

EMU Movements - Innovation from ROG

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37884 hauling class 375 Electrostar units 375616 and 375620 arrives at Ramsgate EMUD with 5Q58 from Derby.

ROG have become the first train operating company in the UK to modify locomotives specifically for the routine movement of Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) trains.

Although a small number of locomotives have been modified in the past for 'rescue' purposes, this is the first time a locomotive has been modified for regular, locomotive-hauled EMU services. The first of ROG's modified locomotives, 37884, began such operations on 28 November on its class 375 Electrostar service.

The modification programme sees the fitting of drop-head Dellner couplers and also electronic translating equipment to allow through control of the EMU brake system and other safety systems. The system has been 'future-proofed' to enable additional systems and a variety of other EMU classes to be hauled by ROG's locomotives. The next, similarly modified locomotive is due to enter service in early 2016.

Background

ROG entered train operations in April 2015 as the only operating company dedicated to the train movement needs of the rolling stock leasing, manufacturing and engineering sector.

One of ROG's first objectives was to modernise the way the industry hauled EMUs on the UK rail network. It produced a paper in early 2015 entitled 'The End of Translator Vehicles' in which it detailed the advantages of dispensing with the age old practice of using translator vehicles or barrier vehicles as a means to haul EMUs.

Dave Burley, ROG's Operations Director said "having gained huge support from the industry, we invested in our ambition and launched a project in June to acquire and modify a small fleet of class 37 loco's. Just five months later, the first one entered EMU haulage service".

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