

## Shell-BP Tank Wagons Seen at Falmouth Docks, August 1968

Observations made and noted in August 1968 compared with examples illustrated in *Non-Pool Freight Stock 1948-1968: Volume 2* by David Larkin (Kestrel Railway Books, 2016). All page numbers relate to this book. The exact specifications of the wagons at Falmouth Docks were not recorded. Vacuum stock began to appear circa 1964 – the prefix “A” was given to unfitted tanks.

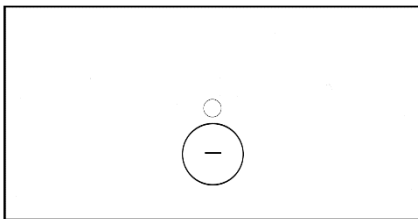
### Shell-BP



Rectangular tank wagons similar to examples on page 42 (top) – shown left (*HMRS photo*).

The Falmouth Docks examples had a black tank with white SHELL lettering on the left-hand end and BP, also in white, on the right-hand end, as shown here.

Numbers 3173 and 3187 on end.  
Larkin records number 3195 (shown).

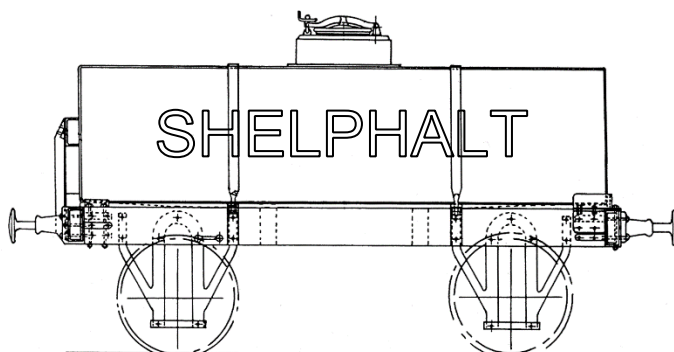


Viewed from above, the filler was offset to one side as shown here (not to scale).

### Shelphalt

Rectangular tank wagon similar to example shown on page 42 (top) and above.

The Falmouth Docks example had a black tank with white SHELPHALT lettering centrally placed, something like this (wagon drawing not necessarily accurate for this example).



Number A8161 on end. No examples recorded by Larkin.

According to Larkin, the cylindrical tank wagons had MEXPHALTE on one side and SHELPHALT on the other (page 52). This could also have been the case with these wagons.

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Cylindrical tank wagons similar to examples shown on pages 40, 42-45, 50, 51, 83 (top), 85 (bottom) and 86 (top). This livery seems to have been the most common and was used on a large number of tank wagons of varying designs – just one example is included here (left) (*HMRS photo*).

The different designs at Falmouth Docks were not recorded.

Numbers seen: A2098, A5893, A6713, A6753, A6775, A6928.

Larkin records 9, 24, 185, 267, 401, 854, 2027, 2031, 2071, 3971, 4017, 4031, 4168, 4801, 5871, 5889 (shown), 6159, 6312, A1765, A6035, A6088, A6166.

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Cylindrical tank wagons similar to example on page 54 (bottom) – shown left, but with Shell and BP symbols placed more towards left-hand end (*David Larkin photo*).

Numbers seen: 9302, A1793, A4719, A7304, A7921.

Larkin records number 6112 (shown).

The Falmouth Docks examples were noted as being “similar to Airfix kit”.

## Shell-BP Lubricating Oils



Cylindrical tank wagons similar to example on page 53 (middle) – shown left (*David Larkin photo*).

The Falmouth Docks examples had LUBRICATING OILS lettering in gold on a white background (Larkin records lettering as yellow).

Numbers seen: A6767, A7304.

Larkin records number A7287 (shown).