



# Bachmann Europe Plc

## **EFE Road – New look • New Models • New packaging**

“EFE Road” is the new name for Exclusive First Editions diecast model vehicles. A new look with new models and new packaging, complementing the railway rolling stock available in the “EFE Rail” range.

2022 is the 50th anniversary of the Leyland National single deck bus which first entered service in March 1972. Leyland National was a joint venture by British Leyland Motor Holdings and the National Bus Company (NBC) with the objective of supplying bus operators nationwide under the NBC umbrella with a standard single deck vehicle. A dedicated factory for Leyland National production was built at Lillyhall near Workington in Cumberland (now Cumbria), and some 7000 Nationals were built there between 1972 and 1985. The modular design and chassisless construction allowed long wheelbase and short wheelbase versions, with dual entrance and exit doors or a single entry door. Left-hand drive was an option for export markets. The bodywork was even adapted for use as a railbus. Externally the bodywork was designed by the Italian vehicle stylist Michelotti, perhaps better known for designing Ferraris and Maseratis! The distinctive rear roof pod housed heating and air conditioning equipment, while the rear-mounted Leyland 510 engine emitted an equally distinctive ‘clatter’. Seating on the early examples was somewhat utilitarian, and was improved in later production. The first Leyland National 50th anniversary event of 2022 is being held in Whitehaven in Cumbria over the weekend of April 30/May 1 2022 and is being organised by the Workington Transport Heritage Trust.

On April 27th 2022 Bachmann Europe announced six Mk 1 dual door 11.3m Leyland National 1:76/00 scale models in liveries that were mostly eradicated when NBC Poppy Red and Leaf Green swept across the country.

E15112 Leyland National FRM 499K pre-production chassis no 010  
Demonstrator on loan to Aberdeen Corporation, 5 Woodend

E15113 Leyland National ERM 35K pre-production chassis no 005  
Cumberland Motor Services 350, 05 Town Service, the first Leyland National to enter service

E15114 Leyland National KPA 101K pre-production chassis no 003  
London Country Bus Services LN1, Superbus SB1 Chells, first of more than 500 Leyland Nationals for this operator

E15115 Leyland National UUP 831K production chassis no 129  
Northern General Transport 11K, 55 Sacriston

E15117 Leyland National NPD 110L production chassis no 218  
Nottingham City Transport 653 (London Country LN10 on hire), 88 Central Area free service

E15118 Leyland National WFM 801K production chassis no 102  
Crosville Motor Services, C40 Upton

The new Leyland Nationals will be arriving later in 2022. Previously-announced models including the Sea Dog Leyland Atlantean and Cravens RT will also start to arrive in 2022. These and all future releases will be presented in the new EFE Road theme including display case.

Also shown were Engineering Prototypes with tooling modifications to the familiar DMS Daimler Fleetline. The early version DMS with narrow spaced headlamps will be catered for the first time, while the later B20 “Quiet” DMS has had the distinctive rear engine compartment re-profiled.

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