

History

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Freight is where you transport goods (often objects you intend to sell) rather than people.

Traction is the method used to pull something - steam, horse.

Stockton & Darlington Railway

BRITISH RAILWAY

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Stockton & Darlington Railway, in [England](#), first [railway](#) in the world to operate freight and passenger service with steam traction. In 1821 [George Stephenson](#), who had built several steam engines to work in the Killingworth colliery, heard of [Edward Pease](#)'s intention of building an 8-mile (12.9-km) line from Stockton on the coast to [Darlington](#) to exploit a rich vein of coal. Pease intended to use horse traction. Stephenson told Pease that a [steam engine](#) could pull 50 times the load that horses could draw on iron rails. Impressed, Pease agreed to let Stephenson equip his line.



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On September 27, 1825, the first engine ran from Darlington to Stockton, preceded by a man on horseback carrying a flag reading *Periculum privatum utilitas publica* ("The private danger is the public good"). When the horseman was out of the way, Stephenson opened the throttle and pulled his train of wagons carrying 450 persons at a speed of 15 miles (24 km) per hour.