

LEYLAND - MCW OLYMPICS ORDERED for CUBA

Order no. (CMO)	Quantity	Model	Chassis Numbers between - and	Line Numbers between - and	Date	Remarks
29595	8	EL2/44	580844 - 580851	76 - 83	1959	Demonstrators
29866	193	EL2/44	592020 - 600952	84 - 276	1959/60	Explosion damaged 18 vehicles
30779	1	EL2/44	L01985	617	1964	MCW demonstrator
31084	400	EL2/44SPL	L21262 - L40261	619 - 1018	1964/65	mv Magdeburg (42 written off)
31084A	42	EL2/44SPL	L40262 - L40585	1019 - 1060	1965	Replacement order re Magdeburg
31266	400	EL2/44	L40586 - L44346	1061 - 1460	1966	
10570	82	EL3/41	L65300 - 701293	1463 - 1544	1967	
13804	115	EL3A/41	903402 - 7001799	1853 - 1967	1970	
Total	1241					less 42 written off following mv Magdeburg disaster = 1199 (+ 1 salvaged for spares = 1200)



Left – Bosnjak, Parramatta, NSW (m/o 5504) converted to right hand drive but otherwise mainly original (Robert Grieves) Right – MPA 12D was a support vehicle (car transporter) which initially served the embryonic Tyrrell team, later transferring to Matra with ownership of the company. (PSV Circle collection)

The 42 LEYLAND OLYMPICS LOST on the MAGDEBURG

The insurance claim was for 42 vehicles, the chassis numbers of which were as follows:

L22302-06/11/598-602/05/732/35/37/39/40/852-65

L23048-52/56/57/59/62/157/59

14 of these were lost at sea, in the hold, but the 28 taken off the wreck would have included:

Chassis Nos. if known	Qty.	Customer	Body	Reg.No.	Year
L22311	1	Repaired and to Cuba as spares	Original MCW body (spares)	-	1965?
L22600/732/858/63/64	5	Parramatta Bus Co, Australia)	(All 9 rebodied (see note):-		
L23049	1	Parramatta Bus Co, Australia)	(7 by Commonwealth Eng. B49D	(see below)	1969/70
? (3 more)	3	Parramatta Bus Co, Australia)	(2 by Smithfield B&CW, B54D	m/o 5880/82	1972
L23050/51	2	Smith, Wigan,	Rebodied Van Hool, C44F	CEK 587/88D	1966
?	1	Tyrrell, Ockham	Racing car transporter	MPA 12D	1966
	Total	13			
?	8	Maarse & Kroon, Aalsmeer, 511-18	rebodied by Verheul	DP52D	? 1968-70
?	8	GTW Bussen, Arnham 454-61	rebodied by Verheul	DP47D	? 1969
	Total	29	This is one too many as 28 were reported to be 'rescued'!		

Note - All 9 were rebuilt by Bosnjak. The 7 with Commonwealth Engineering bodies were registered m/o 5497, 5501-03/05, 5655/56

One bus was scheduled to depart on mv Magdeburg but 'missed the boat'. It went to Australia in 11/64 and was first registered in 1970