

PowerHaul runs first loaded trial

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Following the arrival of the first two PowerHaul locomotives last month, 70002 has started operational trials for Freightliner Heavy Haul.

Starting from Stoke Gifford, Bristol, the locomotive hauled approximately 1330 tonnes of coal to Rugeley Power Station before discharging and running back the empty coal set of 19 hopper wagons.



Picture: Bob Sweet

PowerHaul locomotive number 70001 is also due to start operational trials later this week for Freightliner's intermodal business, hauling containers from the Port of Felixstowe to Birmingham.

More information about PowerHaul locomotives can be found at: www.Freightliner.co.uk/PowerHaul or follow [www.twitter.com/PowerHaul](https://twitter.com/PowerHaul)

Paul Smart, Managing Director, Freightliner Heavy Haul commented, "I am pleased to see the first PowerHaul locomotive entering trials with this service. After only 2 years since the initial concept and order, it is a great achievement that these locomotives will be incorporated into our existing fleet so effectively."

The first batch of PowerHaul locomotives arrived in the UK on 8th November, to be followed by a further four - expected to arrive at Newport Docks this week. The locomotives introduce state of the art technology to the UK rail freight market, with increased tractive effort, haulage and acceleration capabilities whilst lowering carbon emissions.



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