

Second Series Bus Bodies

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The body list shows the first and all subsequent bonnet numbers carried by each body. The approximate month and year of delivery is given and all subsequent dates are those of overhaul, body change, conversion to other use or re-paint. For accurate dates, reference should be made to the individual class histories published by Transport Interest Publications.

Regarding the RT bodies built by Cravens, the introduction states that some of their replacements were gleaned from the surplus new RTs stored since 1954. This is incorrect; schedule cuts meant that no replacements were required. The stored RTs did not enter service until 1958 and 1959.

Corrections to the list

Header - bodies 456 - 479 add 'brown (b)...livery'

Body 465 (detail omitted due to an oversight):

465 STL1990b 1/43 STL1990 1/46 STL1990 10/49

Body 1470: 'RT195 4/55' should read 'RT221 4/55'

Body 2810: TD41 was last overhauled 8/54 (and not 8/57).

Body 2812: TD43 was also overhauled in 8/57.

Header - bodies 3495 - 3950: add ' * body change only'.

Header - bodies 4709 - 4726: add 'or Green Line (c) livery. b - indicates an official change of livery from Green Line to Country Bus & re-coding to RT8'.

Body 4721: replace 'RT4490g 3/54, RT4497g 2/58, RT4504g 2/62'
by 'RT4490c 3/54, RT4497c 2/58, RT4494c 2/62, RT4494b 7/65, RT4504g 6/66'

Body 4821: the final entry (RT2433r* 9/67) should be deleted; damaged body 4821 was replaced by 3890.

Body 4824: the final entry (RT1558r* 9/67) should be deleted; damaged body 4824 was replaced by 6811.

Header - bodies 6723 - 7098: add ' * body change only'.

Body 6754: delete 'RT1804 7/67'.

Body 6811: 'RT1558 9/67' should read 'RT1558r 9/67'.

In the light of new information supplied by Alan Cross we now know that the following STL16 bodies were returned to service from overhaul at Chiswick Tram Depot in late 1942 and early 1943 in brown and cream livery due to a shortage of pigment for red paint :-

88 (STL2544), 91 (STL2570), 92 (STL2568), 93 (STL2571), 95 (STL2574), 97 (STL2566), 99 (STL2564), 100 (STL2567), 123 (STL2560) & 124 (STL2563).

In addition the following new STL19 bodies entered service in the same livery of brown and cream :-

462 (STL1955), 463 (STL1978), 464 (STL1959), 465 (STL1990), 466 (STL2220), 467 (STL2186), 468 (STL2232) & 469 (STL2217).

The above information comes from personal observations by Alan and others at the time and should not be considered exhaustive as there may have been others that went unrecorded.