

11. Machine produced tickets

Many suggestions were made for methods of automatic fare collection- from the Meyers Autofare collector of 1912, the suggestion for tickets in rolls in 1924 to consideration of a Bell Punch machine in 1933. The authorities were also keeping an eye on developments in the other states at conferences. The following, however, are the only known machines to have been actually tested and commissioned.

This continued in the 1950s when in 1951 there was an inspection of a Johnson Fare Box machine for change. In 1954 after a European tour, the Gibson & TIM were recommended, particularly for one man operated buses. However there were importation quotas on machines and sometimes Ultimates and others were hard to come by. Ultimate machines were only issued to Beret Girls operating at tram stops. Machines were never issued to conductors on trams. See also the corresponding Bus chapter.

Ticket Issue Machine (TIM)



Daily Telegraph 1951



The TIM machine was invented by FE Langdon (UK) whose first patent was 1932. He was also the inventor of the Neopost franking machine.

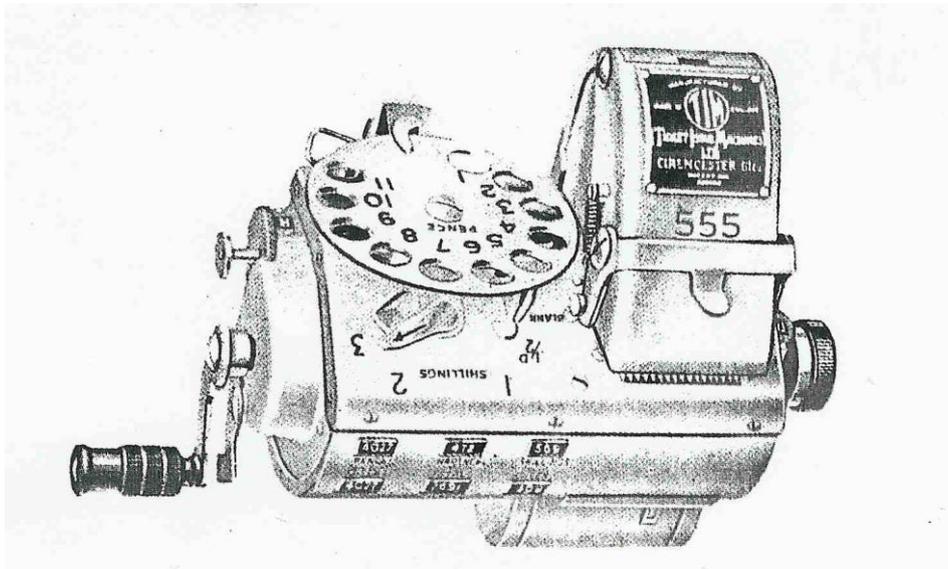
TIM Model 3, 1d-4/11d. Imported from UK via TIM agents in Benteigh, Victoria. Whole ticket printed in purple on strip, value dialled by driver or queue conductor¹, includes route and section (001-009) for bus or day/hour code (11-99) for queue conductor. The code at left signifies O= ordinary, F= combined ferry ticket, 2/W= child's two way ticket, C= concession, T= transfer ticket, R= return ticket. Five

¹ Generally these were female beret girls.

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machines initially lent, then a further 24 and 50 purchased. Use expanded as the one man bus network expanded. Four machines initially trialled from 16 July 1951 on route 150 (Palm Beach-Wynyard) plus six by beret girls at Kings Cross (am) or Queen's Square (pm). Also used in Newcastle where coloured paper (pink, brown and green) used as well as white. Weekly Notices gave the day/hour code. Last reference to servicing TIM machines at Randwick Workshops 1955.² Earliest date known: 15JY51 (machine 2, queue)³, 11OC51 (machine 7, queue). Latest date known: 25OC51 (machine 8, bus 414). Australian agents: Eastern Suburbs Omnibus Services P/L, Bentleigh Vic; AJ Wagg (Sydney).

WN48.54 TIM no need to change rte if bus changed



Used in Newcastle.

² PRO 12/8193, 12/8201

³ *Daily Telegraph* 16/7/51 "Transport Dept. lets Tim do it".

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Generic



Dept Road Transport & Tramways



Almex

Generic (Passenger Services)



Dept Govt Transport



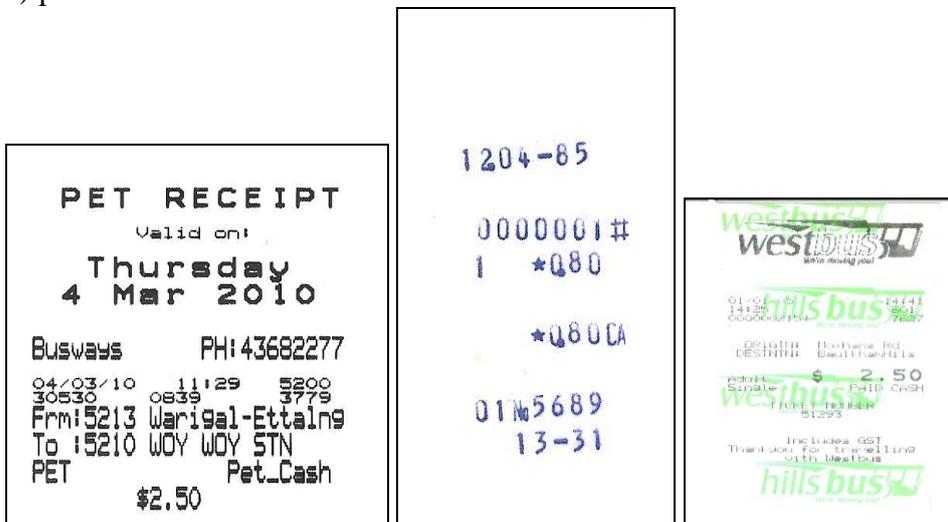
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Setright Speed



Various types of computer generated tickets

a) private buses



The middle example is from Punchbowl Bus Co who had notices in their buses explaining what each part of the ticket meant!

b) State Transit



Paper machine printed in various formats, sometimes with advertising on the back. a) normal issue b) special issue (eg, New Year's Eve, Transfer)