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Seat "straw"

Seat of the closed electric tram, which was covered with a straw-based material, showing the process and materials used, until middle 60's.

There are several models that used this model of seats. Among the most famous is the Electric Tramcar 444 – "S. Luís" (401 to 474). The first closed electric tramcars arrived in Carris in 1901. There were 75 in total with 'great comfort and elegance' for the time, with windows with casements, low relief wooden interior decorations, reversible interior chairs covered with platted straw material and the exterior paint was very well finished with ornaments in decalcomy.

They were known as 'S. Luís' due to their factory origin, the American St. Louis C^o. Factory, and, starting in 1952, they were progressively slaughtered for service.



Image 1 – Seat "straw" on display at Space I of the Museu da Carris



Image 2 – Seat "straw" (detail) on display at Space I of the Museu da Carris



Image 3 – Tram 444, São Luís, from 1901, on display at Space II of the Museu da Carris

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Summer Holidays Workshop

We are preparing the Summer Holidays Workshop at the Museu da Carris.

It will be three weeks with educational activities dedicated to the seven hills of Lisbon and the paths that the tram performs. Weeks available between July 12 and 30. Registration until June 21. Contact us for more information: museu@carris.pt.



Image 4 – Image of the Summer Holidays Workshop 2021

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The inauguration of the Bica Funicular was on June 28, 1892?

Connecting Rua de São Paulo and Largo do Calhariz, the Bica funicular was built by the Nova Companhia dos Ascensores Mecânicos de Lisboa, having started operating on June 28, 1892. The original traction system was Tramway-cable and steam engines. Electrification only came to pass in 1927, already then it became the property of Companhia Carris by, at the end of the year before its owner had dissolved. In 2002 it was classified as a National Monument.



Image 5 – Bica Funicular in 1892