

## Red & White Services Fleet List 1930-1975

### 2. Coaches

#### 2.5 1936-38 Albion Valkyrie PV141

The PV141 and SpPV141 Valkyries appeared in 1936 with the Sp versions having 5LW and 6LW Gardner oil engines respectively. They were in production until mid-1938. Red & White purchased 22 SpPV141s with Duple C32F coach bodywork, 17 for the main fleet and 5 for the Liberty Motors operation. Nine more were allocated to the Swansea area companies. Although all bodies were Duple C32F there were differences in style between the 1936, 1937 and 1938 models. A further three SpPV141s with Duple observation coachwork were acquired with the Blue Belle business in 1939 and were later rebodied.

Original Fleet No.	1951-75 No.	Registration	New	Chassis	Body	New body	New / Previous Owner	Out
272		AAX 872	7/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003I)	Duple C32F		New	by 1948
274		AAX 874	7/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003J)	Duple C32F		New	by 1948
301	C636	AWO 401	6/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003F)	Duple C32F		ex-Liberty Motors	1953
302	C736	AWO 402	6/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003E)	Duple C32F	1942 Duple B34F	ex-Liberty Motors	1954
303	C836	AWO 403	6/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003G)	Duple C32F		ex-Liberty Motors	1954
304	C936	AWO 404	6/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003H)	Duple C32F	1938 Duple B35C	ex-Liberty Motors	1954
307	C1236	AWO 620	6/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44003K)	Duple C32F	C36F	ex-Liberty Motors	1954
323	C137	BAX 323	12/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44005F)	Duple C32F		New	1954
324	C237	BAX 324	1/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44006J)	Duple C32F		New	1954
325	C337	BAX 325	1/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44006L)	Duple C32F		New	1954
326	C437	BAX 326	1/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44007L)	Duple C32F		New	1956
327	C537	BAX 327	1/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44007J)	Duple C32F		New	1954
328	C637	BAX 328	1/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44007K)	Duple C32F		New	1953
329	C737	BAX 329	11/1936	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44007G)	Duple C32F		New	1954
330	C837	BAX 330#	-/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44006K)	Duple C32F		New	1953
358	C937	BWO 358	6/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44012I)	Duple C32F		New	1954
390	C238 (S3538)*	CAX 390#	5/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44016H)	Duple C32F		New	1958
391	C338 (S3638)*	CAX 391#	5/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44016C)	Duple C32F		New	1958
392	C438 (S3738)*	CAX 392	5/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44016D)	Duple C32F		New	1955
393	C538	CAX 393	5/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44016F)	Duple C32F		New	1955
394	C1138 (S4238)*	CAX 394	3/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44016G)	Duple C32F		New	1955
396	C638	CAX 696	4/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44017D)	Duple C32F		New	1954
735	C1037	EJJ 476	12/1937	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44013F)	Duple RC35F	Second hand 1936 Duple C--F	ex-Blue Belle 35 1939	1951
736	C738 (S3838)**	EXF 263	4/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44017C)	Duple RC32F	1950 B.B.W. B35R	ex-Blue Belle 36 1939	1957
737	S3438	EXF 264#	4/1938	Albion Valkyrie SpPV141 (44017B)	Duple RC35F	1948 Duple C35F	ex-Blue Belle 37 1939	1958

\* C238 and C338 were downgraded to buses in 1956. C438 and C1138 were also allocated downgraded numbers but were withdrawn before being applied.

\*\* C738 was rebodied as a bus in 1950 but the downgraded fleet number S3838 was not allocated until 1956

# BAX 330, CAX390, CAX391 and EXF 264 were transferred to Bristol Tramways with the Stroud area services on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1950 and returned to Red & White on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1951.

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ex-Liberty Motors Albion SpPV141 AWO 620 at Cheltenham Coach Station illustrating the 1936 style of coachwork with full width canopy.



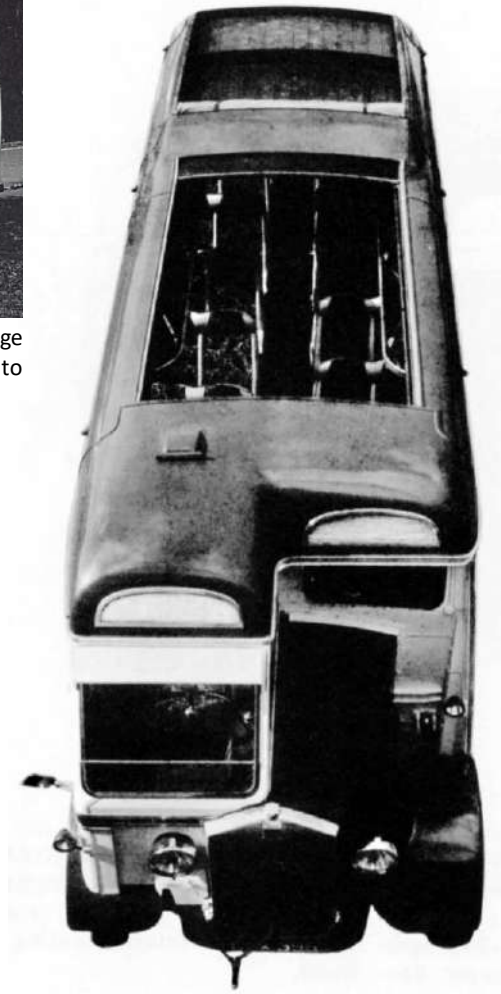
BAX 326 (326), one of the 1937 deliveries, with roof-mounted luggage carrier. The 1937 coaches featured the half canopy design in contrast to the full width canopy of the earlier models.



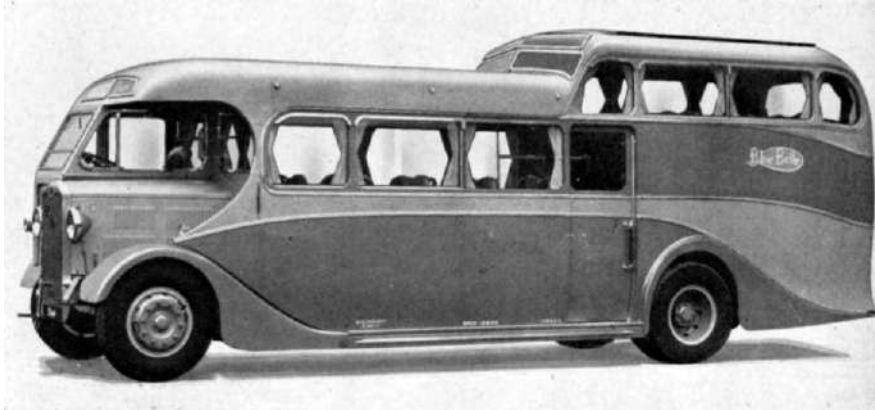
BAX 325 (C337), photographed in the 1950s with a variation of the early coach livery. (*Surfleet Transport Photographs*)



*Above and right:* 1938 CAX 696 (396) in original livery. Due to a mix up with reserved registrations an incorrect registration was carried when photographed. (*Duple Coachbuilders Ltd.*)



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EJJ 476 with Duple observation coachwork as delivered in original Blue Belle livery. This coach was exhibited at the 1937 Commercial Motor Show.  
(Red & White Services, 1919-1949)



One of the 1938 batch CAX 394 (394) now provided with a curved and stepped waistline and windows with alternate slim pillars to give each pair of windows the illusion of a divided sheet of glass.



EJJ 476 (736) at Barry Island in Red & White livery before rebodding as a normal coach.



ex-Blue Belle EXF 263 rebodded by B.B.W. in 1950 as a B35R bus.  
(Omnibus Society / S N J White)