

Class 196 fact sheet



Manufacturer Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF)
Trains in Fleet 26 (14 × 4-car / 12 × 2-car)
Total Carriages..... 80
Routes Birmingham-Shrewsbury (from 2022)
 Birmingham-Hereford (from 2023)
 Nuneaton-Leamington Spa (from 2023)
Top Speed 100mph
Fuel Type..... Diesel
Total Seats..... 311 (4-car) / 141 (2-car)
Seat Formation 2+2

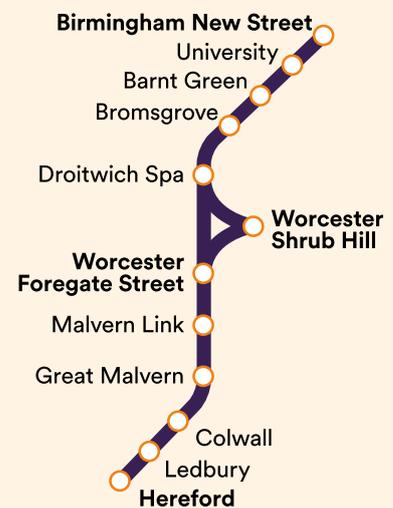
Features

- More seats and tables with improved under-seat storage
- More bike storage areas, enabling up to three bikes to be carried
- At least one accessible toilet on every train
- Clear luggage racks to minimise forgotten bags
- Improved digital information screen
- Plug and USB sockets at every seat
- Intelligent air conditioning which reacts to the carriage environment
- Free WiFi

Background

The Class 196 fleet replaces West Midlands Railway's 20-year-old Class 170s. It is the first new fleet to be introduced under this franchise for more than a decade. The majority of the trains in the fleet were built in the UK, at CAF's factory in south Wales. The trains are part of a £690m investment by West Midlands Trains in new trains and infrastructure and will increase capacity by 25% compared to the fleet being replaced.

Route Maps



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