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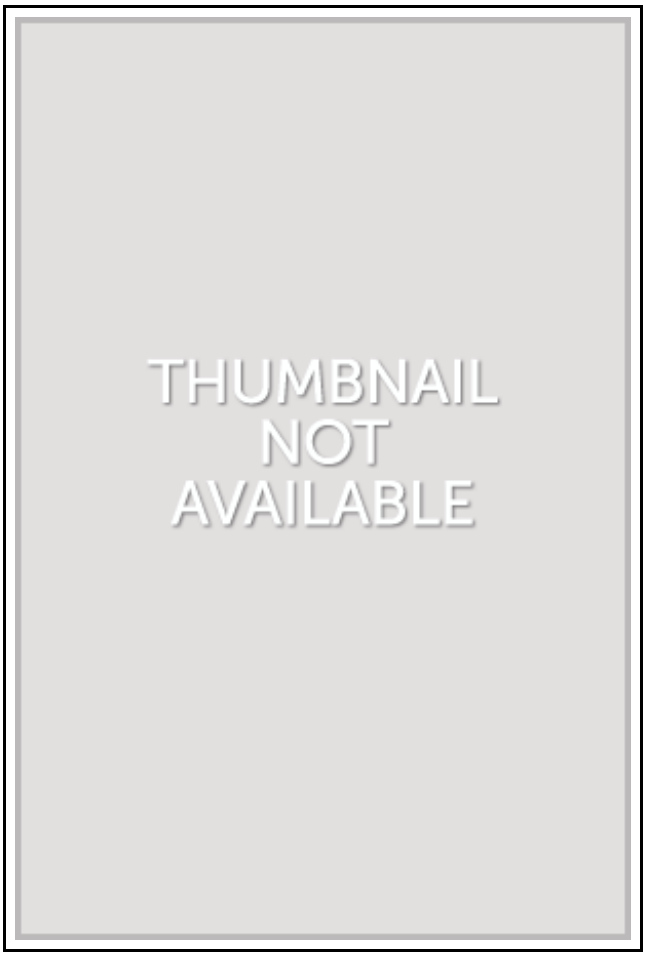

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Train Hobby Publications Australia, Studfield, Victoria, Australia, 1999. Soft Cover. Book Condition: New. No Jacket. First Edition. 48 pages profusely illustrated colour photos - The D50 class (formerly the T524 class before 1924 re-classification) is a class of 2-8-0 steam locomotive built for and operated by the New South Wales Government Railways of Australia. In 1896, Beyer, Peacock and Company delivered the first five of the now Australian Consolidation type heavy duty goods locomotive, these being the forerunners of the numerically largest class on the system, finally totalling 280 representatives. in the operation of goods trains they followed up the successful record of their passenger counterparts, the P(6)-class, being most effective on the steep gradients and sharp curves of the main lines over mountainous sections. Their second and third coupled wheel tyres were flangeless to reduce curve friction. The five builders who contributed to the numbers were :- Beyer, Peacock and Company : 151 - Dübs and Company : 5 Neilson and Company : 10 - North British Locomotive Company : 84 - Clyde Engineering Company Limited : 30 During the First World War, an additional 10 locomotives of this class were under construction at the North British Locomotive Company, but these were not delivered to Australia, being taken over by the British War Office for the Royal Engineers Railway Operating Division. After the war, they were offered back to the N.S.W.G.R. at higher than new prices and in a badly worn condition. They were declined and were subsequently acquired by a Belgian railway and, following rebuilding, assigned to work coal trains along the Meuse Valley. The Commonwealth Railways also chose this design to be their first goods locomotive class, the K-class, for the Trans-Australian Railway Many of the D50-class received a turret type tender in later years which provided...

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