

THE MIKADO MESSENGER



2007 PRINCE OF WALES

Building Britain's Most Powerful Steam Locomotive



Welcome to the 91st edition of *The Mikado Messenger*, bringing you the latest update from No. 2007 *Prince of Wales*. This month we focus on the cylinder block assembly, which is entering the latter stages of fabrication at Howco in Irvine.

It is exciting to see the three separate cylinders now tack welded together to form a monobloc for the first time! In the image above, is a faro arm (in the central foreground) which is used to take the measurements following this process, due to the heat from the welds potentially causing changes to the dimensions. All checked, the monobloc will now go in for final welding which will take around two weeks.

In this photo, you'll note the 1/18" scale model of the cylinders next to their full scale counterpart demonstrating one years progress from design to reality!

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Picture of the unit being maneuvered off the surface table after being welded such that it can be lifted. The monobloc is seen undergoing its pre final weld inspection.

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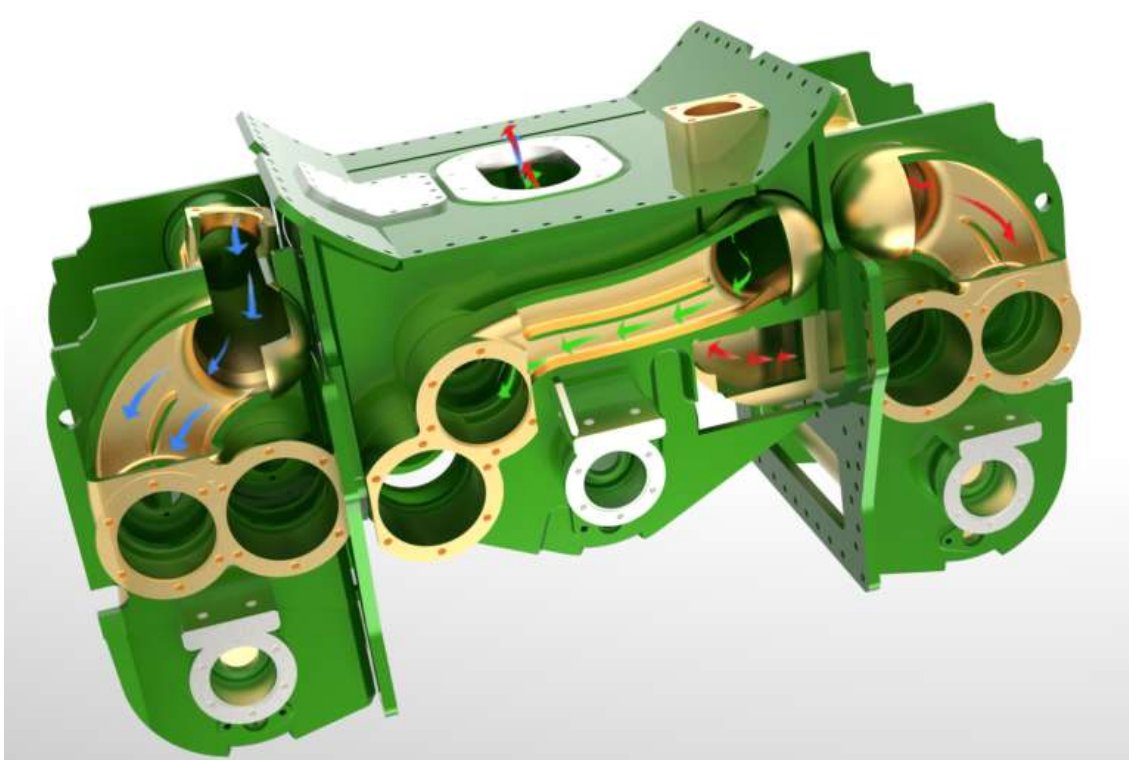
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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As we look to the future, the next six months will see the monobloc, boiler and tender frames delivered at a total cost of around £1m - which represents much of the funds raised to date. Consequently, the speed of the next phase of the build is dependent upon the generosity of our supporters.

We are extremely grateful for the consistent contributions made by our Covenantors and Club Members, however to keep on track for steaming in 2025, we need to see an increase in donations. We recognise it is a time when many are feeling the pinch, however, if you do feel able to increase your Covenant, join one of our Clubs or make a one-off donation, it will bring the completion of *Prince of Wales* that much closer.

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Taking the design and turning it into reality: the Monobloc Club continues to raise money to fund the manufacture of this impressive fabrication. There are many perks to joining any one of our Clubs, and on Thursday 7th July, we invite all Monobloc Club Members to join us for a tour of the facility at Howco, meet the engineers creating the fabrication and discuss the project with Trustees. If you would like to join us on this exclusive visit, sign up the The Monobloc Club today.

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The P2 couldn't have come this far without your help, and we are hugely grateful to all of our supporters. If you are wondering what other ways you can make a difference to this project, here are the many ways to get involved.

- [Sign up as a Covenantor](#) - just £10 per month makes a big difference.
- [Join The Boiler Club](#) - help us fund the beating heart of the engine.
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