

Another new piece of Oxford aircraft tooling is unveiled this month,

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with the launch of a carrier-capable fighter aircraft that saw service in WWII and later the Korean War of the 1950s. In 1:72 scale, we have reproduced the example of the WWII F4U Corsair as flown by Don Balch of Marine Fighting Squadron (VMF-221), one of the United States Marine Corps fighter squadrons, which was also known as the 'Fighting Falcons' squadron.

The Corsair proved a worthy match against the Japanese Zeros in the war over the Pacific.The squadron ended WWII with 185 air to air victories. The notable squadron aces included

Donald Luther Balch,

who had 5 kills. Vought manufactured the majority of Corsairs but as demand grew, both Goodyear and Brewster also produced the aircraft. From delivery of the first prototype in 1940 to the last to come off the production line in 1953, Vought manufactured 12,571 Corsairs.

1949, during which time 6777 had

been produced for the discerning motorists of the period.

CHANCE VOUGH F4U-1	NEW			
AC008	1:72	EDITION	£11.95	-

£19.95



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Our Modern Truck sector of the Haulage Company range benefits from another new piece of Oxford tooling in 1:76 scale, which comes with all the features of the latest Volvo FH 'facelift' cab. which the manufacturers introduced last year, which includes new styling to the front grilles and headlights. In real life, the Volvo FH was introduced in 1993 and is still very much in use today. FH stands for Forward Control High Cab and if you see numbers

afterwards, e.g. FH12 or FH16, these signify the engine capacity in litres. The Volvo engine design put them amongst the

world leaders, resulting in their FH range being one of the most successful introductions ever sold, with a reputed

Volvo FH Recovery Vehicle **Albert Road Recovery** VOL01REC 1:76

400,000 units worldwide. Albert Road Recovery is part of the Canute Haulage Ltd group, which acquired Albert Road Recovery in 1995. This branch of the company, in the bright yellow and red liveried vehicles, still operates from Purfleet in Essex, providing part of Canute's national roadside

The Austin Welfarer Ambulance is a variation of the Austin K8, which we introduced as part of the Oxford new tooling programme very recently. Launched in 1947, the K8 was a versatile vehicle used for a wide range of commercial purposes. The factory built ambulance conversion on the K8 was called K8/AA and featured various modifications to make it suitable for transporting patients. For instance, it was fitted with low-pressure tyres, whilst the suspension was altered to give a softer ride by using different springs and shock absorber settings.

were busy throughout last winter!

Access to the rear accommodation was either through the nearside side door or via the double doors at the back, where folding steps were fitted.

The basic cost of the Austin Welfarer Ambulance was £805 but ambulance services could order various

**Austin Welfarer Ambulance Nottinghamshire County Council** AK004 1:43

combinations of seats and stretchers, depending on their requirements. It is thought there are only two Austin Welfarer ambulances still in existence in the UK, one of which 'starred' in the sci-fi film 'Quatermass Experiment' For our first release on the 'Welfarer', we have chosen the livery of Nottinghamshire County Council Ambulance Service, registration KOK 88, in mid blue with contrasting trim and wheel arches. Note particularly the emergency spotlight and Ambulance sign above the front window. The real vehicle, which we used for reference, is owned and has been restored by the East Midlands Ambulance Service Conservation Group and attends many shows. Something to look out for next season!

recovery network of engineers and workshops. With the current UK weather situation, we bet they

By 1939 there were 52 Levland/Metz turntable ladders being used by British fire brigades. However, due to the WWII hostilities, further orders were cancelled, to be replaced in due course by Merryweather appliances. However, 32 of the TLM/Metz remained in service – some lasting until the mid 1960s. This is an updated piece of tooling, a closed cab version of our Leyland TLM fire engine. It is in the Newcastle City Fire Brigade livery - fantastic colours! TAFF





Austin Service/Mann Egerton
Austin K8

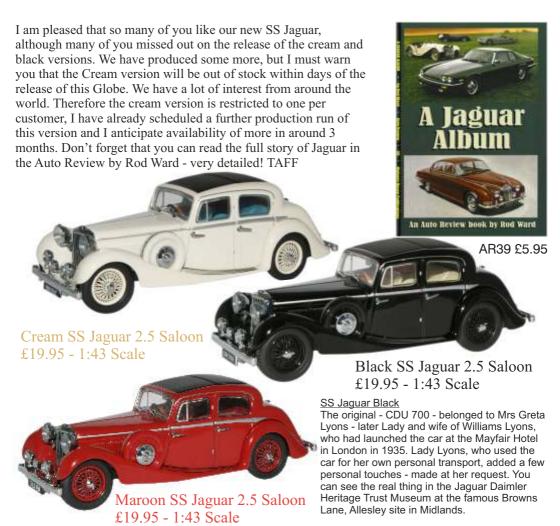
CODE SCALE AK005 1:43 EDITION PRICE £9.95

vehicles across the country was very difficult, with local dealers adopting different styles. This led to various newsletters requesting the use of Austin Stone Grey, Austin Claret or Austin Blue. Slogans were also suggested, such as "You can depend on Austin Service" or "Express Spare Parts Delivery". Dealers were reminded that a well designed service vehicle will have a long term impact in the public. This Austin K8 is shown in the Mann Egerton livery and is a nice edition to the range that we have released. Such a big vehicle, the 1:76 versions will appear in a couple of months and they are certain to create a lot of interest, at the smaller scale some of our models become even more appealing.

The need for Austin to create uniform coloured

We have featured the Co-op livery on many items over the years and this 1:43<sup>rd</sup> Bedford CA Milk Float is a nice addition to the range. Robert Owen is often regarded as the father of the Co-operative movement, but the concept goes back further when trading companies were formed to arrange the bulk purchases of cheap foodstuffs. The Co-operative Wholesale Society came into existence in 1863 in a small warehouse in Manchester. In 1873 they started to manufacture goods: biscuits, boots and shoes, soap, washing machines, corsets, bicycles etc. They later purchased tea plantations in Ceylon and butter facilities in Denmark. However, for many what was so attractive were the advertisements, particularly pre-war, that had their own very unique style.

Co-op Bedford Co		NEW		
CA023	1:43	EDITION	PRICE £9.95	-



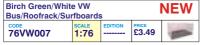
the MG ZA Magnette that was designed by ex-Jowett Javelin designer Gerald Palmer. It made its debut in 1953 to an eager band of MG saloon enthusiasts. The

new Magnette shared its Palmer designed bodyshell with the Wolseley 4/44 which appeared at the same time. The Magnette made good use of the BMC 1489cc, B-Series engine which gave this mid-sized family car good performance for its day. It had a graceful four door body style that looked almost Italian from some angles, it featured the traditional MG front grille which was raked to give it an aerodynamic shape to match the rest of the cars design. Inside the Magnette was

well equipped and came complete with a semioctaginal speedo as normally found in MG saloons. The Magnette ZA was replaced by the improved ZB in 1956

Island Green MGZA			NEW	
MGZ007	1:43	EDITION	PRICE £19.95	-







Marino Yellow/White VW Camper Closed				NEW
	1:76	EDITION	£3.49	-

Two more VW's, which have proved to be a great hit. Some of you will have noticed that the interiors of the 76VW003/4 are reversed, hopefully versions 7/8 are correct. Amazing how eagle eyed some of our members are! TAFF

Southern Railway was the smallest of the four great railways brought into being by the Railways Act of 1921. Its route mileage was only 2,186, all except nineteen miles, of standard gauge.

It was the only one of the four great railways to be confined to England.

Southern Railways Albion Horsebox				NEW
	SCALE 1:148	EDITION	£3.95	-



The RT was London's standard post-war double decker, replacing all other types, except for those designed to go under low bridges. At their peak, there were around 7000 of them in use in and around the capital. The first pre-war RT came into service in 1939 and the last – RT624 – came out of London Transport service in 1979. The famous RT also starred in many films, including a James Bond film car chase. Since their demise from the streets of London, many RTs are still being used around the world, either as working or preserved vehicles. Our model, advertising Jacobs Cream Crackers on one side and that famous slogan of the '60s – Drinkapintamilkaday – on the other. It is travelling on Route 165.

For many years, London Transport used chassis from both AEC and Leyland. It was seen as what we would now call 'politically correct' for London to be using Leyland as well as AEC products, especially in the important export market. Therefore, when the post-war standard bus for London was proposed, a Leyland powered version was essential. If it could be made to fit the same bodies as the AEC vehicle, even better! And so the RTL was born. To the eye, they looked identical to the RTs except for modifications that included a Leyland radiator, slightly different front chassis and foot of the cab front. Our No. 25 bus carries a Vernons Football Pools advertising panel on one side and Daily Express on the other.



London Transport RT 1:148 N - £4.95



Land Rover Fire Engines were built on 80-inch, 86-inch and 88-inch chassis. These small and easily manoeuvrable fire tenders, were capable of operating in restricted spaces that larger appliances could not reach. Many were sold to works fire services or small airfields where they filled the role of first-response vehicles - this was the Rover works 88 inch. Although Land Rover sub-contracted the construction of later Fire Engines to specialist manufacturers through their Special Projects Department, the Series I models were actually built at the Rover factory. The vehicles were all petrol engined. This is updated tooling, with a new rear section. Our success is in the detail! TAFF



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RUC Land Rover 109" Canvas

CODE 76LAN1109006 SCALE 176 EDITION 23.95 PRICE 23.95

The Royal Ulster Constabulary was the name of the police force in Northern Ireland from 1922 to 2001. At its peak the force had around 8,500 officers with a further 4,500 who were members of the RUC Reserve. The RUC had long used armoured vehicles to provide protection to its officers. The first to be based on the Land Rover appeared in 1957, on a Series 1 109" wheelbase pick-up body (registration WZ 599, fleet number

233). This incorporated only a basic level of protection, designed to repel bricks and bottles in a public order situation. Our model is based on this first version and carries the authentic registration.

The Morris Eight was a small car inspired by the sales popularity of the Ford Model Y. The success of the car enabled Morris to regain its position as Britain's largest motor manufacturer. The Series I ran from 1935-1937, the Series II was slightly restyled and in late 1938 the Series E appeared on which our model is based. This continued in production during the war for the military, essential civilian use and export. Post war

general production restarted in 1945 but there were no more tourers made in the UK. In Australia, however, a flourishing body building industry continued to provide tourer versions on imported chassis/mechanicals. The engine went on to be



Alamo Beige Morris Eight E Se	NEW			
76ME005	1:76	EDITION	£3.49	

used, with very minor changes, in the Series MM from 1948-1953, they were also adapted as auxiliary power units in Centurion, Conqueror and Chieftain tanks. Morris also used this engine as the basis of special Marine and Stationary power plants. There was a van version of the Series E rated at 5 cwt capacity called the Z Series. It was first produced in 1940 and outlived the saloon, ceasing production in about 1953 when the engine was phased out. Over 120,000 of the Series E version were produced.







76SV001 Standard Vanguard Black 1:76 - £3.49



76FP003 Ford Popular 103E Black 1:76 - £3.49

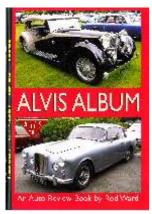


76M0002 Morris Oxford III Black/Grey 1:76 - £3 49



76CA007 Royal Mail CA Van 1:76 - £3.49

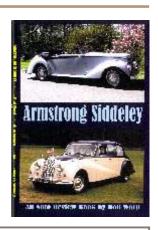
The above are some of the popular models that we have released at 1:76 scale. It is so difficult to know what people like, all of these have been previously listed as out of stock, but can be purchased again today.



### AR54 ARMSTRONG SIDDELEY £5.95

The Alvis Album is added to the line up of Auto review books. Without sounding a bore repeating myself again and again - a great read and some fantastic vehicles - some of the lines of these cars are absolutely beautiful - TAFF.





### Burwell & District Bus - apply via Friends of Burwell Museum

Limited Edition of 1,000 pieces commissioned and available by The Friends of Burwell Museum to represent one of a pair of ex London Transport RT types operated by Burwell & District Motor Service from 1956-1965. The price is £10 including post and packing in a secure carton from: Jim Neal, 2 Chestnut Rise, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0BX. Please makes cheques payable to 'Friends of Burwell Museum'. All profit goes to Burwell Museum, home of Burwell & District coach and other memorabilia.



## 1:76 **SCALE**



76FX4005 FX4 TAXI THE SOUND OF MUSIC - £3.49



76JM007 - MORRIS J2 MINIBUS BRITISH RAILWAYS - £3.95



76WE009 -W & E MILK FLOAT - £3.49 SCOTTISH DAIRY FARMERS Co LTD



76MH014 BRITISH RAILWAYS MECHANICAL HORSE - £6.95



76FIRE004 - NORTHERN IRELAND FIRE BRIGADE - £8.95



76RAB007 - SCARAB FLATBED TRAILER POST OFFICE SUPPLIES DEPT - £6.95



76JAG2006 - MKII JAGUAR OPALESCENT GOLDEN SAND £3.49



76JEN003 - JENSEN 541R REN RED £3.49



# 1:76 **SCALE**



76GG006 ARMY FIRE SERVICE GODDESS - £8.95



76TLM001 LEYLAND FIRE ENGINE LONDON - £8.95



76VW005 VW VAN SENEGAL RED - £3.49



76VWY004 VAUXHALL WYVERN BLUE -£3.49





76VW006 VW PICK UP EMERALD/WHITE - £3.49



76CA023 BEDFORD CA CO-OP MILK FLOAT - £3.95



76MES003 MAROON/BLACK MORRIS 8 SALOON - £3.49



## 1:43 **SCALE**





**DS006** 1:43 £19.95



**Austin Princess DM4 Scarlet** 

SCALE 1:43 EDITION £19.95 AP002



Somerset FB (Wiveliscombe) Land Rover 88" Canvas

LAN188011

1:43

£9.95



Silver Grey

Jensen Interceptor Series II

J1006 1:43 £19.95



**RUC Land Rover 109" Canvas** 

LAN1109006 1:43 £9.95



Black/Sherwood Green Jaguar MkIX						
JAG9002	1:43	EDITION	PRICE £19.95	-		

## 1:148 N SCALE



NMH007 - PICKFORDS FLATBED TRAILER - £4.95



NMH006 BRITISH RAIL RIGID FLATBED TRAILER - £4.95



NRTL002 LONDON TRANSPORT COUNTRY AREA - £4.95



CR016 CORTINA MK1 BLACKCHERRY





**CLASSIC FORDS** 

1:43 - £5.95



CR022 FORD CORSAIR TUSCAN YELLOW

CR024 FORD ANGLIA 105E LIGHT BLUE/ERMINE



AR34 AR41









AUTO REVIEW BOOKS - £5.95 EACH

## 2010 UPDATE

Once again it is time for me to update everyone with our development plans. Our schedules are now looking ever further forward and our tooling plans for 2011 are already taking shape. We are trying to excite the market and plug the gaps, of which there are many. We have some delays, predominantly because of our need to fulfil the increasing demand, also because of the sheer scale of what we are trying to achieve. I concentrate here more on the tooling, of

course we have updated liveries across the range.

### N Scale - 1:148

The new Cresta Friary and DS420 will be the first to appear next month, followed by the Jaguar MkVIII and the SS Jaguar, we also add to this range the caravan based on our 1:76 model. The AEC RF and Trolleybus are running a few months late, but we are also tooling a Tram which will appear in Q3. The Scarab is ready and we have a Dennis F12 fully developed. Further cars are also ready, but we need to phase them into the plan.

### 1:43 Scale

The new Cresta Friary Estate and Low Loader Taxi will appear in the next month. The Sunbeam Talbot will appear in Q3, we have also been working on the Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane and Lancaster. The 400E is running late, the Series 1 Land Rover Fire variants are just starting to appear.

### 1:76 Scale

The Alvis SpEed 20, SS Jaguar, MGZB and Riley Kestrel will all release in the next eight weeks, the Wolseley in August/September. We have been under intense pressure to release some more modern items. Our recent Capris and XR3i's were well received, so we are adding a Golf GTI, new and the old Minis. This doesn't mean that we are moving away from earlier models, just that we are trying to cover other territories. The modern truck range will see the addition of D-Tec trailer, which can be used for containers. Hopefully it will be

can be used for containers. Hopefully it will be compatible with those already available from Hornby, Bachmann etc. The modified Goddess will appear in the next two months at the same time as the AEC Merryweather and Shelvoke and Drewry dustcart. The Austin 18 ambulance will appear in Q3, we have also developed a Bedford J1 ambulance. We have hinted at the Land Rover Transporter, this is already tooled, with a trailer. The Scania Pump, also has

an aerial variant and a MAN pump variant. A modern transit will be appearing, along with the Land Rover Defender.

### 1:72 Scale

The Battle of Britain set is not far away, the Kawasaki Ki-61 Hien, and Maachi C220 are also added.

That concludes the update for now. Without becoming a bore, I once again thank the team for their tremendous support, and all of those who are supporting our product launches. We are only as good as our last game, so the final message is for us all to work harder and create more detailed and exciting models.