

Trolleybuses on Stamps

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In this article, I am pleased to present a selection of worldwide stamps dedicated to trolleybuses. As a trolleybus enthusiast, I am also interested in various associated aspects of our common passion and hope that you will agree that this is a very fascinating topic.

1. When celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first Berlin trolleybus line in 1977, the German postal service issued a stamp showing a 3-axle Büssing/AEG, the first model entered in service in the German capital in 1933.



2. Salzburg is one of the most progressive trolleybus cities in Europe, enjoying continuous expansion of the electric network. On this stamp, a Van Hool AG330T is pictured in the town centre with the Hohensalzburg castle in the background.



3. Before the arrival of the Caetano trolleybuses, which are still in service, twenty-five Sunbeam vehicles operated in Coimbra, the front end of one is illustrated on this Portuguese stamp.



4. Between 1909 and 1912, when still part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Slovenian coastal towns of Piran and Portorož were linked by a first generation trolleybus line, which was later replaced by a tramway. In this stamp, two rudimentary electric buses are pictured in the Piran's main square.



5. Trolleybuses appeared in Ljubljana, the Slovenian capital city, in 1951 and services continued for only twenty years until 1971. After the first batches of Italian FIAT production, the last deliveries were local FAP trolleybuses built between 1956 and 1958; one is pictured on this stamp.



6. This stamp is dedicated to the first trolleybus of the city of Sibiu, which was in service for only 2 months in 1904. In 1983 Sibiu introduced a modern trolleybus network but this regrettably closed in 2009.



7. The first trolleybus produced by a local Romanian factory was the T.V. 2E model. T.V. came from Tudor Vladimirescu, the original name of the factory, which in the sixties was changed to Autobuzul and since 1991 to Rocar. The type of trolleybus pictured in this stamp, has seen service in most of the Rumanian networks.



8. This Hungarian Ikarus IK-60TCS trolleybus with Ganz electrics was an interesting 1961 development of an earlier IK-60T two-axle model and was produced by adding a motorbus rear end, thus creating an articulated model. It is seen in front of the parliament building in Budapest.