

Red & White Services Fleet List 1930-1975

3. Double Deck Buses

3.11 1954-59 Bristol LD / E.C.W.

The Bristol LDs were known as Lodekkas because the novel transmission line allowed a lowbridge height double decker with normal seating on both decks. They first went into production in 1954 and Red & White received some of the first examples. The 6G designation indicated a Gardner six-cylinder 6LW engine. Further deliveries were received in 1957-59 with a shallower radiator grille and bodywork modifications. These included a narrower destination indicator, a sloping top edge to the offside cab windows and nearside canopy, and a straight bottom edge to the cab door window. The 1957 models designated 6B were delivered with the Bristol AVW or BVW engines which may have been replaced by Gardner engines at a later date. The 1959 models were also equipped with hopper window vents in place of the sliding vents on the earlier examples.

Fleet No.	Renumbered	Registration	New	Chassis	Body	Notes	Out
L153		LAX 624	2/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.010	E.C.W. H33/25RD		6/1971
L253		LAX 625	2/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.011	E.C.W. H33/25RD		6/1971
L353		LAX 626	3/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.025	E.C.W. H33/25RD		6/1971
L453		LAX 627	3/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.026	E.C.W. H33/25RD		6/1971
L553		LAX 628	4/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.043	E.C.W. H33/25RD		6/1971
L653		LAX 629	4/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.044	E.C.W. H33/25RD		6/1971
L154		MAX 130	10/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.125	E.C.W. H33/25RD		10/1971
L254		MAX 135	11/1954	Bristol LD6G 100.168	E.C.W. H33/25RD		10/1971
L157		SAX 63	9/1957	Bristol LD6B 134.111	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L257		SAX 64	10/1957	Bristol LD6B 134.118	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L357		SAX 773	12/1957	Bristol LD6B 134.188	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L457		SAX 767	12/1957	Bristol LD6B 134.190	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L557		SAX 988	2/1958	Bristol LD6B 134.234	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L657		SAX 989	2/1958	Bristol LD6B 134.235	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L757		SAX 990	2/1958	Bristol LD6B 134.236	E.C.W. H33/27RD		10/1971
L158		SWO 882	5/1958	Bristol LD6G 138.060	E.C.W. H33/27RD		5/1972
L258	L2758 10/1975	SWO 883	5/1958	Bristol LD6G 138.069	E.C.W. H33/27RD	On loan to South Wales Transport 10/1975 - 11/1975	9/1976
L358		TAX 235	5/1958	Bristol LD6G 138.070	E.C.W. H33/27RD		8/1975
L458	L2858 10/1975	TAX 236	9/1958	Bristol LD6G 138.169	E.C.W. H33/27RD		9/1976
L558	L2958 10/1975	TAX 237	10/1958	Bristol LD6G 138.170	E.C.W. H33/27RD	On loan to South Wales Transport 10/1975 - 11/1975	9/1976
L159		VAX 501	6/1959	Bristol LD6G 150.161	E.C.W. H33/27RD		5/1972
L259		VAX 502	6/1959	Bristol LD6G 150.162	E.C.W. H33/27RD		5/1972
L359		VAX 503	9/1959	Bristol LD6G 154.015	E.C.W. H33/27RD		5/1972
L459	L6059 10/1975	VAX 504	10/1959	Bristol LD6G 154.042	E.C.W. H33/27RD		7/1977
L559	L6159 10/1975	VAX 505	10/1959	Bristol LD6G 154.043	E.C.W. H33/27RD		7/1977
L659	L6259 10/1975	VAX 506	10/1959	Bristol LD6G 154.050	E.C.W. H33/27RD	On loan to South Wales Transport 10/1975 - 3/1976	9/1976
L759		VAX 507	11/1959	Bristol LD6G 154.054	E.C.W. H33/27RD		5/1972

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The first Bristol / E.C.W. double decker in the Red & White fleet LAX 624 (L153) on the Bulwark—Beachley service.



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SAX 63 (L157) with shallower radiator grille, narrower destination indicator, sloping top edge to cab windows and straight bottom edge to cab door window (Paul S A Redmond)



Bristol LD6G TAX 237 (L558) at Abergavenny in 1972. (Mike Street)



1959 Bristol LD6G VAX 505 (L559) in NBC livery and with hopper window vents. (Martin Bott)