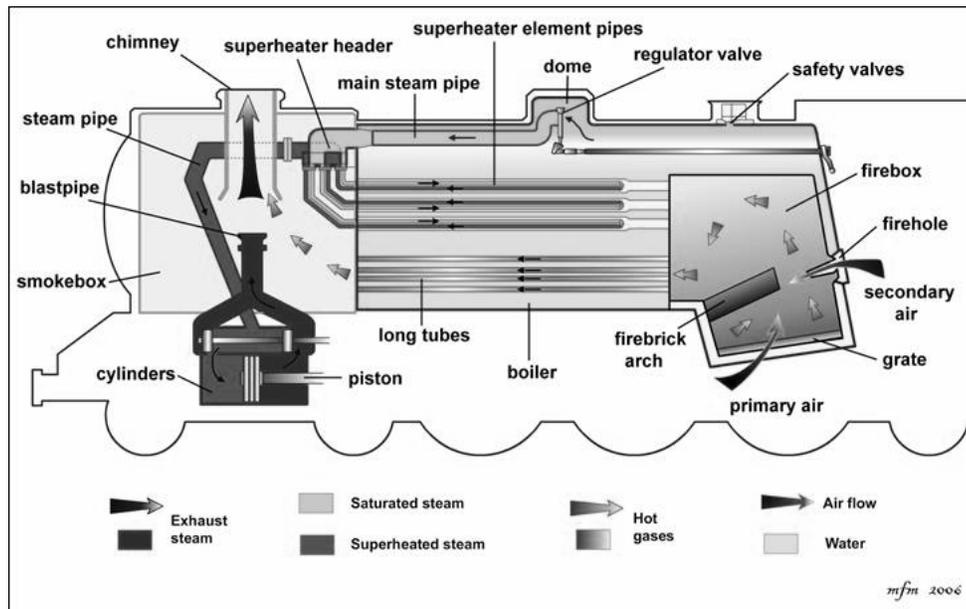


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### HOW A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE WORKS (2)



### STOPPING THE LOCOMOTIVE

The driver stops the locomotive by operating the **brake lever**. This controls the **brakes** which press against the driving wheels, gradually slowing them down. When the locomotive is **coupled** to a train, each carriage also has brakes which are operated either by **air** or by a **vacuum** created by the locomotive. Once a train is **stationary**, the guard can also operate a **hand brake** from his van to make sure the train cannot move. This is why the guard's van is often known as a **brake van**.