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# West Coast Mainline Midlands & Northwest Phase 4 STOKE LOOP ROUTE MANUAL



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# **WEST COAST MAINLINE MIDLANDS & NORTHWEST**

## **PHASE 4**

### **STOKE LOOP**

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#### **SCOPE**

Phase 4 "Stoke Loop" depicts the line between Stafford and Crewe via Stoke-on-Trent. Intermediate stations are;

- Stone
- Barlaston
- Wedgwood
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Longport
- Kidsgrove
- Alsager

Also included are the 14 miles of extra route between Stone and Rugeley Trent Valley (excl)



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## REQUIREMENTS

### Route requirements;

- Dovetail Games Train Simulator (2018 +)

#### Additional DLC

- RSC Great Eastern Mainline
- WCML Over Shap
- DTG Liverpool to Manchester
- DTG North Wales Coastal (either the branded or unbranded versions)
- DTG West Coast Mainline South
- OHLE Pack
- *Trent Valley\**
- *UKTS Blocks & Lofts / Clutter / Buildings\**

*\*Updates will remove these as requirements in future releases. The parts of the route using these files can be downloaded free in the supplementary files available [here](#);*

### Scenario Requirements

These aggregate requirements are purely related to the scenarios. You do not need any of of these for the route to function.

- Class 390 Pack – Steam (Discontinued)
- Class 390 Intercity Pack (SgBL) – Steam
- Class 159 Pack – Steam
- Class 350 EP\* – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 170EP\* – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 175 EP\* – Armstrong Powerhouse (Currently Unavailable as of Dec 2020)
- Class 66 EP – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 156 Pack – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 150/2 – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 153 – Just Trains
- Class 158 Perkins EP – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 220/221 – Just Trains (Updated)
- Class 319 Pack Volume 1 – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 325 Pack – Steam
- Class 325 EP – Armstrong Powerhouse
- Class 66 Pack02 – Steam

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- Class 66 Pack03 – Steam
- FTA Wagons – Armstrong Powerhouse
- JPA Wagons – Armstrong Powerhouse
- JNA Wagons – Armstrong Powerhouse
- HKA Wagons – Armstrong Powerhouse
- IPA Wagons – Just Trains
- TTA's from WCML over Shap
- Class 70 – Steam

Reskins:

- Class 390 Virgin Pack – BH Reskins – ATS
- Class 325 Repaint Pack – BodgeItTMD – ATS
- Class 66 LED Headlights – James Ivell – ATS
- Class 170 West Midlands Trains – Lewis Clowes – ATS
- S9BL Class 390 Avanti West Coast "Half Livery" and Unbranded "Pendolino" Reskins – Alistair Cowell – ATS
- Class 158 Ex-Arriva Trains Wales – Lewis Clowes – Major Wales
- Class 158 Northern Variants – Lewis Clowes – ATS
- Transport for Wales Class 158 – Lewis Clowes – ATS
- Class 350 Cab and Pass View Patch – James Ivell – ATS

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL OF THE ABOVE ARE THE MOST UP TO DATE  
VERSIONS OF EACH PRODUCT**



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## Installation

Follow the steps below to complete the installation;

- Download the latest installer from your account
- Run the installer as administrator – It may be necessary to disable your antivirus software temporarily as the installer is sometimes flagged as a false positive.
- Enter your alanthomsonsim.com account details
- The installer will install the route automatically for you

*N.B. If you have any third party Class 390 reskins and use the Armstrong Powerhouse Class 390 Sound Pack, please re-download the sound pack from AP and install after completing the route installation.*

Done!

The route installs as “West Coast Mainline Midlands and Northwest” and is Quick Drive compatible.

## Known issues

- The OHLE will sometimes be slow to load around the Crewe area, especially on lower end computers.
  - Cause – The very large amount of loft items in the area. Crewe has a lot of tracks and many of them are electrified.
  - Fix – reduce scenery density or texture quality.
- Missing or badly rendered scenery or ground textures
  - Cause – Not having all of the requirements installed or working correctly.
  - Fix – Ensure that you have ALL of the route requirements and they are installed correctly.
- Installer fails to install  
[Please click here for general troubleshooting of installers](#)
- I can't find the installer for Phase 1, Phase 2 or phase 3
  - These have been discontinued please use Phase 4



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