

Class 57/6



Train Operator/s

First Great Western, Freightliner

Vehicle Qty	5
Consist	Locomotive (FGW x 4) (FL x 1)
Traction Type or Power Supply Type	One GM EMD 12 645 F3B Engine of 2050hp (1507kW)
Max Speed	95 mph

57601 was converted in 2001 and ran very successfully, later being sold to a special train operator. 57602 – 57605, were built in 2004 and are now leased to FGW for the demanding sleeper services. The 57/6 uses a 645-F3B 12 Cylinder engine, allowing a 95mph top speed and an ETH index of 100. Other work carried out at the refurbishing was re-wiring, new main and auxiliary alternators, new cooler group, new silencer, fault diagnosis system fitted, cab environment improved, bogies overhauled and, of course, a new livery. The Class 57/6 does not have the retractable Dellner coupler of the 57/3, giving it a more pleasing appearance. The class 57 gives the advantages of a new locomotive, but without the risks and expense.