# Application of Art Deco Theme on "Bandung Tour on Bus" Exterior

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**Abstract** Bandung Tour on Bus or Bandros is a sightseeing tour around the city using buses from Bandung that are in demand by many tourists both in the city and outside the city, even to government guests. Bandros itself has various routes and colours for tourists to ride, Bandros bus was created to attract tourists from outside the city to visit the city of Bandung (City Branding) with its Art Deco theme, But the formation of Bandros itself is still far from the main theme, the Art Deco. Therefore, to avoid miss conception abour Art Deco definition and design forms, it is necessary to redesign the exterior of the bus Bandros to be closer to the main theme using art deco parametric based on Art. However, to obtain optimal results, authors used an analysis of data based on literature, samples of design, and visual concepts are needed by prioritizing the basic theme of Art Deco and limiting it to government regulations. By using Art Deco parameters, it will avoid misconception in Art Deco on public understanding.

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## 1. Introduction

Bandung Tour on Bus or Bandros is a sightseeing tour around the city using buses from Bandung. Bandros also comes with colours variant, such as red, blue, green, purple, yellow and black for VIP only. Each colour has each own route and shared with each derivative colour. Bandros itself has a concept, mixture of double-decker from England and the tram from San Francisco with Art Deco touch. Bandros Bus was created to attract tourists outside the city to visit the city of Bandung (City Branding). Bandung Mayor "Ridwan Kamil" chose bright colours to make the residents of Bandung city smile while looking at that bus.

According to local news Bandaros bus aka Bandros used to a trending topic for a while, and it still being an origins city feature that Bandung citizen proud for. As it operated maximum of 8 times a day both tourist and citrizen still enjoying the ride eventually. While riding this tour bus were experience a hidden story around city, walking through history of Bandung City was being the critical point of this feature.

While Art Deco itself it has begun to be rarely used by companies manufacturing vehicles, the idea was to be simple and luxurious, while what we seen on Bandros bus shape was too crowded. And the colours variant is slightly different to present Art Deco look. 10 out of 10 random sources got mistook about the design language. Misconception may cause problem for public understanding, and may grow up as long as it's not

clarified.

Mislead information may cause chaotic understanding both from common and professional people. As it may shady to hear Art Deco for commons. It is the right time to educate people since there are an example from the past. While Art Deco now rarely seen, but yet there are still many fans existing around the world.

"Art Deco Means Decorative and industrial arts. Their mean to be modern and assisted by technological progress. It is the agenda that determine the shapes; hence technology is also part of it. There is a line between human needs and technology. Art talks no different. The shapes it creates are determined by those needs and new technologies; hence, they can only be modern".[3] This mean Art Deco its self has to contain the technology on it, the way of modernism is part of Art Deco, both technology, and Art Deco have continuity that cannot be separated to each other.

"Art Deco style is not the form of one's expression, nor from a famous one. The Art Deco style gives visual energy impact from their own characteristics, inherent quality but open, the extraordinary beauty of Art Deco has proven its success throughout the world and with the most diverse situations".[2] The more impact from the "form" its self the closer it looks to Art Deco, but that doesn't mean every form that have huge impact mean as an Art Deco. Art Deco has its own characteristic that made it original when the Art Deco itself Are made to be unique and limitedly.

"Art Deco Design is a form of modernism. As they are purposely made to be limited that symbolizing wealth and sophistication. featuring simple, clean shapes, often with a streamlined look. The design had geometric or stylized \_\_\_\_\_

from representational forms and usually patterned, composed by expensive materials such as plastics, especially Bakelite, vita-glass and ferro concrete and also jade, silver, ivory, obsidian, chrome, and rock crystal as we may found in nature. Art Deco Object create unusual look, it was form of limited product, that was not massively made. inspiration was about how human admire the modernity of machine". [6]

"Art Deco form are, Horizontal rather than vertical emphasis, rounded rather than angular corner, minimum surface ornamentation".[5] When we take a look at Art Deco style based on current Bandros Design It almost share the same definition unless about the minimum surface ornamentation.

The references above talking the same meaning about the Art Deco. The way it has to be unique, modern, stylish, and luxurious. "When Art Deco style are Progressive Art Design, which moves away from nature to be more industrial characteristics as it used to, creates an impression stylish, attractive, and fashionable. The implications used by Art Deco are Creative, urban, industrial. Art Deco talks about how modern, simple, geometric and wealth product, monochromatic color are the most suitable for this condition for an example like Silver and Gold are representing the wealth and prosperity, for a vehicle usually using chrome as an ornamental colors".[1] The following is a color sample found in the Art Deco style.



Figure 1. Art Deco Bright Colour Sample source: artdecostyle.ca



**Figure 2.** Art Deco Metallic Colour Scheme **source:** artdecostyle



Figure 3. Bandros bus exterior source: Author Data

From the picture above it can be concluded that Bandros is cross formation between the design of the Tram from San Francisco, and the bus from London, there are also ornaments around the vehicle body, using art deco colours scheme as body paint. It had some characteristic from Art Deco, but it can fully call Art Deco because there are many things that crossing the parameters line, such as non-luxurious look.

## 2. Methods

#### 2.1 Data Analysis & Parameters

Data analysis technique used by the authors, testing the quality of existing data and testing the completeness of the data by making data classifications, classifying data must refer to relevance and quality of literature. which is useful for getting predictive data. By using Parameters it's easier to gain result for the grand design. According to theoretical data, below parameter that determines Art Deco.

Table 1. Art Deco Parameters

Art Deco Parameter	
Point	Definition
Streamline	Streamline means fluid particle path relative to
	the mass period, fluid moves in smooth flow
	without creating turbulence, using horizontal
	line references, blunt angle and use of calm
	colour contrasting with dark colours, they are
	usually applied to chrome objects.
Geometric	Forms that can be defined, such as circles, balls,
	squares, tubes, pyramid, and so on. Often also
	referred to as absolute or pure form, the nature
	of the geometric shape is symmetrical
	(repetition).
Luxurious	Generally luxurious design form in classical
	way, has high-quality features, good
	appearance, more prestigious construction, high-
	level design and innovative modern technology.
Simplicity	Simplicity of Forms is a hidden luxury, the
	reduction in the forms used is the main
	characteristic of the simplicity of form.
Ornamentation	Art Deco usually expose their material colours,
	but does not cover the possibility to be painted,
	for vehicle the most ornaments usually made by

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	chromium across the vehicle body without being painted (exposed material).
Experimentative	Form that made from combinations to create a new whole inspiration for the design.
Monochromatic	Monotone, containing single main colour

## 2.2 Data Sample

Art deco has been applied to vehicle for long time, like car, train, bus, and even airplane, there are many samples of the form all along the world. As it has its own way of expression fans of this idea also still exist across a few countries. Below are sample appliance of Art Deco on



Vehicle

Figure 4. Hudson Locomotive source: Wikimedia



Figure 5. 1956 Nash Ambassador source: Complex



Figure 6. 1954 Buick Wildcat II source: Complex

# 3. Result & Discussion

As it is too much ornamentation across Bandros bus exterior, and the design does not create the impression of luxury and Simplicity. The concept was to aim Art Deco theme into medium bus, replacing both body and ornaments on previous design that were more in line with the Art Deco parameter and slightly change the colours variant.

#### 3.1 Mind Map



**Figure 7.** Mind map **source:** Author Data

#### 3.2 Sketch

Free Hand Sketching are the best method to express the ideas, make alternatives for design much faster and out of the box. Without losing in each detail. Authors create design based on parameters of art deco.

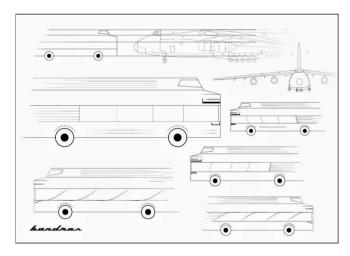


Figure 8. Exterior Sketch source: Author Data





Figure 9. Details Sketch source: Author Data

#### 3.3 Final Design



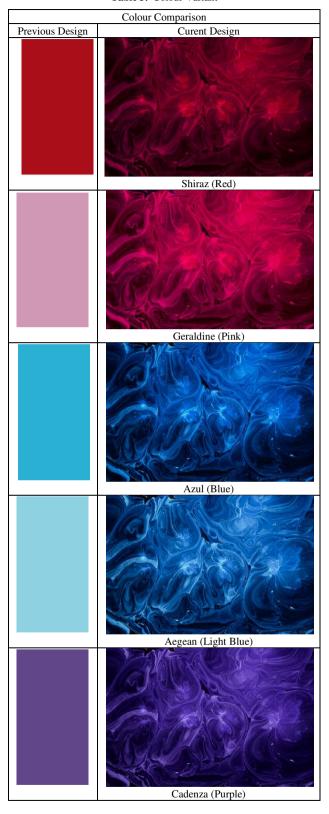
Figure 10. Final Design source: Author Data



Figure 11. Ornament on Left Side source: Author Data

The Idea was to made a tourist bus as closer as Art Deco parameters, authors choose among the alternative design from sketch, the grand design achieved by using a simple line between the deck. Authors using airplane as inspiration as the part of experimentation design. Ornaments was using chrome as based colours as the lamp using LED technologies that refers to modernism in vehicle design nowadays. Art Deco mean Simple and luxurious, both can be achieved using colour matching and simple lane design. Below are colours variant concept that change slightly from previous design colours, comes with a new naming concept for each colour.

Table 3. Colour Variant



Eminance (Violet) Malachite (Green) Aquamarine (Light Green) Tuscan (Yellow) Cosmozeus (Black/VIP)

streamlined, geometric, luxurious, simplicity in form, material, and experimental forms between planes and buses can produce Art Deco look. Parametric method helps authors to decide the grand design accorded to literature. And as it may clear miss understanding about Art Deco.

#### 4.2 Recommendation

As the final result authors began to questioning random person as subject data and the result about 8 out of 10 the grand design was known as Art Deco, to avoid misconception among common people and Due the limitation of authors, for future design it may need deeper research about Art Deco looks to gain 10 out of 10 result especially for lamp parts, and features on body design.

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## 4. Conclusion & Recommendation

#### 4.1 Conclusion

Based on the results of this study, it can be concluded that applying the Art Deco theme based on parametric data to the visual design of the exterior of the Bandros bus produced the Art Deco characteristic. The Art Deco formation, which is a series of "ever changing (always changing / futuristic)", by using parameters such as