

## Red & White Services Fleet List 1930-1975

### 2. Coaches

#### 2.8 1936-49 Bedford WTB and OB

Bedford introduced the 3 ton WT series lorries in 1933, and in 1935 the WTB bus version appeared. One of Red & White's WTBs was acquired with Blue Belle in 1937, two with Jordan's Motors in 1937 and the third came with Cheltenham District Traction in 1939. The Cheltenham vehicle was only with Red & White for a short time before it was requisitioned for war service. A new Bedford range was introduced in 1939 including the OB. Only a small number were built before production was halted due to the war but production started again in 1946. Red & White purchased 18 examples for the main fleet and 5 for the Liberty Motors operation. Four more came with the Griffin-Ralph-Reliance merger and a further 10 went to the United Welsh, South Midland and Venture fleets. All OBs had the standard Duple Vista C29F body.

Original Fleet No.	1951-75 No.	Registration	New	Chassis	Body	New / Previous Owner; Transfers to or from other Red & White companies	Out
5		AXN 561	5/1932	Bedford WTB (108486)	Duple C20F	ex-Blue Belle (5) 1937, originally a van reg. no. GX 1760 and re-reg'd on rebodding in 1933; withdrawn before renumbering of Blue Belle vehicles in 700 series	2/1939
286		VJ 9018	7/1936	Bedford WTB (110556)	B20F or C23F	ex-Jorden's Motors 7/1937	11/1940
287		VJ 9128	9/1936	Bedford WTB (110839)	Duple C20F	ex-Jorden's Motors 7/1937	11/1940
119		CDG 246	2/1938	Bedford WTB (112165)	Duple C20F	transferred from Cheltenham District (19) 1939 and requisitioned soon after	7/1940
603	C3048	HNY 167	12/1947	Bedford OB (64773)	Duple C29F	ex-Reliance Motors 1950	6/1955
604	C3148	HNY 168	12/1947	Bedford OB (65064)	Duple C29F	ex-Reliance Motors 1950	6/1955
613	C2047	GAX 189	6/1947	Bedford OB (53401)	Duple C29F	ex-Ralph's Garages 89 1950	2/1957
841		EWN 18	1947	Bedford OB (56777)	Duple C29F	Transferred from United Welsh 918 1948; Returned to UW as 841 in 1949/50	1949/50
679	C1647	EU 8758	1/1948	Bedford OB (59875)	Duple C29F	ex-Griffin Motor Co. 116 1950	8/1957
718	C147	FAX 324	1/1947	Bedford OB (41738)	Duple C29F	New	6/1955
719	C247	FAX 325	1/1947	Bedford OB (41542)	Duple C29F	New	2/1957
811	C347	FWO 611	1/1947	Bedford OB (42952))	Duple C29F	New	2/1957
812		FWO 612	1/1947	Bedford OB (43028)	Duple C29F	New	3/1949
813		FWO 613	7/1947	Bedford OB (54861)	Duple C29F	New	3/1949
814	C447	FWO 614	8/1947	Bedford OB (56183)	Duple C29F	New	6/1955
815	C547	FWO 615	9/1947	Bedford OB (58157)	Duple C29F	New	2/1957
816	C647	FWO 616	11/1947	Bedford OB (63133)	Duple C29F	New	12/1956
817	C747	FWO 617	11/1947	Bedford OB (63654)	Duple C29F	New	6/1955
818	C847	FWO 618	2/1948	Bedford OB (70889)	Duple C29F	New	6/1957
819	C947	FWO 619	3/1948	Bedford OB (73193)	Duple C29F	New	12/1956
820	C1347	FWO 620	7/1948	Bedford OB (75430)	Duple C29F	New	8/1957
821	C148	FWO 621	7/1948	Bedford OB (77648)	Duple C29F	New	2/1957
822	C248	FWO 622	7/1948	Bedford OB (81251)	Duple C29F	New	4/1955
823	C348	FWO 623	8/1948	Bedford OB (83156)	Duple C29F	New	6/1955
824	C448	FWO 624	9/1948	Bedford OB (85949)	Duple C29F	New	2/1957
825	C548	FWO 625	11/1948	Bedford OB (91216)	Duple C29F	New	6/1955
876		GWO 876*	12/1948	Bedford OB (94846)	Duple C29F	New	5/1950
L7	C648	HAX 657	1/1949	Bedford OB (96712)	Duple C29F	ex-Liberty Motors; On loan to S. Midland 6/1949 – 9/1949	8/1957

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L8	C748	HAX 828	2/1949	Bedford OB (100318)	Duple C29F	ex-Liberty Motors; On loan to S. Midland 6/1949 – 9/1949	2/1957
L9	C849	HWO 909	10/1949	Bedford OB (118327)	Duple C29F	ex-Liberty Motors	12/1956
L10	C949	HWO 910	10/1949	Bedford OB (118708)	Duple C29F	ex-Liberty Motors	12/1956
L11	C1049	HWO 881	9/1949	Bedford OB (121769)	Duple C29F	ex-Liberty Motors	12/1956

\* GWO 876 (876) was transferred to Bristol Tramways in May 1950 with the Stroud area and was not returned.

The L prefixes on the fleet numbers of the Liberty Motors coaches were not carried on the coaches and only used on paper.

Fleet Nos. in red are reallocated numbers from withdrawn vehicles.



Bedford WTB VJ 9128 was acquired by Red & White with Jordan's Motors in 1937. It was sold in November 1940 to Mid-Wales Motorways in whose colours it is seen in here. (Clive Jones)



Bedford OB EU 8758 (C1647) acquired with Ralph's Garages in 1950. (A M Wright)



Red & White Bedford OB FWO 624 (824) at Cheltenham before the 1951 renumbering. (Omnibus Society / Roy Marshall)

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ex-Liberty Motors Bedford OB HAX 828 (C748). Some of the Duple Vista bodies were produced without the characteristic Duple flash.  
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Bedford OB HAX 657 (7) in Liberty Motors colours.