

It is sad to report that nine Class 90 locomotives, which were stored by EWS / DB back in the early 2000's (see table below) have now been disposed of. However, cabs from 90017 and 90023 have been saved.

As you can see from the list below, the nine class 90s which were sold to scrap merchants in the Spring of 2024 had little wrong with them at the time of being stored, but EWS/ DB could not be bothered to spend any money on them and/or find them suitable work, but instead preferred to use Class 66s notably under the wires and so the Class 90s were stored much before their time too (it is a disgrace how EWS / DB have treated their loco's and it can also be contributed to the failure of railway privatisation).

The class 90s currently stored or have been disposed off are summarised below. Please note 90026 has now transferred to LSL, therefore no longer stored as of 12/6/25.

<u>Loco Number</u>	<u>Date Stored</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Pool/Owner</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
90017	1 st November 2006	Electrical Fault	No longer applicable	Disposed of / cab retained
90019	March 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90020	March 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90022	22 nd September 2006	Required a C Exam	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90023	29 th July 2005	General Wear & Tear	No longer applicable	Disposed off / cab retained
90024	March 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	stored
90025	20 th January 2004	Shopping Decision	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90027	26 th August 2007	Wheelsets	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90029	March 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90030	3 rd January 2006	General Wear & Tear	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90031	11 th December 2007	Wheelsets	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90032	9 th February 2004	Wheelsets	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90033	13 th April 2005	Shopping Decision	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90034	March 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90035	April 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90036	March 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90037	April 2023	Tactical / short-term	WQDA	Stored
90038	29 th July 2005	Shopping Decision	No longer applicable	Disposed off
90046	2023 (concise date TBC)	Unknown	Off-TOPS	Stored
90050	4 th December 2004	Fire Damage	Unknown (Freightliner)	Crewe Heritage Centre

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At the time of writing, the remaining Class 90s in store are 90019, 90020, 90021, 90024, 90028, 90029, 90034, 90035, 90036, 90037 and 90039. Unfortunately, I do not have any information currently on the fate of these stored locomotives. It will be an outrage if they go the same way as the others! In addition, 90050 has been loaned from Freightliner to the Crewe Heritage Centre where it is being restored.

Furthermore, during w/c 24th November 2024, 90046 was removed from the active TOPS list for Freightliner for some unknown reason (the loco was the last class 90 which needed painting for Freightliner). The engine is reportedly being repaired and is expected to return to traffic at some point.

Lastly, it is widely reported that 90021 and 90039 are expected to transfer to Freightliner at some point and others may follow too. Further updates to follow when more is known.