

## Concord Stage Coach

The American style coach was popular in the American West during the days of the Gold Rush in the late 1800s. Made in Concord, New Hampshire, by Abbott and Downing Company, these rugged vehicles were shipped to the American West, Australia, South Africa, and places where roads were rugged or non-existent.

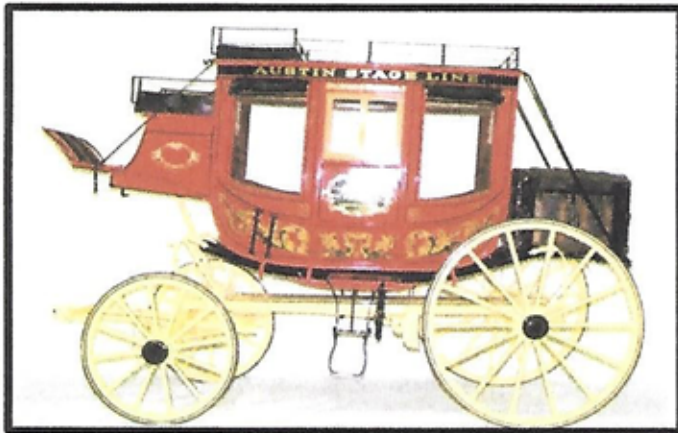
The bodies of English coaches sat on stiff leaf spring suspensions and soon shook to pieces on rough Roads. But the innovative leather thoroughbrace system perfected by Abbott and Downing allowed the coach box to sway as the vehicle bounced along, staying intact.

Abbott and Downing made both city and long-distance coaches. This reproduction vehicle uses the east coast city design but is painted in the Wells Fargo colors. There is extra space on top to carry luggage and forward facing passengers.

All Concord coaches were brightly painted with the names of their destinations and often had lovely murals depicting the areas they served.

The reproduction Austin Stage Line coach sports scenes of Florida's lovely beaches and golf courses representing Ms. Austin's home of many years.

Old stories say the horses were changed out for mules once the footing changed, upon entering Florida's sandy terrain.



Circa: 1997  
Manufacturer: Willi Green, Orient, Ohio  
Authentic Replica of Abbot-Downing Coach  
ID #: 71  
Owned by Gloria Austin



