



Loans & Demonstrators Part 1 : 1939-1969



Provincial Bus Community



This section is designed to feature a selection of the many vehicles loaned to, or hired by, Provincial over the years. We haven't been able to trace photos of every single vehicle with Provincial so, in some cases, we have substituted a view with its 'parent' operator. Also, where batches of similar looking buses (such as the Southdown TD Titans and West Midlands Metrobuses) were on loan at the same time, we have chosen just one as an example.

Date In	Date Out	Reg	Chassis/Body	Date In
01/05/39	See (1)	JML 784	AEC Regent/Weymann H56R	Demonstrator
02/05/39	See (2)	KMD 306	AEC Regent/Weymann H56R	Demonstrator
23/11/41	10/43	GJ 2082	AEC Regent/Tilling H52RO	LondonTransport ST 906
23/11/41	10/43	GJ 2095	AEC Regent/Tilling H52RO	LondonTransport ST 919
C. 06/57	12/57	BUF 225	Leyland TD4/East Lancs H52R	Southdown 125
C. 06/57	18/12/57	CCD 949	Leyland TD4c/East Lancs H54R	Southdown 149
C. 06/57	18/12/57	EUF 157	Leyland TD5/East Lancs H52R	Southdown 157
C. 06/57	12/57	EUF 178	Leyland TD5/Park Royal H54R	Southdown 178
C. 06/57	C. 09/57	FCD 508	Leyland TD5/East Lancs H54R	Southdown 208
C. 08/66	C. 08/66	HWU 641C*	Bristol RE/ECW B54F	West Yorkshire SRG 15
31/01/67	06/02/67	RNO 959D	Ford R192/Strachan B45F	Demonstrator
13/02/67	16/02/69	FGG 559C	Albion Viking/Alexander DP41F	Demonstrator
06/07/69	17/07/69	TBU 598G	Seddon RU/Pennine B43D	Demonstrator

Notes:

- 1) Became permanent fleet number 48 in October 1939, withdrawn 27.08.64
 - 2) Became permanent fleet number 49 in December 1939, withdrawn 12.12.63
- GJ 2082/2095 were given temporary fleet numbers 17/18.

*HWU 641C mentioned in the November 1966 issue of Buses Illustrated as visiting the company. However, no records have been found of this vehicle entering service – may well have been inspected for evaluation purposes only.



Dating from early 1939, this photograph shows AEC Regent, JML 784 at Blackboy Hill whilst on loan to Bristol Omnibus Company as a demonstrator. Later that year it was purchased by Provincial (Fleet No. 48), with whom it gave 25 years service.

Photo: S. Miles Davey



49 (KMD 306) seen here when on loan to Ribble, note the different destination display to that used when with Provincial.

Photo: Alan Lambert Collection



London Transport ST906 (GJ 2082) back on 'home soil' in 1949.

Photo: Eric Searle Collection



East Lancs-bodied Leyland TD5 EUF 157 at Hoeford on September 25, 1957. It looks as though Regent 49 (KMD 306) may have sustained some fire damage.

Photo: Alan Lambert



Rear-engined Albion Viking EGG 559C in Quay St., Fareham.

Photo: Fred York



Seddon RU, TBU 598G at Gosport Ferry in July 1969. This bus was hired from Seddon to replace 15(RAA 16G) whilst the latter was undergoing warranty repairs.

Photo: Fred York