

'O' GAUGE

Rating 94%

Looks	10/10
Build quality	9/10
Decoration	10/10
Features	9/10
Value for Money	9/10

Model

Lionheart Trains
LHT750050 BR
crimson/cream 'Lot
1126' autococh W37W

Price

£348.00

Region

Western

Period

1950s

Availability

Lionheart Trains. Tel:
01747 850239. Web:
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Use with

Lionheart Trains BR
'64XX' 0-6-OPT.

Lionheart auto trailer

Lionheart Trains has just released this Great Western Railway auto-trailer as a companion to its superb '64XX' 0-6-OPT. The model is based on a batch of six trailers built under Lot 1126 in 1906 and delivered to the GWR in January/February 1907.

Nos. 36-41 originally had windows at the luggage compartment end as well as the driving end, but these were later removed. They were found on branch lines from Cornwall to Wales, and retained their gas lighting until withdrawn between December 1956 and November 1957.

After withdrawal in 1957, No. 38 became a mobile office at Newport, and is now preserved at the Telford Steam Railway in Shropshire.

At 59ft 6in long, this design of auto-trailer is somewhat shorter than later vehicles, but in 1:43.5 scale it makes an ideal short train



Left The fully detailed interior would benefit from painting in correct colours. Note the speaker housing (right).

versions carry GWR chocolate/cream with 1930s or 1940s markings and BR maroon for the late-1950s.

A fully detailed interior is provided, although it would benefit from being painted in authentic colours and the installation of a few passengers. Fortunately, Lionheart has catered for this with a neat removable roof that simply slides and lifts off. Such features make all the difference to modellers, and show that the manufacturer is thinking about what its customers need.

We're used to seeing genuine ready-to-run models in smaller scales, but Lionheart is bringing the same level of quality, features and value to 'O' gauge. This auto-trailer is a great example of what can be achieved, and we look forward to seeing more soon. (BJ)

for layouts with limited space. Coupled to a '64XX', the whole train is just 26in long.

Lionheart has captured the looks and character of this wooden-bodied vehicle perfectly. It is constructed largely in ABS plastic, with wire handrails, separately fitted lamp brackets, footsteps and a beautifully detailed underframe. The bogies have die-cast frames with two metal compensation beams to improve running performance, brass bearings, steel wheels, sprung metal buffers, sprung die-cast hook and metal links.

The model is designed for easy installation of lighting and DCC



Below: Vintage GWR looks are captured to perfection. An LED lighting pack will follow soon.

sound, and is supplied with wiring and a speaker housing pre-installed. A retro-fit conversion kit should be available later this year.

Shown here is W37W in 1950s BR crimson/cream with black/gold lining. Decoration is exemplary, right down to the fine black outline around the gold numbers. Other

Below: This 59ft 6in long trailer is the ideal partner for Lionheart's '64XX' and a perfect short train for 'O' gauge layouts.

VERDICT

- Looks, decoration, running qualities, prepared for DCC sound, and lights.
- Nothing of note.
- A companion for Lionheart's lovely '64XX'.

