

CTA HISTORICAL BUSES

Throughout the transit industry, CTA is known for its many innovative solutions to transportation problems. CTA is also aware of its rich transportation heritage and over the years has preserved a number of historic buses and rapid transit cars.

Recently several of these vehicles have been repainted and otherwise refurbished and have been assigned to specific transit-related duties. Bus 3407 is one such example.



BUS 3407

Bus 3407 (pictured above) was built by White in 1944 for the predecessor, Chicago Surface Lines. It was designated by White as a model 798 and came powered by a 12-cylinder White 24A gasoline engine and had a 56BAL manual transmission. 3407's overall dimensions are: 35'0" long; 96" wide; and 116" high. The bus has a seating capacity of 44. In 1955, 3407 was converted into training bus BT-2 and was retired in 1974. It has now been repainted in CSL colors and is used by the CTA Bus Instruction staff for safety award presentations at bus system garages and other special events. It was also used to serve refreshments at CTA's Bus Rodeo held adjacent to Soldier Field and will function as a general purpose vehicle for the Instruction staff.

In addition to the above, the following buses are in storage at Lawndale:

<u>Bus number</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
0	Flxible	FT2P-35	1959	Ex-8476, propane powered. Painted in special Christmas paint scheme for use on Evanston routes during 1973 Christmas season.
1976	Flxible	52S2P	1951	Propane powered information bus. Ex-M, Ex-5441 (Suggestion Bus).
3177	Flxible	F2D6V-401-1	1965	"New Look" diesel bus.
8715	Flxible	F2P-401	1963	"New Look" propane bus, part of last order of propane buses built by Flxible.
BA-135	ACF-Brill	C-36	1947	Former salt bus, originally 2362.
BT-6	GMC	TDH5103	1951	Ex-Chicago Motor Coach Co. 663.
BW-35	GMC	TDH320Z	1947	Ex-Chicago Motor Coach Co. 66.
DC-1	Flxible	FT2P-35	1959	Propane powered, originally 8488, later MC-1.
MEU-1	White	798	1946	Former Medical Examining Unit bus, originally 3427.

OTHER ACTIVE HISTORICAL BUSES

<u>Bus number</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
301	GMC	TDH5301	1962	Early GM "New Look" bus still in passenger service.
605	GMC	TDH5103	1950	Ex-Chicago Motor Coach Co. 605. Used as a support vehicle at special events.
3542	Flxible	F2D6V-401-1	1966	Typical Flxible "New Look" bus still in passenger service.
8499	Flxible	F2DD-40	1960	Combined "New Look" and "old look" designs and features. Delivered with a diesel engine, converted to propane on an experimental basis in 1963. Reconverted to diesel in 1966. Presently used in passenger service.