

37890 The Railway Observer

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'Log' of the activities of 37890 covering the years 1994 (from its naming at Hither Green on 23rd February) to the present time. After its return from use in France in 2000, we are recording major changes but not sightings and workings. Note that, in this 'log', RO refers to The Railway Observer, the monthly magazine of the RCTS.

1995: -

18th January	Oxford – Calvert to Barrow Road empty waste containers
24th January	Worked Avon Binliner
14th March	Worked Acton to Dagenham Dock ARC hoppers with 37891 – covering for a Class 59
30th March	Worked Avon Binliner
3rd April	Worked Avon Binliner
11th April	Worked Avon Binliner
27th April	Kensington Olympia – Acton to Woking stone train
13th May	'Topped and tailed' Heathrow Express electrification works train with 37703
19th May	Exeter St Davids (18:54) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
23rd May	Exeter St Davids (21:15) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
26th May	Exeter St Davids (18:29) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
6th June	Worked 13:34 Fawley to Margam tanks and 22:55 return
9th June	Exeter St Davids (18:54) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
14th June	Eastleigh holding sidings
16th June	Exminster (18:40) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
19th June	Southampton – Up oil tanks from Fawley
20th June	Taunton - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
23rd June	Narrowways Junction – Eastleigh to Margam fuel tanks
25th June	Noted east of Barnham
3rd July	Taunton - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
4th July	Aller Divergence, south of Newton Abbot (19:02) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
7th July	Aller Divergence, south of Newton Abbot (19:06) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
13th July	Worked Eastleigh to Margam fuel tanks
17th July	Taunton (18:10) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
19th July	Taunton (17:35) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
21st July	Taunton (17:35) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
<u>Note.</u>	Mainline decals were first noted on this working, having been fitted since the previous working two days earlier
24th July	Taunton (22:05) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
25th July	Taunton (17:57) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
27th July	Taunton - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
15th August	Acton Yard stabling point
25th October	Dartford – Working engineers' train of Rudd wagons, thought to be the late-running Hoo Junction to Three Bridges
27th October	Exeter St Davids (18:43) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
3rd November	Exeter St Davids (18:38) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
10th November	Exeter St Davids (18:37) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
21st November	Taunton - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
RO Dec. 1995	Reported as now carrying Mainline Freight logos (see note above after 21st July working)
8th December	Millbrook – Working 12:38 Eastleigh to Fawley empty tanks (photo on page 132 of RO March 1996)
	Exeter St Davids (18:28) - Working Fawley to Tavistock Junction tanks
9th December	Eastleigh holding sidings

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1995 (continued): -

10th December	Worked a ballast train for engineering work between Clapham Junction and Earlsfield
18 - 23 December	Hauled electric locomotives between Wembley and Ipswich with 37057 because of a gas leak at Dalston
20th December	Stratford – Hauling 90149 on a Leeds to Felixstowe North freightliner with 37057
25th/26th Dec.	Ipswich stabling point – With 37057
29th December	Cambridge – Standing on the through lines with 37057+90149 on a down freightliner (10:10)

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In particular we would like to thank Brian Garrett for his complete record of all workings by 37890 on 6V62 Fawley to Tavistock Junction loaded tanks from 1994 to 1998. Including five workings before it was named and some that it worked Fawley to Westbury and then on to Tavistock Junction it did a total of 68 loaded workings and presumably the same number of return empties although few of those were recorded. This must also be, by far, the working on which 37890 most often appeared.

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