



The new Class 458 Stock for South West Trains. To be introduced in 1999 on the Waterloo - Reading line. Each set consists of 4 coaches. Each set will be fitted with three motor bogies to even out traction and reduce leaf slip.

The middle diagram on the left is roughly what is on display at Waterloo Station, but is not final.

Each set will have one disabled toilet and one conventional one. The main second class saloons will retain the 2 + 3 layout but the two bays of seats facing the same way may be made back to back depending on customer feedback.



The 1st Class area at each end of the set will seat 12.

The picture on the left is looking from the 1st Class into the Standard Class across the entry vestibule.



The Standard Class (2nd) saloon looking towards the 1st Class end.



This picture is taken from the Standard Class looking towards the open area for wheelchairs/prams, behind which is the second entrance vestibule with the disabled toilet and second open area with tip up seats.



This view is from outside the disabled toilets looking towards the Standard Class saloon.

The sets will be fully air conditioned with emergency natural ventilation under the guard's control.

Close circuit security cameras will be fitted to combat vandalism.

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Below are two views of the disabled toilet area.

