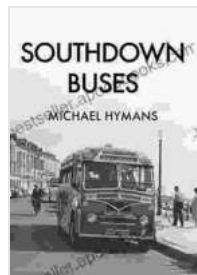


Southdown Buses: A Comprehensive Guide to the History, Operations, and Vehicles of a British Bus Company



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History

Early years

Southdown Buses was founded in 1910 by Thomas Tilling. The company's first buses were horse-drawn, but it soon converted to motor buses. Southdown Buses expanded rapidly in the 1920s and 1930s, acquiring a number of smaller bus companies. By the outbreak of World War II, Southdown Buses was one of the largest bus operators in the United Kingdom.

Nationalisation

Southdown Buses was nationalised in 1948 and became part of the British Transport Commission. The company's operations were divided into two divisions, East Kent and West Sussex. Southdown Buses continued to

expand in the post-war years, and by the 1960s, it was operating a fleet of over 1,000 buses.

Privatisation

Southdown Buses was privatised in 1987 and was acquired by a consortium led by the transport company Stagecoach. Stagecoach merged Southdown Buses with its existing bus operations in the south of England. Southdown Buses continued to operate as a separate company until 1999, when it was fully integrated into Stagecoach.

Operations

Southdown Buses operated a network of bus routes in southern England. The company's main operating areas were East Kent, West Sussex, and Hampshire. Southdown Buses also operated a number of express coach services to London and other major cities.

Fleet

Southdown Buses operated a fleet of over 1,000 buses at its peak. The company's fleet included a variety of vehicles, including single-decker buses, double-decker buses, and coaches. Southdown Buses was known for its distinctive red and cream livery.

Depots

Southdown Buses operated a number of depots in southern England. The company's main depots were located in Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings, and Worthing. Southdown Buses also had a number of smaller depots in other towns and villages.

Vehicles

Southdown Buses operated a wide variety of vehicles over the years. The company's early buses were horse-drawn, but it soon converted to motor buses. Southdown Buses operated a variety of single-decker buses and double-decker buses. The company also operated a number of coaches.

Early vehicles

Southdown Buses' early vehicles were horse-drawn. The company's first motor buses were Free Downloadd in 1912. These buses were manufactured by a variety of companies, including Leyland, Daimler, and Dennis.

Single-decker buses

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Double-decker buses

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Coaches

Southdown Buses operated a variety of coaches over the years. The company's first coaches were Free Downloadd in the 1950s. These coaches were manufactured by a variety of companies, including Leyland, Daimler, and Dennis.

Livery

Southdown Buses was known for its distinctive red and cream livery. The company's buses were painted in a two-tone red and cream colour scheme. The buses also had a black roof and a black stripe around the bottom of the body. The Southdown Buses livery was designed to be both distinctive and eye-catching.

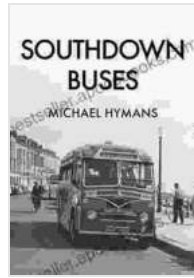
Legacy

Southdown Buses was a major bus operator in southern England for over a century. The company's buses were a familiar sight on the roads of Kent, Sussex, and Hampshire. Southdown Buses made a significant contribution to the public transport network in southern England. The company's legacy lives on in the many bus routes that it operated and the many people who worked for the company.

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- Southdown Buses: The Red and Cream Fleet
- Southdown Buses: A Photographic History

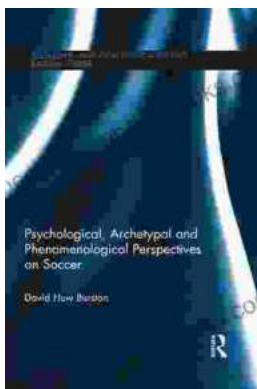


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