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Cover Image: ADL Enviro 200MMC 36622 (SN66 WMT) is one of a batch of ten 8.9m examples of the type, numbered 36622-31, which are part of the allocation at Catford (depot code TL) with Stagecoach London. Image © ADL 2022

The time has now finally arrived for us to bring our regular bus updates to an end and this is the last edition of Fleet Digest that we will be producing. The analysis of various documents has become more time consuming and it was never our intention to turn it into a full time activity!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us by providing information and images, your contributions have really been appreciated.

Whilst we will also step back from providing fleet movement information on our Twitter feed for specific Stagecoach fleets we will still post strategic information, and inter-company transfers.

Thank you all for your support.

158_001 **Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire**

Transferred to **Stagecoach East** is Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 44008, exchanged for Optare Solo SR 48033.

The transfer of MAN/Enviro 300s 24122/69 and 22885 to **Stagecoach North East** took place on 18th September 2022.

Vehicles sold are Optare Versas 25213 and 25226 whilst Optare Solos 47006 (from Carlisle) and 47145 (from Barrow) are now for disposal. Reserve Fleet Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 44009 is now allocated to Barrow.

The four ex **Stagecoach West Scotland** Enviro 200s 36146/49/50/51 are allocated to Carlisle where Enviro 400 10017 has transferred over from Morecambe. Reserve Fleet Trident 18375 and Volvo B10M 20710 are also back on the main fleet at Carlisle.

Reserve Fleet MAN/Enviro 300s 22874 and 22883 are now allocated to Morecambe. Two Enviro 300s and are due to transfer here imminently, whilst arrivals from **Stagecoach Manchester** are Enviro 200s 37034-37..

158_002 **Stagecoach North East**

The three MAN/Enviro 300s transferred from **Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire**, 22885, 24122 and 24169, have been allocated to Slatyford where MAN/ALX300s 22348 and 22444 have transferred from Stockton.

At Hartlepool Dart SLF 35236 from the Reserve Fleet is now in the main fleet with 34611 transferring from Sunderland, where it had been in the training fleet, to the Reserve Fleet.

MAN/ALX300s 22018/24 are now in the Reserve Fleet at Stockton whilst Enviro 200s 36967/74/77 transfer from Stockton to Sunderland.

Now in the main fleet at Sunderland is MAN/Enviro 200 37723 with 39731 now in the Reserve Fleet at Sunderland.

Vehicles delicensed, or for major repairs, are MAN/ALX300 22428; Enviro 200 36975

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and MAN/Enviro 200s 39672/75 and 39729.

A number of vehicles have been approved for disposal: MAN/ALX300 22064, 22343, 22410; Scania Omnilink 24002/03 and MAN/Enviro 200s 39661/64.

The final two ADL Enviro 200MMCs, 26285/86, to return to Stockton from ADL Anston following use at the Commonwealth Games were back at the end of September 2022 allowing similar 26071 to return to Slatyford and Enviro 200 36979 to return to Sunderland.

158_002 **Stagecoach Yorkshire**

It has been reported that MAN/Enviro 200 22547 has been written off following fire damage.

158_004 **Stagecoach East Midlands**

Now for disposal is Dart SLF 34570 from Gainsborough.

A fleet rationalisation and local replacement was scheduled to take place in late-September and early October which saw numerous Dart SLFs and some of the remaining Volvo B7TL/East Lancs vehicles stood down from main fleet operation. The plan envisaged:

Hull: MAN/Enviro 200s 39676/79/91/93 to Reserve and replaced with Enviro 200s 36450/51 and 36523/26.

Scunthorpe: Dart SLFs 35140/42/43/44/45/48/90 and Volvo B7TLs 16907/14/17/19/20 to Reserve and replacement with Enviro 200s 36059, 37204; Enviro 300s 27189/91/92, 27764/65/81 and Enviro 400s 19060/70, 19100/01/11.

Worksop: Enviro 200s 36001/02/03/05/06/07 to Reserve and replacement with Enviro 300s 27195/96/98/99, 27794 and 27879

Gainsborough: Dart SLFs 34530, 34848/50, 35128/29/30/50 to Reserve and replacement with Enviro 300s 27635/40, 27762/63/84/86, 27881.

With such a large number of transfers to take place it is expected to take several weeks to complete.

A further Enviro 400 to transfer from Hull to Lincoln is 19054 whilst transferred into the Seasonal Reserve Fleet at the end of September 2022 were Volvo B7TL open top 16962/65 at Grimsby.

BYD/Enviro 200EV 30016 has been burnt out and as a result 30017 has been taken out of service whilst an investigation takes place.

158_005 **Stagecoach Manchester**

Reserve Fleet vehicles returned to main fleet operations are Enviro 400H Hybrids 12027-34 and Enviro 400 19229 at Sharston; Enviro 200 36110 at Middleton; Enviro 400H Hybrids 12014-18/21 and Enviro 400s 19228/68 at Hyde Road along with Enviro 200s 37147-49 and Optare Solo 47472 at Stockport.

Optare Versas 25327/28 have been returned to Transport for Greater Manchester whilst Optare Solos 47618/23/72 have been sold to PVS (Dealer). Enviro 400s 19257/59, latterly in use at Hyde Road have transferred to Wigan.

Transferred to **Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire** are Enviro 200s 37034-37.

158_006 **Stagecoach Merseyside & South Lancashire**

A further ADL Enviro 400MMC to be allocated to Chester is 10573 which has transferred from Gilmoos. Also moving from Gilmoos are Enviro 200s 36813 (to

Chester) and 36821 (to Birkenhead).

The five remaining Tridents, 18325/26/65/72 and 18442, along with a number of Reserve Fleet Optare Solos - 47328, 47494, 47513/16/17/59, 47620/22/55/56/73/75 - were all earmarked for disposal by mid-September 2022. Now allocated to Gilmoor are Mercedes-Benz Sprinters 44021/24 and Enviro 400s 19534/70.

Reserve Fleet MAN/Enviro 300s 24129/30/36/37/38/57 have returned to the main fleet at Gilmoor, with 24174/80/81 moving from the main fleet to the Reserve Fleet. Now at Preston are Enviro 300s 27156, 27889 and 27890 with similar 27900 at Chester where Enviro 200MMC 26057 has also returned to serviceable status. Further Enviro 300s back in main fleet use are 27296/97 and 27892 at Birkenhead along with 27116/55, 27294/99 and 27300 at Gilmoor. Enviro 200 36820 from Gilmoor is now in the Reserve Fleet.

158_007 **Stagecoach East**

Following maintenance and MOT in early September, short Enviro 200 36307 was sent on loan from Bedford to Fenstanton as cover for the 'ting' Demand Responsive service.

Now repainted in 'Local' livery is Enviro 400 19575 and enviro 200 37231..

Transferred from **Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire** is Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 44008, which has joined the 'ting' Demand Responsive Transport fleet at Fenstanton.

Moving north in exchange was Optare Solo SR 48033.

The outstations at March, Ely and Holbeach Drove will close after service on 29th October 2022. Haverhill outstation will remain in use.

Major service changes will take place from 30th October 2022 which includes the withdrawal of several 'country' routes and significant frequency reductions on others.

Planned fleet changes will see Reserve Fleet Enviro 400s 19567/68/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/94/97 and 19698 transfer to Cambridge with Reserve Fleet Enviro 200s 36213/16/17/18/26/27/28/29 from Cambridge and 37219 from Peterborough moving to Bedford.



During September 2022, Stagecoach East's Volvo B8L/ADL E400XLB 13912 (BU69 XYJ) gained a tiger graphic, although there has been no indication on what it is in connection with.
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At Cambridge Scania Omnicity 15074/75/78/81/83/85/87/89/90/92 and Scania/Enviro 400s 15465 and 15637/39 due to move to the Reserve Fleet.

Peterborough is due to receive Enviro 200s 36060-64 from Bedford/Cambridge and short Enviro 200s 36301/02/06 from Bedford.

At Fenstanton four Volvo B7RLEs remain in the main fleet (21232-35) with the others of the type now being in the Reserve Fleet.

The three remaining Optare Solo SRs here, 48032/34/35, are due to transfer to Stagecoach South West.

It is understood that a start is being made on repainting several former Busway Scania/Enviro 400s out of the all over green livery. They were repainted in early 2020 pending the re-launch, with increased frequencies, of Busway services. The plan was abandoned due to the Covid Pandemic and the vehicles transferred from Fenstanton to Cambridge for use on other services. The first of these vehicles to be repainted is expected to be 15219. A number of Scania/Enviro 400s at Cambridge also retain the former green/blue Busway livery.

Scania/Enviro 400MMCs 15291-94, which also carry the pain green livery, are not due to be repainted as they are all currently back at Fenstanton depot for Busway duties.

158_009 **Stagecoach West**

Enviro 200s departing Banbury are 36108/11 to Gloucester and 36932 to Stroud.

Enviro 400MMC 10687 has transferred from Witney to Swindon where Scania/Enviro 400MMC 15342 is out of service with collision damage.

Now for disposal is Trident 18183 from Swindon which has been replaced by 18313 transferred from Gloucester. Trident 18377 at Stroud is now in the Reserve Fleet.

Also for disposal are Dart SLF 35210 (from Swindon) and Optare Solo 47454 (from the Reserve Fleet at Cheltenham). Optare Solo 47297 is now in the Reserve Fleet at Cheltenham.

Dart SLF 34784 has transferred from Gloucester to Swindon.

The remaining Dart SLFs here are concentrated on Swindon and Stroud depots

158_012 **Stagecoach South**

There has been a fleet rationalisation involving a large number of vehicles and details of recent changes are merely summarised below, which reduce the number of operational Tridents and eliminate Dart SLFs from the main operational depot fleets, although they remain in the Reserve Fleet. Some changes may still to take place.

Vehicles authorised for disposal during August/September 2022 were MAN/Enviro 200s 39652-56; Dart SLFs 35123/24/25/27, 35257/59; Trident 17740; Enviro 200s 36014, 36432; Enviro 300 27667 and Optare Solo 47626.

Enviro 300s 27567 and 27658 have joined 27561/62 for conversion to training vehicles. Stopped for long-term repairs/assessment are Dart SLFs 35118/20 and Enviro 200s 36030/52.

Now at Aldershot are Tridents 18513/17/18/26; Enviro 200s 36834, 36921-24, Enviro 300s 27616-21 and Optare Solo SRs 47928/29. Into the Reserve Fleet at Aldershot are Tridents 18063/64/66/77, 18194 and Dart SLFs 35117/19/21/24/51/52, 35215/50/51/58.

Now at Portsmouth are Enviro 400MMCs 10944/67-70.

Now at Basingstoke are Enviro 300 27652; Enviro 200s 36727/29 with the Enviro

200MMCs in use at the Commonwealth Games returned to service, whilst transfers to the Basingstoke Reserve Fleet are Dart SLFs 34629, 35254/60 and Enviro 200s 36056/57.

Transfers to Andover are Enviro 400s 19055/63/69/71 and Enviro 200s 36431/33/34 along with Optare Solos 47036 and 47311. Moving to the Reserve Fleet at Basingstoke are Tridents 18084, 18188, 18522 and Enviro 200s 36016/23/24/26/27. Now at Worthing are Enviro 400MMCs 10941/45 along with Enviro 300s 27648/70 and Enviro 200s 36025, 36438, 36729/32/33, 36920 with Enviro 200s 36017/36/51/53/54/55 moving to the Worthing Reserve Fleet.

Transfers to Guildford are Trident 18519; Enviro 300 27836/37 and Enviro 200MMCs 37406/07 with Enviro 200 36439 and Enviro 200MMC 37409 in the Reserve Fleet.

Now in the main fleet at Chichester are Enviro 400s 19034/39 and 19885 along with Enviro 300s 27835 and 27918.

Finally transfers to Winchester are Trident 18516; Enviro 400 19160; Enviro 300 27556/63 and Enviro 200 36435 with Enviro 20 36024 moving to the Reserve Fleet.



During September 2022, Stagecoach South again provided a selection of 'heritage' vehicles for operation on the services it provided to the Glorious Goodwood event.

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158_013 **Stagecoach South East**

Returned to the main fleet at Ashford are Trident 18166 and Dart SLF 34697 whilst Scania/Enviro 400s 15441 along with 15541/42 have transferred from Hastings to Dover.

Enviro 200s 36328 and 36335, which had been used on a Eurotunnel contract are now for disposal with 36329 in the Reserve Fleet at Herne Bay and 36327 in the Reserve Fleet at Thanet.

Vehicles understood to have been sold are Trident 18169 and Dart SLFs 34545 and 34548.

158_015 **Stagecoach South West**

The three remaining Optare Solo SRs at **Stagecoach East**, 48032/34/35, are due to transfer to here.

158_015 **Stagecoach West Scotland**

Transferred to **Stagecoach East Scotland** have been Scania/Enviro 400s 15815/16 along with 15944/45/46.

Now returned to service in the main fleet at Cumbernauld are Enviro 400MMCs 10518/20 and Enviro 300 27227, whilst at Stranraer Reserve Fleet Enviro 300 27885 has been swapped with 27580.

Reserve Fleet Trident 18374 has returned to the main fleet at Ayr but at Kilmarnock 18334 has moved into Reserve.

Also now in the Reserve Fleet at Kilmarnock is Optare Solo electric 48904 whilst Optare Solos 47459 and 47613 have been sold.

158_016 **Stagecoach Highlands**

The transfer of Optare Solo 47568 to this fleet has been reported by Stagecoach Bluebird.

Enviro 300 27916 has transferred from Inverness to Aviemore whilst Volvo B9R 53607 is reported as sold to Ensign Bus.

Vehicles sold to Geoff Ripley (Dealer) are Enviro 200 36070; Enviro 300s 27515/35, Optare Solo 47246 and Volvo B7R 53276.

158_017 **Stagecoach Bluebird**

The sale of Optare Solo 47568 was cancelled and it has transferred to **Stagecoach Highlands**. Optare Solo 47485 has transferred from Stonehaven to Peterhead in exchange for 47601.

On loan at Aberdeen is Wright Streetdeck Electroliner LY71GJE

158_018 **Stagecoach East Scotland**

Transferred from **Stagecoach West Scotland** have been Scania/Enviro 400s 15815/16 along with 15944/45/46. 15815 has been allocated to Perth with the remainder initially placed into the Reserve Fleet.

Optare Solo 47608 has been scrapped whilst now allocated to Dunfermline are Tridents 18011/13/17 from Rennie's and Enviro 400s 19177/80 from the Reserve Fleet.

Following repairs Optare Versa 25263 has returned to service and is now allocated to Glenrothes.

158_019 **Megabus/Citylink**

Transferred from **Stagecoach East Scotland** at Perth to **Stagecoach West Scotland** at Cumbernauld have been Volvo B11RLEs 50445/47.
Recent sales have included Van Hool Astromegas 50445/47 from **Stagecoach West Scotland**.

158_020 **Stagecoach London**

Enviro 400s 10158-62 are transfers from Leyton to Bromley in exchange for 19849/50/.51/55/57 whilst Enviro 400MMC 11034 is transferred from Catford to West Ham.

158_041 **Ensign Bus**

With thanks to Ross Newman at Ensign Bus we can detail activity at the dealership during September 2022

Vehicles in

From Metrobus: Scania YN56FDO.

From First Essex: Darts SN03WME, WX05RUW; Volvo B7RLEs MX05CBU/CDN/CBU/CKD; Tridents LK53EZC, LT52WXK, LT02ZCA, LT02ZBZ.

From HCT Yorkshire: E200s YX15XMJ, YX65RHF.

From Cardiff Bus: Scania CN57FKD.

From RATP London: Scania YT59SGX.

From Dawson Rentals: Enviro 200s SN59AXA, KX10DVN, YX11HPL/AEC

From Mullaney's Coaches: Enviro 400 HP06BUS; Enviro 200 AE56OUM.

From Brighton and Hove: Mercedes Citaros BP57UYK/UYE, BL57OXP/OXN.

From Metrobus: Scania YN56FDO.

From Rotala: Scania YT13WKZ.

Vehicles out

Wright Streetlites HF14BXA/BWZ/BWY/BWW/BWX/BWU/BWP/BWO/BWV/BWN/BWM, HF13FZT/FZS/FZR/FZP/FZO/FZN/FZM/FZL: Rotala

Enviro 400s LJ59LZE/LZF/LYT/LYU/LYV/LYW/LYK/LYO/LYP/LXR/LXS : First Essex.

Volvo B9TL LX59DAA: First Eastern Counties.

Enviro 200s YX65RHK/RHO: First Worcester.

Scanias YT61GOU/GPX: Grant Palmer, Dunstable.

Scanias YT61GOX/GPZ: Atlantic Travel, Bolton.

Scania YT61GPY: Rodgers Coaches, Northampton.

Scanias YT61GPE, YN56NDO: Redfern Travel, Mansfield.

Enviro 400 HP06BUS : Shiel Buses, Fort William.

Scania CN57FKD: PC Coaches, Lincoln.

Enviro 200s YX61EMV/GN07FDE: Stantons of Stoke.

Volvo B9R KX58NBO: New Adventure Travel, Cardiff.

Scanias LFZ8054/8056, Y8YEL: Lewis Coaches, Greenwich.

Enviro 400 LJ09CCF: Delaine Buses, Bourne.

Enviro 400 SK07DYB: Chalkwell, Sittingbourne.

Volvo B7TL HF04JWG: Fowlers, Holbeach Drove, Lincs.

Volvo B7TL HF04JWJ: Squarepeg, Leeds.

Scanias YT59SFK/SFV/SGU/SGO, YT09ZCL: Newport Transport.

Volvo B7RLE MX06VPG: Warwickshire Travel, Coventry.

Volvo B7TL HF03ODU: Mr Jonathan Hawkins, Dartmouth, Devon.

Volvo B7TL HF03ODS: AS Bone and Sons, Hook, Hants.

Darts AE56OUM, SN03WME; Trident LK53EZ: Hardwicks, Barnsley

The following to Shelton Motors for scrap

Mercedes Citaros BP57UYK/UYE, BL57OXP/OXN; Tridents LN51GOA, VX54MTV/MUB, LK53EYR; Volvo B7RLEs: MX05CBU/CDN/CBU/CKD/CDV; Dart WX05RUW; Volvo B7TLs: YN53EFJ, KP51WBO; Enviro 400H SN61DAO.



A start has been made in repainting the ADL Enviro 400MMCs which have been used by Stagecoach East on Cambridge Park & Ride Services. 10791 (SN66 VZO) is the first of the batch to receive 'local' livery. They are due to be ousted from Park & Ride duties when 30 new Volvo BZL electric double decks are delivered, although in reality they have been used on other Cambridge-based duties for a considerable time and two have been transferred to Bedford for use on the X5 Bedford-Cambridge service.

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Midland Red Influence is the second book from Midland Red historian and former employee Ashley Wakelin and it will not disappoint. The follow-up and companion book to Inside Midland Red. This is a new and fascinating high quality Midland Red book. Like the earlier book it has two parts. Part One delves further into the history of Midland Red, including its origins, its vehicle design, and its pioneering use of pneumatic tyres and computers. Part Two covers the author's 50 years in the bus and coach industry, and follows on from his time working for Midland Red that was covered in the second part of Inside Midland Red.

Midland Red Influence is over a third bigger than the earlier book, with three dozen varied

chapters across 176 pages. It is amply illustrated by images taken from black & white and colour negatives, coloured plates and slides, most of which are previously unpublished.

One of the chapters covers three stories of 'Little Midland Reds' (some rather special model buses), and there's a trio of chapters recalling Ashley's transport-related diversions into railway heritage and railway-themed fine dining, which were all additional threads of his original Wheels business plan!

Ashley's 50 years experience in the UK's bus and coach industry have been wide and varied, starting from a career with his beloved Midland Red as it changed from BMMO through MROC to Midland Red South. He has also worked in the independent sector, had a spell in the planning and transportation department of a county council, and has had over seventy buses and coaches pass through his hands since the age of 16. He is an avid enthusiast of everything Midland Red!

This book recalls stories over those 50 years and beyond, including, with the help of dedicated colleagues, the provision of nostalgia and enjoyment to passengers with his vintage vehicles on a range of special duties: Weddings, Funerals, Proms, Corporate Work, Specialist Excursions and Bus Driver Experience Days – all of which were pure "Omnibus Theatre!"

The foreword for Midland Red Influence is by Ashley's late colleague and friend R. E. S. 'Bob' Richards from Midland Red's experimental department, who also provided relevant passages and comments throughout. This is a wonderful bit of historical detail for those interested in social and industrial history, bus enthusiasts, and anyone who has worked for the empire-like Midland Red.

Hard back, 176 quality pages with over 330 photographs and illustrations, most not previously published. £35 and post free for a limited period. A book not to be missed. For details on how to buy visit <https://www.midlandred.co.uk/midland-red-influence.htm>



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