

EASTERN NATIONAL'S LODEKKAS

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operated one of the largest fleets of Bristol/ECW Lodekkas in the country, the first of them arriving in 1954 and the last departing in 1981. Operating from the heart of London (working the famous 251 from Wood Green to Southend and X10 coach service) across the diverse county of Essex and over the border to Suffolk and Hertfordshire, these buses combined low-height bodywork with conventional seating layout upstairs for the first time and hence overcame the twin operating obstacles of low bridges and depot buildings which beset many bus companies.

This book follows the evolution from the prototype Lodekka of 1949, through the first delivery 60 years ago to the last semi automatic FLFs of 1968. In words and photographs the book chronicles the use to which they were put throughout ENOC and the afterlives of many examples in the UK and throughout the world. There is a list of known survivors and a number of these are also illustrated.

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