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SWISS RAILWAY MOTIVE POWER

Author: Martin Fisher.

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The latest addition to the range of SRS publications provides an overview of the variety of motive power to be seen on each of the current railway companies in Switzerland. Both standard and narrow gauge railways are covered in turn and the well informed narrative provides ample background for the reader and is appropriately supported by sketch maps and summary tables presented by loco/power type. While reference is made to preserved railways, the author does not attempt to catalogue preserved locomotives and multiple units. In addition, shunters and tractors, particularly those belonging to the smaller companies are not reviewed in full. That said, the portfolio of quality colour images that support each set of supplementary notes, enable the author to provide a comprehensive illustrated guide to the principal types of locomotives and/or multiple units operated by the various railway businesses at present. While the provision of lists of individual fleet numbers is not within the scope of the book, appropriate publications where such detail can be obtained are listed in an appendix. The other appendices provide details of motive power classifications, manufacturers and a full list of the fifty plus railways featured in this publication. This book is intended to appeal to both those who travel around Switzerland by train and wish to know a little bit more about the variety of motive power to be seen across the railway network, as well as those with a more specific interest in railways. This well written and pleasingly compiled book achieves both of these objectives. The book is highly recommended and will no doubt prove to be a popular and in due course, well-thumbed addition to the growing family of SRS publications. Purchase soon and enjoy!

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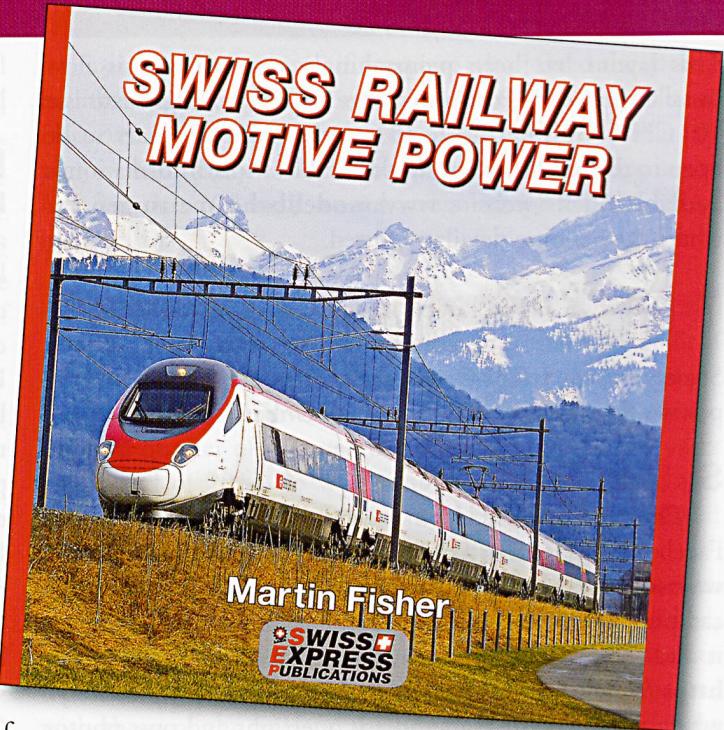
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This latest DVD from TeleRail will I think appeal to anyone, not only contemplating venturing to Switzerland for the first time, but also will provide an excellent memory of previous holidays taken. The excellent filming in wide screen shows off not only the railways, but the scenery to its best advantage. Filmed in both summer and winter gives some extra interest. The DVD is based on mainly the southern part of the country, starting in Graubünden with the Albula railway with excellent accounts of the best places for photography. Filisur, and the Grischuna hotel with its web cam, receiving a mention. Moving on to the Bernina line, in this case mostly filmed in winter with snow. Once again the filming shows plenty of the scenery, often with the railway forming a small part of the overall picture. The Gotthard received quite a lot of attention with both passenger and freight in all the favourite locations on both the north and south ramps. From Göschenen it moved-on to Andermatt and the Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn, although not venturing as far as Zermatt. An excellent section covers the steam operated Dampfbahn-Furka-Bergstrecke, once again taking advantage of the scenic possibilities available on this line.

We next move to Interlaken where the Berner Oberland Bahn train is taken to Wilderswil, where an excellent section covers the Schynige-Platte-Bahn. Whilst the BOB line to Grindelwald is shown, the other section to Lauterbrunnen and beyond is not covered. I suppose in a 90-minute DVD some things have to be left out. Some time is spent on the Brienz Rothorn Bahn, again taking advantage of the scenic possibilities of this line. For the final part of this DVD we move to the Montreux-Oberland-Bahn and the lines in the Lac de Genève area, with excellent filming of the Golden Panorama Express with stops off at Montbovon for the chocolate train. Nearer to Montreux we next visited the Blonay-Chamby Museum Railway showing operations with both steam and electric. To sum up, watching this on a cold, dark and wet day in Yorkshire this DVD makes your reviewer yearn for his next holiday in Switzerland and can be highly recommended.

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