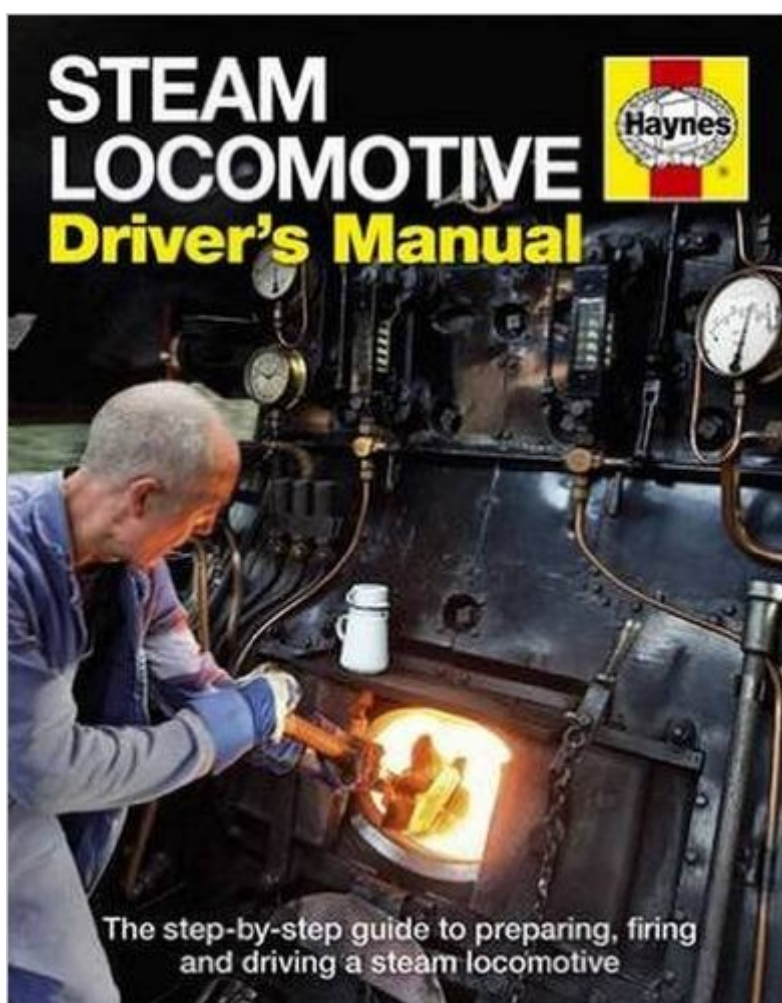


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# Steam Locomotive Driver's Manual: The Step-by-step Guide To Preparing, Firing And Driving A Steam Locomotive



## Synopsis

A fully up-to-date publication, heavily illustrated with both photographs and drawings, detailing the complete procedures needed to handle a steam locomotive. It is often said that steam locomotives appear to be living machines, casting a spell over spectators young and old, from lifelong steam enthusiasts to those witnessing live steam for the first time. This extensively illustrated manual provides a fascinating practical insight into the hard work, knowledge and skills required to safely drive a steam loco. The unique Haynes Manual approach, marrying the engaging text with step-by-step photographs and fascinating illustrations, puts the reader firmly on the footplate to experience the raw power and energy of a steam locomotive in action.

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Although Haynes' two previous train manuals, on the A1 class "Tornado" and Castle-class locomotives, were quite technical in nature, this one takes a more down to Earth approach. Rather than focusing on a single type of train, this book takes a broad look at modern steam locomotive operation. Taking advantage of the huge popularity of heritage rail in the UK, this book takes a behind the scenes look at what it takes to run a 19th century machine in the 21st century. The author, a longtime volunteer on the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway, writes in a manner that shouldn't overwhelm casual train fans, although hardcore steam buffs might be disappointed. Charman writes from the perspective of an experienced enthusiast, explaining how locomotives work to someone seriously considering volunteering at a heritage railway. As someone just

beginning to "get" how locomotives work, I really appreciated this. Beginning with a brief history of steam trains in the UK, this "manual" describes the basic components of a steam train (the boiler, "motion," running gear, cab, brakes, etc.) and how they work, the roles of the fireman and driver, the fine art of harnessing and controlling steam, and the tricky balancing act of actually driving the train. Unlike some recent Haynes titles, there's little fluff here - just "this is how a train works, and this is what it takes to keep one moving." By the end of the book, you'll understand what the regulator and reverser do, how to clean a boiler gauge glass, why you should keep the firehole door closed when going through a tunnel, what a worsted trimming looks like, and the appropriate time to open the cylinder drain cocks.

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