

Venture Fleet List 1945 - 1950

Venture of Basingstoke was acquired by Red & White United Transport in 1945 together with nearly 50 vehicles. On the sale of the Red & White group to the state in 1950, Venture was transferred to Wilts & Dorset and the fleet name Venture ceased.

Vehicles marked * in the "Out" column passed into state ownership with Wilts & Dorset in 1950 and "Out" dates are from Wilts & Dorset. Any rebodysings etc. carried out after transfer to Wilts & Dorset are not listed.

Fleet No.	Registration	New	Chassis	Body	New Body	New / Previous owner; Transfers to or from other Red & White companies	Out
2	TP 4769	5/1927	Thornycroft A2 Long (14649)	Wadham Ch19F	1935 Wadham B20F	ex-Don Motor Coach Co., Southsea 1935	-/1945
8	BCG 824	7/1936	Thornycroft Dainty DF/FB4/1 Long (25738)	Wadham FB26F		New	10/1948
9	CP 9065	4/1931	A.E.C. Regal (6621018)	English Electric B32R	1939 Park Royal C32R Renovated by Starkey by 8/1947	ex-Halifax Corporation 92 c.1/1940	12/1950*
11	OT 8099	4/1928	Thornycroft Lightning A6 (16220)	Wadham C20D (or F)	1934 Wadham C20F	New	c.6/1945
12	UU 6650	12/1929	A.E.C. Regal (662062)	L.G.O.C. B30R	B29R in 12/1930 rebuilt by Reading as B30R 1946	ex-London Transport T35 via Arlington 1/1940	10/1953*
20	RB 4888	1931	Leyland Titan TD1 (72302)	Leyland L24/24R		ex-Chesterfield Corporation 45 1940	9/1945
22	UU 4003	5/1929	Thornycroft BC/FC (18435)	Vickers FB32R*	1934 Wadham B32R	ex-W Alexander 1933	by 4/1946
23	GU 8135	5/1929	Thornycroft BC/FC (18431)	Vickers FB32R*	1934 Wadham B32R	ex-W Alexander 1933	by 4/1946
24	TP 2791	4/1926	Thornycroft A1 Long (12791)	Wadham Ch20F	1935 Wadham B20F	ex-George Ewen, Petersfield 1935	by 8/1947
25	BCG 823	7/1936	Leyland Lion LT7A (11012)	Wadham C32R		New	10/1948
26	BOU 696	3/1937	A.E.C. Regent (O6614443)	Park Royal H30/26R		New	12/1949
27	BOU 697	3/1937	A.E.C. Regent (O6615144)	Park Royal H30/26R	Rebuilt by Red & White 4/1948	New	8/1953*
28	BOU 698	3/1937	A.E.C. Regent (O6615145)	Park Royal H30/26R	Rebuilt by Red & White 11/1949	New	8/1953*
29	BOU 699	3/1937	A.E.C. Regent (O6615146)	Park Royal H30/26R		New	8/1950*
30	BOU 700	3/1937	A.E.C. Regent (O6615147)	Park Royal H30/26R	Rebuilt by Red & White 3/1948	New	8/1953*
31	BOU 701	3/1937	A.E.C. Regent (O6615148)	Park Royal H30/26R		New	11/1956*
32	TR 8594	5/1930	Guy OND (9602)	Guy C20D		ex-W E Kent 10/1937	c.6/1945
33	GN 8035	1931	Chevrolet (71409)	? B14F		ex-W E Kent 10/1937	by 8/1947
34	COT 547	5/1938	A.E.C. Regal (06622997)	Park Royal B31R	Rebuilt by Red & White 12/1947	New	2/1956*
35	COT 548	5/1938	A.E.C. Regal (06622998)	Park Royal B31R		New	2/1956*
36	COT 549	5/1938	A.E.C. Regal (06622994)	Park Royal C32R	Rebuilt by Wadham 6/1946	New	8/1956*
37	COT 550	5/1938	A.E.C. Regal (06622995)	Park Royal C32R		New	8/1955*
38	COT 551	5/1938	A.E.C. Regal (06622996)	Park Royal C32R		New	c.9/1951*
39	GH 3815	9/1930	A.E.C. Regal (662534)	Park Royal C27R	1945 Reading B31R	ex-London Transport T188 via Arlington 1/1940	8/1955*
40	JO 1632	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611118)	Park Royal H24/24R	Rebuilt by Newbury & District as H54R in 1947	ex-City of Oxford Motor Services 1940	12/1950*
41	JO 5401	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611862)	Brush H28/24R	1945 E. Lancs H56R transferred from withdrawn 60 1948	ex-City of Oxford Motor Services 1940	10/1954*
42	JO 5402	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611863)	Brush H28/24R		ex-City of Oxford Motor Services 1940	by 7/1950*
43	JO 1624	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611113)	Park Royal H24/24R	1943? E. Lancs H56R	ex-City of Oxford Motor Services 1940	9/1953*
44	ECG 645	9/1942	A.E.C. Regent (O6617260)	Willowbrook UH30/26R		New	8/1954*
45	ECG 646	9/1942	A.E.C. Regent (O6617261)	Willowbrook UH30/26R		New	8/1954*

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60	FM 5777	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661079)	Short H26/24R	1945 E. Lancs H30/26R	ex-Chester Corporation 12 7/1944	12/1948
61	FM 6140	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661770 or 661769)	Short H26/24R	1945 E. Lancs H30/26R	ex-Chester Corporation 20 7/1944	12/1948
63	TV 6753	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611861)	Park Royal H30/26R	Reconditioned 6/1948	ex-Nottingham Corporation 47 12/1944	9/1953*
64	TV 4958	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611705)	Brush H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 125 12/1944	12/1953*
65	TV 4493	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611569)	Park Royal H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 102 12/1944	12/1953*
66	TV 4496	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611572)	Park Royal H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 105 12/1944	12/1953*
67	TV 4940	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611691)	Park Royal H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 107 12/1944	8/1950
68	TV 4948	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611706)	Brush H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 115 12/1944	12/1953*
69	TV 4488	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611011)	Park Royal H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 97 12/1944	8/1950
70	TV 4490	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611024)	Park Royal H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 99 12/1944	12/1953*
71	TV 4956	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611702)	Brush H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 123 12/1944	8/1950
72	TV 4957	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611704)	Brush H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 124 12/1944	12/1953*
73	TV 4941	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611692)	Park Royal H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 108 12/1944	8/1950
74	TV 4952	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611696)	Brush H28/24R	Reconditioned as H30/26R in 1945/6	ex-Nottingham Corporation 119 12/1944	1950*
75	HG 1022	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611651)	Roe H28/22C	1945 E. Lancs H20/26R transferred from withdrawn 61 1948	ex-Burnley, Colne & Nelson 36 8/1945	9/1953*
76	HG 1023	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611652)	Roe H28/22C		ex-Burnley, Colne & Nelson 37 8/1945	8/1950
77	FOR 633	3/1947	Bedford OB (45768)	Duple C29F		New	9/1957*
78	FOR 634	3/1947	Bedford OB (45778)	Duple C29F		New	9/1957*
79	FOT 200	4/1947	A.E.C. Regent III (O9611884)	Weymann/Lydney H30/26R		New	9/1962*
80	FOT 201	4/1947	A.E.C. Regent III (O9611885)	Weymann/Lydney H30/26R		New	8/1962*
81	FOT 202	4/1947	A.E.C. Regent III (O9611886)	Weymann/Lydney H30/26R		New	9/1962*
82	FOT 203	4/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6624590)	Duple B35F		New	3/1961*
83	FOT 204	4/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6624592)	Duple B35F		New	9/1961*
84	FOU 719	7/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6624959)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
85	BAD 30	1936	A.E.C. Regent (6613724)	Weymann H30/26R	Rebuilt by Red & White 10/1947	Transferred from Cheltenham Dist. Traction (10) 10/1947	11/1956*
86	GAA 8	10/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6624962)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
87	GAA 739	10/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6624964)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
88	DG 9820	1/1934	A.E.C. Regent (6612875)	Weymann H30/24R	Rebuilt by Red & White 10/1947	Transferred from Cheltenham Dist. Traction (3) 10/1947	11/1956*
89	GAA 832	11/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6624966)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
90	GAA 833	11/1947	A.E.C. Regal (O6625640)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
91	DG 9819	1/1934	A.E.C. Regent (6612874)	Weymann H30/24R	Rebuilt by Red & White 11/1947	Transferred from Cheltenham Dist. Traction (2) 11/1947	10/1956*
92	GCG 544	3/1948	A.E.C. Regal (O682388)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
93	GCG 814	2/1948	A.E.C. Regent III (O9611882)	Weymann/Lydney H30/26R		New	9/1962*
94	GCG 815	2/1948	A.E.C. Regent III (O9611883)	Weymann/Lydney H30/26R		New	5/1962*
95	GCG 816	4/1948	A.E.C. Regal (6821A413)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
96	GHO 295	3/1948	A.E.C. Regal (6821A414)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
97	GHO 296	10/1948	A.E.C. Regal (6821A417)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
98	GHO 297	8/1948	A.E.C. Regal (6821A421)	Duple C35F		New	9/1958*
99	HAD 745	1/1948	A.E.C. Regent III (O9611881)	Weymann/Lydney H30/26R		Transferred from Newbury & District (159) 1/1950	9/1962*
100	EWO 490	9/1943	Guy Arab II (FD26085)	Strachan UL27/28R	1950 Park Royal H56R	Transferred from Red & White (490) 4/1950	1/1951
						Transferred to Newbury & District (173) 1/1951	
101	EWO 492	10/1943	Guy Arab II (FD26121)	Strachan UL27/28R	1950 Park Royal H56R	Transferred from Red & White (492) 4/1950	1/1951
						Transferred to Newbury & District (174) 1/1951	
103	HOT 391	6/1950	Guy Arab III (FD70340)	Duple H31/26R		New; Transferred to Newbury & District (175) 1/1951	1/1951
104	HOT 392	6/1950	Guy Arab III (FD70349)	Duple H31/26R		New; Transferred to Newbury & District (176) 1/1951	1/1951

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105	HOT 393	5/1950	Guy Arab III (FD70379)	Duple H31/26R	New; Transferred to Newbury & District (177) 1/1951	1/1951
106	HOT 394	6/1950	Guy Arab III (FD70436)	Duple H31/26R	New; Transferred to Newbury & District (178) 1/1951	1/1951

* Original Vickers FB32R body removed before sale to Venture

Between 1941 and 1944 a number of double deck buses were loaned from other operators to cope with the wartime shortage of vehicles and were allocated temporary numbers in the Venture fleet. Many of these vehicles were still with Venture when the company was acquired by Red & White.

Temporary Fleet No.	Registration	New	Chassis	Body	Loaning Company and Fleet No.	Loaned	Returned
46	GK 1029	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661681)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST953	1/1942	3/1946
47	GK 6239	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611031)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST963	1/1942	1/1946
48	GK 3047	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661893)	L.G.O.C. H28/20R	London Transport ST395	7/1942	8/1944
48	TF 7466	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611812)	Weymann H30/26R	Morecambe & Heysham Corp. Transport 30	9/1944	5/1945
49	GK 3064	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661906)	L.G.O.C. H28/20R	London Transport ST408	7/1942	8/1944
49	TJ 2491	1933	A.E.C. Regent (6612246)	Weymann H30/26R	Morecambe & Heysham Corp. Transport 36	9/1944	5/1945
50	GO 5138	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611445)	L.G.O.C. H28/20R	London Transport ST800	7/1942	8/1944
50	TF 7468	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611814)	Weymann H30/26R	Morecambe & Heysham Corp. Transport 32	9/1944	5/1945
51	GF 412	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661309)	L.G.O.C. H28/20R	London Transport ST101	1/1943	8/1944
51	TF 7467	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611813)	Weymann H30/26R	Morecambe & Heysham Corp. Transport 31	9/1944	5/1945
52	GH 572	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661464)	L.G.O.C. H28/20R	London Transport ST256	1/1943	8/1944
52	TJ 2492	1933	A.E.C. Regent (6612247)	Weymann H30/26R	Morecambe & Heysham Corp. Transport 37	9/1944	5/1945
53	GJ 2089	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661646)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST913	12/1941	2/1946
54	GJ 2092	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661644)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST916	12/1941	2/1946
55	GK 1010	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661669)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST934	12/1941	1/1947
56	GK 1015	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661670)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST939	5/1943	1/1946
57	GK 1018	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661675)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST942	12/1941	10/1946
58	GK 1031	1930	A.E.C. Regent (661683)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST955	12/1941	10/1946
59	GK 6281	1931	A.E.C. Regent (6611075)	Tilling H27/25RO	London Transport ST1005	12/1941	1/1947
62	TF 7465	1932	A.E.C. Regent (6611811)	Weymann H30/26R	Morecambe & Heysham Corp. Transport 28	9/1944	5/1945

Further details of the Venture fleet from its formation in 1926 can be found in "Venture Limited" by Peter Birmingham & John Pearce, privately published in 1995.