

# Spotter's Guide to Pylons - The L2

## Issue 2



L2 are a specific series of pylon design. They are very common and can be found across the UK.

Designed in 1956, they were the first design which could carry 400kV on their wires, although many are used for 275kV.

They can easily be recognised by the fact that all their arms are the same length - unlike other designs where the middle pair of arms are longer.

The most famous L2 was the Pink Pylon, featured in the film "Among Giants", and painted pink as part of the storyline. It even has its own website at [www.pinkpylon.com](http://www.pinkpylon.com).

Sadly the Pink Pylon was decommissioned in November 2003 and now lies in small pink pieces. It's shown in the photo above, while it was still standing proud.

There are so many L2s, and they are so similar, that it would be impossible to pick examples for you to spot on your journeys.

Instead, why not look out for L2s wherever you are, and note down their locations.



*An L2 at Glastonbury Festival, Somerset*

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