

Diesel-hydraulic locomotives

To mention diesel-hydraulic locomotives, in the Portuguese colonial railway case, implies a mention to the Henschel-Werke company. The company was originally founded in 1810 under the name Henschel & Son (German: Henschel und Sohn), and was located in Kassel, Germany. It began manufacturing locomotives in 1848 though it was best known during the 20th century, as a maker of transportation equipment - locomotives, trucks, buses and trolleybuses. Later named Henschel-Werke company, its link with the Portuguese colonial railway world dates to the beginning of the 20th century. On 05-03-1909, the Portuguese government signed a contract with Henschel-Werke for the delivery of two locomotives and accessories to the Malanje Railway in Angola (OP16249). Over the years, the company delivered dozens of locomotives (4-8-0 and 2-8-0) and accessories to the Portuguese overseas colonies. In 1921, a request was made to supply six tender locomotives (2-8-0) to the Luanda Railway (OP20601). In the subsequent years, the company also designed locomotives (4-8-0) for instances to Moçâmedes (OP18565). Apart from numerous adverting clips, such as this one that dates from 1958, the relationship of Portugal and this company can also be traced in official records pertaining to regions outside of Africa, as it was the case of Portuguese India at that time frame (OP03422).

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