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DAMPFROSS

ROSTHERNE GAMES

Makers of "Railway Rivals" and other good value board games

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Postage: There is a standard part-postage charge of 40p for UK orders, regardless of the size of the order and actual postage cost.

BOARD GAMES

RAILWAY RIVALS

This is a board game for 3 to 8 players, which normally lasts 1½ to 2 hours. Each player represents a 19th-century railway company, and builds a good network of lines serving the towns shown on the map. Unfortunately, the hills get in the way, and so do the other players! Then players race trains from town to town, to try to earn the most revenue. The lines are marked on plastic-laminated maps with special markers, and are wiped off at the end of the game to leave the board clean for the next time. The game is available in different formats. The same rules apply to all the maps used, so it is a complete game system, which can be extended at a small cost for extra enjoyment.

1. COMPLETE BOXED "RAILWAY RIVALS" — Price £9.95

This is produced, under licence, by Games Workshop, and is widely available at retail stockists. First produced September 1985. It contains maps B and C (see list 4 below), on a folding hard board, special locomotive tokens, dice, rules, "money," and special markers.

2. DAMPFROSS

This is the German edition, produced by Schmidt Spiele under licence in 1984. It won the distinction "Game of the Year" (Spiel Des Jahres) in September 1984, followed up by being voted "best liked game" by the readers of "Spielbox." It has become one of Europe's best-selling games. It is **not** available in the UK, but is well worth buying if you visit the Continent. It contains 4 maps.

3. TUBED VERSION OF "RAILWAY RIVALS" — Price £4.80

This is the format produced by Rostherne since 1980. It contains any one map (from list No. 5 only), dice, counters, rules and special marker pens, all packed in a strong tube for safe despatch by post.

4. LIST OF MAPS *(some may not be available)*

(The numbers in brackets are the recommended number of players)

A:	*South Wales Coalfield (E)*	*(3—5)*	*I:*	*Ireland*	*(3—5)*
B:	*London and Liverpool*	*(4—6)*	*J:*	*Mersey and Humber*	*(5—8)*
C:	*Western USA*	*(4—8)*	*K:*	*London and South East*	*(3—6)*
D:	*New York and Chicago*	*(5—8)*	*M:*	*London and Midlands*	*(4—7)*
E:	*Atlantic and Lake Erie*	*(4—8)*	*N:*	*New England*	*(3—5)*
F:	*South Scotland*	*(3—4)*	*O:*	*South Wales Coalfield (W)*	*(3—5)*
G:	*Central Scotland*	*(3—5)*	*S:*	*Spain (Oct/Nov 1985)*	*(4—7)*

The maps are mostly about A2 size, printed on heavyweight paper (usually 135 gsm), and are available in 1 or 2 of 3 formats:

5. LAMINATED MAPS — Price £1.60

Printed in 3 colours, laminated with transparent vinyl so that they are re-usable with "Lumocolor" felt pens.
Maps available : B E I J K M N S (S in November 1985)

6. COLOURED PAPER MAPS, not laminated: C, E, I, M, S — 80p

7. PLAIN PAPER MAPS, not laminated — A, B, D, F, G, J, K, N, O — 55p

8. FUTURE MAPS

Some of the following will be produced in the next few years: France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria, Northern Italy, Eastern USA, China, India. Some of these already exist in half-size experimental thin paper printings, at 25p or 40p. Ask for details.

ACCESSORIES FOR "RAILWAY RIVALS" GAMES

Rules: 30p. Postal rules free ("Railway Rivals" is one of the 2 most popular games played by post in UK and Europe; over 120 games are currently in progress in about 30 magazines).

Markers

"Chinagraph" type crayons may be used on the maps. Better results on the vinyl are obtained by using "Lumocolors." Most felt-tip pens will not work on vinyl, or else cannot be removed.

Lumocolor 315 Medium-Tip Felt Pens

Being formulated specially for use on plastic, these are expensive, and give poor results on paper. The fluid evaporates rapidly (especially black) so keep the pens capped tightly when not in use. 'Dead' pens can be revived for a few more games by adding a very few drops of water. Remove marks from the maps within a week, or traces may remain. Marks are normally completely removed by wiping with a damp pad of paper or cloth. Pens may leak if held continuously for an hour or so. Lines are **much** clearer in brighter light.

The pens are supplied in plastic wallets: **4 pens, red, blue, black and green, £1.56; 6 pens, + orange + brown, £2.34; 8 pens, + yellow + purple, £3.12.**

Counters: 20mm wood "halma" type pieces, the same 8 colours as the "Lumocolors": **3p each, £2.25 per 100.**

Railway Rivals Book: See other side. A good help if you like winning!

Hexagon Sheets

These enable you to design your own maps for games. There are 2 types, both with 17mm hexagons, every 4th being indexed for reference.
Small hex sheets, A4 size: 70gsm paper, **3p each; £2.40 for 100; £9 for 500** (approx).
Large hex sheets: A2 size: 135gsm paper, **35p each. New large hex sheets in preparation (more, but smaller, hexes: 40p).**

Transpapent Self-Adhesive Vinyl

We use this to cover the maps, so that "Lumocolor" lines can be wiped off, leaving the board clear for next time. It is also useful for laminating paperback book covers, notices, maps, photographs, pressed flowers, etc. It needs 2 people to cover large maps with it!

Prices: 50cm wide, glossy, **£1** per metre; 60cm wide, heavier grade, matt, **£1.30** per metre; 30cm wide, matt, **60p** per metre. Enough to cover a "Railway Rivals" map costs **70p. (£1** for **Map D).**

OTHER GAMES by D. G. Watts

TRANSCLYDE: Boxed £4.80. 2 to 6 players; 1 — 2 hours

(Designed by D. G. Watts, published by the Greater Glasgow Transport Executive). A fun game for the family, as they race around the region, using its bus and rail services to visit the attractions of the Greater Glasgow area.

PIRATE ISLAND: packaged in a strong tube; 2 or 3 players; 1 — 2 hours £4.80

Another fun game for the family. Players hunt for treasure, dig it up, and try to get it back on board ship. Fever, fogs, storms, an erupting volcano, and the other players try to thwart your scheme.

PENINSULAR WAR: packaged in a strong tube; 2 players £4.80

A simple strategic game, set on a map of Spain and Portugal. It is not a "wargame" as understood by wargamers. Simple rules, moves and combat system allow a great variety of tactics, and the final result is usually very finely balanced. The theme is of the campaigns between the armies of Spain, Portugal and Britain, led by the Duke of Wellington, and those of Napoleon's Marshals, 1808—1814. While not an historical simulation, it repays study. Length of game is set by the players: 1½ hours is suggested. Available November 1985.

GAMES IN DEVELOPMENT

Some of the following will be issued in the next few years. Most are already available in cheap playtesting format.

AGRIBUSINESS Postal rules only : 30p

ATLANTIC SHIPPER; ATLANTIC AIRLINES.

Two similar "race" games. Each **60p.** (Rules and hexagon sheet to be made into map).

BUS BUSINESS

Development and operation of competing bus groups. Map and postal rules **60p.** Complete game expected 1986/87.

BIG STEEL

Players compete to control and operate steel-making corporations. Rules (postal version only) **30p.** Complete game expected 1986/87.

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

Revised playtest board and rules available later, about **£1.**

OIL DISTRIBUTION/IRONMASTER

Revised rules and board available later, about **£1.20.**

DESTROYERS AND DREADNAUGHTS

Simple naval combat. Rules and hexsheet **60p.**

RENTSVILLE

Town planning game. Map and rules **60p.**

BOOKS by D. G. Watts

Railway Rivals, Book 1 (ISBN 0 950 221 82 1): 28 pages, **30p.** Mainly dealing with games A, B, C and D, it gives the background and details of networks actually built, as well as hints on winning strategies. (Free update sheet included).

Map Projections Are Easy (ISBN 0 950 221 81 3): (second edition): 62 pages, 55 diagrams. Practical guide to drawing the basic networks of atlas maps. Out of print, but some sub-standard copies available at **£1.20.**

Industrial Location in Britain and Ireland: (ISBN 0 602 21213 8) by D. G. Watts and S. G. Jones: published by Ginn, 80 pages, 85 illustrations, numerous exercises. The topic is illustrated by 18 case studies. Third printing **£3.**

GENERAL BOOKS AND GAMES

Board games by other makers, and books about games, are sometimes available, often at bargain prices. Phone for details.

HOW TO OBTAIN ROSTHERNE PRODUCTS

There are some specialist stockists, including Esdevium (Aldershot), Games Unlimited (Kingston), Just Games (London), Whimz (London), Armchair Adventures (Newport), War and Peace (Ipswich), Games (Liverpool and Leeds), War and Peace (Ipswich), GamesKeeper (Oxford), Forever People (Bristol), Games Cupboard (Exeter), Midland Games Centre (Coventry and Warwick), etc.

In UK and Ireland, you may order direct by post from Rostherne (part-postage charge **40p**).

OVERSEAS

The rights for "Railway Rivals" are held in Western Europe by Schmidt Spiele, and in the USA and the British Comonwealth by Games Workshop. "Railway Rivals" cannot be sent by post to these areas.

It is, however, specially stocked by **Das Spiel** in Hamburg and Berlin, and W. L. Haas, Pilgerstr. 5, CH4055, Basel, Switzerland. Otherwise, goods may be ordered by post from Rostherne. The cost is about 20% more (sea mail), or double (air mail), sent at your risk. Overseas payments may be made by Post Office Giro in £; Eurocheques in £; or ordinary bank cheques in your currency — add £1 for my bank charges.

ROSTHERNE GAMES REVIEW costs **30p** (plus postage) every 7 weeks. It has published over 70 issues. It contains news about games in general, and advance information about new Rostherne products. It also runs postal games (a postal game of "Railway Rivals" last over a year, but costs only **75p**) which give you the opportunity to play against experts, beginners, and the inventor! Subscribers get 10% discount on all "Railway Rivals" products, and each issue has a special offer, often saving over ⅓ of the cost of some items. Ask for a free sample isue of the RGR.

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