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#### Scania S Series Highline Fridge Trailer - Whitelink Seafoods

Introducing the luxurious Scania S Series cab, Oxford's newly tooled vehicle is launched with a fridge trailer in the highly decorative livery of the well-established Scottish seafood supplier Whitelink Seafoods from Aberdeenshire.

On the technical front, it's all about the interior of the Scania S Series cab, which offers the ultimate in comfort for the long distance driver. Scania describe it as a haven of luxury. It features a flat floor and extended storage, plus reclining seat functions and interior lights. There is improved positioning for the driver, lowered side windows and a large surface area of glass ensuring greater visibility. The dashboard has also been lowered slightly, giving improved forward visibility. The dashboard display is larger too with improved graphics and intuitive controls. There is also an improved temperature controlled system for even greater driver comfort. Scania have refined the exterior of the cab too. The cab front, improved roof and enhanced side air deflectors are all aerodynamically designed to reduce fuel consumption. The Scania S series cab pulls, for its first long distance

run, the fridge trailer of Whitelink Seafoods, a company of nearly 50 years' standing from Fraserburgh, Europe's biggest shellfish port and the heart of the Scottish fishing industry. The company prides itself on its reputation for service, reliable supply and exceptional quality. Its roots are embedded in the traditional fishing industry and the Whitelink name is taken from Whitelinks Bay, across the water from the family's 18th Century village home of Cairnbulg. The family run firm employs 180 people locally and around 230 worldwide, many from traditional fishing families. The company boasts that while they may have ultra modern technology to run their business, their ethos goes back centuries.

The fine 1:76 scale Oxford replica features the detail of the real thing, from the cab design to the intricate decoration. Registered SV17 0NR, the base colour of the vehicle is white with a black interior. Exterior trim is both black and white and the radiator grille is masked a bright blue with the Scania name above it. The variety of seafood depicted on the sides of the vehicle is amazing, each fish lying on a bed of cracked ice - so detailed. Certainly eye-catching, this lorry is a great start to the latest of the Scania fleet in the Oxford collection of authentic miniatures.

## **OXFORD**

This month we see another exciting New Tooling release, and one you have all been waiting for - Scania S Series Highline. Over the coming few months we will a lot of new tooling coming through for some long awaited 1:76 items including the AC Invacar, Riley Elf MkIII, Renault 4 and Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite.

Remember, if you shop online to keep an eye on the 'New In' Section where we will update new items as soon as they are available to purchase. You can also enter your email address next to items you are waiting for which will notify you on the availability.

We advised last month that behind the scenes the development of Oxford items is still ongoing. I am pleased to show some first shots of a few items that are underway including the 1:43 Land Rover Discovery I. We have also seen first shots of some items in N Gauge (1:148) such as VW TI, Ford Transit Connect and Fowler BBI Ploughing Engine with Living Wagon. 1:43 Land Rover 1.148 Ford 1.148 VW T 1:148 Fowler



The versatile VW T25 Transporter has appeared in the Oxford small commercials series as a van, a camper and a bus. Its colour schemes so far have also been very varied and colourful whether in plain colours or two-tone. Collectors will note that in each case, the traditional white version has been included. And so, for the latest release of the VW T25 bus version, it appears in pristine white with black exterior trim and dark brown interior. The windows feature an opaque silvered finish and the VW badge is also silver, sitting in the middle of the black

radiator grille. The stylised VW logo is printed at the bottom of the cabin doors in front of the wheel arch. The Volkswagen Transporter name is printed across the back of our bus, which is registered F788 YKF from 1988. In real life, the VW T25 was first manufactured in Hanover between 1979 and 1992. In Europe it was known as either the Transporter or Caravelle but in the UK it was more commonly referred to as the T25. Whatever its name it is an extremely useful vehicle built with the usual German precision and reliability.

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#### Mini 1275 GT - Teal Blue

The Classic Mini was designed by Sir Alec Issigonis and first appeared in 1959 to great acclaim. Its popularity as a cult car has spanned over 60 years with no sign of abating and there are many enthusiasts today who are devoted followers. For the sporty motorist of the day and for those young drivers seeking speed and an image, the manufacturers introduced the upmarket Mini 1275GT with refinements both under the bonnet as well as the exterior bodywork which included an optional metallic paint job, lots of exterior chrome work and a racy flash along the sides.

Speeding into the 1:76 scale Classic Mini series comes the latest Mini 1275GT in a bright blue, registered ONP 350L from 1972. Only the sixth release to date, it adds even more colour to the line-up which has already seen metallic copper, gloss red, white and black versions amongst the mix. With black chassis and black interior, the exterior has masses of sparkling silver trim including bumpers, headlights, door handles, wheels and radiator. Broad silver stripes along the sides between the front and back wheel arches incorporate the 1275GT marque. The result looks pretty good and it gives another vibrant splash to your Mini shelf.



AEC Matador - RAF Idris, Tripoli, Libya, Desert Rescue Team

The Matador was a typical AEC vehicle of the period. DESERT RESCU with flat fronted cab, a curved roof and a canvas backed rear load area. It was a 4 x 4 vehicle with an AEC 7.6 litre engine and a speed of around 30 mph. During World War II it saw service in many roles. RAF Idris was an RAF base between 1943 and 1966. The station was used during the War as a convenient base for several squadrons involved in the desert war. The British Forces left in 1966 when Libya became a republic. At that point, the station became Libya's Idris Airport before ultimately being renamed Tripoli International Airport. For our latest introduction on the 1:76 scale AEC Matador model, we see it in a simple black and white chequered colour scheme, including a white roof and black wheels, as used by the RAF Desert Rescue Team in North Africa. The RAF roundel is printed on one side of

AEC Matador - RAF Idris, Tripoli, Libya, Desert Rescue Team hat point, the irport before oil International Airport.

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the flat front and RAF Idris is printed on the side doors. Registered 77 AE 11, its purpose is also highlighted by the Desert Rescue wording above the windscreen. Note the addition of a spotlight on the front of the roof. Additional external masking is finished in silver while the interior is moulded black with black steering wheel.

Land Rover FC Signals - 4th Armoured Brigade, Op. Granby 1990/91

Operation Granby or Op. Granby as it is better known was the code name for the British military operation during the 1991 Gulf War. Designated a strategic offensive, action centred around Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Israel with the objective of forcing Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, restoring not only law and order but also the reinstatement of the Kuwait ruler Emir Jaber III. All three of Great Britain's armed forces - the British Army, the Royal Navy and the RAF - played their part in defeating the Iraqi military.

Our 1:76 scale military series Land Rover Forward Control represents one of the vehicles which would have been part of the ground force. Dressed in light stone desert garb, with putty coloured interior seating and with left hand drive, the vehicle is as used by the 4th Armoured Brigade Signals and appears with a hard top. Known as the Black Rats - originally part of the famous Desert Rats, their formation badge - a large black rat,



is poised expectantly on the front of the cab. The Land Rover is registered 72 FL 15.

Partner this latest Gulf War model with 76LRFCG003, a right hand drive Land Rover Forward Control general service vehicle, which served in the same conflict and is already in Oxford's military series.





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### OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87



#### 1968 Dodge Charger - Yellow and Black

You've seen the Dodge Charger launched in red, followed by gold/black, black/white and to add further colour to the series, it appears this time in pale yellow with black sloping roof and black signature banding round the side and top elevations of the boot. The interior is finished in contrasting black and our two-door model is registered in Florida 'The Sunshine State' in 1969, numbered 12 W 14998. Amongst the extravagant chrome exterior

detailing, the Charger R/T (short for Road Track) name is printed above the rear number plate. The Dodge Charger R/T was a fast car, capable of 150 mph. On the downside the fuel consumption was only 10 mpg. To buy one in those days would have set you back \$3480. If you are looking for one today, you will find the price tag ranging from a mere \$50,000 to a massive \$199,000 for a perfect original.





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### OXFORD AVIATION 1:72 SCALE



#### Douglas Dauntless SBD-4 VMSB-233 'Sister', Guadalcanal 1943

The Douglas Dauntless was a US Navy carrier-borne scout plane/dive-bomber manufactured by the Douglas Aircraft Company at their El Segundo plant. First built in 1940 just over 5,900 SBD Dauntless were produced until the end of manufacture in July 1944. The Dauntless was the US Navy's key dive-bomber and although slow and somewhat out of date when it began its combat career, it was rugged and dependable, which was reflected in its performance against Japanese ships, particularly in the Pacific, where it succeeded in sinking more Japanese shipping than any other Allied aircraft in WWII.

One of its Pacific deployments was in Guadalcanal, the principal island of the Solomon Islands in the south west Pacific. SBDs - Scout Bomber Douglas - or as

their pilots named them Slow But Deadly, played a major role in the Guadalcanal Campaign, operating off both American carriers and from Henderson Field, a military airbase on the island, from where they proved lethal to enemy shipping.

Our 1:72 scale Oxford replica evokes the memory of the Douglas Dauntless in this role. Painted in dark grey with a pale grey underbelly, the aircraft features the US Star and its 16 number on the sides of the fuselage. Additional decoration comprises the yellow bird and 'Sister' nose art, reputedly one of the earliest pieces of art to feature on a US Marine aircraft. Most of the underside detail is painted black, including the arrestor hook deployed in takeoff and landing on the carriers. The bomb, housed dead centre behind the wheels, is painted dark green with its bomb sling arms also depicted in black.



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AR177 Mobiles - Mobile sales and service vehicles: For many centuries goods or services have been taken to the customer. The advent of the motor vehicle meant that more entrepreneurs could take their offerings to more customers, rather than waiting for buyers to come to them. Traders could have a ready-equipped mobile sales vehicle or shop, rather than needing to set up a stall at every new venue. Scattered rural communities or newly-built housing estates without nearby shops were well-served by mobile grocers, butchers and the like. In these pages you will also see mobile libraries, churches and cinemas. The broad principle for this publication is to include mobile sales or service opportunities where

AR178 Buick Album: A Buick was regarded as staid but solid, not a cheap car, but not too expensive either. It was well-appointed and stylish, not flashy, but dependable; and more affordable than the top prestige brands. There were occasional forays into more unusual cars; exciting coupes or 'personal' cars, but they all maintained the high engineering standards and quality finish which buyers expected from a Buick. From the early days Buicks had overhead valve engines, more advanced than many supposedly superior marques. This is a 120-year story of success, except for the founder. David Buick was an inveterate tinkerer but a poor businessman.

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