

Ixion Models GWR 'Manor' 4-6-0 now released

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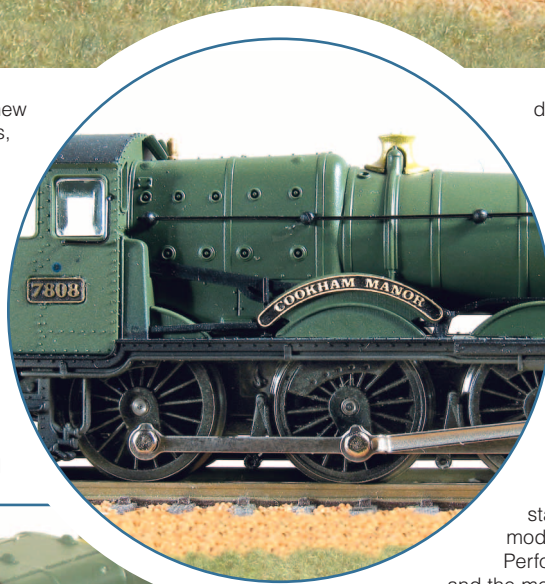


After a lengthy gestation period, samples of the new Great Western 'Manor' 4-6-0 in N, by Ixion Models, are now reaching the shops.

The 30 'Manors' were a late Collett design, the first 20 of which appeared in 1938/39. Their power and excellent route availability (in the 'blue' category, up to 17t 12cwt axle loading) made them valuable workhorses on lines such as the former Cambrian system. Such was their utility that the last 10 were built under British Railways auspices in 1950. All were gone by December 1965, but happily nine have survived in preservation.

Ixion is offering four identities, initially, as detailed in the table.

The model squares up excellently to published



dimensions, and has a wealth of fine detail. Supplied in the packaging is extra detail, in the form of crew figures, etched fire irons, lamps, vacuum hoses and a dummy screw coupling. Alternative NEM knuckle couplings are also supplied. The etched brass nameplates are factory-fitted, as is full brake gear.

The motor is a five-pole skew wound high torque type, mounted in the tender and driving the RP25 profile coupled wheels via a shaft. Tungsten weights in the engine give the 'Manor' ample adhesion for tractive effort; the model tips the scales at nearly 100g.

The tender itself is finely detailed, down to the model of the water scoop, but its modest dimensions in 1:148 scale mean that there is no provision for DCC in the form of a decoder. (Ixion reports that advice will be posted on its website for DCC users, but states that hardwiring a decoder will invalidate the model's warranty.)

Performance is smooth and powerful straight from the box, and the model will traverse first radius curves. The model has 12-wheel pickup and self-lubricating phosphor-bronze bearings.

For customers in the northern hemisphere, the model will only be available from **Dapol, Gledrid Industrial Park, Chirk, Wrexham LL14 5DG (www.dapol.col.uk) price £104.99**. Australasian customers should see the Ixion website for details; the price is AUS\$240.00 post free.



Ixion GWR 'Manor', first releases available		
ref	description	livery and tender decoration
INS-7800	7800 Torquay Manor	BR lined green, late crest
INS-7808	7808 Cookham Manor	GW unlined green, 'shirtbutton' monogram
INS-7818	7816 Frilsham Manor	GW unlined green, 'G W R'
INS-7823	7823 Hook Norton Manor	BR unlined black, early emblem

Samples supplied by

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▲ Access to the motor is easy – unscrew the representation of the water dome at the rear of the tender and lift off the superstructure. The drive shaft is visible beyond the motor casing.

◀ Double spring linkages conveying current from engine to tender.