

# METROLINK

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A tramway system in the Manchester area, running along the streets in the city centre and over ex-NR tracks to Bury and Altrincham which was opened in sections from April 1992.

The machines had 24 destination buttons and 5 buttons for the ticket type. Originally, 7 buttons were for the Metrolink zones and 16 for the BR zones with one spare. From April 1993, this was changed to give one button for each Metrolink station and 3 for the BR zones. Initially, the destination was shown as a zone, e.g. **ZONE D**, or if to a BR station, as e.g. **BRITISH RAIL 7**. Tickets to Metrolink stations now show the destination station name. The buttons were later replaced by a panel in the form of a 9 x 11 matrix. This contained all the destinations and ticket types. The machines print 2 lines of text on a flimsy paper roll, the top line shows the station of issue, fare, time and date. The bottom line shows the type, ticket number, machine number and destination. The 3 figure machine number is followed by a character that changes every day, " ! \$ % & @ \* + , - / : ; < = > ? [ ] ^ \_ 3 A B G K X v are a selection seen.

The machines used on the Eccles extension issue tickets on thin card of credit card size with a small hole in the bottom left corner. The machine printing is identical to tickets from the earlier machines.

STATION/TRAMSTOP	M/c. No.				DATE OPENED	
ALTRINCHAM	600	601	602	603	15-06-92	
BESSES'O T' BARN	110	111			06-04-92	
BOWKER VALE	050	051			06-04-92	
BROOKLANDS	660	661	662	663	15-06-92	663 on Down platform
BURY	170	171	172		06-04-92	
CRUMPSALL	030	031			06-04-92	
DANE ROAD	680	681			15-06-92	
G-MEX (CENTRAL)	340	341	342		27-04-92	
HEATON PARK	070	071			06-04-92	
HIGH STREET	460*	461*			27-04-92	Machines moved to new Market Street stop
MARKET STREET	440*	441*			27-04-92	Stop resited
MARKET STREET	440	441	460	461	10-08-98	Stop replacing High Street and original Market Street stops
MOSLEY STREET	380	381			27-04-92	
NAVIGATION ROAD	620	621			15-06-92	
OLD TRAFFORD	320	321	322		15-06-92	
PICCADILLY	400	401	402	403		401 on Altrincham plat. 403 on Bury platform
PICCADILLY GDNS	420	421	422	423	20-07-92	
PICCADILLY STN	400*	401*	402*	403*	20-07-92	Changed to PICCADILLY
PRESTWICH	090	091			06-04-92	
RADCLIFFE	150	151	152		06-04-92	
ST PETERS SQUARE	360	361	362		27-04-92	360/361 on Altrincham platform
SALE	700	701	702	703	15-06-92	
STRETFORD	720	721	722		15-06-92	
TIMPERLEY	640	641			15-06-92	
TRAFFORD BAR	300	301			15-06-92	
VICTORIA	480	481	482	483 484	06-04-92	482 on Bury platform
WHITEFIELD	130	131	132		06-04-92	
WOODLANDS ROAD	010	011			06-04-92	

### Eccles extension

Machines xx1 are located on the Manchester platform, or Manchester end on island platforms

ANCHORAGE	041	042	043		06-12-99	043 on Manchester platform
BROADWAY	061	062			06-12-99	
CORNBROOK	001	002			06-12-99	Shown as CORNBROCK in error at opening
ECCLES	101	102			21-07-00	
EXCHANGE QUAY	021	022			06-12-99	
HARBOUR CITY	051	052			06-12-99	
LADYWELL	091	092			21-07-00	
LANGWORTHY	071	072			21-07-00	
POMONA	011	012			06-12-99	
SALFORD QUAYS	031	032			06-12-99	
WEASTE	081	082			21-07-00	