

Extra information regarding West Brighton / E3 kit.

Since the kit has been released, an error has come to my attention; namely the use of the smokebox wrapper on the E3. If you look closely at the photographs of Billinton's engines, you will see that they do not have a 'raised smokebox' – as Stroudley's locos do.

When this kit was designed, this fact was not apparent to me, so this information here is a method of overcoming that error. My apologies for those to whom this may have come too late.

1. Cut and shape the boiler as per the instructions.
2. Also cut and shape the smokebox wrapper as per the instructions.
3. If possible, do a dry run of all the parts, and assemble then in position.
4. Mark the place on the wrapper where it touches the smokebox, and allow about 1/2mm more above that line.
5. Carefully cut these two pieces off the wrapper, without destroying the careful needing of the contours already achieved. A pair of jeweller's snips will do this, if wielded carefully.
6. Gently file the inside of the new edges cut into a bevel parallel to the base – i.e. not getting a 'humped back' to the edge.
7. These two parts should be soldered into place after the main boiler has been located and attached permanently. It will take quite a bit of care, and some locking tweezers may help while you solder.
8. Clean up and surplus solder either with a swift wipe of an almost bare iron (with any solder wiped off the tip), or a rat-tailed file – preferably not your best fine-cut one. A cheap coarse one should do.
9. Fine wet and dry paper can then be used wrapped round a suitably radiused item (dowel, file handle or rod) to finish.
10. Now the chimney can be mounted. The flared skirt at the base of this should be carefully smoothed until there is almost no joint visible. This was a feature of Billinton's chimneys. AS always, work to a photo of the actual loco you are modelling, if possible – otherwise another member of the class that had the same features.