



INDUSTRIAL RAILWAYS AND LOCOMOTIVES of SOUTH AFRICA

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The development of industrial railways in South Africa started with a locomotive delivered to the Table Bay Harbour Board in 1862. From that small beginning, a huge variety of locomotives eventually worked on the country's industrial lines from diminutive narrow gauge engines hauling sugar cane to massive 190 ton Beyer Garratts hauling 1,000 ton or more trains of ore or coal. Including underground mining locomotives the number of industrial locomotives that have seen use in South Africa is around 20,000 supported by a significant industrial locomotive building industry that developed locally, particularly after 1945. The data in the book includes primary research at all the major South African locomotive builders and archives as well as reports from many enthusiasts and from the observations of the author who has visited South Africa many times since 1975 and worked in the local mining industry from 1981-1994. Photographs are included from many of these enthusiasts including Charlie Lewis, Allen Jorgensen and Dusty Durrant. The amount of material is such that it has been divided into two volumes, of which this is the first, covering the South African provinces of the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu Natal and North West, listing all known industrial locomotives and the companies that operated them. It also includes preserved locomotives. The second volume, covering the provinces of Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Limpopo, is already drafted and should be ready in 2024. The B5 format book has 496 pages with over 300 photographs (including 158 in colour). ISBN 9781912995103. **Price: £39 + P&P.**

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