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Ayrton Railhead

AV Dawson's renowned strength in the field of rail freight is founded on the excellence of the facilities at the Ayrton International Railhead and Store. The 6-hectare site, formerly British Steel's Ayrton Rolling Mill, was purchased in 1986 and through a process of continuous investment has been transformed into one of Europe's premier Railhead and distribution hubs.

Facilities on site include:

- A dry bulk rail receiving facility, conveyor-linked to several warehouses within a 20,000 sq m warehouse complex
- A 21m long, 100 tonne Road/Rail Weighbridge providing accurate measurement of goods in and out
- Overhead Cranage and Fork Lift Trucks up to 40 tonnes
- Rail links in steel product storage areas for convenience and efficiency.
- Temperature and humidity controlled and monitored storage conditions





The site has undergone a £2.7m Strategic Rail Authority assisted investment which includes the refurbishment of an area of redundant warehousing as well as the introduction of new storage systems and climate control for the storage of the highest quality automotive steel coil products.

Additional internal rail spurs have been added to allow the separate and simultaneous handling of steel and dry bulk operations and allow expansion in the forktruck handling of containers, IBCs, cases and palletised products. Allied to this are new traffic control schemes, site lighting and security measures as well as additional road trailers to assist with local onward deliveries.

The site has the capacity to offer future expansion of the buildings and rail infrastructure.

The Ayrton Railhead is one of the most northerly UK railheads and is the ideal choice for coverage of Northern England and the Scottish Borders.

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