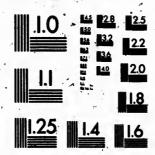


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Framing.

BOTTOM FRAME.—The bottom side-frames to be 3 inches deep by 9 inches wide; rebates formed in them for the doors to be shut against, and for receiving the floor boards and grooves for the panels.

The bottom end-frames to be 3 inches deep by 7 inches wide, rebates to receive the floor boards, and grooved to receive the panels. The bottom sides and ends to be framed together, and secured by strong wronght-iron knees inside, and a wronght-iron angle plate sunk flush outside. The floor-bearers to be 3 inches by 1½ inches, mortised into the side-frames with bare-faced tenous, the sholders cut level and let into the lips of the mortises.

FLOOR.—The flooring to be in two thicknesses of \$in. red deal 9 inches wide, laid or saing each other at an angle of 45° with the sides, the top boards to be matched.

UNDERFRAMING.—The side-frames to be 11 inches by 4 inches, all the wood underframing to be of the same kind. The end frames to extend the full width of the body at the base, and out to the shaper at the ends, as shown by the Drawing, to be secured to the side-frames by corner brackets and bolts. The transverse bearers to be as shown on Drawing. The diagonal bearers to be stump tenoned into the transverse bearers and end frames, and secured to the end frames by two wrought-iron knees, 11 inches deep by 1 inch thick, with holes for the passage of the buffing-rods.

The end longitudinal bearers, the one over the draw-bar to be 41 inches by 31 inches, the other under the draw-bar to be 31 inches by 8 inches, stump tenoned into the end-frames and transverse bearers, to have a corner bracket inch thick, formed in one piece to lay hold of the

longitudinal, diagonal, and transverse bearers.

The middle longitudinal bearers, four in number, to be stump tenoned into the transverse bearers, and secured thereto by corner brackets and bolts, the corner brackets to have holes for d'tie-bolts, gin. diameter, to pass through.

MATERIAL.—The bottom and top aldes, bottom end frames, and floor bearers, to b of Quebec oak, each in one length.

A belting of Messrs. WARNE & Co.'s red india-rubber, 1-in. thick, must be laid on the upper surfaces of the sides, ends and other principals of the under frames, on which the body of the carriage chall rest. Care must be taken in bolting down the body that the india-rubber is not compressed beyond a very moderate extent, and the nuts must be secured by riveting over the ends of the bolts.

SCROLL BRACKETS FOR SPRINGS .- The spring soroll brackets, six in number, (two being double) to be of the best scrap-iron, forged out of a single piece or use of the form and dimensions shown on the Drawing. The eye of the scroll to be bored out of the solid, perfectly true.

AXLE-GUARDS.—The Axle-Guards, four in number, to be of the best hammered scrap-iron, ‡ in. thick, free from cracks and flaws.

AXLE-BOXES.—The axle-boxes to be clean, sound, and well made castings, with brass bearings, in every respect according to the pattern box, which will be supplied.

The holes in the axie boxes must be quite true, to receive the same atraps.

The spring straps to be clean and well made, the flat part 1 inch by \(\frac{1}{2} \) inch, the bolt \(\frac{1}{2} \) the inch diameter, with a nut and check-nut underneath, and a split pin to prevent them from working off.

STEPS AND STEP-IRONS.—The step-irons, for bottom steps, 8 in number, to be of round iron, and made to the form shown on the Drawing, and bolted to the frame.

The bottom step to be of red deal, and extend to the whole length of the body, 11-in. thick, with a back ledge-piece, Sin by 1, and a recess out for the axid-box, the step to be strengthened at recess by a piece of iron, lin by lin, the outer corners rounded off, as shown.

The top step to be of ribbed plate, 1-in. thick, of an approved pattern, riveted to a bracket fastened underneath the frame.

BUFFER RODS.—The buffer rods, 4 in number, to be of the best Staffordshire wrought iron, with solid wrought iron heads, made as shewn on the Drawing, to pass through a castiron gland. The gland fixed to the end frames with four lin. bolts, screwed outside as shewn. The buffer rods to be 21 in. diameter in the socket.

DRAW BAR.—The draw bar to be of the best hammered scrap-iron. The hook to be forged out of the solid, and, if welded on to a bar, such weld to be at least 12 inches from the

SIDE CHAINS.—The side chains, four in number, to be of the best lin. cable iron, 2ft 3 in. long from centre of the eye-bolt to inside of book and link respectively.

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Two to have hooks, the other two to have links, 6 inches long at their extremities, and fixed to the end frames by eye-bolts, with square neeks passing through them, and a in. washer plate outside with nuts to be screwed inside against a in iron, and in. Warne's mineralized india-rubber ripgs. When fixed to be equidistant from the centre line of frame, and in a right line with each other.

Body.

SIDES.—The four corner pillars to be 4\frac{1}{2}in. square, rebated on the outside for the panels, and on the inside for the lining boards, tenoned into the bottom frames, and strengthened by a strong wrought-iron knee, firmly bolted on each aide at the bottom.

The standing pillars to be bevelled and rebated for the door to shut against, the tenons to have sorews through the shoulders to strengthen them, and wrought-from knees bolted to them, and to the bottom sides, and rebated to receive the side lights and panels.

The middle pillars to have grooves to receive the ends of the horizontal partition boards, into which they are to be screwed. The lips of the grooves to have screws through them, 6 inches apart, to strengthen them; thin wrought-iron angle plates to be screwed to these boards, and to the pillars, at intervals of 9in. centres, and wrought-iron knees bolted to them and to the bottom sides.

The intermediate standing pillars and side light rails to be rebated to receive the glass and panels.

The top side-frames to have rebates for the tops of the doors, middle, and intermediate standing pillars, notches for the roof principals, and grooves for the panels, also a groove to form a water drip.

SIDE LIGHTS.—The side lights to be of the height and width shewn on the Drawing, the glass well bedded and kept in place by a bevelled bead outside, firmly screwed in with brass sorews.

GLASS.—The glass to be of the best plate, free from stains and air bubbles, and not less than at in thick.

DOORS.—The doors to have sliding lights, to be caused, balanced, a pattern of which will be supplied. The doors to have brass plating of proper size, and to be made to fit accurately. The under rebates in the side frames to be faced with iron, i inch thick, by the width of the rebates.

VENTILATORS.—Sliding ventilators to be placed over the doors, with louvre outside. To be made with alot openings with a sliding cover inside. The space between the ventilator rails in the doors to be covered with vulcanized india-robber underneath, so fixed as to press against the top of the glass frame when shut up and prevent draft.

PANELS.—The panels for the sides and ends to be of papier maché 5/16-inoh thick, (manufactured by J. S. Isaac, of Maidstone, Kent), in one piece, from the top side to the middle rail, and in one piece from the middle rail to the bottom of the groove in the bottom side-frames.

The panels to be of even and sound surface and regular thickness, well oiled and hard baked.

All papier masse panels to be left with the joints about 11-inch open where covered with beading to allow of their expanding.

BEADING.—Oak beading, I inch wide and olding, thick, to be fixed over the joints, and go up the standing pillars. All the panels and beading to be fixed with round brase or copper pins.

MATERIALS.—The four corner pillers, the door styles and standing pillers, to be of well-seasoned English cak. The roof and partition boards to be of American yellow pine (the roof boards to be in one length, matched).

ROOF.—The roof principals to be of ash, 2½in. by 2in., cut to the proper sweep, and strongly screwed to the top side-frames, as before described. The boarding to be lin. thick, grooved and tongued in single lengths; to be covered with three thick coats of white-lead paint outside before being covered with the roof cloth, which must be put on while the last coat is wet. The roof cloth to be equal in quality to the sample supplied, in one piece, well stretched in laying, and fastened under the caves, and secured by filleting.

Each Carriage to have a roof lamp, to pattern, let through the roof in the centre of each

compartment.

PARTITIONS.—The partition between the compartments to be in two thicknesses of sinch boards, grooved and tongued, crossing each other at right angles vertically and horizontally. The horizontal boards to be fitted and screwed into the grooves in the middle standing pillars, and fastened in addition with thin wronght-iron angle-plates, as before described. The vertical boards to be fitted and screwed into the grooves in the roof principals, secured to the floor by fillets. The boards to be well and closely screwed together.

SEATS.—The seats to be framed and supported as shown upon Drawing.

Trimming.

The lining to be of an approved shade of the best blue West of England woollen cloth,

to sample. Carpets and other furnishing to sample or design.

The backs of the first-class compartments to be stuffed with the best curled horse-hair, with springs, and padded to the height shewn, full at the bottom (according to an approved template,) above the division and along the roof to be lined with patent glazed linen of straw-coloured ground, and not inferior to asmple.

The backs of the second-class compartments to be padded and cushioned with curlcul

horse-hair and American-leather cloth, as per Drawing.

In first-class compartments, a line of broad lace of approved size, colours, and pattern, to be fixed all round, above the stuffing, and over the side lights, covering the nailing of the linen, and a decorating moulding, according to pattern, round the angle of the roof and up the corners. The linen to be kept up against the roof boards between the principals over the space between the seats to give additional head room, and the decorated moulding to continue round the curve of the roof principals.

The roof boards to have a moulding round the holes for the lamps.

The inside of the doors of the first-class compartments to be lined with American leather

cloth of the same colour as the other trimming.

The cushions to be single, and stuffed with best curled horse-hair and not more than 3 inches thick on the edge, according to sample cushion, and bound round the top and bottom edges with seaming lace. One side and edges to be covered with cloth and the other with. American leather cloth.

The cushions of first class compartments shall rest on canvas covering the springs in the wells, as shewn on Drawing.

The elbow division of first-class compartments to be of mahogany, French-polished under the elbow rests.

The elbows to be stuffed with horse-hair, and covered with the best American leather cloth to match the liuing.

The front rail of the seats to be padded and covered with broad lace of approved pattern and colour.

The inside of the windows to be lined with blue American cloth.

The pasting, seaming, and other lace, to be of the appropriate width and colours, and of approved Great Western Railway Pattern.

Cloth wells to be nailed round the door pillars, on the inside face, for the door to shut against.

Strong brown leather stop straps to be serewed to all the doors, with approved fastening, to prevent the doors opening too far.

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The carpet to be of best quality, to pattern or ilegign, kept from shifting by leather straps and brass buttons.

A piece of Sin. rope covered with carpet to be tacked across the doors to prevent draft.

Umbrella nets of first-class comparements to be of worsted cords, to match the trimmings, and of second class to be Manilla, to be fixed over the seats of each compartment. The rods to be of bird's-eye maple in first class, French-polished; and of mahogany in the second-class, the brackets of approved design.

All the windows to have blue alpace curtains on bird's-eye maple rods in first-class, and mahogany and alpace (of inferior quality) in second-class, with rings and brackets. Each curtain to be sufficiently large to shut in one side and half the door light, and to have loops or button holes at the corners, and buttons on the doors, for fastening the bottom of them.—

G. W. R. to be worked in all.

Mountings.

Brass plating to be put on all the doors, gun-metal commode and door handles; private locks with brass escutchions to the key-holes; side lamps; iron staple, to be fixed on the side of the Carriage for attaching "Station" and "Ladies' Carriage" label boards; ivory knobs and silk cords for blinds.

Painting and Varnishing.

The whole of the woodwork outside to be painted with three coats of white lead, and five of filling up after dressing down; four coats of white to the upper parts and two to the lower; then three coats of brown to the lower parts of body, and one coat of brown to the under frame; three coats of varnish over the body, and one on underframe; the steps, step-irons, side-chains, wheels, axle-boxes and springs to be black; the side springs brown.

The whole of the sole bars to be stopped, filled up, rubbed down and painted to pattern.

The outside of the roof to have three costs of white-lead, the edges black. "G. W. R." to be written in gold in a monogram on the panel of the doors, and the Company's arms and creats on the lower panels between the lights, as may be directed.

"First Class" or "Second Class" to be written on each door over the window. The number to be written on each Carriage as may be directed.



General Observations.

The Company will supply the wheels and axles, the bearing and buffing springs, to the Contractors.

The whole of the materials to be of the best description of their respective kinds.

The wood to be sound, dry, and free from knots and sap.

The framing to be clean and well made, and strongly put together, accurately square and straight, and the whole of the detail parts fixed equidistant from the centre line.

All mortises and tenous to be painted with white-lead and oil before being put together. The whole to be put together, and finished in the most substantial and workmanlike manner, to the satisfaction of the Company's Superintendent or Inspector; who shall have full power to reject all, or any such Carriage, or parts that are not in full accordance with the spirit and intention of this Specification, as respects materials and workmanship; and to be delivered complete and ready for use (free of charge,) on the rails at

and if not so delivered complete within the above periods respectively, the Contractor shall forfeit to the Company, as ascertained damages, the sum of per Carriage.

The colours, and style of painting and lettering, the mode of trimming, and the quality of the trimmings to correspond and match with the First Class Carriages of the Great Western Railway.

No advantage to be taken of any omissions of detail in the Drawings, or in this Specification, as full explanation will be given, should any part not be sufficiently shown or understood.

Conditions of Contract.

The Contract is to include the supply of all materials and parts (exclusive of those to be supplied by the G. W. R. Co.) for, and the building and anishing complete the Carriages according to this Specification and Drawings herein referred to. The Contractor to pay all patent rights and royalties—fitting the springs to the axle boxes mounting the Carriages on the wheels; painting all the parts and the delivery of the whole complete, free of charge, on the rails at the

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