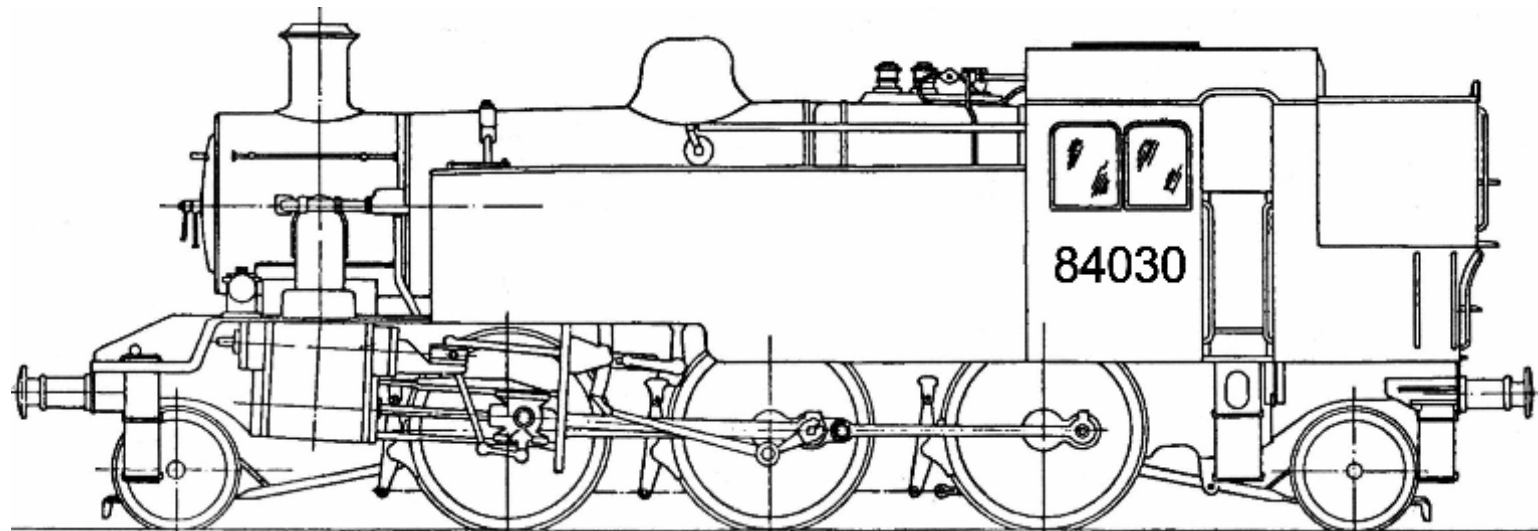


THE BRITISH RAILWAYS STANDARD CLASS 2 TANK ENGINE



Principal Characteristics: **Length – 38' 9½"** **Height – 12' 9½"** **Width – 8' 7½"**
 Water capacity – 1350 gallons **Coal capacity – 3 tons** **Weight – 66 tons 5 cwt**

The origin of the Standard class 2 design goes back to 1946 when H.G. Ivatt of the LMS introduced his class 2P locomotives for use on Branch Line and suburban services. These were compact and lightweight locomotives with the emphasis upon ease of maintenance and operation. These little locomotives soon proved to be popular, reliable and powerful performers.

After Britain's railways were nationalised in 1948, the British Transport Commission started work on a range of standard steam locomotive designs suitable for use throughout the country. The best features of the designs of the big four railway companies (LMS, LNER, GWR & SR) were taken and incorporated in to the standard designs. The class 2 tank locomotives of the LMS, along with the corresponding 2-6-0 tender locomotive design, was a natural choice as one of British Railways 12 new standard classes and was modified to incorporate standard fittings. During 1953, 30 tank locomotives (84000 – 84029) were built at Crewe and Darlington, for use on the London Midland and Southern Region's of British Railways and 65 tender locomotives were built at Darlington and were used on most regions of British Railways except the Southern.

Withdrawal of the class 2 locomotives started in 1963 with the last tank engine going in 1965 and the last tender engine in 1967. Four tender engines were sold to Woodham's scrap yard in Barry, South Wales and were later saved for preservation. Unfortunately no examples of the tank engines were to survive.

One of the tender engines without a tender (78059) was purchased by a group of Bluebell Railway Members to run on the railway. Since much of the tank and tender engines was identical, they intended it should be rebuilt as an example of the otherwise lost class of tank engine. This would involve, in addition to restoration work, extending the frames, adding the rear wheels and buffer beam and fitting tanks and a bunker. A good deal of work has now been done to this end. The extension of the frames for the hind pony truck has been attached to the original frames. Buffers have been acquired and re-conditioned. Patterns are being made and castings small and large continue to be bought and machined.

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