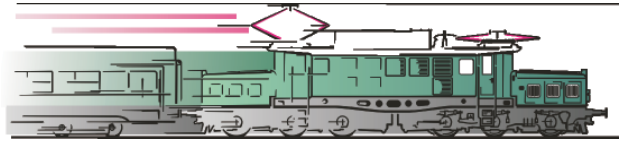


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SBB Sortierwagen D2-D2

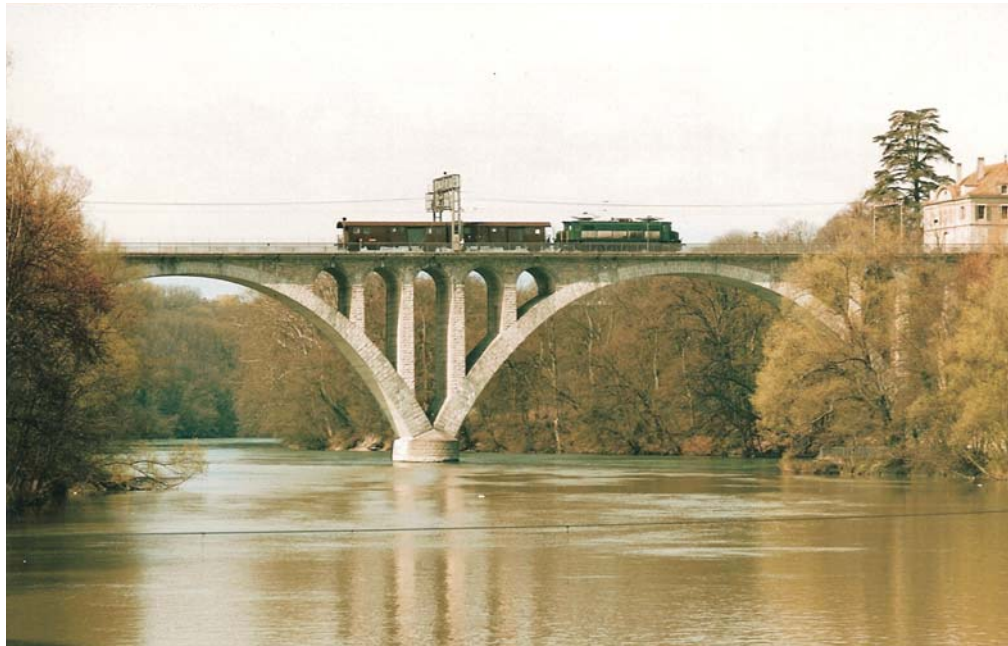
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Between 1962 and 1963 35 units of the SBB parcel-sorting van type D2-D2 were built in several series by the SBB main workshops in Chur und the private enterprise „Flug- und Fahrzeugwerke Altenrhein“ (FFA) using certain elements of withdrawn carriages. This explains why the several series slightly differ from each other. For example: there are both smooth and ribbed roofs and the protection grids on the inside of the windows have not been mounted in all cases.

The double-unit with fix couplings had an opening in the middle. A drop step and a diaphragm enabled the train guard to move freely from one half to the other and to sort the goods according to their destination. The inventory included several shelves for luggage, a



certain number of hooks for bikes and a big grid allowing the evacuation of melting ice used in fish transport that were quite frequent at this period. In contrast to the SBB standard vans the type D2-D2 had no prisoner cell. At one end of the double-unit a small cabin – well heated in winter – had been mounted for the train guard to sort documents. On the other side there was a toilet. The cabin equipped with a window gave this half of the van a different aspect from the other half which has been correctly rendered on the model.

The running gear allowed a top speed of 125 km/h and the van to run also

in passenger trains. However, due to the open platforms and the enormous loading space, this only happened on days with peak traffic for winter sport.

The aluminium sliding doors were silver grey upon delivery. At that time, the carriages did not get their regular clean-up in washing facilities. It is therefore natural that the doors got gradually weathered and looked like the rest of the car body. The sliding doors could be left open either in an intermediate position or completely giving sight of the yellow painted handrail that



could be fastened on top for loading or unloading purposes.

The parcel-sorting van type D2-D2 could be seen all over the SBB network in express goods trains, mostly in combination with postal vans, express goods or foodstuffs wagons. With the introduction of the nationwide express delivery system the use of these vans dropped rapidly, in most cases they were replaced by 4-axle vans. However, some units survived until the nineties. One single representative numbered 50 85 93-33 008-9 has escaped from scrapping and is currently serving as a private storage area. It is not in running order.



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SBB Sortierwagen D2-D2 50 85 93-33 000-034. Baujahr 1962-1963. Zweiteilige Einheit kurzgekuppelt. Geripptes Dach, ohne Fenstergitter. Epoche IV.

31716 new **03-2009**
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31717 new **05-2009**
SBB Sortierwagen D2-D2 50 85 93-33 000-034. Baujahr 1962-1963. Zweiteilige Einheit kurzgekuppelt. Glattes Dach, Fenstergitter. Dach und Stirntüre alu. Epoche III.

31718 new **05-2009**
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