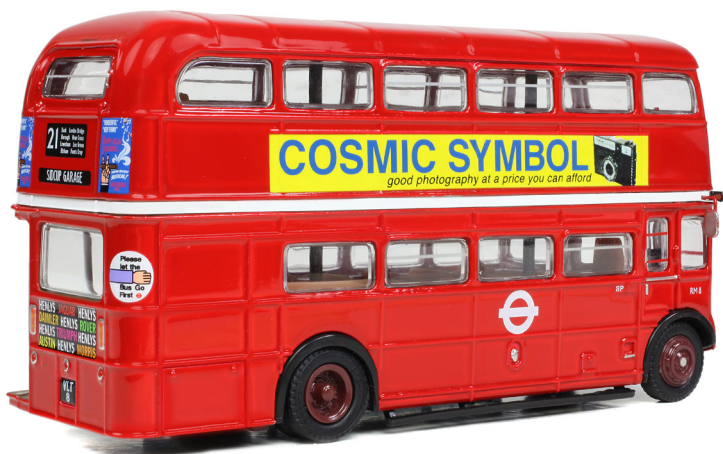


E41701 RM8 (VLT8) LONDON TRANSPORT RED ROUTE 21 (SIDCUP GARAGE)



New in 1958, RM8 (registration VLT8) was the first production Routemaster to be produced by AEC/Park Royal. It made its first public appearance at the Commercial Motor Show in September 1958, but was not formally transferred to London Transport until March 1961. Although technically regarded as the first production example, RM8 actually spent the first 18 years of its existence being used as a test bed for subsequent modifications for the RM type. Consequently, RM8 did not enter revenue earning service with London Transport until March 1976, working out of Sidcup Garage. It is this period that our model represents.

RM8 entered preservation in 1985 after just nine years in normal service. Today it is in the care of the RM8 Club.



NOTE: The model displayed here is a pre-production decorated sample. Colours and details on the final models may vary slightly.