New Zealand EF class locomotive

Overview

The New Zealand EF class locomotive is a very notable train in KiwiRail's fleet, as it's currently the only mainline electric locomotive, and electric freight train in NewZealand. All other operating locomotives are diesel.

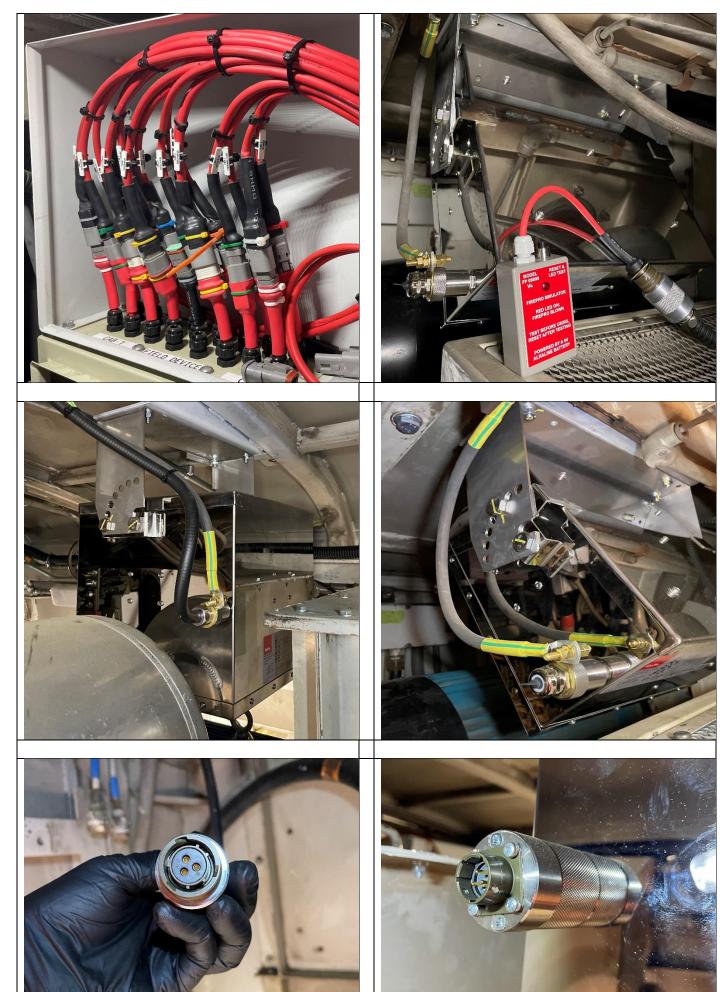
Once the 411-kilometre section of the North Island Main Trunk line (NIMT) between Palmerston North and Te Rapa (Hamiliton) was electrified with 25 kV AC. The EF class was introduced in 1988 with the completion of the NIMT electrification. They are New Zealand's most powerful locomotives with a power output of 3,000 kW (4,000 hp). The use a semi-uncommon wheel arrangement of Bo-Bo-Bo, well suited for NZ's light and curvy tracks. They feature regenerative braking, thus allowing for massive power savings as energy generated from braking can be fed directly back into the grid.

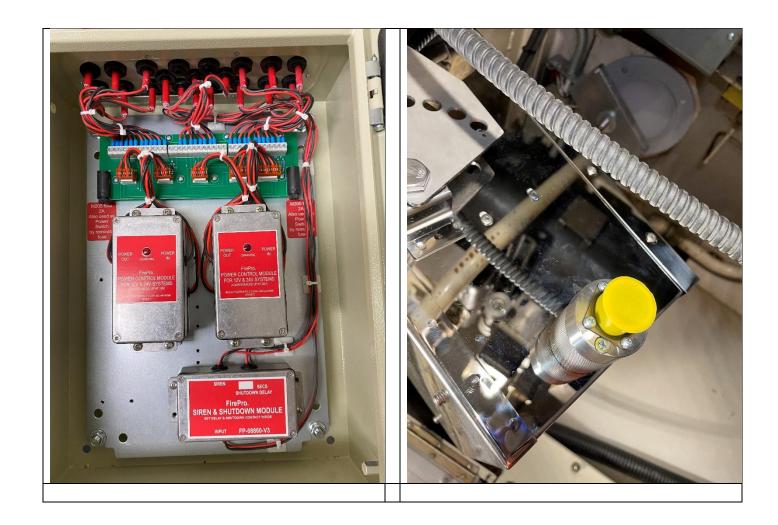
A total of 22 EF class locomotives were built. In 2018 it was announced that 15 units will undergo life extension overhauls, to provide environmentally sustainable and zero emission modes transportation.

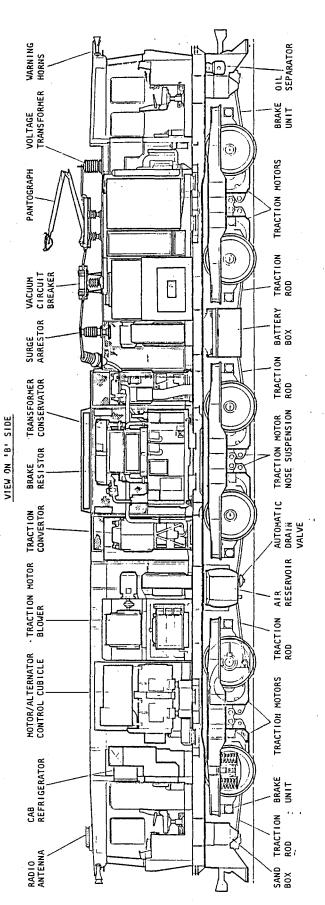




Installation of FirePro Fire Suppression System

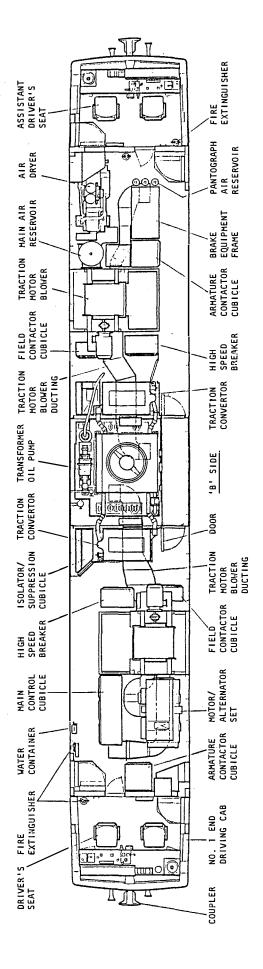


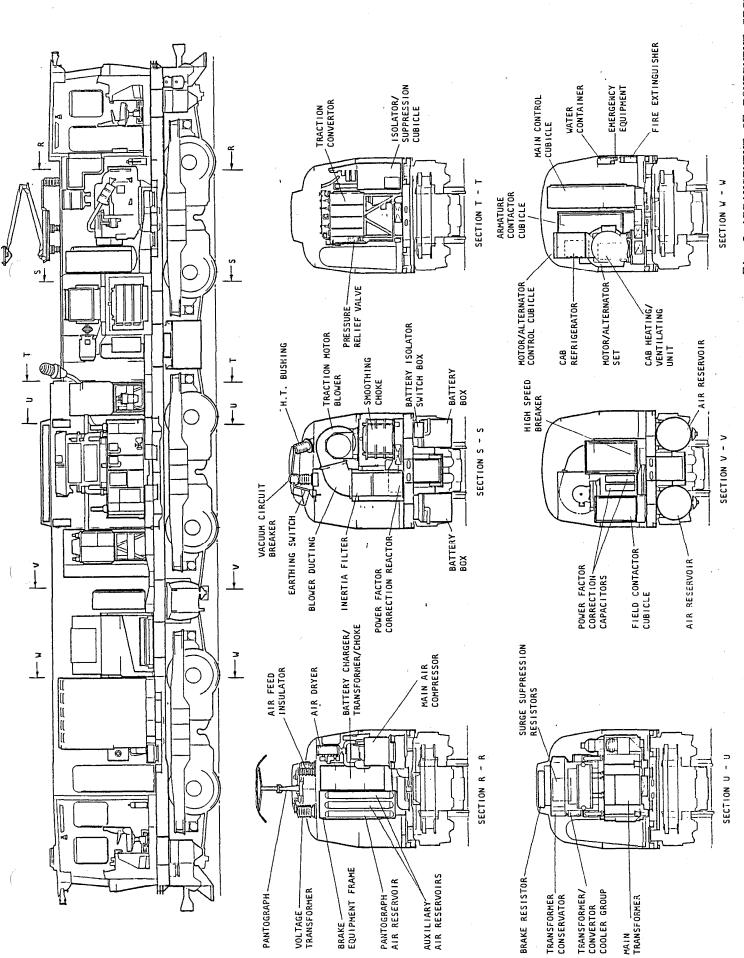




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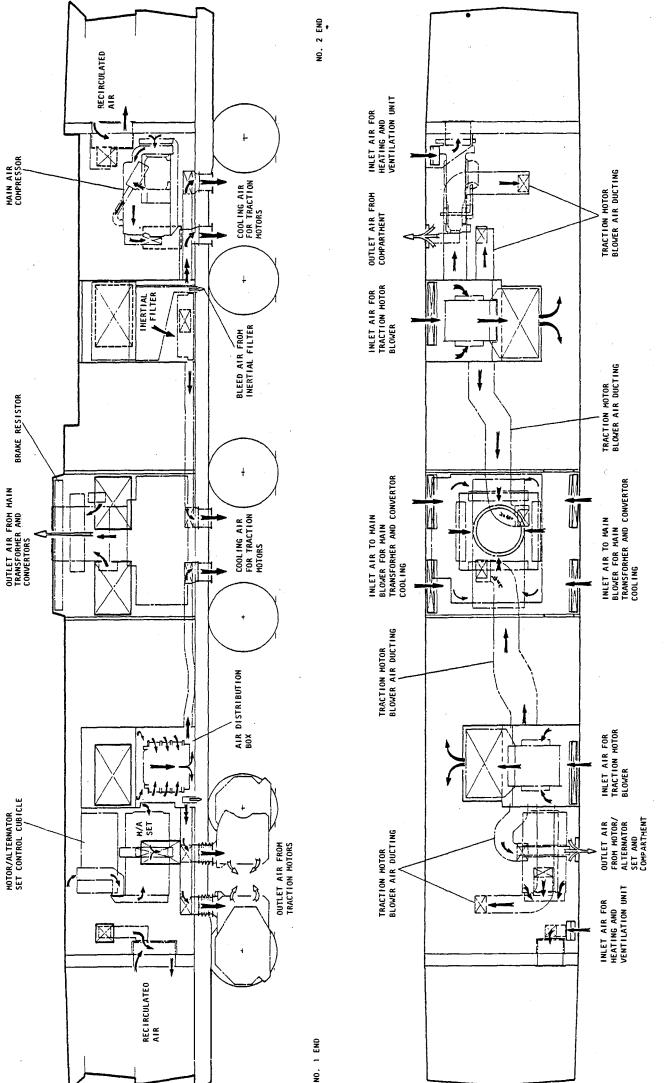


Fig.4 AIR FLOW DIAGRAM

