further repaint in BR Green Livery with small yellow ends was performed in early 2012 (to match D6575).

Following 16 years successful operation at the WSR, loco withdrawn for its first preservation overhaul in June 2013.

All Cylinder Heads, Pistons and Cylinder Liners (plus stock spares) removed and sent to K, Cook Engineering Services near Derby for contract refurbishment.

Welding repairs to cracked engine sump performed at Wiliton in October 2014.

Loco moved by road to Cranmore Traincare & Maintenance Services, East Somerset Railway, in November 2014 for a full bodywork overhaul and repaint into green livery again with small yellow ends. Loco returned to WSR on June 18th 2015, overhaul continues.

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D6566 on shed at Hither Green. Steam still in evidence. Early 1960s.



D6566 on freight at Norwood Junction 1964.



D6566 at Southampton Central with a Fawley oil tank train. 29th May 1965.



D6566 awaiting right away at New Milton. 30th July 1965.



D6566 and D6558 at Ilfracombe 30th August 1970.
This is believed to be the only occasion that Class 33s have reached Ilfracombe, unless you know differently!



33 048 climbs away from Westbury. 7th March 1986.



33 048 enters Crewe. 8th September 1986.



33 048 at Clapham Junction. 33 025& 73 106 at far end. 2nd October 1986.



33 048 at Crewe. 1980s.



33 048 and friends at Stewarts Lane. 21st October 1991.



33 048 and 33052 back onto the “Southern Serpent” railtour at Woking, its last main line passenger working.
Class 159 in background. 11th December 1994. Copyright Ian Robins.