

GWR 15XX 0 Gauge Fine scale Model No. 1501 Class 1500 0-6-0 Tank Locomotive

A Warren Shephard Kit, expertly built by Mike Williams a specialist kit builder of Flint. Fitted with an ABC mini gearbox with a Maxon Motor and Slater wheels. The model was professionally painted by Warren Haywood in the BR lined black restoration livery.



The 1500 class of 10 tank locomotives introduced into service in 1949. Designed by Hawksworth and built at the BR Swindon Works. It was the final GWR designed locomotive and unlike most of their forebears, they had outside cylinders and Walschaerts valve gear. Unsuitable for fast running because of their short wheelbase and confined to empty stock working at Paddington. 1501 was withdrawn by BR in January 1961 after a short service life 11 years 7 months. In February 1962 1501 was sold to the National Coal Board. In 1970 locomotive 1501 purchased by the Severn Valley Railway for preservation. The latest overhaul was started in 2009 returning to steam in 2012. In service on the SVR, 1501 has proved a powerful locomotive for its size, acquiring the nickname "the raging bull". Driving wheels 4' 7 1/2". TE 22515lbs. Loco weight 58 tons 4cwt. Pressure 200lb per square inch.