**LR 05-B** (1956) **(AEC) London Bus**

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| © year on base: none  scale: 1:158 (not cast on base)  length: 57mm  width: 20mm  height: 31mm  MATCHBOX lettering on base: none  additional lettering on base: none  company on base: LESNEY ENGLAND  number on base: none  cast license plate: none | metal base  no interior  no window glazing |  |

| **#** | **body** | **base** | **wheels** | **axles** | **deco** | **triangular block inside base** | **sub-var** | **note** | **cate** | **area** | **Stannard #** | **Jones #** | **date** |
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| 0010 | red | red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | **flat** head crimped | gold grille, **brt.** yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | **no** | ll, rr | #5 |  |  | 01 | 01 | 1956 |
| 0020 | red | red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | **flat** head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | **no** | ll | #5 |  |  | 02 | 02 | 1956 |
| 0025 | **lt.** red | **lt.** red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | **flat** head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | **no** | ll, **llob** | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1956 |
| 0030 | **lt.** red | **lt.** red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | dome head crimped frt., **flat** head crimped rear | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | **no** | **lloa** | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1957 |
| 0040 | red | red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | dome head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | **no** |  | #5 |  |  | 03 | 03 | 1957 |
| 0050 | red | red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | dome head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | yes | (ll), rr, (**rroa**) | #5 |  |  | 04 | 04 | 1957 |
| 0060 | **dk.** red | red E | 8.5x18 unp. **metal** (no #) | dome head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | yes | ll | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1957 |
| 0070 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | **no** |  | #5 |  |  | 05 | 05 | 1958 |
| 0080 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head crimped | gold grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | yes | (ll) | #5 |  |  | 06 | 06 | 1958 |
| 0090 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head crimped | **silver** grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | yes | ll | #5 |  |  | 07 | 07 | 1958 |
| 0095 | **lt.** red | **lt.** red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head crimped | **silver** grille, dull yellow BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES decals | yes | (ll) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1958 |
| 0100 | red | red E | **9x20** gray plastic | dome head crimped | silver grille, **PLAYERS PLEASE** decals | yes |  | #5 |  |  | 08 | 08 | 1959 |
| 0110 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head crimped | silver grille, **PLAYERS PLEASE** decals | yes | ll, rr | #5 |  |  | 09 | 09 | 1959 |
| 0120 | **lt.** red | **lt.** red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head crimped | silver grille, **PLAYERS PLEASE** decals | yes | (ll) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1959 |
| 0130 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head **rounded** | silver grille, **PLAYERS PLEASE** decals | yes | (x) | #5 |  |  | 10 | 10 | 1959 |
| 0135 | **dk.** red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head **rounded** | silver grille, **PLAYERS PLEASE** decals | yes | (x) | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1959 |
| 0140 | **lt.** red | **lt.** red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head **rounded** | silver grille, **PLAYERS PLEASE** decals | yes |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1959 |
| 0150 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head **rounded** | silver grille, med. green **BP VISCO-STATIC** decals (from LR 05-C) | yes | x | #5 |  |  | 11 | 11 | 1961 |
| 0160 | **lt.** red | **lt.** red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head **rounded** | silver grille, med. green **BP VISCO-STATIC** decals (from LR 05-C) | yes | x | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1961 |
| 0170 | red | red E | 8x18 gray plastic | dome head **rounded** | silver grille, **DRINK PEARDRAX** decals (from LR 56-A) | yes |  | #5 |  |  |  |  | 1961 |

**UK codes:**

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| **05B** |  |  |  |

**NOTES:**

**Red bodies are prone to fading to orange.**

**White decal background is prone to fading to yellow.**

**SUB-VARIATIONS:**

| **code** | **front axle crimping side** | **rear axle crimping side** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ll | crimped on left side | crimped on left side |
| lr | crimped on left side | crimped on right side |
| rl | crimped on right side | crimped on left side |
| rr | crimped on right side | crimped on right side |
| x | rounded axle | rounded axle |

**ODDITIES:**

| **code** | **description** |
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| oa | body color faded to orange |
| ob | 8.5x18 unpainted metal wheels with no #, **#38** **rear left only** (from LR 38-A) |

**Previous ref.: none**

**Later ref.: none**

**BOX TYPES:**

| **#** | **type** | **description** | **note** | **area** | **date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 01 | B1 | plain end flaps, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps | same box also used for LR 05-A |  | 1956 |
| 02 | B2 | no decal shown, very narrow, black number, no model name, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1957 |
| 03 | B2 | BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES, very narrow, black number, no model name, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1957 |
| 04 | B2 | no decal shown, narrow, black number, no model name, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1957 |
| 05 | B3 | BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES, short, black number in white circle, no model name, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1958 |
| 06 | B3 | BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES, medium length, black number in white circle, no model name, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1958 |
| 07 | B4 | BUY "MATCHBOX" SERIES, black number in white circle, black lowercase model name in white panel, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1959 |
| 08 | B4 | PLAYERS PLEASE, black number in white circle, black lowercase model name in white panel, without NEW MODEL, plain inner end flaps |  |  | 1960 |