



Palatine

The world's leading
double deck bus

The double-deck bus is the most space-efficient people mover. Plaxton builds the best.

No rival

Where large numbers of people have to be moved efficiently and cost-effectively, the double-deck bus has no real rivals. Plaxton's Wigan factory has almost 70 years' unbroken experience of double-deck bus production - a record no other body-builder can match.

Long-life structure

The latest Palatine range uses a strong aluminium frame, proven in many millions of miles of busy urban operation. This experience underwrites Plaxton's promise of a long and trouble-free operating life. The frame is jig-built in a modern factory which has benefited from a £1 million investment programme over the last two years.

A complete range

The Palatine range offers operators a wide choice:

- Palatine I and II styles
- one or two doors
- standard height (14ft 2in) or low height (13ft 8in)
- nominal 9.8m or 10.2m overall length
- single or split-step entrance
- available on leading chassis.

Within these options comes an unequalled range of seating styles and layouts, and a choice of interior trim featuring either easy-clean laminates or soft-touch materials. Whatever your needs, Palatine can be tailored to meet them.



Palatine II.

Lower saloon.



Lower saloon front gangway.



Palatine II, styled to win business

More and more bus operators are using style as a marketing tool, and here Plaxton is among the leaders with the Palatine II. This uses the proven Palatine structure with a distinctively-styled front with deep curved windscreens on both decks. Palatine II brings an attractive new look to double-deck bus operation - but without any loss of the practicality which has contributed towards Plaxton's position as Britain's leading bus builder. Palatine II can be specified with an unglazed rear, to provide space for advertising or promotional material.

The cost-effective choice

All models in the Palatine range are competitively-priced and offer low maintenance and repair costs. Rubber-mounted gasket glazing is standard because it makes glass replacement quick and easy. The lower front area is made of glass-reinforced plastics, with separate corner sections to cut costs and downtime in the event of damage. The side skirt uses shallow panels, again with ease of repair very much in mind.

Passenger convenience

Shallow entrance steps - with a split-step option - make boarding and alighting easy. High-visibility handrails are a standard fitting. Heating is provided by efficient low-maintenance convection radiators on both decks, and



Upper saloon.



Hong Kong Citybus.



Palatine I.

ventilation by hopper units to the side windows. All Palatine bodies offer a large area for the front destination display, and the option of side and rear route-number displays.

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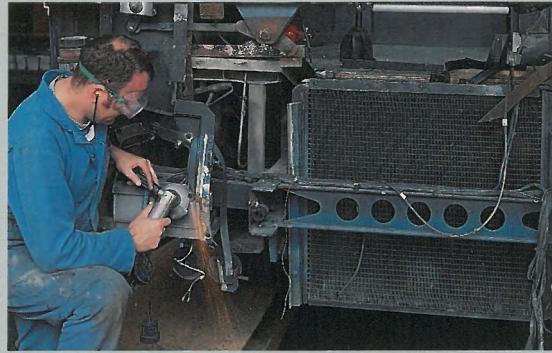
Britain is the world's major user of double-deck buses - and is the biggest exporter of the type. High-capacity air-conditioned Plaxton Palatines on 12m-long three-axle chassis are in daily operation in Hong Kong, widely acknowledged as one of the toughest bus-operating environments in the world.

Tops for service

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