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SILVER EAGLE



# Silver Eagle

This Silver Eagle is a model 05 made 1969 in Belgium. Working life started at Trailways home base in Charleston, US. Bus was Imported back to Europe in mid 1990's.

## Eagle history

The first Eagles were the Golden Eagles made by Kässbohrer (Germany) from 1956 and were of the "Setra Design" which meant that they had a chassis-less frame called Selbst Tragend (self-carrying). The bus was called "Setra" from the first letters of both words. A slightly less equipped model called "Silver Eagle" with the traditional silver siding was designed and became standardized as the bus fleet for Continental Trailways, US.

In the late 50's, Kässbohrer wanted to focus in the European market and Continental Trailways then formed their own company Bus & Car Co together with a Belgian partner. In 1968 the Model 5 was introduced and was produced in Belgium until 1976 when all production was moved to Brownsville, US. In 1987 Greyhound purchased Trailways and Eagle International Inc. In the 1990's, however Greyhound declared bankruptcy, which also included the Eagle International Inc. The production line survived and for a while Eagles were produced, mostly as "entertainer Coaches" for celebrities and as motorhomes. In the late 90's the company was split and moved to Mexico. Mexico had a high demand for seated buses and Eagles were built for Mexican market - all with the famous Eagle Ride "Torsilastic Suspension". The production later moved back to Brownsville, US.

## Travel with an Eagle

The Trailways Eagles provided a more comfortable ride than the competing Greyhound coaches. During rides between Boston and New York in the middle 1960's, Trailways and Greyhound ran competitive services. The Eagles were warmer in the winters, had a softer ride, better upholstery and cushioning on the seats and offered a much quieter cabin. In the early 1970s, drivers referred to Old Eagles and New Eagles. The Old Eagles had the tag axle located behind the drive axle, like a Greyhound MCI. The New Eagles had the tag axle located in front of the drive axle which made them very interesting to drive.

You can rent our Eagle for a "vintage tour", company event or similar.

**The bus will attract attention anywhere!**









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