

Treadmaster Flooring

The Routemaster – A London Icon



Treadmaster Flooring is proud to have been part of this famous bus since the very beginning.

Treadmaster's TM3 & TM4 flooring has long been associated with the Routemaster bus; from its inception in the early 1950s, right through the 1960s and continuing to the vehicle's extensive revival in 2012.

This affiliation continues to this day with the Routemaster Association, an organisation tenaciously keeping this transport icon on the road.

In the last six months Treadmaster Flooring has been working alongside the Routemaster Association to supply it with all the original flooring components, which it in turn sources to its ever-increasing membership. Some of

these components have not been manufactured in over 25 years, consequently leading to a complete redesign and followed by production on our state-of-the-art CNC Router.

TM3 & TM4's synthetic rubber-bonded cork materials give both an excellent degree of oil and grease resistance, coupled with a high coefficient of friction properties; these

combined compounds and features give both materials a durability suitable for many years of service. The Routemaster Association was formed in the late 1980s with the aim of supporting operators and owners who had started to acquire examples of this London icon following the commencement of large-scale withdrawals from London service.

Since then, the association has developed into a leader among bus interest and support organisations; and working together they help keep the Routemaster on the road.

Their principal aims are to:

- Share knowledge and operating experience
- Provide technical information
- Provide help with obtaining spare parts
- Provide Routemaster-related news
- Cater for the historical and preservation interest

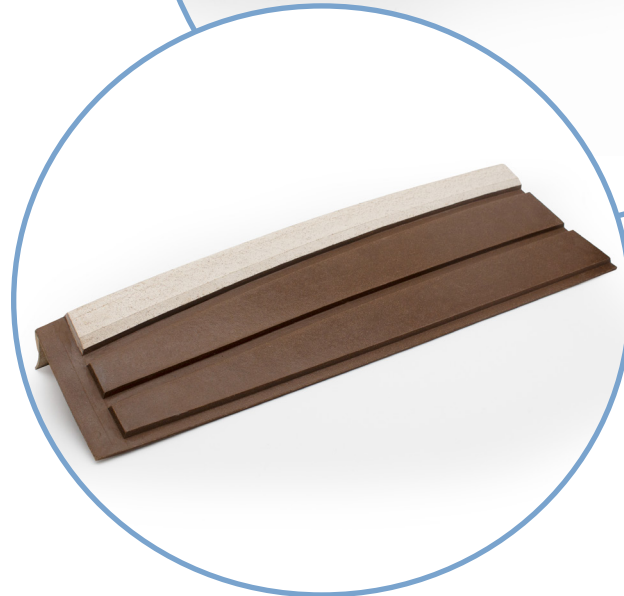
The Routemaster Association often organises, or is involved with, a number of events. Events have taken place at many venues including Brighton, Brooklands, CarFest, Gaydon, Leighton Buzzard, Quainton Road Railway, Shuttleworth and Worthing.

A big milestone was the 50th anniversary of the unveiling of RM1 back in 2004. The Routemaster 50 rally was held in London at Finsbury Park over two days in July of that year where nearly 100 Routemasters were in attendance. Ten years later the 60th anniversary of the unveiling of RM1 was marked with the largest-ever gathering of the Routemaster bus. Over two days in July 2014, the Routemaster 60

rally was again held in London at Finsbury Park where 136 Routemasters were in attendance.

A number of specially produced items have been sourced and / or manufactured by the association, including window rubbers, bodywork fixings, bonnet roundels, indicator ear rubbers and sliding bulkhead windows as well as a number of mechanical items such as gearbox piston seal kits, brake adjuster and key, handbrake quadrant and pawl, and king pin sets.

We hope to build on our growing relationship with the Routemaster Association and provide it with flooring parts for years to come.



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If you're interested in becoming a member of the Routemaster Association please visit routemaster.org.uk for more information.

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