

Siemens trains top the reliability leagues

Siemens has once again been crowned the manufacturer and maintainer of the most reliable trains in Britain. London Midland's Siemens Class 350/2 (which is owned by Porterbrook and maintained at Siemens' Kings Heath depot in Northampton) has been awarded the 2017 Modern Railways Golden Spanner (First Generation Electrical Multiple Unit), achieving an amazing reliability figure of 164,481 miles per technical incident.

In the same category, Siemens also achieved a Silver Spanner award for its Greater Anglia Class 360/1 fleet (owned by Angel Trains and maintained at Ilford depot) which boasted an incredible 167.4% improvement in reliability over the previous year's figures.

Completing a hat trick of awards, the TransPennine Express (TPE) Siemens Class 185 (owned by Eversholt and maintained at the Siemens Ardwick depot in Manchester) was awarded yet another Golden Spanner in the First Generation Diesel Multiple Unit group. The fleet not only beat its nearest rival by over 30% but also improved performance by 15.8% on last year.

Finbarr Dowling, UK Operations Director for Siemens Rail Systems said: "Siemens trains now operate over 60 million miles a year around the UK. It is therefore essential for both the train operating companies, and travelling passengers, that their journeys, using safe and reliable trains, run without a hitch

"I'm immensely proud of our maintenance teams who work 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to keep our fleets running at their very best – both from a safety and a quality perspective. It is fabulous that their hard work has been recognised yet again as the best in the industry."

The Modern Railways Golden Spanner Awards celebrate the very best of rolling stock maintenance and are handed out to those companies making the greatest strides in train reliability, as measured by MTIN (Miles per Technical Incident). The awards are based on statistical data (the ReFocus programme run by the Association of Train Operating Companies) and are regarded across the industry as being an accurate assessment of fleet reliability.

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