

Featuring Full-Lengths!

Buses



A short-lived early public bus line (known as a “carriage” at the time) was launched by Blaise Pascal in Paris in 1662. It was quite popular until fares were increased and access restricted to the elite. Service ceased after 15 years and no further such services were known until the 1820s.



Horse-drawn buses were used from the 1820s, followed by steam buses in the 1830s, and electric trolleybuses in 1882. The first internal combustion engine buses, or motor buses, were used in 1895. Recently, interest has been growing in hybrid electric buses, fuel cell buses, and electric buses, as well as ones powered by compressed natural gas or biodiesel.



As of the 2010s, bus manufacturing is increasingly globalized, with the same designs appearing around the world (although, when comparing different designs, the SWB6 128V8LF bus in China, and other Chinese designs, shown below, seem to be the coolest looking!)



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