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## About This Content

Following the much-loved 'Memories of Maerdy' add-on from Mesh Tools is the stunning new 'Return to Maerdy' add-on for Train Simulator, complete with the unique English Electric Type 3B Battery Locomotive and WD Hunslet 0-6-0ST 'Austerity'.

The real-life Maerdy branch was in South Wales, running from Porth to Maerdy Colliery, following the River Rhondda. Originally owned by the Taff Vale Railway, it was used as a coal mining freight railway and continued into service when the Great Western Railway took it over in 1923. The line also ran passenger services from Porth, stopping at Ynyshir, Pontygwaith, Tylorstown and Ferndale. The line continued up to the Colliery as freight only, privately owned by the NCB.

The last passenger train on the branch ran on 15th June 1964 before services ended as part of the Beeching cuts, just leaving coal trains running to Maerdy Colliery. The track was lifted in 1987, though the colliery didn't close until 1990. Today, many of the bridges remain and the line is a cycle path, however the track bed South of Tylorstown is now gone, and the remains of the stations and bridges have been removed and replaced by the Porth and Lower Rhondda Fach Relief Road.

Included with this highly detailed Colliery extension to the Maerdy branch are two unique locomotives – the English Electric Type 3B battery locomotive and the WD 'Austerity' 0-6-0ST steam locomotive.

The English Electric Type 3B was a class of four wheel electric locomotives built by English Electric between 1921 and 1951, mostly at the Dick Kerr Works in Preston. The locomotives could be powered by batteries or from overhead wires, with voltage, power and weight adaptable, making few of the Class actually the same. All locomotives had a central Steeple cab with sloping bonnets either side, which could either be filled with ballast, such as concrete or scrap metal, or banks of lead acid batteries if the locomotive was battery powered.

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The Hunslet 'Austerity' was an 0-6-0ST shunting engine designed by R.A. Riddles for the War department. The design evolved many years before from the Class 48150 0-6-0ST produced by Hunslet; these small tank engines were then developed by Hunslet into the class 50550, a much heavier and more powerful engine.

In total 377 'Austerity' locomotives were produced for the War Department up until 1947. After the war, the NCB ordered 77 new 'Austerity' models for use in its collieries. The NCB continued to use these locomotives well into the 1980s, long after steam on the mainline had come to an end.

## Scenarios

Four scenarios for the route:

- Over Time
- Afternoon Arrivals
- Up and Down, Slip and Slide
- Training Time

More scenarios are available on Steam Workshop online and in-game. Train Simulator's Steam Workshop scenarios are free and easy to download, adding many more hours of exciting gameplay. With scenarios being added daily, why don't you check it out now!

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## Key Features

- English Electric Type 3B in a number of BR and private owner liveries
- WD Hunslet 0-6-0ST 'Austerity' in RSH 7099 and Hunslet 3878 liveries
- Quick Drive compatible
- Scenarios for the route
- Download size: 2,195mb

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Title: Train Simulator: Return to Maerdy Loco Add-On

Genre: Simulation

Developer:

MeshTools

Publisher:

Dovetail Games - Trains

Franchise:

Train Simulator

Release Date: 4 Dec, 2015

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**Minimum:**

**OS:**Windows® Vista / 7 / 8

**Processor:**Processor: 2.8 GHz Core 2 Duo (3.2 GHz Core 2 Duo recommended), AMD Athlon MP (multiprocessor variant or comparable processors)

**Memory:**2 GB RAM

**Graphics:**512 MB with Pixel Shader 3.0 (AGP PCIe only)

**DirectX®:**9.0c

**Hard Drive:**6 GB HD space

**Sound:**Direct X 9.0c compatible

**Other Requirements:**Broadband Internet connection

**Additional:**Quicktime Player is required for playing the videos

English









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train simulator return to maerdy loco add-on

Great route Highly recommened.

Although I didnt get in it a scenario called "Up Hill Struggle" for the STD and ADV j94 you get with the route.. This is cutie an improvement from the old maerdy dlc.

this is my experience with the dlc engines.

the battery loco is quite, and powerful powerful, but not very fast; perfect for work in claustrophobic environments, and dock yards.

the saddle tankengine is better than before, with fantastic physics, and the wheels stop spinning, and slip when you apply the breaks, and slippery situation. over all the engines are great.. The J94 saddle tank is charming and really nice to drive with! The Type 3B is cute and not difficult to handle. Bought it in sale, no regrets! :D Amazing add-on! :D. Not worth half the money, scenery nice but none of the coal points at Maerdy Colliery work, I knew this was a short route but would have expected some working assets, once again another TS stinker, when are they going to do a route with working industry assets?, this is probably the worst I have bought and I wouldn't recommend anyone buy it.. Wow. Having driven 'Whiston', a preserved J94 at Foxfield Railway, I've got to say, this is good. This is very good.

As others have said, superbly simulated; not just the wheel slip/spin, but the sloshing of water in the tank, the twisting going over rough track and moving the camera, the break having just the same response as it does on the actual locomotive.

All that's missing is the heat. 10/10.. The locos are extraordinarily well done, very well simulated operations. Excellent train handling, everything well modeled, an all around great DLC in my opinion. If you're into steam or industrial operations, I think you'll enjoy it.

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A great route with a great train! I like the way how DTG have really made the line look worn and the rough riding track has been simulated very well! We need more industrial routes in TS.. The route is an accurate Representation of what the Line looked like after Dr. Richard Beeching shut down the passenger portion of the line and gave their traffic to buses. The Engines, with exception of the Maerdy Monster, were the engines used in the Colliery until it's closure in 1984, with the last load coming down from the closed colliery in 1985 before the rails were ripped up in 1986.

The battery shunters are a ton of fun to drive, despite being slow and whatnot. they still capture that spirit of the Branchline in it's Twilight Glory years. I really find this fun. Driving trains down what is being represented-The end of an era. It does feel like the line truly is on it's last legs. As I write this review, I will say, it is an experience, both saddening and positive. Saddening because it is the end of an Era and positive because you can decide the fate of these engine.

I found the route to be worth the money and then some. The engines, the wagons and the detail makes it worth it.. Simply wonderful, though a distinct lack of liveries for the Austerity. But still really recommend this.. i think this is a good map with good modeling and fun to race down BUT reason this got a dislike is because the two engines it comes with it doesnt let me drive it under its own power BUT if anyone knows how to fix this it might get a like and a better report. DIRTY!!..

Dirty scruffy grey bastard of a thing!

Moody, demanding firebreathing dragon!

Absolutely lovable once you learn her ways..able to drive without the number display eventually.. Injectors took a while to work out..few dry boilers until then

Turn the steam on..then ease in the water tap..if you hear steam blast its too much... I thought its a bug..its not.. You just cant hear it flowing over all the other noise at first

And noisy she is! Deafening at full throttle..pleasantly eardrum damagingly noisy just running at 15mph

Forget your big engines..if you want a REAL steam engine thats demanding and yet rewarding once you truly learn the art of steam..get this

Shes not a pretty engine.. But youll be hard pressed to find a more lovable one

Oh..and yeah you get a battery loco.. Its...nice..beautiful.. But...J94 outshines it :). It expands a bit on the Memories of Maerdy addon, but it's not a requirement. The Austerity and Type 3B are well done, and offer some interesting career scenarios. The route is accessible from Quick Drive. The DLC features your more advanced scripting you expect from MeshTools, and overall is a nice little addon if you're a fan of shunting.



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