

NEW NON-ARTICULATED TRAMCAR FOR MELBOURNE

CLASSIFICATION: Light Rail Transit

OTHER NAMES: D.C. Tramcar

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DESCRIPTION:

A specifically designed tramcar for use in Melbourne, Australia. The vehicles can be operated as single units only and are not equipped to be coupled. The vehicle is non-articulated with 4 axles in 2 bogies. The car may be driven from either end and current collection is via trolleys. The vehicle incorporates the latest technological improvements in tramcars, including electronic wheel slip control. The cars are being built by Commonwealth Engineering (Victoria) Pty. Ltd. incorporating ASEA control equipment and motors.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY:

Designed to replace some of the existing fleet of tramcars of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board. The first unit was delivered in December 1974. The car is a new design based upon M28 bogies and traction control equipment previously supplied by ASEA for Gothenburg.

DEVELOPMENT STATUS:

115 - Delivery complete.

SYSTEMS USING VEHICLE:

Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board - 100 vehicles on order.

COSTS:

Contract Price - A\$12 million for 100 cars (signed March 1973).

WARRANTY:

Basic vehicle - 12 months.

VEHICLE PERFORMANCE:

Max. Velocity	45 mph, 72 km/h
Max. Grade	8.9%
Service Acceleration	5.74 ft/s ² , 1.75 m/s ²
Service Deceleration	4.92 ft/s ² , 1.5 m/s ²
Emerg. Deceleration	12 ft/s ² , 3.7 m/s ²
Max. Jerk	6.89 ft/s ³ , 2.1 m/s ³

Minimum Horizontal Turn Radius	
Single Vehicle	53 ft, 16.3 m
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Minimum Vertical Turn Radius	
Single Vehicle	600 ft, 138 m
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Design Capacity	48 seats 77 stand
Area per standee	1.72 ft ² , 0.16m ²

DIMENSIONS:

Length	54.3 ft, 16560 mm
Width	8.75 ft, 2667 mm
Height, Rail Over Roof	11.64 ft, 3550 mm
Height, Rail to Floor	2.78 ft, 850 mm
Empty weight	19,000 Kg
Gross weight	27,000 Kg
Inside width	8.33 ft, 2540 mm
Headroom, Centre Aisle	6.88 ft, 2105 mm
Width, Centre Aisle	2.23 ft, 690 mm
Doorway Width	5.08 ft, 1550 mm
Clear Opening	4.36 ft, 1330 mm
Doorway height	7.61 ft, 2320 mm
Step height	11 ins., 285 mm

SUSPENSION, PROPULSION & BRAKING:

Truck (Bogies)	Frames by Commonwealth Eng., Sydney,
Truck (Bogies)	Assembly - M.M.T.B.
Truck centres	27.88 ft, 8500 mm
Wheel base	5.89 ft, 1796 mm
Wheel diameter	2.23 ft, 680 mm
Track Gauge	4.708 ft, 1435 mm
Motors, No. & Type	4, one each per axle; by ASEA Electric (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.; Series Field
Rating per Motor	52 kw, 75 HP
Voltage per Motor	300 vdc

Gear Ratio	....	1 : 7.24
Type Drive	....	Motor connected to double
reduction gear via a resilient		double coupling
Service Brakes	....	Electric dynamic & motor shaft disc brakes, spring applied, hydraulically released.
Emergency Brakes	....	Same disc brakes & magnetic rail brakes
Emergency Brake Reaction Time	....	0.5 secs.

ELECTRICAL & CONTROL SYSTEMS;

Line Voltage	....	600 vdc
Power Collection	....	Trolley with height range of 12.6 - 19.5 ft 3860 mm - 5944 mm
Exterior Lights	....	Each end equipped with dual headlights, tail lights, and turn signals
Interior Lights	....	40W Fluorescent tubes operating on 600 V DC
Type Control	....	Electronic "TRAMIAC" with 41
starting steps and 17 braking		steps
Instruments & Controls	....	3 separate pedals (braking, accelerating and safety), speedometer, indicator lights, battery voltmeter

BODY SPECIFICATIONS:

Frame	....	Steel - all welded
Exterior walls	....	Aluminium sides, fibreglass roof
Interior walls	....	Stressed steel covered with teak finish laminate
Insulation	....	2 in (51 mm) thick fibreglass insulation throughout
Floor	....	covered with cork and neoprene
Doors	....	2 four-leaf folding doors on each side, electrically operated
Windows	....	7 per side with upper portion on slides for ventilation
Heating	....	Resister box exhaust heat-forced air
Ceiling Fans (6)	....	6000 cfm blown in above 24°C ambient
Seats	....	Upholstered over high resilience polyurethane foam.