

ALMEX AS-8

Merseyrail introduced a form of penalty fares scheme in 1981 at 4 stations using 'Universal' car park machines. If the ticket office was closed, 10p was inserted in the machine that issued a 'Boarding Card'. This cost was deducted when the fare was paid on the train or at the destination. Failure to produce a ticket resulted in payment of a £1.50 fine. From 5th September 1983, the scheme was extended using the Almex AS-8. This was another Pay and Display car park type machine. The machine printed layout was identical to car park tickets, showing date, amount paid, time of issue and a code for the station of issue.

The scheme was withdrawn by 1985.

Machines were provided at two other stations for the issue of normal travel tickets. A machine at Luton station issued tickets for the Luton Flyer bus service to Luton Airport. The tickets issued at Dyce showed the destination station.

Merseyrail Boarding Cards

<u>STATION</u>	<u>CODE</u>	
AIGBURTH	AIG	
AINTREE	AIN	
BANK HALL	BAH	Replaced Universal machine
BOOTLE NEW STRAND	BNW	
BOOTLE ORIEL ROAD	BOT	Replaced Universal machine
CRESSINGTON	CSG	
FAZAKERLEY	FAZ	
GARSTON (MERSEYSIDE)	GRM	
HUNTS CROSS	HCR	
KIRKDALE	KKD	Replaced Universal machine
ORRELL PARK	OPK	
PRESTON ROAD	PRD	Renamed RICE LANE
RICE LANE	PRD	Preston Road code continued to be used, not believed to have been changed
ST MICHAELS	STM	
SANDHILLS	SDL	Replaced Universal machine
SEAFORTH & LITHERLAND	SFL	

Othe locations

DYCE	1D	Replaced by Almex AS-10
LUTON	++V	Luton Flyer, the first 2 digits of machine number indicated year of issue, e.g. 85V