

Status of Locomotives

Currently 25 DC/DCP locomotives are still used in daily service with original build dates (as DA locomotives) between 1961 and 1967. Conversion to DC occurred at Clyde Engineering for 24 of the units and Hutt for a single unit of those remaining.

The units are spread around the country with the largest single group in the South Island where they are used for local services in and around Christchurch and Dunedin, along with secondary services on the Main South Line.

In the North Island, through the Lower North Island, they are used for local services radiating from Palmerston North, along with secondary services between Wellington and the Taranaki Region.

The Upper North Island has local services around Whangarei, Auckland and Hamilton. Throughout the entire network the DCs are used as Work Trains.

CLASS	UPPER NORTH ISLAND	LOWER NORTH ISLAND	SOUTH ISLAND	TOTAL
DC	6	4	6	16
DCP	2	1	6	9

Upon completion of commissioning of the soon to be delivered DL locomotives, 10 DC/DCP are intended to be retired. The units intended for retirement at that time have been nominated although this is subject to change.

CLASS	NUMBER
DC	4323
DC	4409
DC	4421
DC	4571
DCP	4755
DC	4951
DC	4260
DC	4041
DC	4444
DC	4692

Post-retirement the units will move to Hutt for storage. Those with remaining wheel life which is better than the units still in service will have their bogies harvested. It is expected that the units will then be made available for sale.

The remaining 15 DC/DCP will be retired during 2021/22 upon delivery of the “DSS” type locomotives, as follows;

CLASS	NUMBER	PLANNED YEAR
DC	4853	2021
DCP	4790	2021
DC	4058	2022
DC	4012	2022
DC	4346	2022
DC	4467	2022
DCP	4513	2022
DCP	4559	2022
DC	4594	2022
DCP	4605	2022
DCP	4628	2022
DCP	4663	2022
DC	4726	2022
DCP	4761	2022
DCP	4801	2022