

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD FLEET LIST.

As an adjunct to the history of Melbourne's Tramway Buses which has appeared in the last two issues of News Sheet, the author has prepared an "all time" list of motor buses operated by the Board. It is a basic vehicle list only, and does not include any detailed specifications of engines, chassis or bodies. The old problem has been present - what to include and what to exclude. A fully detailed list would take several times the space of the one presented, and therefore becomes impracticable in this publication.

<u>Fus Nos.</u>	<u>No. in fleet.</u>	<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Builder.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Fuel.</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Doors.</u>	<u>Seats.</u>	<u>Date in Svc.</u>	<u>Disposal dates.</u>	<u>Notes.</u>
<u>The original fleet.</u>											
1-32	12	Tilling Stevens	-	P	Tender	DAE	2	2	32	1925	1936-8 1
13-24	12	Thornycroft	J	P	"	"	2	2	29	"	1929 2
35-44	20	"	B	P	"	NC	1	1	20	"	1932-6
45-46	2	Garford	HL	P	"	"	2	2	29	"	1935 3
47-50	4	"	KB	P	Cable Tram W/S	"	1	1	20	"	1930-4
51-56	6	Thornycroft Boadicea	P	(3 Tender) (3 Holden) (St W/S)	"	1	1	24	"	1934-6	4
5	1	Daimler	427	Cable Tram W/S	"	1	1	25	1929	1945	5

Use of Numbers re "Original" Fleet.

5-24 (2nd)	12	Daimler	507,509	P	Tender	NC	2	2	30	1929	1937-43	6
5-28 (")	4	Thornycroft	Boadicea	P	" /Holden	"	1	1	24	1925	1936	4
					St W/S							
59 (")	1	Albion	Valliant	D	Tender	"	2	2	28	1935	1949	7,9.
60 (")	1	Leyland	Lioness	D	"	"	2	2	29	"	"	8
68 (3rd)	1	Daimler	427	P	Cable Tram	"	1	1	25	1929	1945	5
					W/S							

The "1935 Fleet" and onwards

Numbers from here are first usage, except Nos. 169-61.

1-72	12	Leyland	TS7	D	C & B	COE	2	1/2	31	1937	1953-4
2-77	5	"	"	D	Grummet	"	2	"	31	"	"
3	1	"	"	D	M & K	"	1	1	"	1938	1953
4	1	"	"	D	CCC	FC	2	2	29	1939	1951
5	1	"	TS8	D	Preston	W/S	COE	RD	2	31	1940
1-90	10	Bedford	WLG	P	D.White	NC	1	1	14	1936	1946
1-95	5	Leyland	TS8	D	C & B	COE	2	1/2	30	1938	1957-62
6-114	19	"	"	D	"	"	1	1	31	1939	"
15-119	5	"	"	D	M & K	"	1	1	"	"	"
20-144	25	"	TS8c	D	Preston	W/S	"	RD	2	"	1953-57
25-151	8	"	TS11c	D	C & B	"	"	2	"	"	1954-57
52-156	7	"	"	D	M & K	"	"	2	"	"	1953-57
59 (1st)	1	"	TS8c	D	Preston	W/S	"	?	2	30	1941
60 ("")	1	"	"	D	"	"	?	2	"	"	1947.1820346
61 ("")	1	"	TS11c	D	"	"	?	2	"	"	"
59 (2nd)	1	"	TS8c	D	C & B	"	RD	2	31	1943	1954
60 ("")	1	"	"	D	M & K	"	"	2	"	1947	1953
61 ("")	1	"	TS11c	D	"	"	"	2	"	"	1957
62-163	2	"	"	D	C & B	"	"	2	"	1941-2	1953
64-169	6	Studebaker	M16	P	Preston	W/S	NC	1	1	20	1942
70-175	6	"	"	P	"	"	1	1	28	"	"
74-179	6	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	28	"	"

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180-183	4	Federal	60M	P	Preston W/S	NC	1	1	22	1942	1948-9	18
184-191	8	"	"	P	"	"	1	1	"	"	1948	18
192-193	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
194	1	Reo	200S	P	Preston W/S	NC	1	1	22	1942	1949	18
195-197	3	"	"	P	"	"	1	1	30	"	"	18
198-200	3	"	"	P	"	"	1	1	29	"	1952	22
201-215	15	Leyland	TD5c	D	C & B	COE RD	2	56	1940	1953-5) 17		
216-230	15	"	"	D	M & K	"	2	"	"	"	45/6	
231-240	10	"	"	D	Lawton	"	2	"	"	") "	
241-242	2	"	"	D	C & B	"	2	"	"	1955) "	
243-244	2	"	"	D	M & K	"	2	"	"	1953-4)	"	
245	1	"	"	D	Leyland	"	2	"	"	1955) ", 23	
246-253	8	Reo	200S	P	Preston W/S	NC	1	1	22	1942	1946-9	18
254-259	6	"	19BS	P	"	"	1	1	30	"	1949	18
260-263	4	"	20BS	P	"	"	1	1	"	"	18, 24	
264-266	3	"	20CS	P	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	18, 25
267	1	"	?	P	C & B	"	6	1	22	"	1944	26
268	1	"	?	P	"	"	?	1	24	"	"	26
269	1	"	?	P	"	FC	1	1	29	"	"	26
270	1	"	?	P	"	NC	1	1	"	"	1952	26
271-273	3	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	19	1941	1943	26, 27
274-275	2	"	?	P	"	FC	1	1	23	"	"	26
276	1	"	?	P	Laird	NC	1	1	21	"	"	26/8
277	1	"	?	P	C & B	"	1	1	22	1942	1951	22/6
278	1	"	?	P	"	FC	1	1	27	"	1944	26
279	1	"	?	P	"	NC	1	1	"	"	1953	22/6
280	1	"	?	P	Preston W/S	"	1	1	30	"	1947	18, 22
281-282	2	GMC	?	P	C & B	"	1	1	27	"	1949	26
283	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	23	"	"	26
284-290	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
291	1	Oldsmobile	?	P	C & B	NC	1	1	21	1941	1944	26
292	1	"	?	P	S & F	FC	1	1	23	"	1951	26
293-294	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
295	1	International	?	P	Grummet	NC	6	1	24	1942	1945	26
296	1	Federal	?	P	C & B	FC	1	1	23	1941	1949	26
297-298	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
299	1	Ford	?	P	C & B	NC	1	1	29	1942	1953	26
300	1	"	?	P	Grummet	"	6	1	24	"	1944	26
301-307	7	International	K6	P	Preston W/S	"	1	1	22	"	1948-9, 18, 29	
308/9/11/2	4	"	"	P	See Note 6	"	1	1	25	1943	1949	
310/3-5	4	"	K6	P	Preston W/S	"	1	1	23	"	1950-3	30
316-345	30	Leyland	OPS4/1	D	Comeng	COE	2	2	41	1950-1	1957-9	50
346-363	18	AEC	Mk III	D	"	"	2	1/2	41	1952	- 42-4, 51	
364	1	Leyland	TS11c	D	M & K	"	RD	2	31	1943	1957	31, 46
365-391	27	"	OPS1	D	Preston W/S	"	2	1/2	"	1948-9	1965-	32
392-431	40	"	"	D	Comeng	"	2	"	"	"	"	32
432-446	15	AEC	Mk III	D	"	"	2	2	41	1951	1970-	33
447-449	3	"	"	D	"	"	2	1/2	"	1952	- 43, 44	
450-453	4	Ford	?	P	Preston W/S	NC	1	1	29	1947	1953	
454-474	21	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	21	1944-6	1952-4, 30/4	
475-479	3	"	?	P	See note 27	"	1	1	19	1943	1952-3	
478	1	"	?	P	"	"	28	"	1	21	1944	1952
479-486	8	"	?	P	Preston W/S	"	1	1	"	"	1952-4	30/5
487-500	15	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	21	"	1954-62	30/6
501-529	29	AEC	Mk III	D	Comeng	COE	2	1/2	41	1952-3	- 42-4/8, 52	
530	1	"	"	D	Ansaire	"	2	"	"	1952	-	
531-579	49	"	"	D	M & K	"	2	2	"	1953	-	
580-599	20	"	"	D	"	"	2	1/2	"	1954	- 42/4, 37	
600-624	25	"	Mk IV	D	Lawton	UF	2	1	31	1956-7	49	
625	1	Austin	?	P	S & F	NC	1	1	28	1961	1964	38
626	1	"	?	P	Noreng	FC	1	1	"	"	38	
627	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	29	"	"	38
628	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	34	"	"	38
629	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	29	"	"	38
630	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	38
631-633	3	Bedford	SB	P	CAC	"	1	1	"	"	"	38
634	1	"	"	D	S & F	"	1	1	28	"	"	38
635	1	White	?	D	Ansaire	"	1	1	32	"	"	38
636	1	"	?	D	"	"	1	1	29	"	"	38

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637	1	White	?	D	MBA	FC	1	2	39	1961	1961	38
638	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	2	"	"	"	38
639	1	Reo	?	D	C & B	NC	1	1	29	"	"	38
640	1	"	?	P	"	"	1	2	36	"	1961	38
641	1	"	?	D	Ansaire	"	1	1	29	"	"	38
642	1	Federal	?	P	Crummie	"	1	1	"	"	1964	38
643	1	"	?	P	Ansaire	"	1	1	"	"	1961	38
644	1	White	?	D	MBA	"	1	2	37	"	"	38
700-799	100	AEC	Mk VI	D	Freighter	UF	2	1	31	1964-6	-	47
800-829	30	Leyland	National	D	Leyland	RE	2	1	32	1975	-	40
	1	"	Cub	?	?				20	1941	1943(?)	41
	1	Chevrolet	?	P	?				"	"	1943(?)	41
	1	"	?	P	?				"	"	1943(?)	41

Notes.

- 1 Petrol-electric drive.
 2 Chassis sold. Bodies used again with same numbers.
 3 " " " to Nos. (2nd) 29/30.
 4 Nos. 51/2/5/6 became (2nd) 25-28.
 5 Tourist bus. Ran un-numbered for a period. Subsequently (3rd) 28.
 6 Bodies ex (1st) 13-24. Nos. 16/8/9 and 24 rechassied to Nos 309/12/08/11 respectively.
 7 Body ex (1st) 46.
 8 " " " 45.
 9 Seating altered to enable prams to be carried 1941.
 10 Destroyed by fire 12/43. Scrapped 1/44.
 11 Fluid flywheel and self changing gearbox.
 12 No. 38 converted to diesel engine 11/58, and No. 37 in 2/42.
 13 49/50 " " " 8/41.
 14 All steel frame and aluminium roof.
 15 Tourist bus. Imported complete. Many refinements.
 16 Erren Gas equipment originally fitted.
 17 Built for Bourke Street cable tram conversion scheme.
 18 "Munitions" type body.
 19 Body to No. 194 in 1942, and new RD body fitted.
 20 Body sold and new RD body fitted.
 21 Nos. not used.
 22 Nos. (3rd) 22, (3rd) 23, (3rd) 26, (2nd) 53, 198, 277/9/80 had diesel engines for part of their working lives.
 23 Imported CKD and assembled locally as pattern. Local bodies had several improvements.
 24 No. 262 as Per Way Dept. Mess Bus 1950-3.
 25 265/6 to Per Way Dept. as Thermit welding buses.
 26 Purchased ex private operator.
 27 Bodies to 475-7.
 28 Body to 478.
 29 301 to Overhead Branch Emergency Wagon, 302 to Per Way Branch Welding Wagon, 305 to Per Way Branch. 306 to running sheds emergency wagon.
 30 "Austerity" type body.
 31 Reported only survivor of an order for 67 chassis due to not being loaded in London onto a ship which was sunk in World War II.
 32 370/1/2/6/87/8/91/4/8/413/5/22/24/5 survive but are stored. 415 is standby Bus and Tramway Breakdown Wagon.
 33 432/9 to Per Way Branch, 1970/1 as mobile, self contained work units.
 34 454/5/6/9/62/5/7/72 to Per Way Branch as Mess Rooms.
 35 480/2/4/5 to Per Way Branch as Mess Rooms.
 36 488/9/90/2/4/7/8/9 and 500 and one other to Per Way Branch as Mess Rooms.
 37 580 altered while building to have leading door near front bulkhead..585 altered at Preston W/S to have leading door against front bulkhead. 581-4 fitted for quick conversion to emergency ambulances.
 38 Purchased 1.7.61 from Withers Transport Industries and/or subsidiary companies.
 39 Believed 160/1 (and possibly 159 originally had one centre door as "Munitions" bodies.
 40 Ten are CBU and 20 CKD.
 41 Truck chassis hired and temporarily fitted with "Munitions" style bodies. Reported to be entered by ladder to a rear doorway. Not numbered. Bodies poss. by Preston W/S.
 42 346-50/2/5/60/3, 505/6/9-20/2/5/80/6-99 shortened to 32 seats for one man operation during 1961-2 (40 buses).
 43 351/4/8/62, 448, 507/23/7-9 likewise in 1968-9 (12 buses).
 44 353/7/9, 447/9, 501/3/4/21/85 likewise in 1972 (" ").
 45 Double deck vehicle.
 46 Torque converter transmission ("Gearless Bus").