

Hunslet 0-6-0 DH – Removing the Body

You should not need to take the body off for servicing, as there is nothing you can get at to service, though you might want to put a driver in the cab.

Avoid taking it apart if you can. It is easy to do damage like bending the handrails. However, if you do need to take it apart here is how to do it.

Note the metal footplate and plastic cab mouldings are only loosely attached to each other, held mainly by the handrails. Be very careful not to pull them apart.

Disassembly

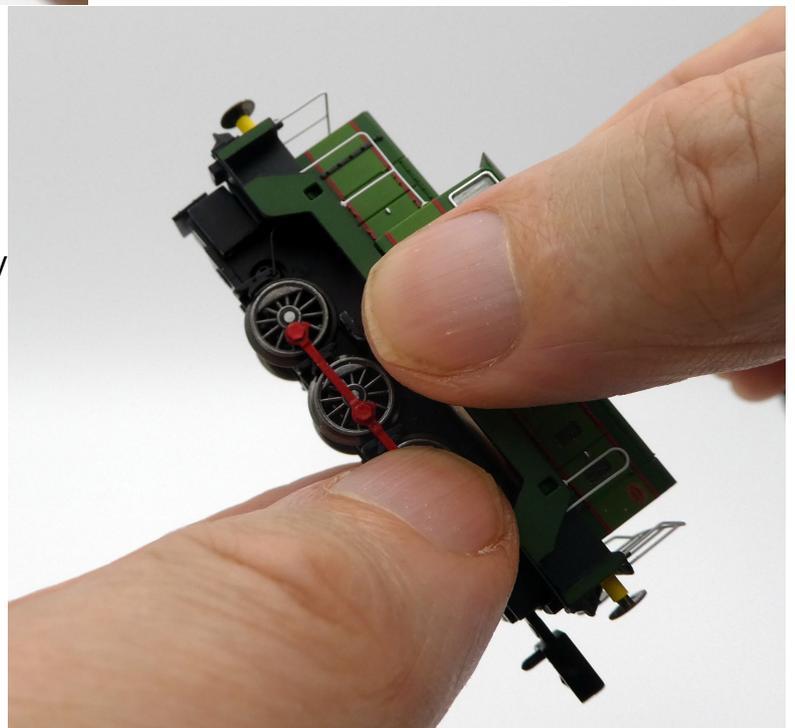
You need a small cross-point screwdriver – size PH000 or PH00.



Run the loco and stop it with both coupling rods near the bottom – this makes getting at the screws easier.

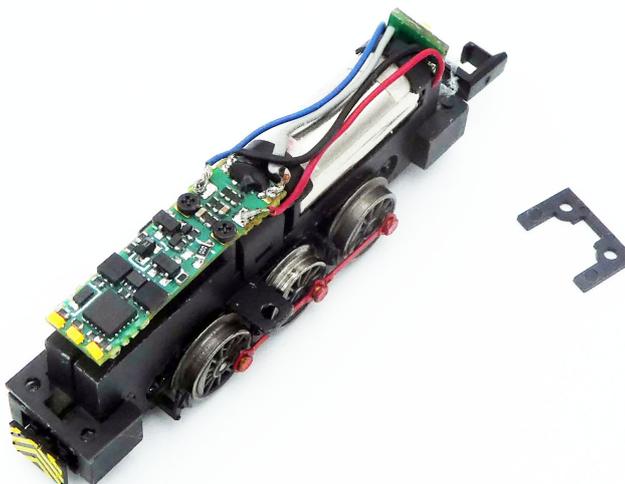
There is a screw each side between the two wheels either side of the cab. Holding the loco by the top of the cab and baseplate, unscrew these two screws. Do not undo the screws each end of the baseplate.

Holding the loco by the footplate next to the cab – NOT by the cab - pull alternately on the outsides of the wheels at each end to get the chassis out – it is a tight fit. Don't hold the chassis by the coupling rods as you may bend them.



Reassembly

Two black U shaped plastic spacers will probably drop out when you take it apart. When reassembling the loco, these fit one each end, on top of the end of the chassis. There are small dimples that fit in the two holes.



Place the body loosely back on the chassis (correct way round!), then push on the top of the bonnets and the ends of the chassis.

Replace and tighten the two screws. If the screw has come out completely I find it easiest to put a screw on the end of the screwdriver then push it into the hole and screw it in. Only tighten gently to avoid stripping the thread on the plastic.

