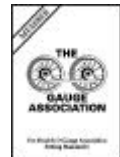


# Melbridge Dock

4mm scale, 16.5mm gauge  
Size: 9' by 3'  
Insurance Value: £8000  
Estimate of expenses: £  
Number of operators: 2 to 3

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Melbridge Dock represents a small part of a (fictitious) large dockyard complex somewhere near the border between England and Scotland. The period is between 1952 and 1962, steam is being ousted by diesel, but a variety of both types can still be seen operating. Many of these have been designed especially for dockyard use, as the tight curves preclude anything larger. Road transport is increasing in prominence, whilst two of the last operating Clyde "Puffers" are moored at the quayside.

The layout was designed to be small enough to be put up quickly in a normal domestic room and be compact enough to fit in a Ford Fiesta, whilst still providing entertaining operation. It was also a break from country branchlines and provided the opportunity to produce some big buildings. All this and more has been achieved, proving that everyone has the space for an enjoyable model railway.

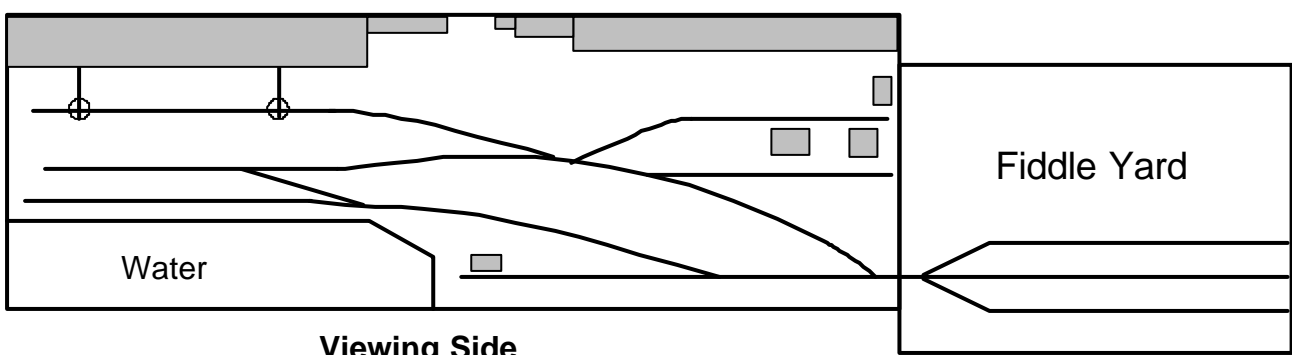
Locomotives and rolling stock are mainly kit built, with a few scratch built and altered RTR items for good measure. All have been chosen for their suitability for a dockyard. Couplings are Spratt & Winkle mark one's operated by permanent magnets. Trackwork is scratch built from code 75 rail and copper-clad sleepers. All points are operated by PECO point motors.

Buildings make use of Daler board and plasticard and are based on photographs taken of prototypes from around the country, (some of which are displayed with the layout) notably those at the Gloucester Docks museum. The Puffers have been entirely scratch built and one represents "The Vital Spark" from the 1960's BBC TV series of the same name. The crew from this series can be seen on and around the boat. The other is based on the Eileen Eisdale currently sailing from Inverary for pleasure trips.

Melbridge Dock was featured in the February 1997 edition of British Railway Modelling

*The operators will be only too pleased to answer any questions,*

2.5 Metres  
inc. operating space



3 Metres