

AUSTRALIAN ELECTRIC TRANSPORT MUSEUM

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PRESERVATION AND OPERATION OF HISTORIC TRANSPORT VEHICLES

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Dear Alan,

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 1994. I quite enjoyed the recent visit to Ballarat and to see you fleetingly before we went on to Haddon, following which I then had to drive to Mildura that evening.

With regard to your query about the nature of the two horse trams sold for use at Sebastopol following the depot fire in October 1909, I am not aware of any specific evidence that identifies the type of tram which was sold.

The quotation from the Ballarat Courier of 11 November 1909 describing one of the trams as a "summer car" could possibly be a description of one of the open Belgian cars, as it is likely that since these were non-standard, they would probably have been disposed of at an early stage. It is worth noting that in October 1909, relatively few of the horse tram lines in Adelaide had been electrified, and there would still have been a demand for a substantial number of trams. It is not clear to me what is meant by the seats being "not parallel but back-to-back", as this description could apply to the upper-deck of a conventional Stephenson car. Alternatively, the purchase may have consisted of one of the double-deck cars with transverse seats on the upper-deck rather than the conventional "knifeboard". I enclose several drawings of alternative types of cars, from Lionel Kingsborough's deposit in the Mortlock Library of South Australia.

I am not aware of any press references to disposal of these cars, though the AETM does not have access to the MTT newspaper cuttings book covering the particular period. A possible source of information would be the minutes of the MTT Board, which were recently lodged in the public record office. However, I am not sure that these are yet catalogued, and there is no guarantee that a transaction of this nature would necessarily be referred to in the Board minutes.

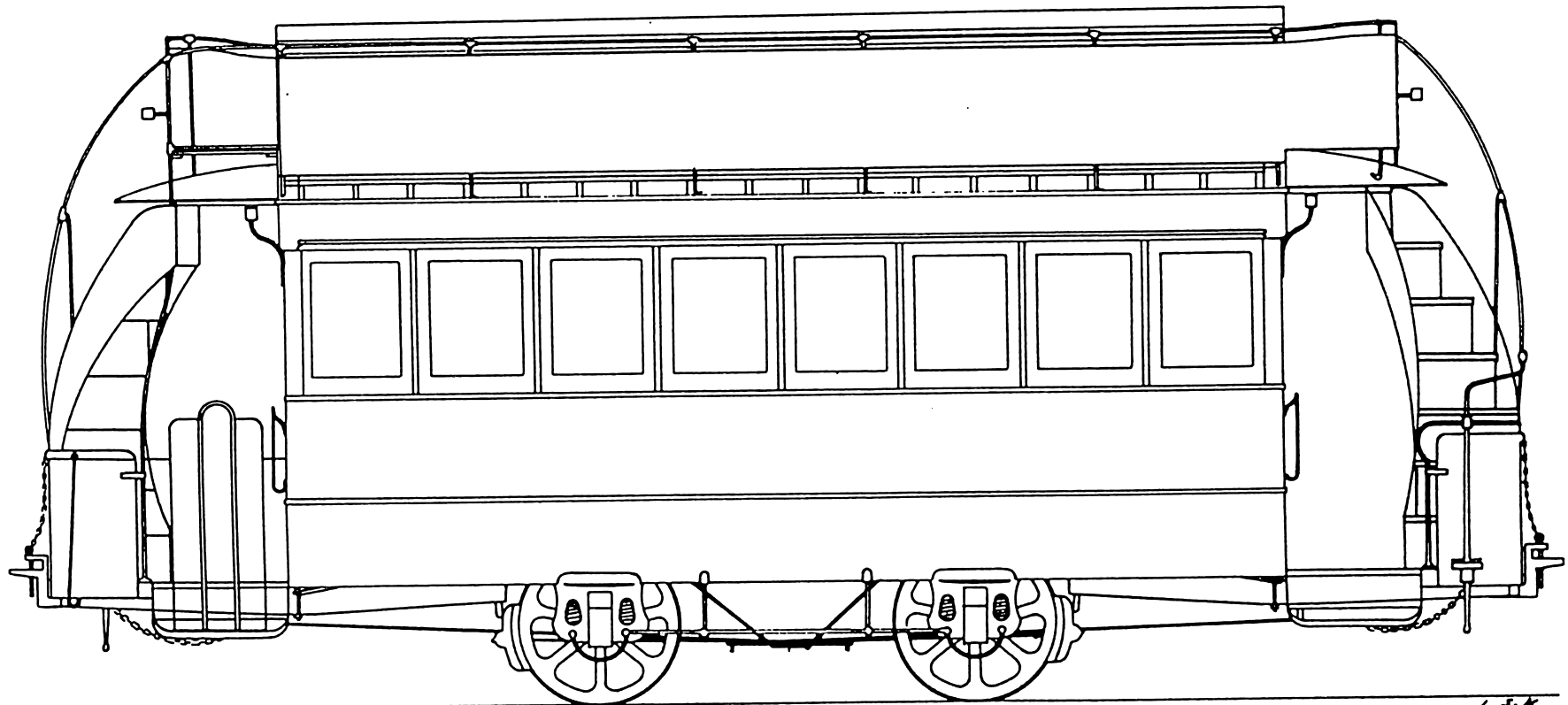
Certainly it is unlikely that the two Belgian saloon cars went to Ballarat as we have part of the bodywork and one of the seats from these.

With regard to the sketch of the "Ballarat electric car trailers" by CH Cosgrove, this shows a conventional Stephenson axle box and must be of a saloon car since the truss rod shown at A would not be present on the skeleton.

I'm sorry I haven't got more information for you.

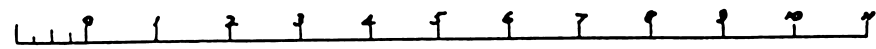
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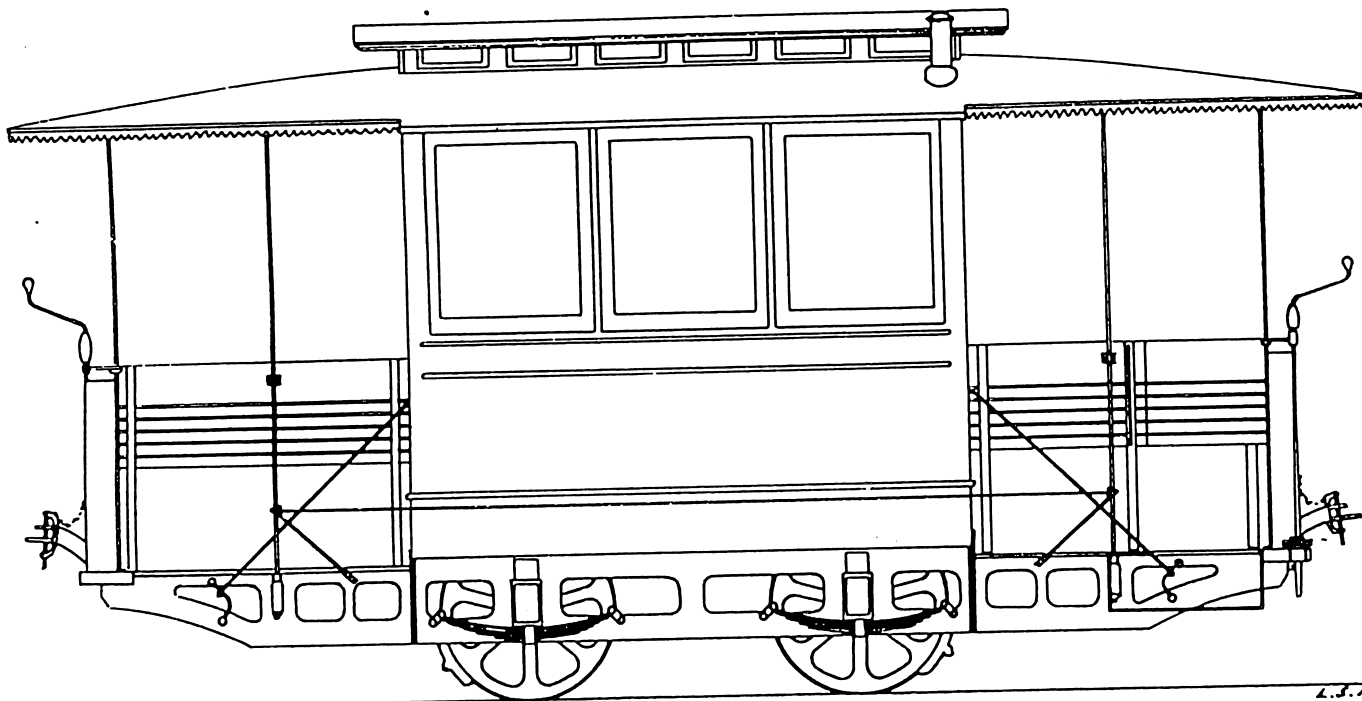
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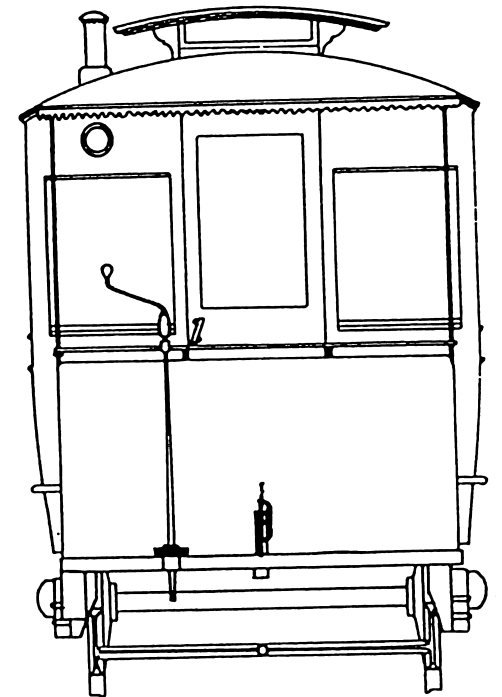
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MOST COMPANIES. 16^{FT} DOUBLE DECK DOUBLE ENDED 3 HORSE CAR

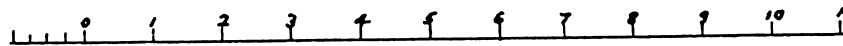


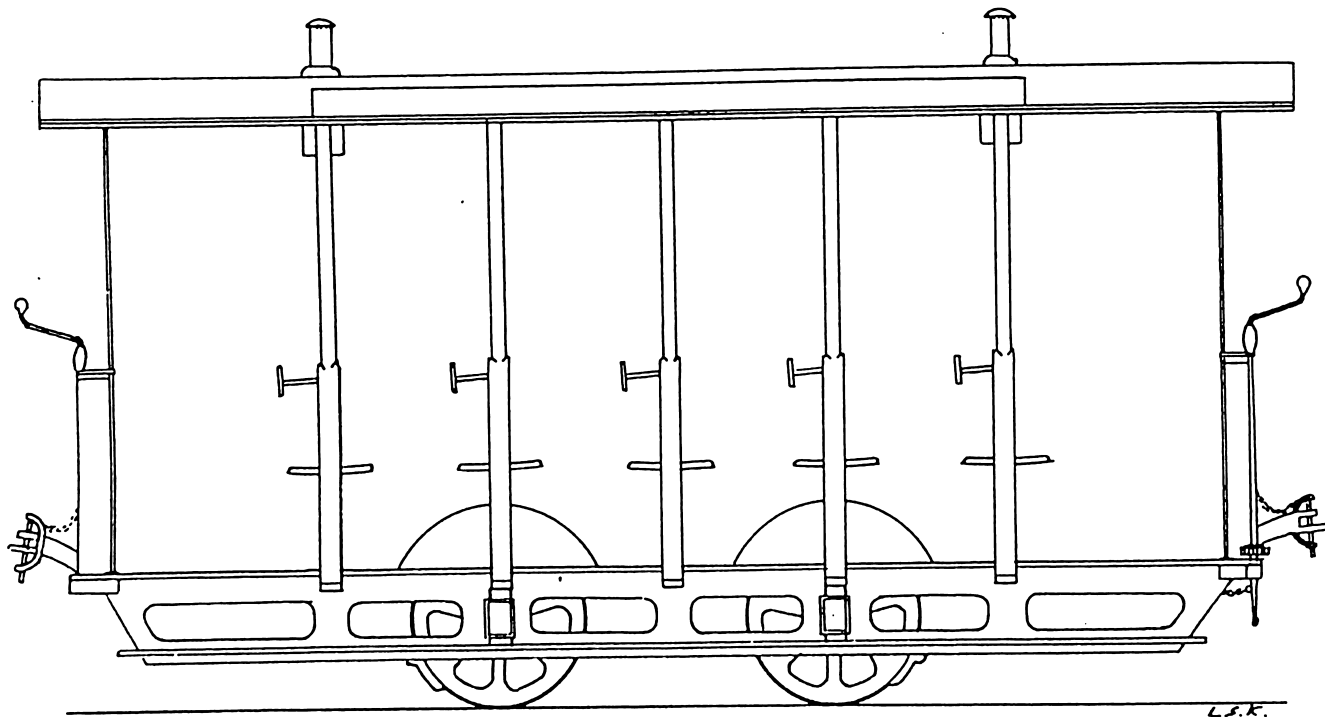


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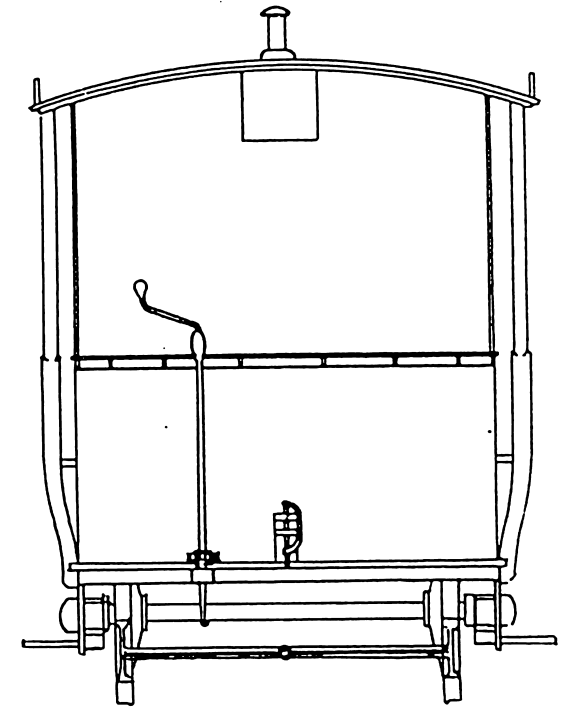


PARKSIDE TRAMWAY CO LTD
BELGIAN CLOSED CAR



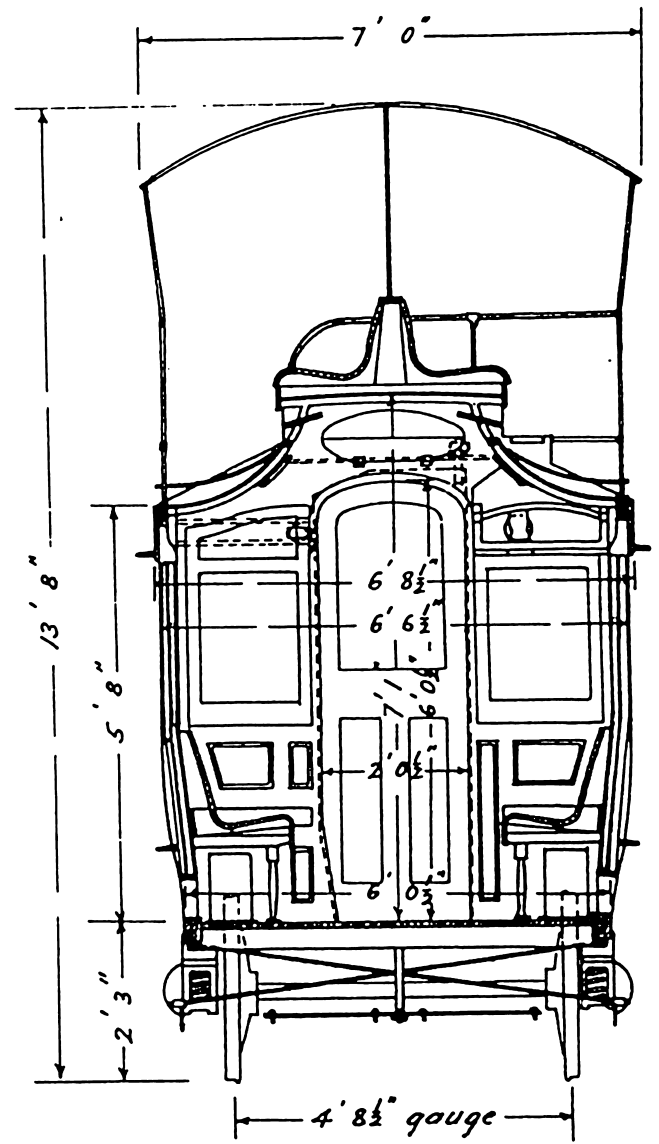
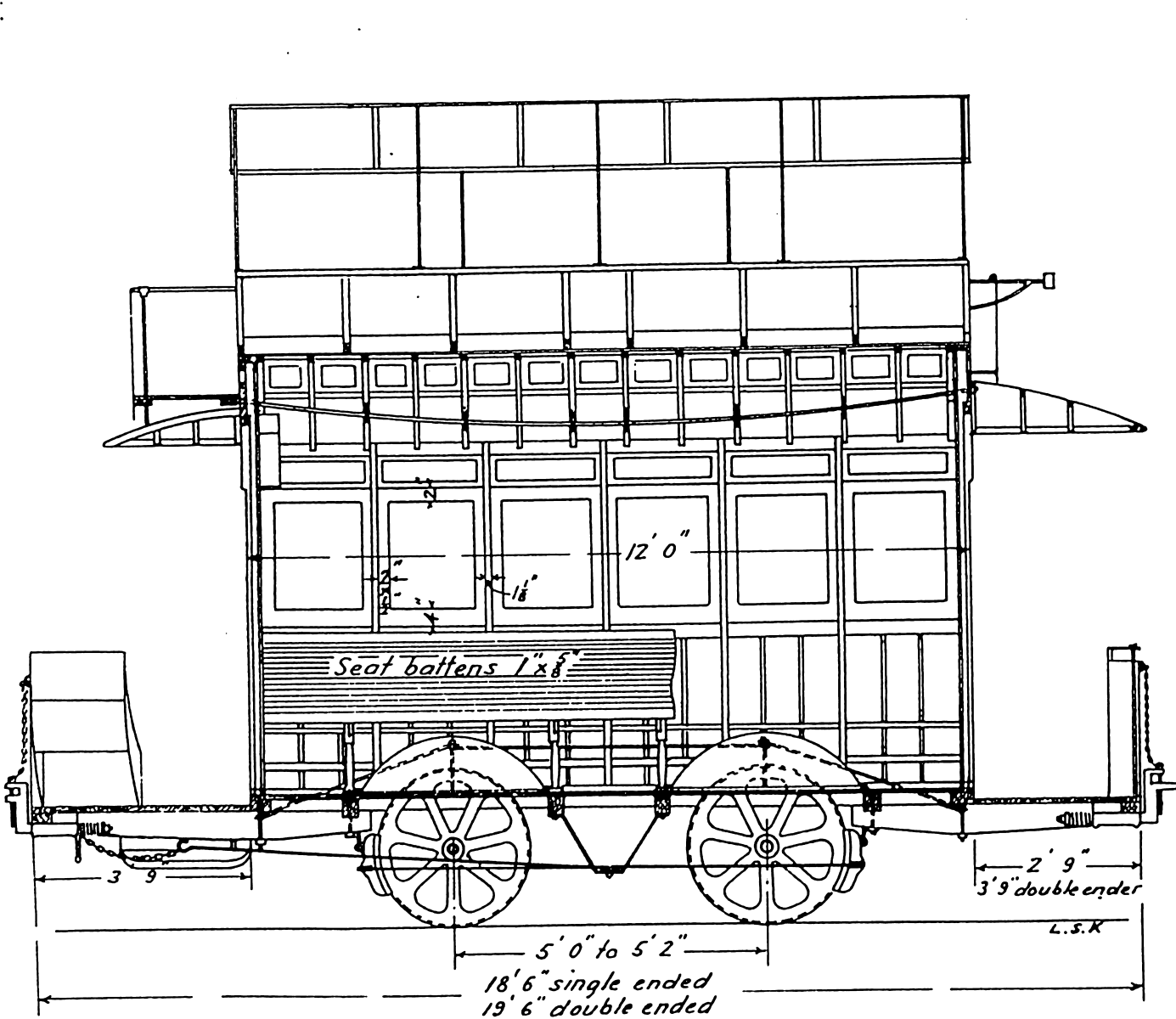


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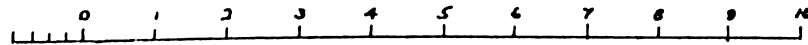


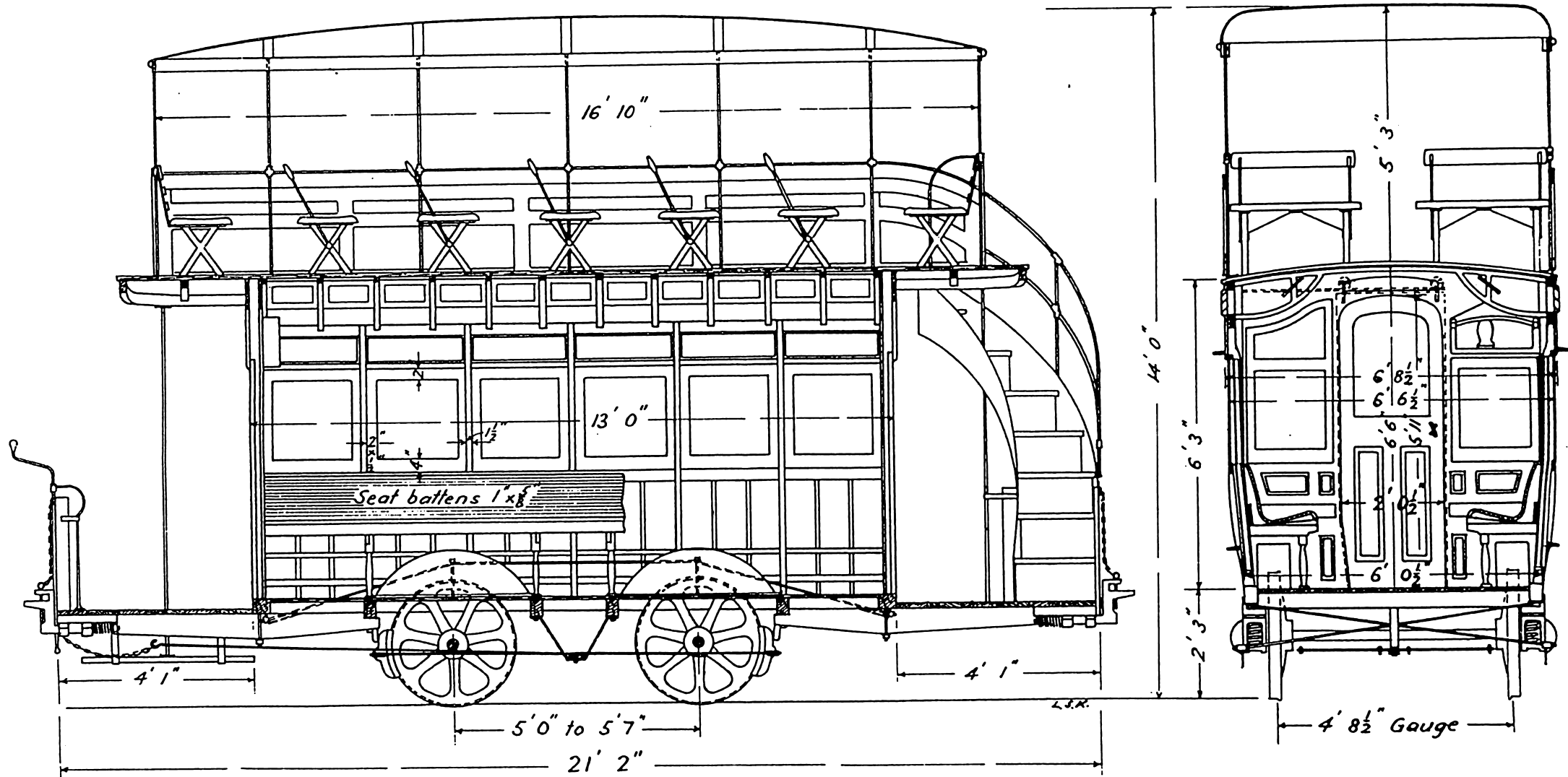
*PARKSIDE TRAMWAY CO LTD
BELGIAN OPEN CAR. "THE SKELETON"*





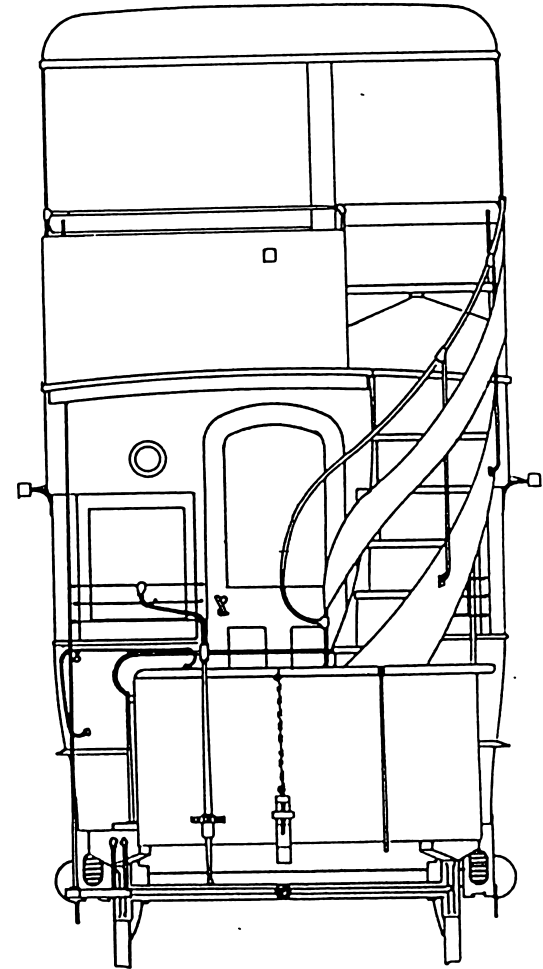
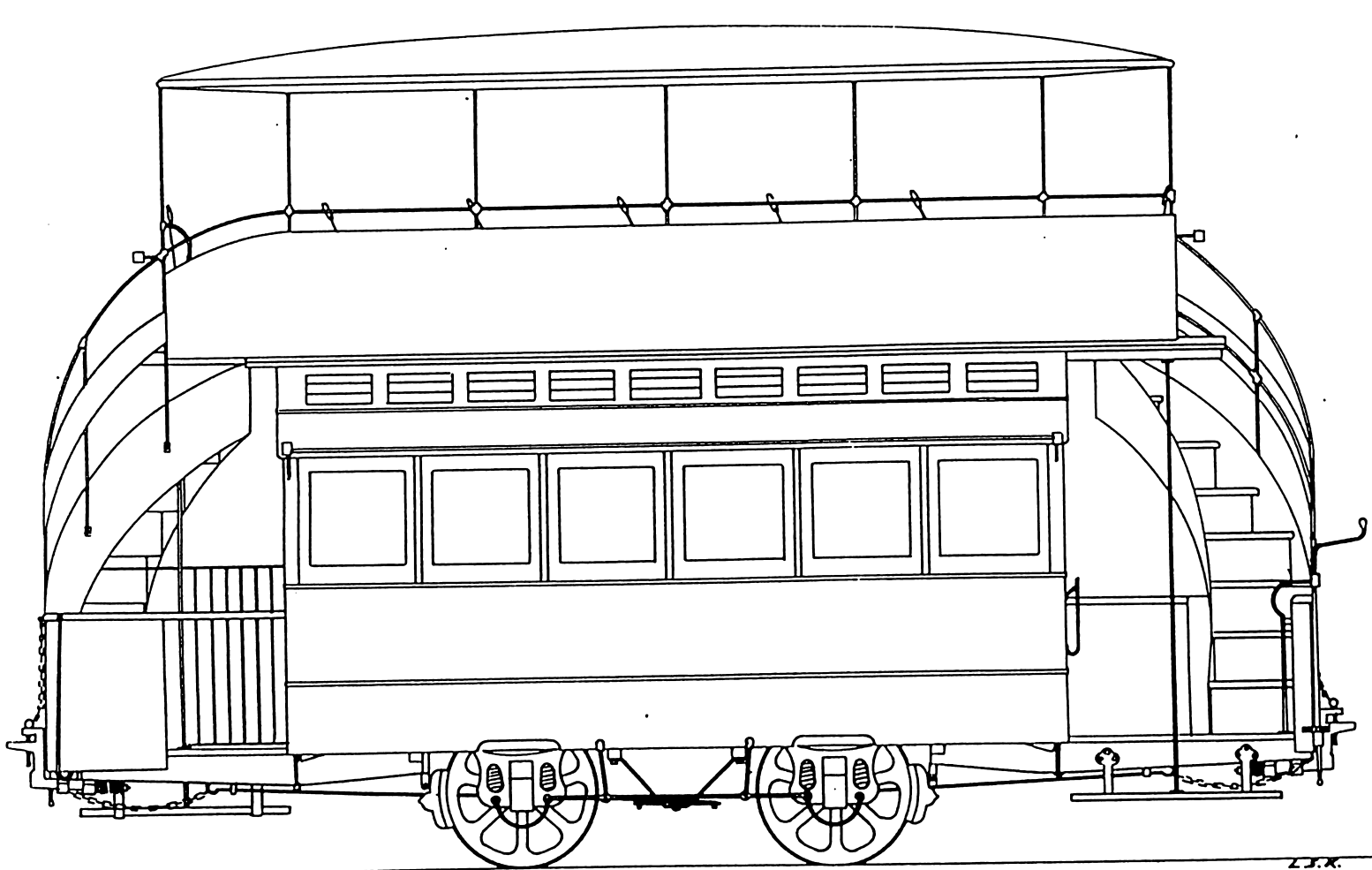
12 FT DOUBLE DECK CAR. LONGITUDINAL & CROSS SECTIONS



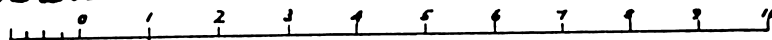


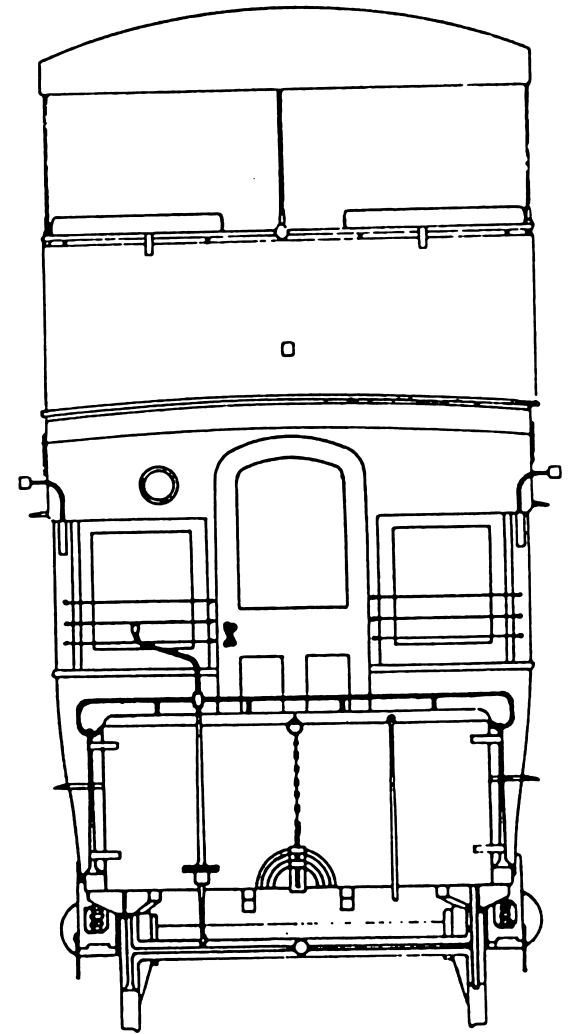
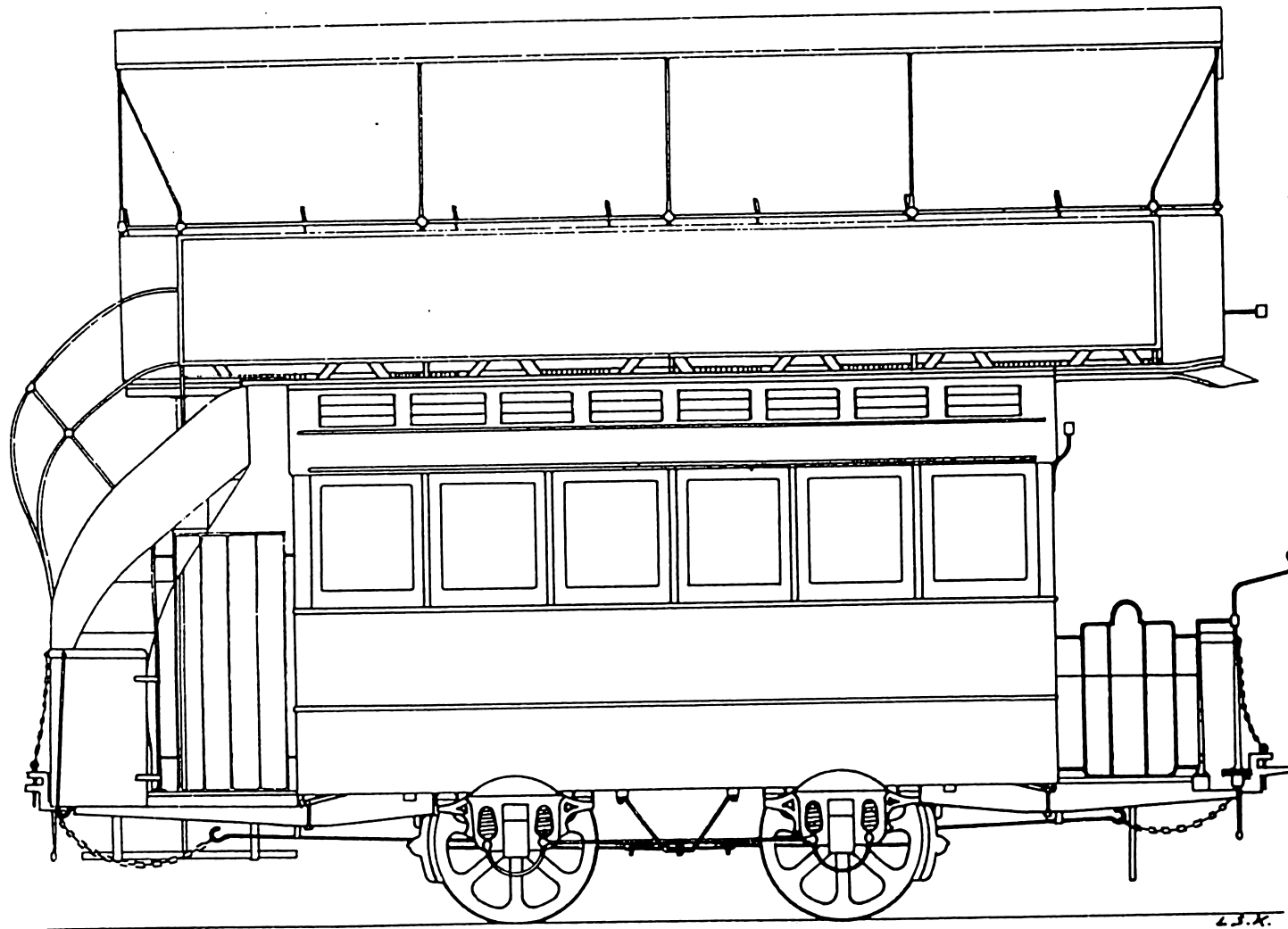
13 FT DOUBLE DECK CROSS SEATED CAR. LONGITUDINAL & CROSS SECTIONS



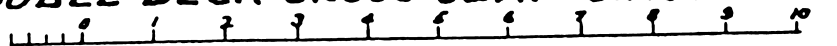


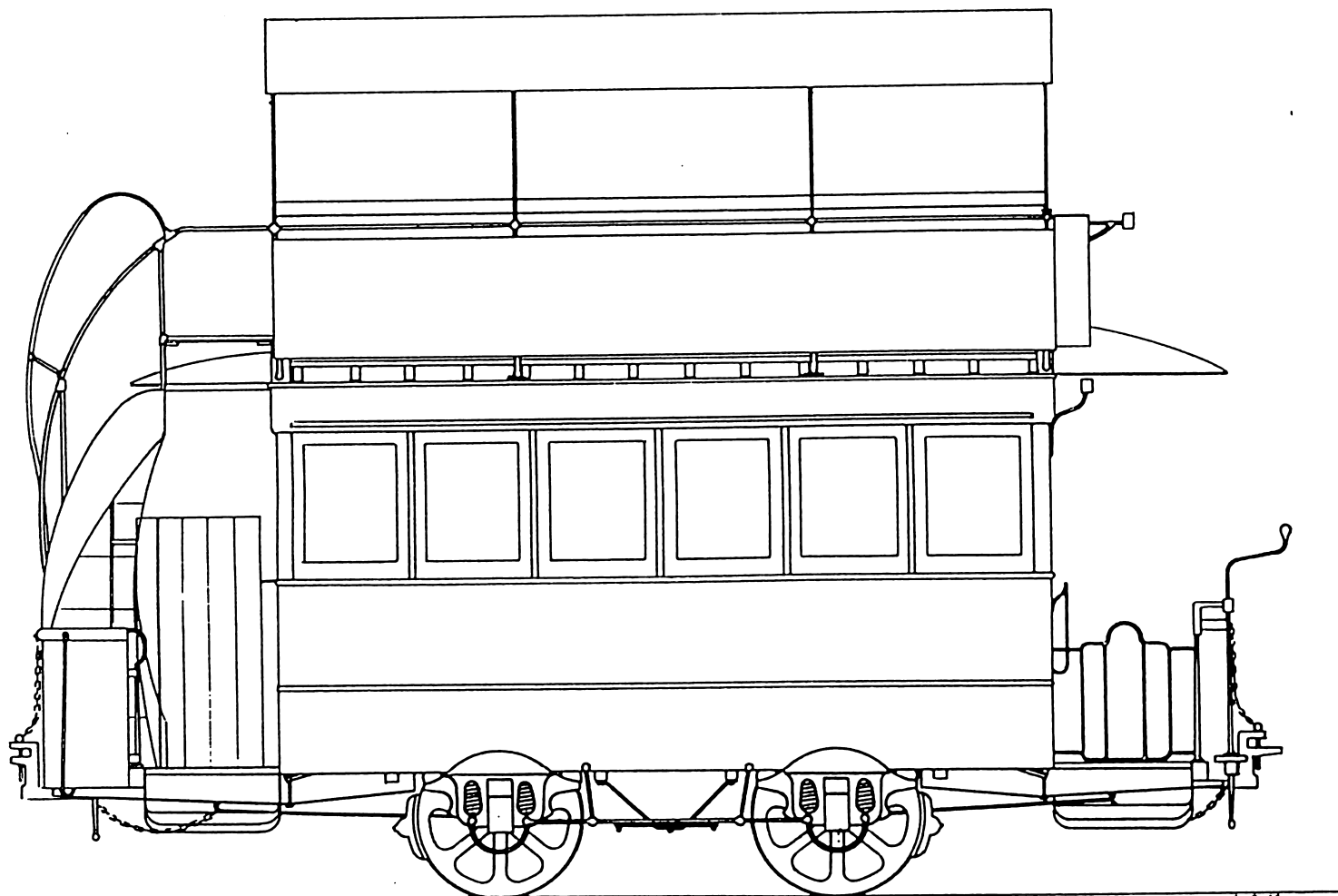
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13 FT DOUBLE DECK CROSS SEAT DOUBLE ENDED CAR



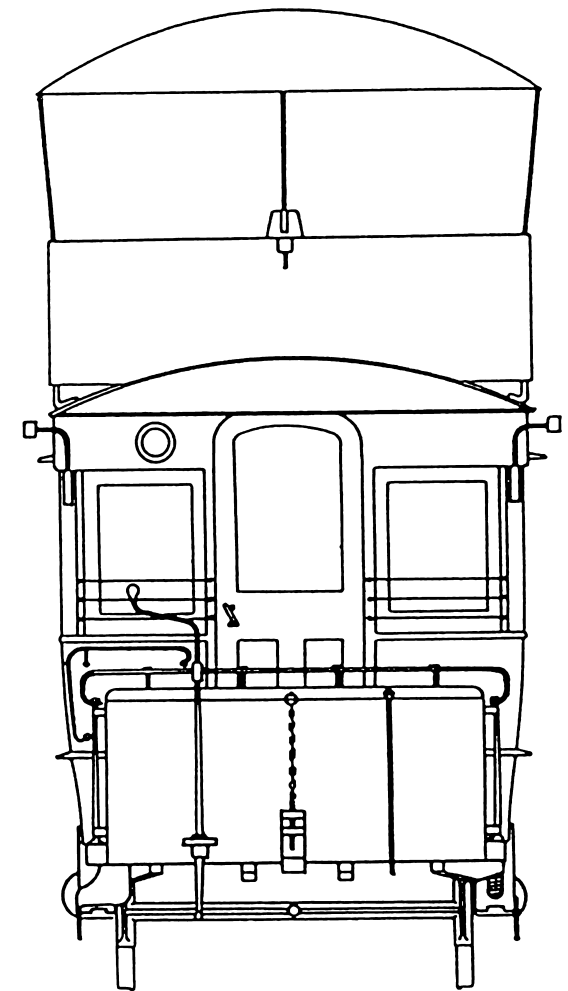


ADELAIDE & SUBURBAN TRAMWAY CO LTD
12 FT DOUBLE DECK CROSS SEAT SINGLE ENDED CAR

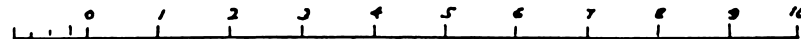


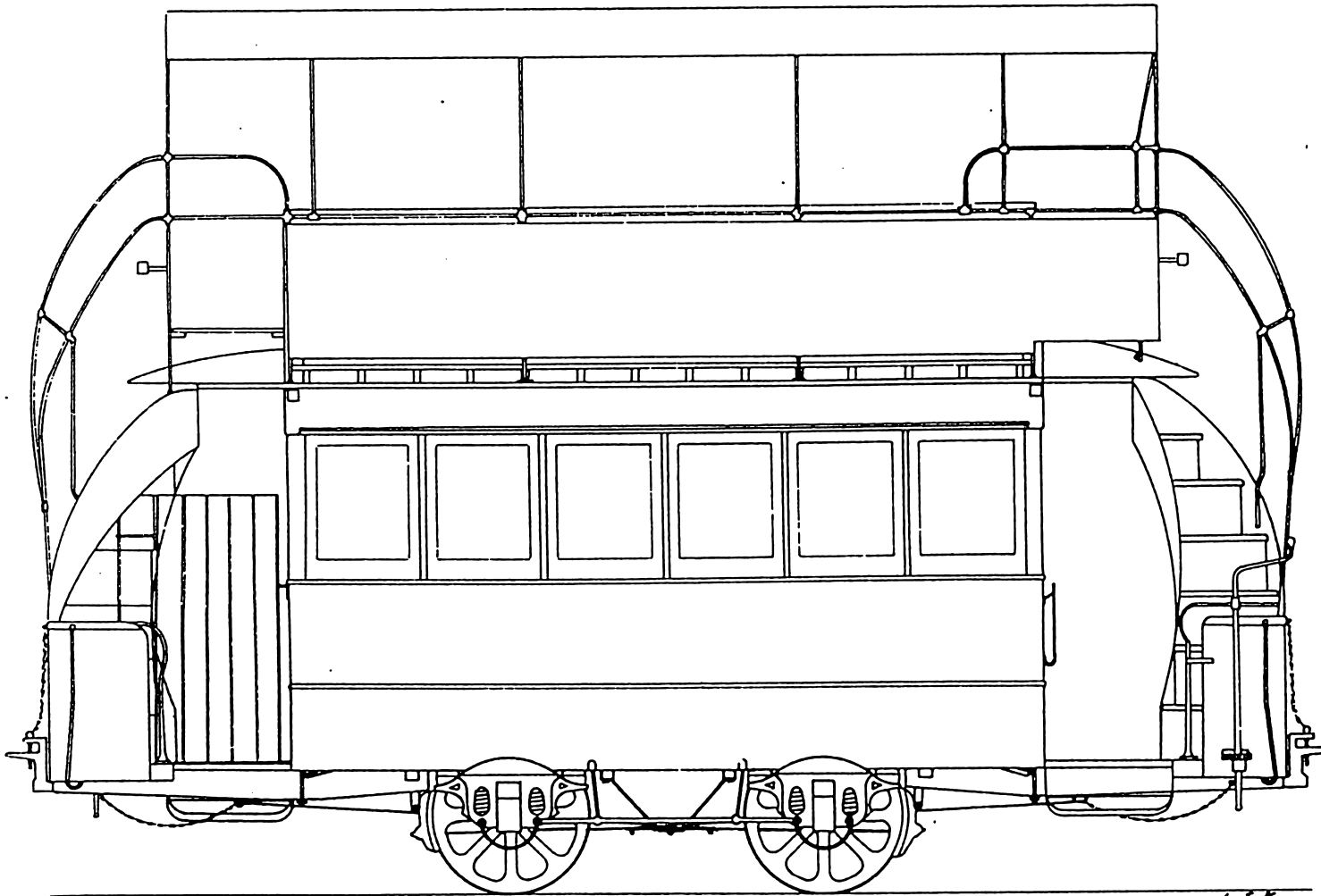


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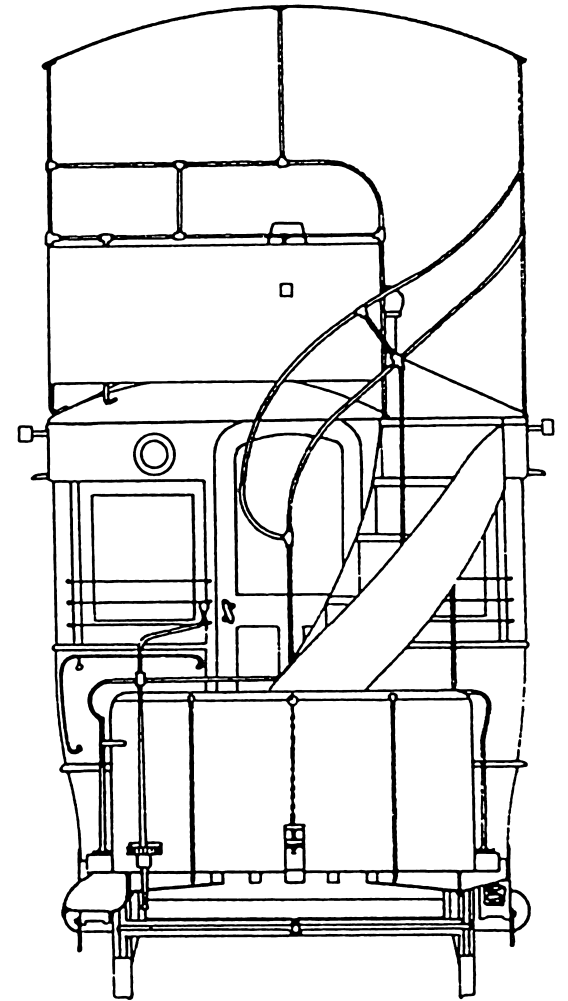


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12 FT DOUBLE DECK SINGLE ENDED CAR

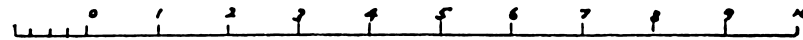


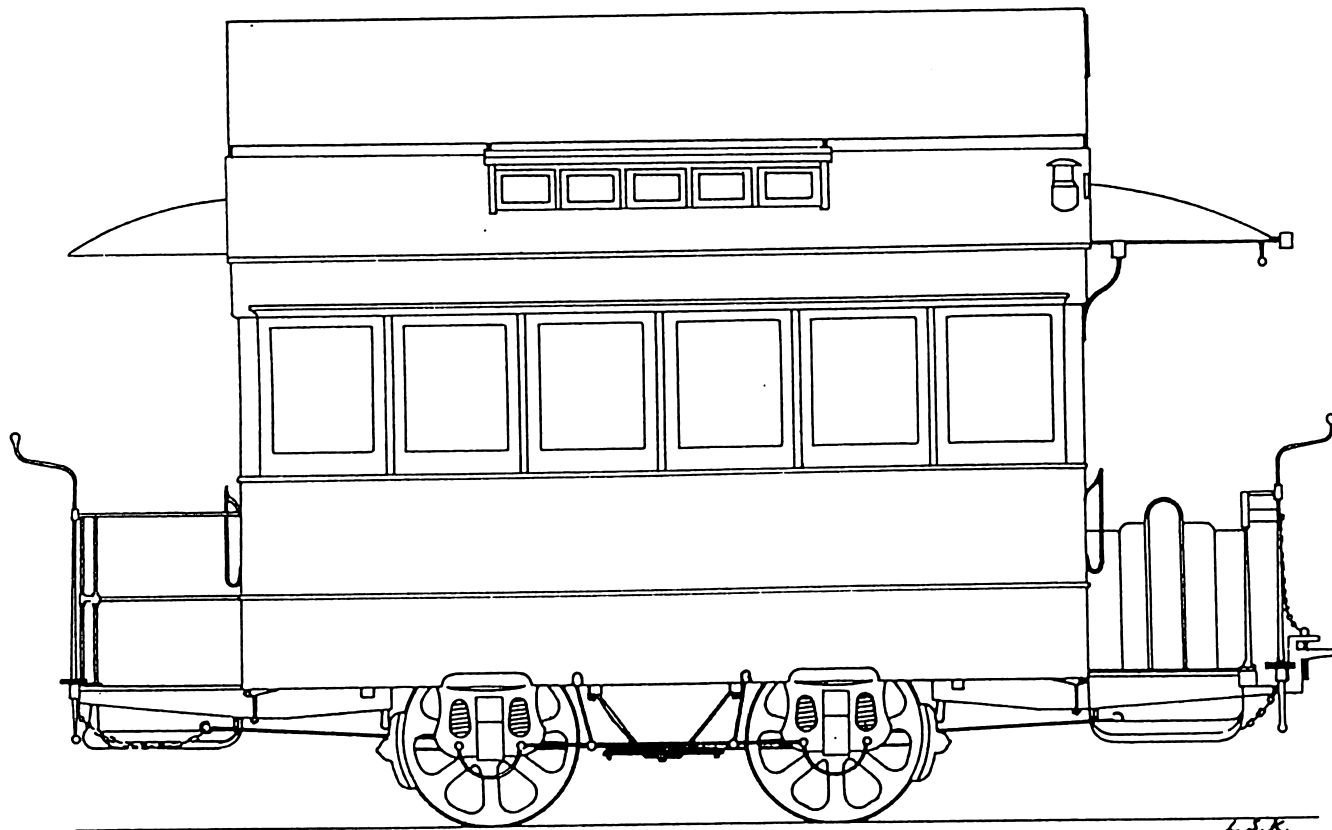


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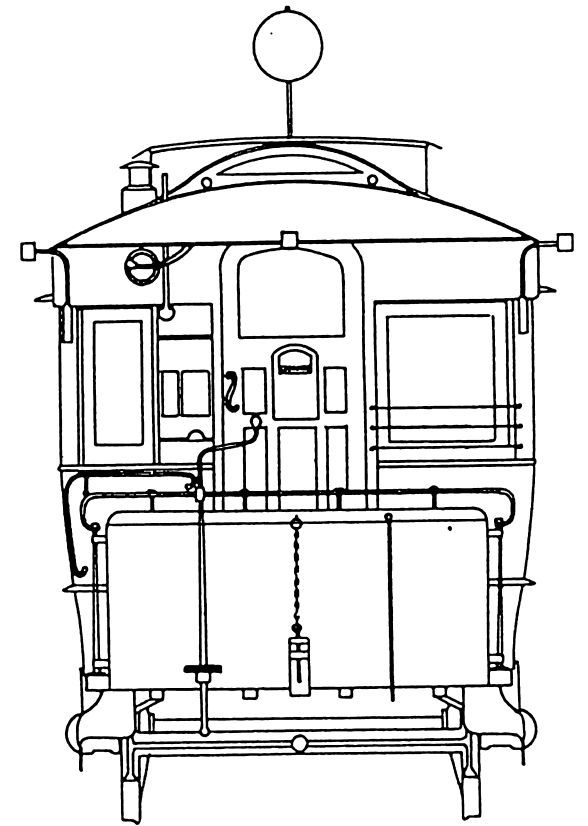


*ALL COMPANIES EXCEPT ADELAIDE & SUBURBAN
12 FT DOUBLE DECK DOUBLE ENDED CAR*

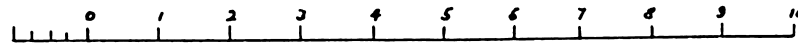


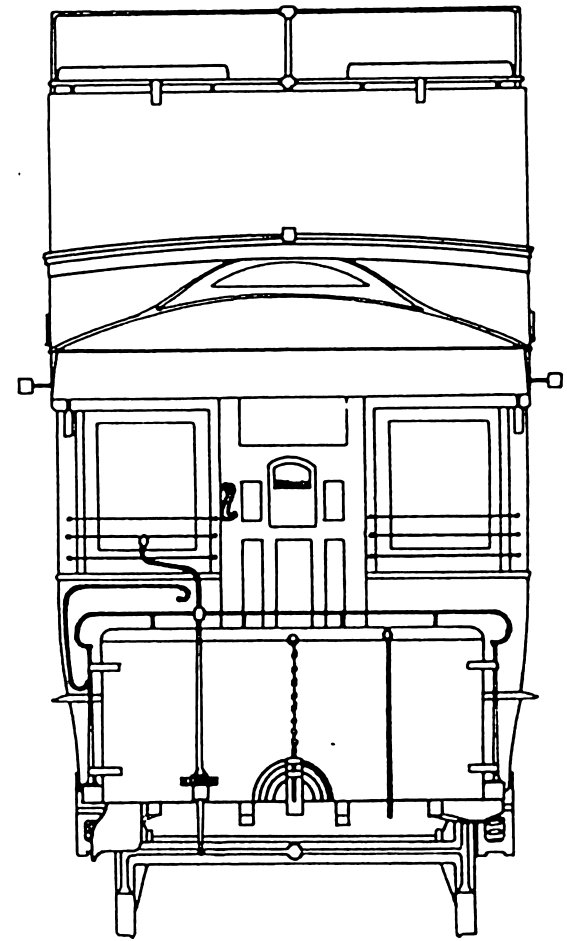
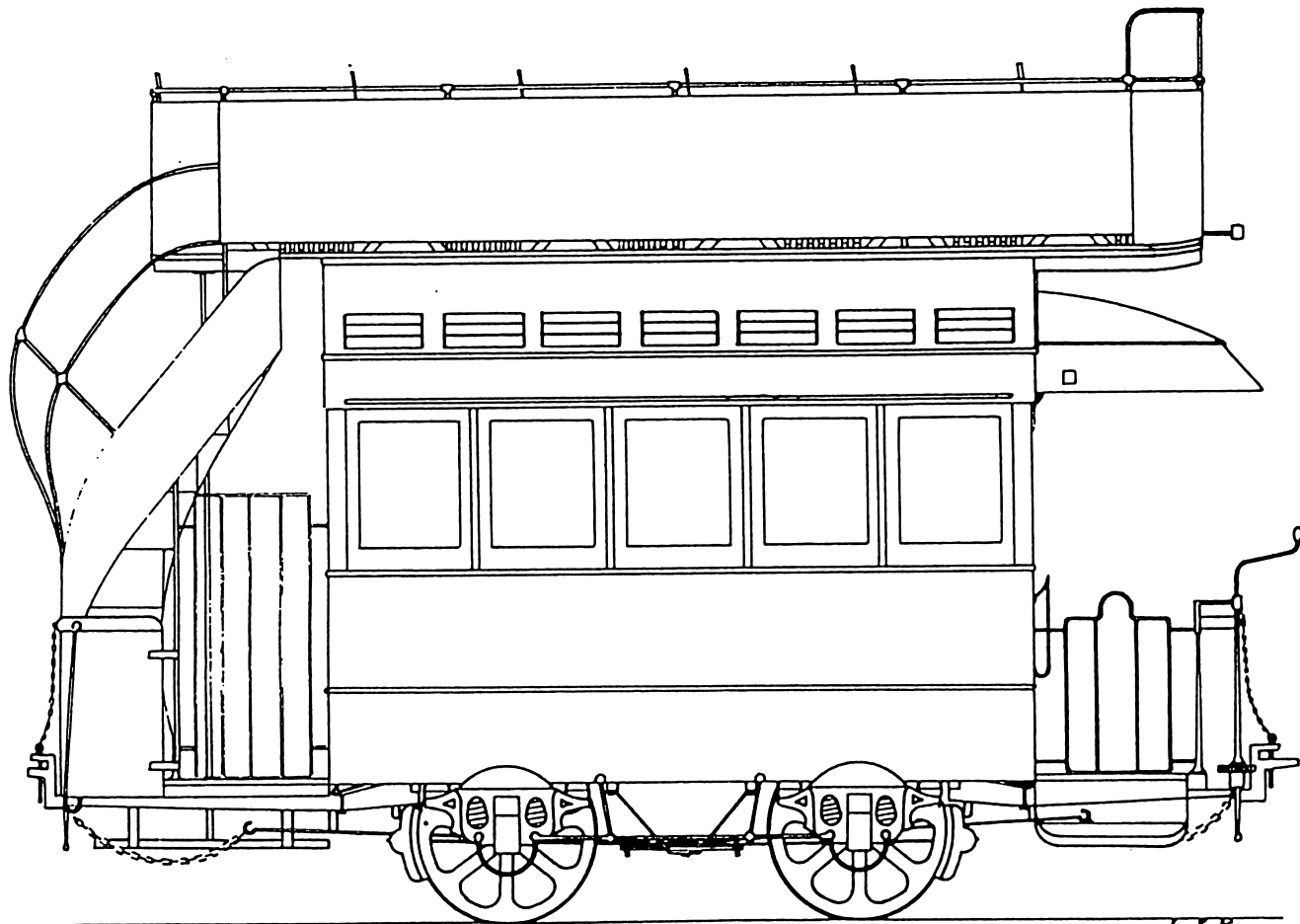


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ADELAIDE & SUBURBAN TRAMWAY CO LTD
12 FT SINGLE DECK FARE BOX CAR.

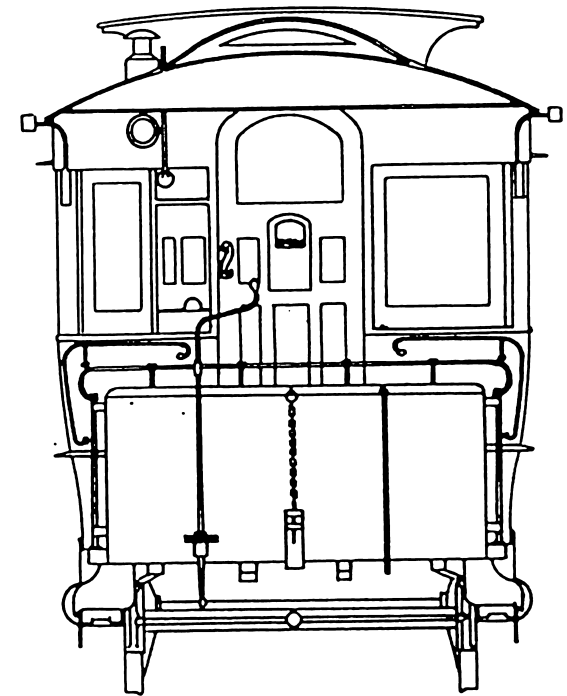
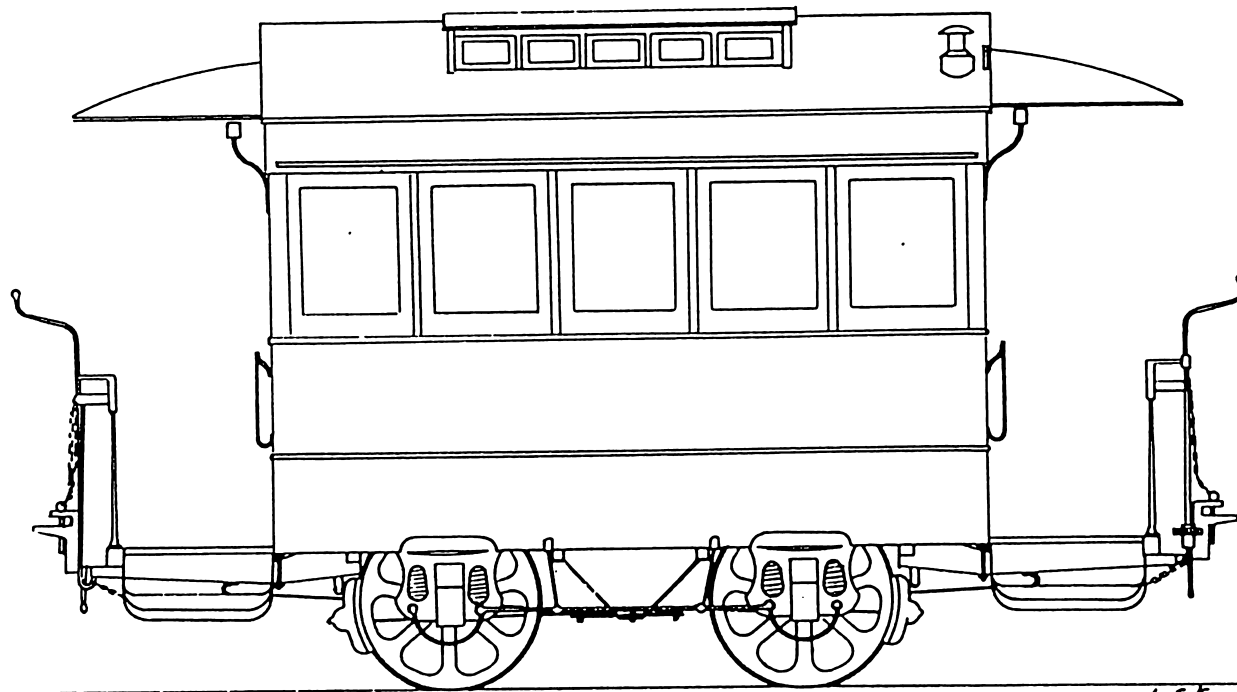




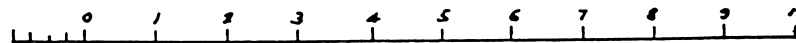
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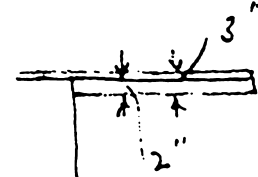
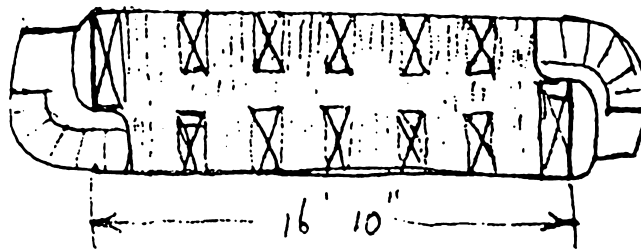
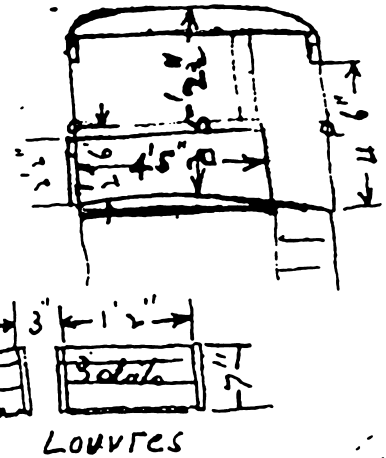
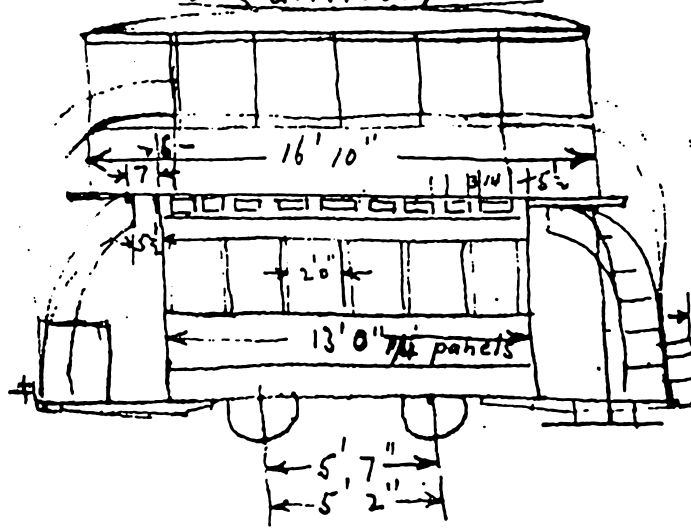
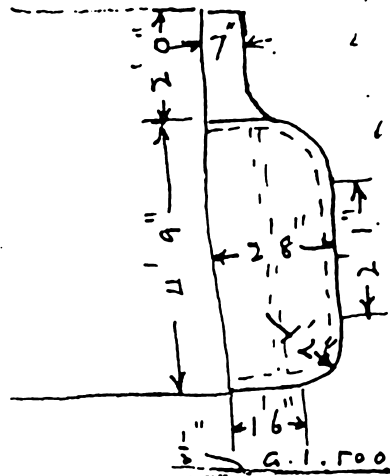
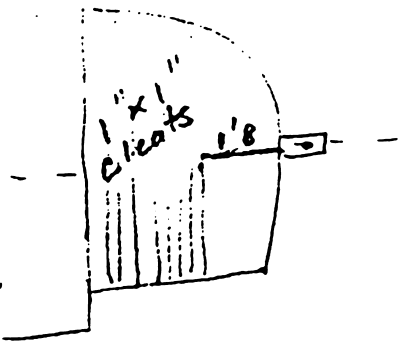
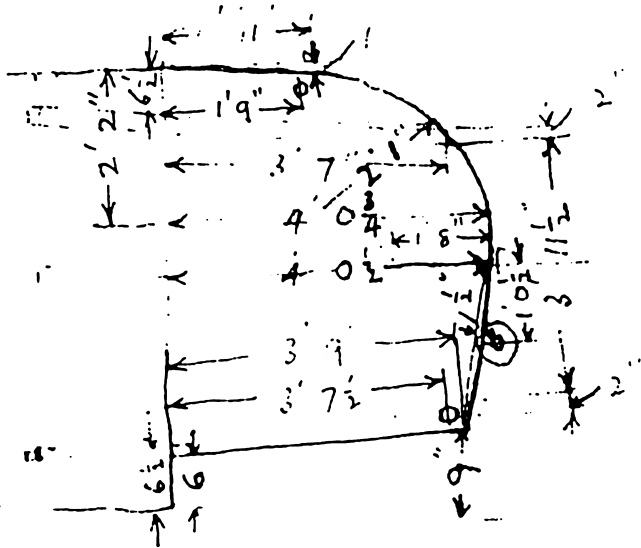
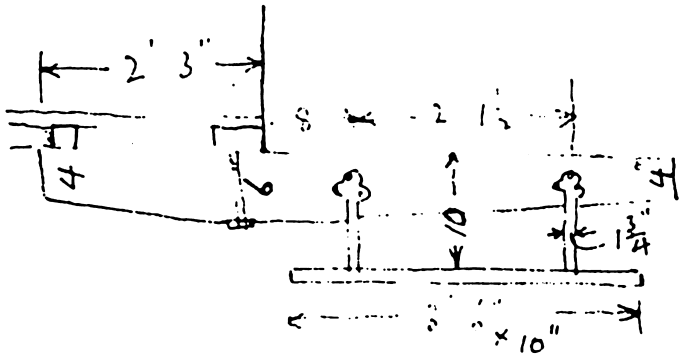
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10 FT SINGLE DECK CAR WITH CROSS SEAT TOP DECK ADDED





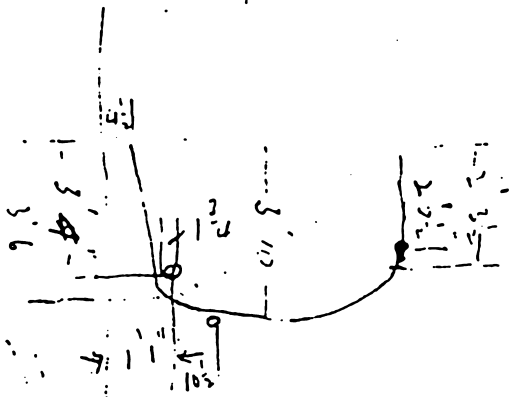
ADELAIDE & SUBURBAN TRAMWAY CO LTD
10 FT FARE BOX CAR. ALSO SOME OTHER COMPANIES BUT NO FARE BOX



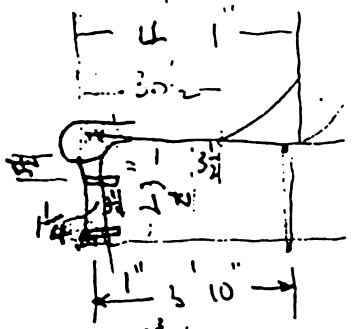


N^o 108 to carry 51 passengers, A & S T Co. LTD of Waterfall Quarries
 Detr 59 1/2 x 24 1/2

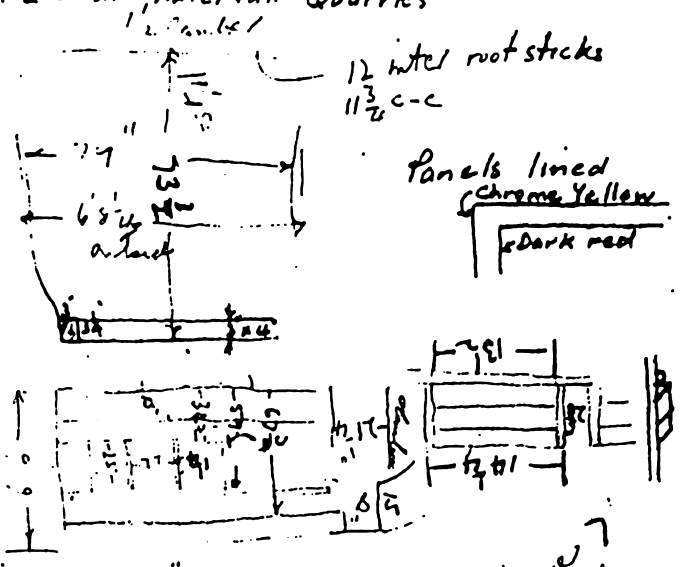
car 12' long



Truss at 63"
 wheel base 61 1/2"



Corner Plier

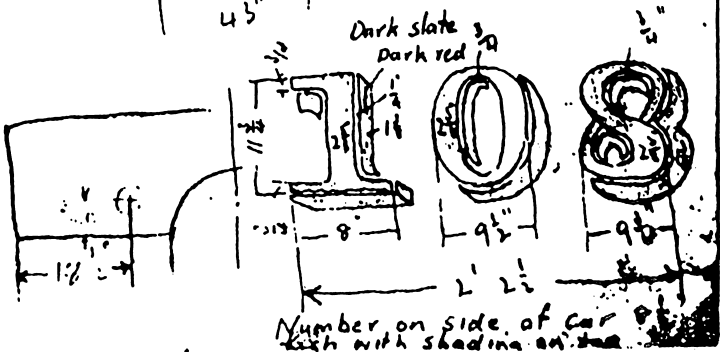
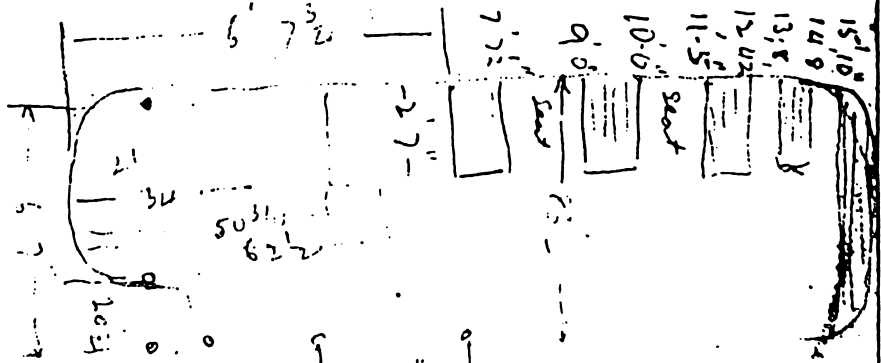
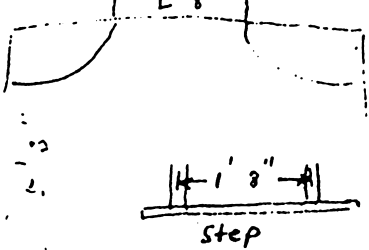
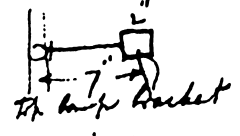
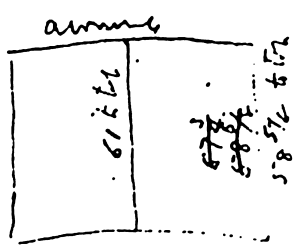
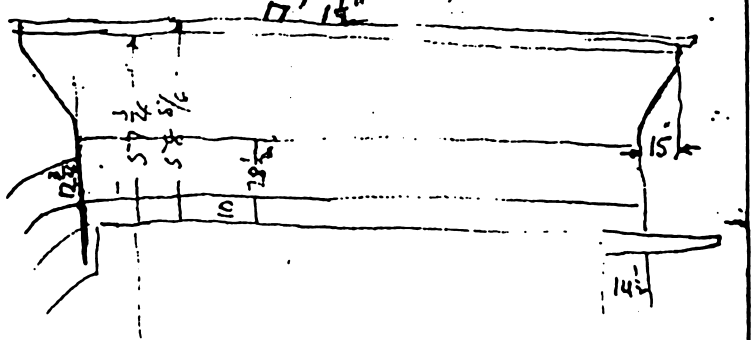
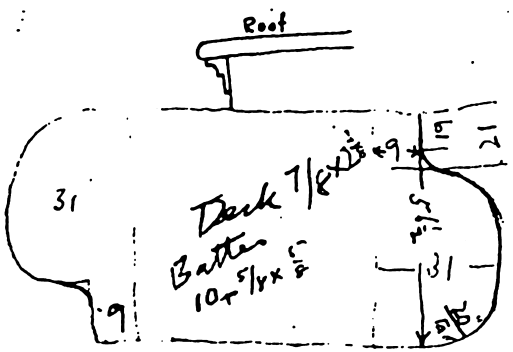


12 inter roof sticks
 11 3/4 c-c
 Panels lined
 Chrome Yellow
 Dark red



Inside stringer 13 1/2
 outside stringer 11 1/2
 on 8 of car

7 tread
 deck
 stairs
 18 1/4 wide



Number on side of car
 with shading on it