

# Class 196 fact sheet



**Manufacturer** ..... Construcciones y Auxiliar  
de Ferrocarriles (CAF)

**Trains in Fleet** ..... 26 (14 × 4-car / 12 × 2-car)

**Total Carriages**..... 80

**Routes** ..... Birmingham-Shrewsbury (from 2022)  
Birmingham-Hereford (from 2023)  
Nuneaton-Leamington Spa (from 2023)

**Top Speed** ..... 100mph

**Fuel Type**..... Diesel

**Total Seats**..... 311 (4-car) / 141 (2-car)

**Seat Formation** .... 2+2

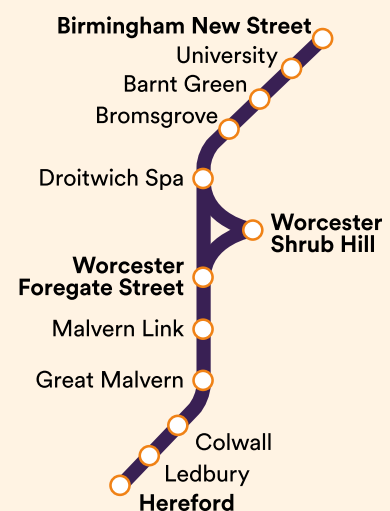
## Features

- More seats and tables with improved under-seat storage
- More bike storage areas, enabling up to three bikes to be carried
- At least one accessible toilet on every train
- Clear luggage racks to minimise forgotten bags
- Improved digital information screen
- Plug and USB sockets at every seat
- Intelligent air conditioning which reacts to the carriage environment
- Free WiFi

## Background

The Class 196 fleet replaces West Midlands Railway's 20-year-old Class 170s. It is the first new fleet to be introduced under this franchise for more than a decade. The majority of the trains in the fleet were built in the UK, at CAF's factory in south Wales. The trains are part of a £690m investment by West Midlands Trains in new trains and infrastructure and will increase capacity by 25% compared to the fleet being replaced.

## Route Maps



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