

# Williams Models Screw Coupling Kit

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Williams Models have produced a fully functional screw coupling.

The coupling is cast in nickel silver and the casting supplied was very clean and free from flash. This coupling is different from the others in that it is designed to fit in a horizontal slot in the buffer beam, (as per many prototypes) thus allowing the hook to pivot and put less strain on the coupling through curved track. Also this coupling has the tensioning bar threaded with left and right hand threads allowing the screw part to work prototypically. In the supplied example the internal threads on the shackles had been cleaned out with a tap but unfortunately the threads on the tensioning bar were as cast and although they worked, the coupling was stiff (this matter was fed back to Williams Models who agreed with the comments and they are now supplying these couplings with all the threads cleaned up to make the assembly easier). Once assembled the coupling really looks good with no ugly screw head to spoil the look, and being in nickel silver the contact surfaces will show through a steely silver colour as any paint or surface treatment wears off.

The price is £10 per set - i.e. two couplings for one vehicle.

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