

Railroad History

Grand Trunk Locomotive Classification System

Commencing in 1904, class designations were assigned to all Grand Trunk motive power, including GTW. It was the intention to group together all locomotives of a given design, by using a prefix letter to denote wheel arrangement and a number to indicate major dimension differences. The newest locomotives in 1904 were given the first letters and numbers, and the oldest groups were assigned the highest numbers. After 1904, as new designs were adopted, the next available class was used, with the result that the original reverse chronological order was spoiled.

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