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- ID: 30955
- Length: 35 Feet
- Width: 96 Inches
- Height: 10 Feet
- Weight: 20,000 lbs.
- Engine: Cummins ISC 8.3 litre turbo diesel, 800 foot pounds of torque at 1,00 RPM
- Transmission: Allison six speed with double overdrive
- Suspension: Front and rear torsion bar delivers smooth and quiet ride with exceptional handling characteristics.

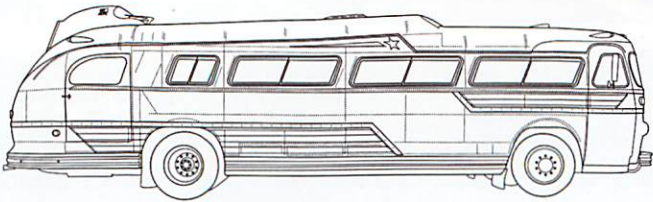


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While best known for its popular Clipper model, from 1957 through 1959, the Flexible Company of Loudonville, Ohio manufactured 100 Starliner models that incorporate the factory raised roof and "eyebrow" window. Currently only five roadworthy Starliner models remain. Two are located in Australia and three in the USA. This specific Flexible model is considered by collectors to be the most desirable of all remaining Starliners as no expense was spared in the restoration and the spirit of the original has been preserved.

This Starliner was originally equipped to transport 29 passengers (with a removable jump seat) to accommodate the needs of its first owner, The Union Pacific Railroad. It was designed to transport passengers to and from railroad stations to popular Idaho ski resorts. The oversized, full width rear storage room was utilized as a baggage room for passenger luggage and of course, skis.



The second owner was the Kirkland Bus Company of Twin Falls, Idaho and purchased by The Moffitt Brothers Transportation Company of Lostine, Oregon in the mid 60's and owned until 2002. Mr. Moffitt, the owner of the company, used this bus for special occasions and drove it himself in parades and utilized it to transport Hollywood movie stars to filming locations. Lostine, Oregon is a dry climate and the bus was garaged and never rusted. When Mr. Moffitt owned the Starliner, according to Roberta Moffitt, it included a 471 Detroit engine and a 4850 Spicer five speed transmission with overdrive.

In 2002 a two year restoration from a passenger bus to a fully functional motorhome configuration was completed by Carol and David Lang. A modern drive train was added that consists of a Cummins ISC 8.3 liter turbo diesel engine with 800 foot pounds of torque at 1,100 RPM and an Allison six-speed double overdrive transmission. A diesel generator was added along with central air conditioning and gas and electric heating systems. The Lang's enjoyed the bus for travel across the USA.



The restoration was nearing completion when the 9/11 tragedy shocked the world. The Lang's created the Red, White and Blue paint scheme as a tribute to America and as a reminder of the Firefighters and First Responders who sacrificed their lives saving others.

The next transfer was in 2014 when Joey and Jim Lattimore purchased the 1957 Flexible Starliner from the Lang's. The Lattimore's exercised the Starliner regularly, participated in parades and was regularly spotted at University of Tennessee football tailgating events. It was stored in a temperature controlled barn in Leipers Fork, Tennessee.

The current guardian is Andy Pargh, best known for his network TV and syndicated newspaper reports under the name The Gadget Guru. Pargh has brought all maintenance tasks to current and is enjoying this vintage bus by traveling to motorcoach resorts and events where collectors have an appreciation for this era of luxury transportation. When not in use, Pargh's Starliner is stored in a secure, covered facility.