

Ultrascale Review

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Heljan Western.

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Results of test running of Ultrascale's "00" gauge replacement wheel sets for the: HELJAN WESTERN

Following two hours of intensive running of one of my fleet of loco's on my own layout, including the fitting of all the the additional bogie detailing parts supplied with this loco, she ran faultlessly & without incident, throughout the following tests:



1. Light engine running (loco only, no stock) over the inner radiuses of Peco's code 100 large curved points, three way points, single slip's & double slip's at a full range of speeds (from realistic to ridiculous), to check the gauging or "back to back" for any signs of fouling or de-railing over this type of track.

2. Hauling a variety of stock, including additionally weighted & "braked" wagons, for the purposes of assessing the haulage capabilities of these wheel set's compared to the originals, from standing starts on curved inclines (1 in 48), to traversing all the above listed track work.

3. Propelling of the same stock over this track work.

4. Ultra low speed running over this point work, to assess the standard of electrical pick up provided by these wheel sets.

Having been given the opportunity (for which I am both very privileged & grateful), to carry out these tests on one of my own locos, I have to say that these wheel sets, as with the entire Ultrascale range, have been made to the highest standards & will greatly improve & enhance both the overall look & running of any loco they are fitted to.



Full price details for the conversion packs can be found in the 'Conversion packs' section of the Ultrascale products web site.