

TransPennine Express accepts its 44th and final Nova train

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TransPennine Express has accepted its 44th and final Nova train at Manchester International Depot.

The new 44-train fleet was built by CAF and Hitachi and financed by Beacon Rail Leasing, Eversholt Rail Group and Angel Trains. Each train offers between 286-342 seats and five carriages. Nova 1 serves Liverpool to Newcastle and Edinburgh to Manchester Airport and Newcastle, Nova 2 travels between Manchester and Liverpool to Glasgow and Edinburgh via Preston, and Nova 3 moves between Liverpool, Manchester Airport, Scarborough and Middlesbrough.

Each new train features high quality seating and interiors with more luggage space, plug and USB charging points, free on-board wi-fi in both standard and first class and the entertainment system Exstream featuring the latest TV shows, news and films.

Chris Nutton, Major Projects Director for TransPennine Express, said: "Today marks a special moment for customers across the North as we accept our final state-of-the-art Nova train.

“The 44th train – a Nova 3, was formally accepted at Manchester International depot this morning and represents the final step in the delivery of a £500m investment in revolutionising rail travel across the regions and communities we serve. I’d like to pay tribute to the teams in CAF, Beacon Rail, TransPennine Express, Direct Rail Services (DRS), Alstom, Network Rail and Freightliner, with our wider supply chain who have delivered the Nova 3 – an innovative and complex project.

“Rail customers are already enjoying the experience travelling onboard these fantastic trains, which have provided more seats and more carriages across the North and into Scotland. Built by CAF and hauled by a DRS Class 68, the final Nova will run between Liverpool, Manchester and Scarborough expanding to Teesside later in the year.”

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