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Our up to the minute tractor unit in 1:76 scale comprises the highly detailed replica of what is hailed as the Best XF ever in British and European trucking. It is classed as the benchmark for long-distance transport, developed for maximum transport efficiency. With powerful PACCAR MX-11 and MX-13 engines, refined for maximum efficiency, the vehicle also boasts a well-thought through chassis, an attractive exterior design and a spacious comfortable interior for drivers. No surprise that all the mainstream operators are using them to draw a wide variety of trailers.

In the Oxford series, you've seen the cab pulling livestock trailers, rigid 40 ft trailers, curtainsiders, and flatbeds. Now we see it with a gleaming piece of new tooling in the shape of the cylindrical tanker as belonging to

William Nicol, registered N16 OLS.

The maroon and pale cream cab carries all the detail. William Nicol Tankers is printed in red on white above the windscreen while the signage above the cab doors reveals the Bulk Liquids purpose of the tanker. The Scottish flag and the Saltire are flying high behind

the cab windows with the company name and contact details along the cab sides within decorative coachlines. A significant detail on the back of the cab and also in front of the front wheels shows a laurel wreath and riband with William Nicol 80 Years printed inside.

Turning to the tanker which is given a chrome aluminium look, both ends are maroon and a chrome rear ladder is positioned on the nearside rear. Rounding off the tanker are black mudguards and a silver tailgate.









Scania New Generation(S) Cylindrical Tanker - D R Macleod

Another great modern truck hits the Oxford Diecast road, the third release on the New Generation (S) Scania, this time with cylindrical tanker. D R Macleod comes all the way from Stornoway in the north of Scotland and this truck, registered SV17 OOA from 2017 is decorated in the company's bright yellow and blue livery. The Scania cab is heavily printed with the company's name, contact details as well as the two Scottish flags above the windows. The signature Scania radiator is black with the marque printed in blue above. An impressive set of lightbars sits above the cab windscreen finished in silver whilst much of the remaining external cab trim is black, as is the interior.

The newly tooled 1:76 scale cylindrical tanker makes its second appearance here in chrome with additional decoration featuring blue tanker ends, wheel centres and landing gear. An interesting Breedon logo on the back

would indicate the tanker load comprises refined bulk aggregate of some kind. The tanker also carries the D R Macleod name in yellow and red.

In real life, the technical innovations are what make the Scania New Generation (S) so amazing and many of the refinements relate to the interior, 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. An improved temperature controlled system gives 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.





Alexander M Type Coach - Western SMT

Our latest single deck 1:76 scale Alexander M-Type coach was a motorway coach built for the Scottish Bus Group Anglo Scottish Services. It makes only its second appearance in the eye-catching black and white livery of Western Scottish SMT, registered HSD 707N from 1974. The destination board sees it travelling from Glasgow to London as the Number 2. The address of the Western SMT Co Ltd Nursery Avenue Kilmarnock is printed behind the nearside front wheel.

The predominantly white body features a black roof and a wide black band enhanced with chrome that extends right round the vehicle. Other external trim is also finished in chrome. The interior has a red floor, red seating and tan interior fittings.

An interesting feature sees the right hand side rear window painted white from the inside, echoing a feature on many long distance coaches where passenger privacy is required! Similarly the front roof skylight is also painted white from the inside.

The Alexander history started in 1913 when Walter Alexander founded Alexander's Motor Services to extend existing public transport services in the area. Just over 10

years later, he founded W Alexander & Sons Limited to run buses and also to build bodywork for both the company's own fleet and for sale to other operators. Selling the company to Scottish Motor Traction in 1929 gave Walter more time and scope to expand his coachbuilding business which grew so much he had to move from his Camelon main bus works to seek larger premises in Stirling. In 1947, anticipating the Government's nationalisation of the bus services, Walter Alexander formed yet another company Walter Alexander & Company (Coachbuilders) Ltd, securing their business independence and at the same time enabling the coachbuilding activities to continue when their bus service operation was nationalised. Once again success meant another move, this time to a purpose-built factory back in Camelon. The coachbuilding business expanded rapidly, Walter Alexander acquiring other bodybuilders along the way and by the mid 1970s was selling coach and bus bodies across the world. Walter Alexander remained a private family run firm until 1987 when it became a public listed company. Following years saw the business change hands several times but the name is still at the forefront of the industry today under the auspices of Alexander Dennis





The Vauxhall Viva was launched as a small family car between 1963 and 1979 and came in three successive variants, the HA, HB and HC. Our Oxford model was tooled up as the HB which Vauxhall made between 1966 and 1970 and which came as a 2-door or 4 door salon or a three door estate. Our model is based on the 2-door version and is registered MBT 359F from 1967.

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Decorated in an attractive deep green, the exterior trim is all finished in silver including the minute Vauxhall name above the rear number plate. The interior is pale green with a black steering wheel. Note the finishing touch in the centre of the chrome split radiator grille comprising an elongated V shape within a chrome surround.

Vauxhall went on to sell over one and a half million Viva models before it was superseded by the Astra and the Chevette.

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76MSV003



Commer Q25 Van - Coca Cola

Here's another 1:76 scale small period commercial van to add to your growing Coca Cola collection.

The Commer Q25 was a 25 cwt van manufactured between 1939 and 1949 and was used for a variety of duties throughout the UK during that period. Here we see it brightly decorated in yellow with red masking to mudguards, roof and wheel centres, the strap line 'There's nothing like a Coke' is printed along each side and the Coca Cola signature lettering features across the

back doors, also printed red. The advertising panels on the sides show a cheeky chappie pointing to a six pack of Coke bottles, telling us to 'Drink Coca Cola in bottles, Purely Delicious'. Registered CCC 21, remaining trim is finished in black and silver in contrast to the body colour. The interior is black.

This refreshing model is a colourful reminder of how long the most famous drink in the world has been going and how its image has evolved over the years.

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AR195 Tesla and the New Electrics: As Tesla grew to be one of the biggest car brands in the world, and other new start-up companies were pouring into the electric vehicle market, it was obvious that Auto Review should cover the topic. The story of battery-electric vehicles in the 19th and 20th centuries is told Auto Review 042, originally published in 2008. In this publication we look mostly at the 'new names' who could start with a clean sheet, though they needed vast upfront investment to secure a share of this lucrative new market, and some became

upfront investment to secure a share of this lucrative new market, and some became 'unicorns' (start-ups worth more than \$1bn). In a small section listing electric vehicles from established makers of combustion-engined vehicles, we get the opportunity to update some Auto Review titles devoted to specific makes.

AR196 The Roadmakers. Rollers, earthmovers and construction equipment: The history of our roads is told in this Auto Review publication, as they improved from muddy tracks and dusty lanes to a system of fast metalled roads. We go on to tell the story of the roadmaking process, to cover most of the many different machines involved; excavators, bulldozers, loaders. backhoes, scrapers, graders, dump trucks (large and small), concrete mixers, pavers, finishers, tar-sprayers, steam and diesel rollers and so on. A large section is devoted to manufacturers of steam rollers and motor rollers, but you will see other famous names, such as Caterpillar, Euclid, Komatsu and JCB, as well as smaller companies. Thousands of firms worldwide have been involved in making machinery for this sector, so we can only mention some of the more interesting British firms, along with a few leading overseas brands.

OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87 SCALE



1957 Oldsmobile 88 Convertible -Coronado Yellow (Roof Down)

The Oldsmobile 88 was marketed by the company from 1949 to 1999 and was one of its best selling marques throughout that period. Oldsmobile, part of General Motors, had introduced the 88 badge in 1949. In 1957 only, the 88 was officially known as the Golden Rocket 88. That year the 'J2' option was offered with three two-barrel carburettors similar to the Pontiac Tri-Power. The Super 88 continued as the upmarket in-line series. The power lay under the bonnet where the Rocket V8 increased in displacement to 371 cu. In and 277 hp.

Oxford's newly

tooled replica shows the Oldsmobile 88 convertible in a bright yellow scheme with off white interior and tonneau cover, whitewall tyres and lots of chrome. It is registered in Aloha, Hawaii as 5A 4934. The Oldsmobile badge sits on the front of the bonnet and the boot while the Super logo is printed in silver on the edge of the front wings. The 88 is a rare beast from the end of the 1950s.

Oxford's Oldsmobile 88 tooling includes the scope to produce the hard top closed version as well as the 'roof down' option featured here, so that is something else to look forward to.



1958 Chevrolet Impala Sports Coupé -Cay Coral Metallic/Snowcrest White

General Motors introduced an up-market Chevrolet Bel Air, namely the Impala, as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1958. It was available as either a 2-door hard top or a convertible. Though still classed as a Bel Air, the Impala looked different and such was its appeal with its distinctive lines that GM decided to separate the Impala to create a new stand alone Impala brand. Our new 1:87 replica of the Impala Sports Coupé

incorporates the visual aspects of the car which makes its debut in a metallic pale pink and white with a deeper pinky red interior. Its number plate reads Land of Lincoln Illinois 1958 619 263. The Chevrolet badge sits on the front edge of the bonnet and again on the boot lid. The two crossed flags and the leaping Impala emblem is printed on the sides of the car towards the wrap around

The two crossed flags and the leaping Impala emblem is printed on the sides of the car towards the wrap around window edge. Whitewall tyres with red centre and a lot of chrome trim round off a very pretty model.

OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87



1966 Pontiac GTO - Fontaine Blue

Further new tooling in Oxford's American classic cars series brings the Pontiac GTO from 1966 into the fold - another vehicle from the General Motors stable. The Pontiac GTO was a front-engine, rear-drive, two-door, four to five passenger mid-sized car which GM made over four generations, this GTO spanning from 1963 to 1974. The GTO was spawned from the Pontiac Tempest into a sporty car with a larger 389 cu ins Pontiac V8 engine

from the full-size Pontiac Grand Prix hardtop coupé, promoting it as a special high performance model. Our Oxford miniature incorporates the physical features of the original and appears in bright blue with chrome trim and the GTO marque featuring in one side of the split black and silver radiator grille. The interior is black with cream seats. It is registered PL 55 in Ohio 1966. The GTO sold almost 97,000 models, making it one of the most successful for GM.



The Plymouth Belvedere Sedan was the top of the range vehicle above the basic Plaza and our recently introduced Plymouth Savoy. Like the others, it was named after a prestigious hotel. Also like the Savoy, the Belvedere was a

Sedan - Tanner Yellow Cab Co.

hardtop and was a great favourite with taxi companies such as the one featured here, the Yellow Cab Company. Decorated in bright yellow with red graphics, there is the addition of a taxi cab roof sign showing it is presently VACANT. Registered in California as RRL 059, additional graphics on the bodywork see our taxi as number 453. The interior is moulded in black with mid brown seats.





Morane-Saulnier MS 406 KG200 -Ossun-Tarbes, France 1943

The French aircraft manufacturer Morane-Saulnier introduced the MS 406 in 1938 as a fighter aircraft. It had a top speed of 486 km/h and a range of 1000 km. Built for the French Air Force, it was Morane-Saulnier's first low wing monoplane and featured an enclosed cockpit, one .787 Hispano-Suiza HS 404 cannon and two 0.295 MAC 1934 machine guns and retractable undercarriage. Just under 1200 were built during its lifetime and it was considered a highly manoeuvrable lightweight fighter plane but unfortunately was also considered underpowered against enemy Messerschmitts during the ensuing conflict. Between September 1939 and 1940 a large number of the MS 406 were lost either in the air, through combat or by ground fire. The French destroyed any remaining aircraft to stop them falling into enemy hands as the Germans advanced. Following the

occupation of France, manufacture continued under German supervision and the Germans used them particularly for training purposes. They also shipped a small quantity to Croatia. The type was also used by Finland, Switzerland and Turkey.

Our example shows one of the MS 406 in German Luftwaffe livery from 1943. It features the dark green and grey camouflaged upper body with mottled blue fuselage and yellow underbelly and tail. The tail also features the German Swastika in black. The markings along the fuselage and underside are also painted black with the German cross having a white outer edge. The retracted wheels are black with silver hubs. The exhaust is painted a rusty brown and the guns matt black.

There were still one or two MS 406 being used as advanced trainers with the Finnish Air Force but the last was scrapped in 1952.



OXFORD 1:43 SCALE



The Oxford Land Rover Lightweight has been produced to operate in a variety of roles, mostly military across the Royal Navy, Army and the RAF, serving at home and abroad. Here we see it in a civilian role with the canvas

black rear bumpers. The radiator grille is wiped matt Registered OAD 962P from 1975, the interior of the vehicle is dark green with black seats and steering wheel. A final detail sees the spare wheel attached to the bonnet with red strapping.

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OXFORD N SCALE



The iconic Classic Mini already features in Oxford's 1:76 scale series including this livery which now makes its appearance in the N scale line-up. The attractive deep grey body is offset by a creamy white masked roof and a pale grey interior. The extensive exterior chrome trim works well against the grey body which also features a black and chrome radiator grille.

The Mini is registered FHP 631C from 1965.

Classic Mini - Tweed Grey/
Old English White

NMN009 SCALE
1:148 PRICE
26.45



Austin Mini - Tartan Red/ Union Jack

NMN001 1:148 £6.45

VW Beetle - Ruby Red

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Ford Anglia - Maroon/Cream

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VW Beetle

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