

Second hand buses of 1997

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The original 900 series (D900) had a very angular front end which caused a lot of aerodynamic turbulence; that was cured in Seattle by little vertical spoilers. The 901 model had a smoother front end to fix that issue. (JD)

The shape of the front end of the bus caused weird aerodynamic turbulence where the front wheels would splash grit upon to the driver's mirror. Seattle Metro fixed this by adding the rounded little fins to the corners.

As an aside, Seattle Metro operators found the visibility to be MUCH better in the old D900s than the Gillig Phantoms that replaced them note the Phantoms have the same windshield arrangement but w/o the corner windows. (KH)