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NEWS

British Rail buys Redifon's R-range

British Rail and British Rail Engineering Ltd. have taken delivery of 14 Redifon data entry and mixed media systems. A further system will be delivered shortly.

An R550 mixed media system has been installed at British Rail, Birmingham, one data entry system has been installed at British Rail, Dorking, and 12 data entry systems have been installed at British Rail Engineering Ltd. sites throughout the United Kingdom. An R300 data entry system will be installed at British Rail, Nottingham.

The R550 mixed media system is equipped with 13 terminals, two communications emulators (ICL 7503 and ICL 7020) and an advanced high-speed page reading optical character recognition unit. The OCR unit is designed to read both hand-print and machine print. The R550 was chosen after competitive evaluation of all available mixed media systems.

For the next six months, the R550 will undertake intensive trials and operational evaluation on payroll, freight accounting and accounts payable applications. During this period, input documents will be prepared by hand by approximately 200 British Rail clerical staff operating from 16 locations. After the evaluation, machine printed OCR documents originating from BR mainframes will be input to the R550.

The data entry system installed at Dorking is for use by the Shipping Division of British Rail. The configuration is central processor with 5MB disk and 7/556 tape drive, 12 terminals and serial printer.

The 12 data entry systems for British Rail Engineering Ltd. replace mechanical paper tape punches for a wide variety of applications. A typical configuration is central processor with 5MB

disk and 9/800 tape drive, 7 terminals, serial printer, paper tape reader and ICL comms.

The R300 at Nottingham is for development work.

Total contract value is over £775,000.



British Rail's hi-speed train arriving at Paddington Station.



Redifon Computers Limited's first R550 mixed media system currently undergoing intensive trials and operational evaluation at British Rail, Birmingham.



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