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On Track: A Field Guide To San Francisco's Streetcars And Cable Cars



Synopsis

San Francisco just wouldn't be the same without its colorful streetcars and cable cars. These vintage forms of public transit are not only practical ways to explore the City--they're amusement rides that jangle through a mix of historic buildings and vibrant new development, filling your ears with the sound of cables clicking as steel wheels rumble under your feet. At the same time, they're a fleet of unique traveling museums. This field guide from the Market Street Railway tells the remarkable stories of each of San Francisco's cable cars and streetcars. Detailed illustrations and specs accompany the description of each vehicle. There's even a trainspotter's checklist at the back of the guide for keeping track of the fleet. On Track also shows riders how to get the most enjoyment out of this unique transportation system. In addition to giving tips for avoiding long waits in line and choosing the best seats, it provides directions for several ride-and-walk tours that cover the City's "greatest hits" as well as sites frequented primarily by longtime residents. Part travel guide, part civic and engineering history, this lively book will provide a way for tourists and locals alike to get "on track".

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I operated most of those vehicles both in testing and in service. Started on Muni equipment in 1968 and the vehicles in the book are the best equipment the Muni had. The new Breda and Boeing cars were a disaster.

What a wonderful book about San Francisco's outstanding endeavor to preserve the nostalgia of

the streetcars that were found in many U.S. cities. A close friend was in San Francisco recently and knew of my passion for streetcars (especially PCCs) and sent a copy of this masterpiece to me. It is a wealth of knowledge about the various streetcar reincarnations that exist in San Francisco. What pleasant memories this volume has for me. If you are a streetcar lover, you should have this book! If you are fortunate enough to be planning a trip to San Francisco, purchase a copy to take with you.

This is a wonderful book describing the trolleys in San Francisco. If you are an enthusiast, you will want it in your library.

Colorful and complete guide to the historic streetcars.

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