

Default Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) Cheat Sheet

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Transit Agencies will report the age of all vehicles to the National Transit Database. FTA will track the performance of revenue vehicles (Rolling Stock) and service vehicles (Equipment), by asset class, by calculating the percentage of vehicles that have met or exceeded the useful life benchmark (ULB).

FTA has set a default ULB as the expected service years for each vehicle class in the table below. ULB is the average age-based equivalent of a 2.5 rating on the FTA Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) scale. Transit agencies can adjust their Useful Life Benchmarks with approval from FTA.

Revenue Vehicle Type		Default ULB (in years)
AB	Articulated bus	14
AG	Automated guideway vehicle	31
AO	Automobile	8
BR	Over-the-road bus	14
BU	Bus	14
CC	Cable car	112
CU	Cutaway bus	10
DB	Double decked bus	14
FB	Ferryboat	42
HR	Heavy rail passenger car	31
IP	Inclined plane vehicle	56
LR	Light rail vehicle	31
MB	Minibus	10
MO	Monorail vehicle	31
MV	Minivan	8
RL	Commuter rail locomotive	39
RP	Commuter rail passenger coach	39
RS	Commuter rail self-propelled passenger car	39
RT	Rubber-tired vintage trolley	14
SB	School bus	14
SR	Streetcar	31
SV	Sport utility vehicle	8
TB	Trolleybus	13
TR	Aerial tramway	12
VN	Van	8
VT	Vintage trolley	58