

Number 1259 Still Hanging in There As the MTA's Last Methanol Bus

(Dec. 30) She may be the MTA's last methanol bus, but ol' Number 1259 still hits the road from Division 9 every day – the only holdout among 333 methanol buses that has not yet been converted to clean diesel.

"Yep, she's still hanging in there," says Rich Famighetti, senior maintenance supervisor at Division 9. "She's running pretty good. Everything just kinda fell into place and she's still working."

275 buses converted

To date, 275 former methanol buses have been changed over to clean diesel and are back in service. Fifty-seven buses are in the conversion process, according to Mike Singer, fleet manager.

So, what's the fate of Number 1259? "We're going to run it until it fails," says Richard Hunt, deputy executive officer, Bus Maintenance. "Then, it'll be converted to clean diesel like the rest."

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