TPE Merge

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Blurb

Ever felt like Manchester to Leeds felt too short of a drive? Wanted a bit more leg-stretching? Great, here's your answer.

The TPE Merge consists of ATS' Chat Moss route (from Liverpool Lime Street to Manchester Victoria) and DTG's Leeds to Manchester route.

Journey times average around 1hr 45 from end to end, including a few minutes' dwell at Manchester Victoria. For just shy of 75 miles, that doesn't seem particularly nippy, though there's plenty of good scenery the North has to offer. Travelling east, the flat peat bog of Chat Moss soon gives way to bustling Manchester, featuring ATS' stunning replication of Manchester Victoria. After ascending Miles Platting, the line begins to curve, entering the Pennines (and funnily enough for the namesake, expressly transversing it). It's not your 125mph express though, the funding hasn't quite got there.

Even if you don't fancy that in an 802 (I wouldn't either), there's some long freight runs too, including 2 hours of the Drax – Tuebrook runs.

Requirements

In order to use this pack, you must own (and have installed) the following products. *Failure to do so will render the route unusable.*

- ATS Chat Moss

- Liverpool–Manchester Route Add-On (Steam, required for Chat Moss)

-Huddersfield Line: Manchester – Leeds Route Add-On (Steam)

Installation

1. Open the ATS Launcher

2. Navigate to 'Your Products' and hit install on this pack.

If you're unsure on this process, read the manual for the ATS Launcher.

The route will show in game as 'ATS TPE Merge – Liverpool Lime Street to Leeds'.

Scenario Requirements

Armstrong Powerhouse:
Class 66 Enhancement Pack*
Class 150/2 DMU Pack
Class 156 DMU Pack
Class 158 (Cummins) Enhancement Pack*
Class 319 EMU Pack Volume 1
Class 800 Enhancement Pack*
FSA/FTA Wagon Pack
Signal Enhancement Pack
Sky Weather Enhancement Pack v2.0

Just Trains:
Class 220/221 Voyager

Steam:
WCML South Route

* Note that these products have their own individual requirements.

These scenarios are designed to be used with the 64-bit version of Train Simulator and on a system with at least 8GB of RAM.

It also essential that you have the latest versions of the required DLC installed, before running these scenarios.

Scenarios

[ATS-TPEMerge] 6M68 1946 Drax – Liverpool Biomass Terminal
Traction = Class 66774
Duration = 95 minutes

[ATS-TPEMerge] 1U23 0520 Liverpool Lime Street – Scarborough
Traction = Class 802210
Duration = 90 minutes

[ATS-TPEMerge] 1K24 1503 Hull – Liverpool Lime Street
Traction = Class 185111
Duration = 95 minutes

Credits

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