

The InterCity 225 train ushers in a new era in rail travel.

Introduced in 1990 on the East Coast
Route, the train is now proposed for the
West Coast route on services to Liverpool,
Manchester, the North West and
Glasgow, and the West Midlands. Many
will be used on Pullman services.

Trains will be hauled by the Class 91 locomotive, the fastest and most

On the 225, your Senior Conductor is always on hand to attend to any of your needs. Design improvements to the buffet means swifter service for all travellers - now, for instance, up to 120 breakfasts can be prepared at a single sitting.



powerful ever to run in Britain, with the latest Mark 4 coaches, setting the highest standard in comfort and convenience.

The spacious Standard accommodation consists of seats either in facing pairs or face-to-back arrangements, each with tables for comfort and convenience. Overhead, seatheight and end-of-coach racks give space for all your luggage.





All seats within the First Class
area recline and have tables,
this coupled with diffused
ceiling lighting and indirect
lighting helps create a
luxurious, restful ambience.



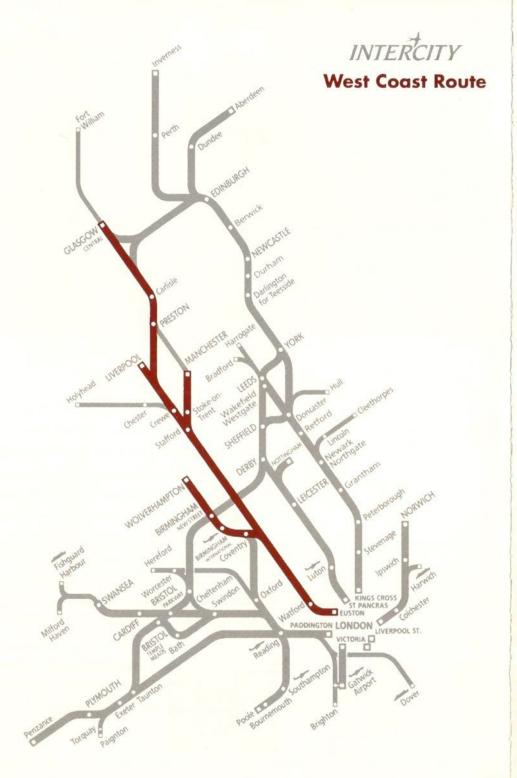


All new interiors provide a restful atmosphere for both First Class and Standard accommodation travellers. In each First Class coach, 46 reclining seats with tables are arranged in a variety of ways, catering for the individual and the group traveller. Fabrics in soothing colours, wall to floor carpeting, and private reading lamps create the ideal mood for work or relaxation. In Standard accommodation coaches, all 74 seats are provided with either free standing or seat back tables. Pullman trains will have three First Class coaches and a Restaurant vehicle, buffet and five

Coaches in the 225 incorporate a new larger toilet cubicle in addition to the current smaller unit. The new cubicle includes a washbasin, warm-air hand dryer and fold-down table to assist mothers with baby changing. The coach specially adapted for the disabled traveller has the new larger cubicle with additional features.



standard coaches. There is also a telephone on every train and a coach specially designed for the disabled traveller, conveniently located next to the buffet.





The Introduction of the Class 225 on West Coast Pullman services will bring benefits to other services too. Their deployment will allow current modern trains to be transferred to the West Midland services enabling their speed to be increased to 110 mph.

Once the West Coast route has been modernised, the Class 225 will be able to run at 125 mph – the highest speed of any train in Britain.

The rolling stock construction industry has been invited to propose an arrangement for building the Class 225 trains and leasing them to the train operating companies.

Responses to this invitation should be known around the middle of the year.