

# MAUNSELL BRAKE CORRIDOR COMPOSITE S 6699 S

As usual, underframe and bogies were built at Southern Railway's Lancing Carriage Works. The underframes were transported to Eastleigh Carriage Works so that bodywork and interior fitting out could be accomplished to design diagram 2403 as part of Lot No. 799.

S6699 was completed in 1935 and ran as part of two-coach Set 198, with Brake Corridor Third No. 2780. S6699 had two First Class compartments (12 seats) and four Third class compartments (32 seats). S6699 was converted to a push-pull Driving coach in 1960.

S6699 then formed part of push-pull Set 619, along with Second Open S1331, being allocated to the Central Section of Southern Region. This set did not last long allowing S6699 to work as a 'loose' coach although it was noted coupled to a BR Suburban 10 Compartment Second coach. It was used on the Hayling Island Branch in the last few months prior to it's closure in November 1963.

After withdrawal both S6697 and S6699 were purchased by Chipman Chemical Co. of Horsham for use as a spray control vehicle on their weed-killing trains. The interior fittings were removed allowing the installation of tanks for weed-killing chemicals, pipes, mixing valves and spray gear. Number CWT 9 was allocated originally although this was changed to 99009 which it then carried until sold by Chipmans in 1980.

It was kept at Horsham until 1991 when it was moved to Swanage. It was repainted externally for a photographic charter in 1992. It still retains equipment installed by Chipman's. By June 2012 the coach had moved away from Railway to undercover storage. It is planned to restore this carriage along with Open Third 1323 to reform push-pull set 619.