

Optare Olympus

East Lancs/Darwen/Optare Olympus

A [Reading Buses](#) Olympus, an example bodied by Darwen Group.

Overview

Manufacturer [Optare](#)

Production 2006–2011

Body and chassis

Doors 1 or 2

Floor type [Low floor](#)

Chassis [Scania N230UD](#)
[Scania N270UD](#)
[Volvo B9TL](#) (2 or 3 axle)
[Alexander Dennis Enviro400](#)

Related [Scania OmniDekka](#)

Powertrain

Capacity 68 - 100 seated ^[1]

Dimensions

Length 10.2 to 11.9 m (33 ft 5⁵/₈ in to 39 ft 1¹/₂ in)

Width 2,535 mm (8 ft 3³/₄ in) ^[2]

Height 4.2 to 4.3 m (13 ft 9³/₈ in to 14 ft 1¹/₄ in)

Chronology

Predecessor [East Lancs Myllennium Lolyne](#)
[East Lancs Myllennium Lowlander](#)
[East Lancs Myllennium Nordic](#)
[East Lancs Myllennium Vyking](#)

Successor [Optare MetroDecker](#)

The **Optare Olympus** (known as **East Lancs Olympus** and **Darwen Olympus**) was a [2-axle](#) and [3-axle low-floor double-decker bus body](#). It was built between 2006 to 2011 by [East Lancashire Coachbuilders](#) and then [Darwen Group](#) and then [Optare](#) respectively. It was built on [Scania N230UD](#) chassis,^[3] [Scania N270UD](#) chassis,^[4] [Volvo B9TL](#) chassis (2^[5] or 3^{[6][7]} axle) and [Alexander Dennis Enviro400](#) chassis.^[8]

In 2011, the Olympus was replaced by the [Optare MetroDecker](#)

Bought by Darwen

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A Darwen Olympus on a [Scania N230UD](#) chassis operating for [Network Colchester](#)

[East Lancs](#) went into [administration](#) in August 2007 and was bought by the [Darwen Group](#). The body was renamed **Darwen Olympus**.

Reverse takeover by Optare Olympus

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Following the reverse takeover of [Optare](#) by [Darwen Group](#) in June 2008, the Olympus was again renamed **Optare Olympus**

Optare Visionaire

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An [open-top double-decker bus](#) version of the Olympus, called the **Visionaire**, was also built.

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Former products		
Single-decker buses	Step Entrance Buses	EL2000 · European · Flyte · Greenway
	Low Floor Buses	Esteem · Kinetec · MaxCi · Myllennium (Hyline) · OmniTown · Spryte
Double-decker buses	Step Entrance Buses	1984-style double-deck · Cityzen · E Type · Pyoneer
	Low Floor Buses	Kinetec+ · Myllennium Lowlander · Lolyne (Myllennium Lolyne) · Nordic (Myllennium Nordic) · Olympus (Visionaire) · OmniDekka · Vyking (Myllennium Vyking)
See also		
Main companies	Optare (timeline of their products) · who had a reverse takeover of Darwen Group · who acquired East Lancashire Coachbuilders	

v · t · e Switch Mobility, a brand of Ashok Leyland, bus and coach timeline, 1985–present																																				
Type	1980s					1990s									2000s									2010s									2020s			
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<u>Minibus</u>			<u>StarRider</u>													<u>Alero</u>			<u>Alero[±]</u>																	
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<u>Midibus</u>	<u>CityPacer</u>										<u>Solo</u>									<u>MetroCity</u>																
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<u>Full-size bus</u>			<u>Delta</u>												<u>Agora Line</u>		<u>Esteem (ELC)</u>												<u>E1</u>							
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										<u>Prisma</u>												<u>Tempo SR</u>														
										<u>Excel</u>			<u>Excel 2</u>		<u>Tempo</u>																					

Double-decker bus			Spectra		Olympus (ELC)		MetroDecker
					OmniDekka (ELC)		
Coach			Solera	Solera HD			
Switch Mobility (renamed from Optare) • who had a reverse takeover of Darwen Group • who acquired East Lancashire Coachbuilders (ELC)							

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