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## FIRST AUSTRALIAN ORDER FOR UNIQUE NATIONAL BUS

Leyland Australia's Truck and Bus Division has been awarded an \$800,000 contract to supply 30 Leyland National buses to the Melbourne Metropolitan Tramways Board.

The buses will be assembled by Leyland's Truck and Bus Division in Sydney.

The \$800,000 order represents the first major Australian contract for the unique bus since it was introduced earlier this year.

The National has been described as the world's safest city bus.

It features totally integral construction, the body and mechanical units being designed as one complete load-bearing structure.

Almost 50 per cent of the National's design and development costs were devoted to safety related areas such as handling, braking, passenger and driver protection and comfort and good ride.

Some of the comfort and safety features incorporated in the National bus are:-

- \* air suspension, giving controlled, smooth ride.
- \* flat floors and low flat steps for easy entry.
- \* doorways wide enough to admit two people side by side.
- \* integral construction - the National has undergone barrier crash testing and has been designed to withstand its own

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CARS	AUSTIN	BUSES	COACHES	FOUR WHEEL	TRACTORS	ROAD ROLLERS
ROVER	MORRIS	LEYLAND	AB DENNING	DRIVE	LEYLAND	GRADERS
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unladen weight on its roof without structural collapse.

\* low noise level due to rear mounted underfloor engine and careful soundproofing.

\* modern lighting.

Heating and ventilation are of a particularly high standard: a fully automatic system keeps interior temperature even by playing a curtain of hot/cold air (similar to those found at dept. store entrances) at door openings to prevent hot/cold air entering.

Hot or cold air is also draughted over the windows to reduce misting.

Delivery of the 30 buses to the Tramways Board is to be completed by July, 1974.

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PALLMATS AND TRUCKS PRESSURE METAL LANDROVER (LEYLAND) GRADERS  
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