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Duple Britannia - Wallace Arnold

New tooling introduces another Duple bodied vehicle into Oxford's 1:76 series of period PSVs. The Duple Britannia, manufactured in 1955, makes its entrance in the well-known livery of Wallace Arnold.

Wallace Arnold, founded in 1912, was named after two of its three founders, Wallace Cunningham and Arnold Crowe. With its headquarters in Leeds, it was to become one of the UK industry's foremost coach tour operators. In 2005 the company merged with Shearings with the Wallace Arnold name dropped in 2007.

The Duple Britannia was based on its immediate predecessor the Elizabethan with underfloor engine chassis but with modified vertical pillars. Highly detailed in every respect, our model is decorated in the signature cream colour scheme of Wallace Arnold with orange masked roof skylights. The flat fronted coach has the two windowed passenger door on the nearside with the

driver's door placed higher on the offside. The interior features a beige floor and red seating. Registered 4324 UA, the coach has a wealth of external silver sprayed detail including bumpers and window surrounds.

The destination plate above the chrome radiator grille shows our coach on its way to Blackpool. Note too the Britannia name masked in silver centred below the split windscreen, as well as the Duple name etched along the top edge of the radiator. To the rear, the Wallace Arnold name and key towns and cities are printed in red while on the coach sides, the WA crest with the words Industriae Nil Impossible is printed in gold. The coach company address in Leeds headed by R Barr, Chairman is printed behind the front wheels.

Throughout its history, Wallace Arnold transported thousands of happy coach tour trippers and for coach enthusiasts everywhere, this superb replica will be another nostalgic journey.



This heavyweight construction truck is the second release in Oxford's newly tooled 1:76 range. Following on from the Wimpey model which launched the series, we now see it in the bright yellow colour scheme of NCB (National Coal Board) registered EWJ 45V from 1979. In real life, the dumper truck was produced on an AEC 690, Aveling Barford as well as a Scammell LD55 chassis. They would have had a badge on the front bar or grille denoting AEC, AB or Scammell but to make full use of the

new tooling the badge has been omitted so Oxford can produce all three variants.

The specifications listed in the sales brochure of the period gave the in-depth details of vehicle components and operational attributes. Oxford's model contains a wealth of the physical features. The bright yellow bodywork extends to the wheels as well and an extra

component has been added to the offside of the bonnet in the shape of an air cleaner. The front grille behind the bull bars is black, as is the interior and the steering wheel. Other external trim is finished in silver including the windscreen surrounds.

It is easy to imagine this chunky vehicle working in a mining environment where it would be in its element although we suspect its pristine appearance would be shortlived with all the coal dust and slagheaps around!







Our second release on the 1:76 scale military truck is as deployed on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus under the auspices of 58 Company, Royal Army Service Corps.

The Bedford RL is decorated in a desert scheme of light stone with the canvas cover moulded in a slightly darker beige while the interior is light green with black steering wheel. A roof hatch has also been added to this release. Registered

43 CL 72, the vehicle has a yellow bridge plate on the front with the number 9 printed on it - a military indication to control the weight when crossing bridges and the like, hence the name. The 58th Company formation badge is printed in blue and yellow on both the front and the back of the truck and the blue/yellow shield with two lions on the front identifies it as being deployed in Cyprus.

Bedford built the RL from the mid 1950s to the early 1970s. Like many Bedford vehicles, its main use was with

Bedford RL - 58 Company NEW RASC, Cyprus, 1963 76RL002 the British military. Bedford based the RL on the civilian Bedford S truck, so it was used in a civilian capacity too.

cross country payload requirements. During its lifetime, over 74,000 rolled off the production line. **Austin Champ - 9th Parachute Regiment**

The Suez crisis was a result of the Egyptian President, Colonel Nasser, trying to nationalise and control the Suez Canal, the 120 mile stretch of which had come under the jurisdiction of both France and Great Britain. The situation escalated and in November 1956, Operation Musketeer comprising British, French and Israeli Forces attacked Port Said and took up positions to recapture the Canal. Although the mission was successful, the whole exercise came under scrutiny and the forces were withdrawn in favour of a UN peacekeeping force being deployed. Britain's reputation suffered a heavy blow and the Prime Minister

16th Airborne Brigade, Suez 1956

Sir Anthony Eden resigned.

The Austin Champ was manufactured between 1951 and 1956 by the Austin Motor Company, firstly for the military but also later on for civilian use as well. The second release of Oxford's 1:76 scale Austin Champ is decorated as it would have been deployed by the British Forces during the Suez Crisis. It wears the desert colour scheme of light stone with darker beige moulded seating.



With a split windscreen and the signature Bedford

3-tonner, it was increased to 4 tons to facilitate its

radiator grille, the truck had all-wheel drive and bigger wheels for optimum ground clearance. Originally a

The open topped jeep is registered with a military number plate 44 BE 54 and carries Allied military markings in white on the sides and on the bonnet edge. The front and rear bumpers feature the Pegasus badge and rider identifying the vehicle as deployed with the Parachute Regiment Airborne Forces. The yellow military bridge plate above the front bumper carries the number 4. Finishing touches show the wheel centres painted the same as the body colour while the steering wheel is black with silver spokes. The dashboard is also black.

OXFORD 1:43 SCALE

Austin Ruby Saloon - Ash Grey

The original Austin 7, first introduced in 1922, was so small, it was popularly known as the Baby Austin! Such was its appeal that it went on in production right up until 1939. The Austin 7 Ruby was introduced in 1936 when its restyling included a longer bonnet, cowled radiator, slightly downswept tail and the spare wheel enclosed by a metal cover, which also

concealed a folding luggage rack. Appearing for the fifth time in our Oxford 1:43 scale series, we are pleased to present another authentic colour scheme - a deep grey with slightly

darker roof panel, black mudguards and black running board. This release does not have the rear luggage rack or suitcase. Registered CAL 391, the interior of our little gem features a black floor, mid brown dashboard with black instrument dials, black steering wheel and



gear stick and mid grey seats. Additional detail includes the interior door panels which have a mid grey satin finish. Exterior trim is mostly chrome except for black wheels and a black radiator.

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OXFORD 1:76 SCA



Saro Bus - East Midland Motor Services

The Saunders-Roe (SARO) bodied Leyland Tiger Cub was a lightweight underfloor-engined chassis manufactured by Leyland between 1952 and 1970.

For its latest outing, our Tiger Cub is decorated in the livery of the East Midland Motor Services. EMMS was formerly the East Midlands Company. Put into liquidation, the assets were bought out by the newly named East Midland Motor Services which was incorporated in the early 1930s. It was acquired by the National Bus Company in 1968 and went on to take in the Mansfield & District Traction Company in 1976. Stagecoach bought the company in 1989.

Our 1:76 scale model of the bus as it belonged to East Midland Motor Services is registered ORR 325 and is heading as the No. 17 to Chesterfield. Its distinctive two tone colour scheme comprises an orange body with a red brown upper body and roof which is also echoed in the mudguards and wheels. A central cream waistband runs along the sides with a row of chrome bands between the front and back wheels. The East Midland wording is printed red under the side windows. The interior seating and driver's partition are chocolate brown and the dashboard is moulded in a grey-beige. As always, the Tiger Cub logo sits centrally below the split windscreen.

Bedford J1 Ambulance - Aberystwyth

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Bedford J1/Lomas Ambulance - Aberystwyth

The Bedford JI, usually featuring coachwork by Herbert Lomas Ltd of Wilmslow, Cheshire, was introduced in the mid 1950s. It was instantly popular with fleet operators, including Ambulance Services across the UK and beyond. It is also a popular model in Oxford's series of Emergency Vehicles and we see it here operating in Aberystwyth in Mid Wales, registered LEJ 771J from 1970.

Our JI Ambulance is painted white with the bonnet and front wings masked black and with a red band running along the waist on both sides. The windows to the sides and rear are blacked out with silver etched frames.

Other external trim is also finished in silver right down to chrome bumpers. The centre of the white roof has a blue beacon fitted and a roof siren also features above the front of the cab. The interior is black too. The ambulance service crest creates a superb and highly detailed splash of colour between the side windows. Even the County Medical Officer's details are printed in Welsh and English along the nearside lower body. A final detail includes Ambulance printed in red across the back doors and in black and white above the front windscreen.

This is another great little vehicle for our emergency vehicle collectors.





Our 1:76 scale Mercedes Sprinter represents the second generation of the popular commercial van which was an upgrade from the original in 2006. First launched in 1995, the Sprinter went on to be voted Van of the Year in 2007. Its versatility makes it a favourite with operators right up to the present.

Here we see it as operated by Parcelforce registered EO10 FHB from 2010. The familiar and very modern

bright red Parcelforce body colour is in contrast to the white graphics and the bold green and black 'poster' printed on the van sides promoting the company's commitment to a more environmentally friendly world and also their Eco-start delivery. The external trim is finished in black and silver and the interior is also black. You can partner this latest Sprinter with the Royal Mail

version, the third in the Oxford series.

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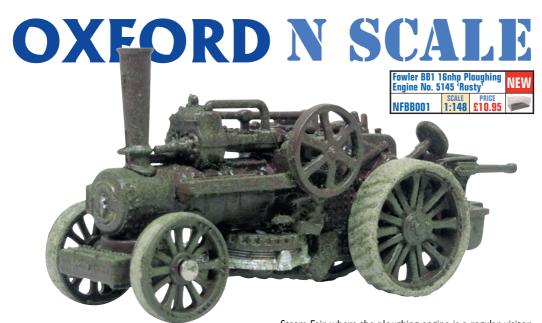


Commer PB - White

The Commer was a product of the British manufacturers who were in business from 1905 to 1979, starting up in South London. Subsequent expansion saw Commer relocating to Luton where their extensive range included anything from a small van to a large military vehicle, large commercial trucks and buses.

For its latest outing, our Commer PB appears in pristine white, a favourite colour scheme on just about every van one can think of. Registered VPW 138H from 1969, our replica comes without additional modifications. The body colour is complemented with black and silver exterior trim and a dark grey interior.





Fowler BB1 16nhp Ploughing Engine No. 5145 'Rusty'

This superb authentic replica of the Fowler BBI 'Rusty' Ploughing Engine already features in Oxford's 1:76 series of period steam engines and like its larger counterpart, its livery has remained 'as found' by its real life owner, Alan Sparkes, complete with dust and grime after a lifetime of heavy toil. The livery is one thing but the rebuilding of the vehicle was a long and painstaking exercise but many of our steam enthusiasts may have seen the real thing totally refurbished at the Dorset

Steam Fair, where the ploughing engine is a regular visitor. Registered CF3348, the engine was built at the John Fowler (Leeds) Works. The rusty red body is complemented with silver cable on the reel, showing the cable feed on the nearside of the engine. The chimney and inside of the wheels also feature the plain rusty effect but note the outer wheel surrounds are given a realistic grainy textured look in a contrasting earthy colour.

This diminutive version of the BB1 deserves a place on your 1:148 shelf, where it will fit in nicely with its more colourful stable mates.



OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87



Thunderbird Gray Metallic/Raven Black
In contrast to the previous releases of the 1:87th scale
1956 Thunderbird, this latest release has a more sober

1956 Thunderbird, this latest release has a more sober colour scheme although equally attractive. The metallic grey body is complemented with a black roof. The spare wheel cover echoes the main body colour and there is a

lot of gleaming chrome work to the front, grille, headlights, window surrounds, door handles and the Thunderbird logos. The detailed wheels are painted white with a red central boss and to round off, the registration plate shows our car coming from California 56, numbered C87392.





Messerschmitt Bf109 F-4/Trop 104 - Victory Ace Eberhard von Boremski, 9/JG3, Eastern Front 1942

The Messerschmitt 109, along with the Focke Wulf, was the German Luftwaffe's key fighter plane during World War II. Although the Bf 109 had been introduced as far back as 1937, the F variant - the subject of our 1:72 scale model was an upgraded aircraft which came into service in 1941. It served right until the end of the conflict and remained a threatening and competent adversary against the Allies due to the ongoing upgrades. In total over 34,000 Bf 109 fighter planes were built during its lifetime. Its innovative features were advanced for its time including an all metal frame, covered cockpit canopy and retractable landing gear. Other modifications saw the replacement of wing cannons in favour of placing all armaments in the front fuselage, comprising two upper machine guns and one lower gun strategically placed.

The Bf109F deployed to the Eastern Front is as flown by German flying ace Eberhard von Boremski, born in 1914. He served for the duration of World War II reaching the

rank of Captain and was a commander with 12/JG 3. His service saw him in the Battle of France, the Battle of Britain and then on the Eastern Front as part of the German assault on Russia, codenamed Operation Barbarossa where he gained most of his aerial victories. At the end of the conflict, Eberhard von Boremski was credited with 104 victories and had been awarded the Knights Cross of the Iron Cross.

Our model appears in the matt camouflage scheme of black, green and dark ochre with pale blue underbelly. The tail band, spinner tip and cowl underside are masked yellow, the guns and tyres are black and the exhaust pipes are given a rusty brown finish. The black and white Luftwaffe cross is painted on the top and underside of the wings while the Swastika features on the vertical tail section. Notice the closed cockpit canopy of the F-4 too. Eberhard von Boremski survived the war but was handed over by the US Army to the Russians in 1945 and remained a POW until 1955. He died in 1963 as the result of an accident aged 49.



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