

SPECIE & TRAVELLING POST OFFICE VANS – Diagram K

General information:

Many K series vans with several variations were built between 1891 and 1974 and are recorded in the reference books quoted below.

Series : K1 / K3 / K6 / K7 / K8 / K11 / K12 / K14 / K15 / K17-B / K17-C / K19 / K21 / K22 / K24 / K25 / K26 / K 29 / K31 / K32 / K33 / K34 / K35 / K36 / K37 / K38 / K39 / K40 / K42 / K43 / K45 / K51 / K52

Preserved Rolling stock:- Transnet

NO	Type	Building date	Location	Condition
4274	K42	1935	Museum , George	FAIR

Transnet asset on loan / Private Ownership

NO	Type	Building date	Owner	Condition	Remarks
4574	K 43	1900	SANDSTONE	UNKNOWN	
21012	K 52	1952	CERES RAILWAY	UNKNOWN	
4317	K 42	1935	UMGENI STEAM	UNKNOWN	
4386	K 42	1935	UMGENI STEAM	UNKNOWN	

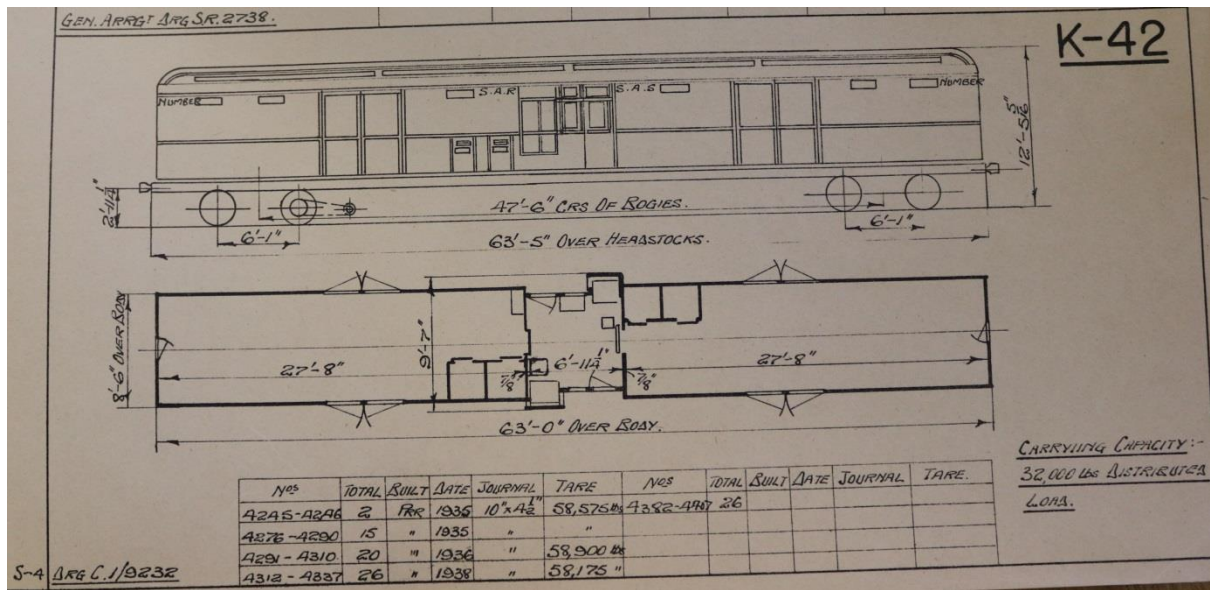
Motivation for disposal:-

Coach No 4444 is in a very poor condition and the body of the coach has to be rebuilt due to years of exposure to the weather conditions. Over the years the interior has also been vandalised to such an extent that very few of the original fittings can be replaced. To restore this coach to its former glory will cost Transnet an extraordinary amount of money while several other Private Saloons are preserved representing the Private Saloon era. To relocate this coach to a secure site, by road or by rail, will be a safety risk and challenge on its own due to the dilapidated condition of the coach. To source a contractor with the necessary skills and knowledge to rebuild the asset will be a long and lengthy process as Transnet has to adhere to the procurement processes applicable to SOE and SOC's.

Official list of Travelling Post office vans.

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Nº	DIAGRAM	Nº	DIAGRAM	Nº	DIAGRAM	Nº	DIAGRAM	Nº	DIAGRAM
4001	K-1	4059	K-15	4136 - 4140	K-29	4187	K-36	4312 - 4337	K-42
4008	K-3	4061	K-15	4141	K-15	4188	K-34	4338 - 4343	K-45
4009	K-6	4066, 4067	K-15	4144 - 4146	K-15	4189, 4190	K-37	4351	K-26
4014, 4015	K-6	4069	K-15	4149, 4150	K-15	4193	K-34	4354	K-26
4016	K-7	4073	K-15	4151, 4152	K-29	4195 - 4222	K-36	4356	K-26
4017	K-8	4076	K-15	4154 - 4159	K-29	4224	K-36	4358, 4359	K-34
4019 - 4021	K-8	4079	K-15	4161 - 4163	K-29	4226 - 4244	K-36	4360	K-43
4026	K-11	4083, 4084	K-15	4164	K-17-B	4245, 4246	K-42	4361	K-26
4028	K-11	4088	K-15	4168	K-31	4260	K-21	4363	K-11
4030 - 4033	K-12	4091	K-15	4171	K-25	4265	K-33	4365 - 4370	K-11
4034 - 4039	K-14	4093	K-17-B	4172	K-22	4268	K-33	4371 - 4373	K-26
4045	K-15	4097	K-32	4173 - 4180	K-35	4269 - 4271	K-21	4377	K-11
4047	K-15	4101	K-32	4181	K-17-C	4275	K-40	4378 - 4381	K-39
4052	K-15	4112 - 4130	K-19	4182 - 4184	K-37	4276 - 4310	K-42	4382 - 4407	K-42
4056	K-15	4131 - 4134	K-29	4185, 4186	K-38	4311	K-44	4402	K-41-M

Diagram of Travelling Post Office van No :-



Information resources:-

S.A.R – Types of Main Line Saloons 3’6” Gauge - Chief Mechanical Engineers – 14 August 1941

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Classification of the various Buffet Cars is recorded in above publications reflecting the Diagram (coach layout) , Type, Numbers of the dining cars, builders name and building date. All publications are available at the Transnet Transport Museum in George while duplicate publications and the history of the coaches are preserved for research purposes at the Transnet Knowledge Centre in Johannesburg.

