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Duple Roadmaster - Belle Vue Coaches

There's quite a story behind Oxford's newly tooled 1:76 scale Duple Roadmaster coach, which many years ago was the subject of a famous Dinky model, although painted in non-authentic plain colours. Our faithfully reproduced replica is painted in authentic red and cream with original number plate LOE 300.

In real life, this Duple Roadmaster has been restored by brothers Kenny and Ryan Walsh who specialise in vehicle restorations. Not only that but Kenny's 'day job' is Belle Vue Coaches Engineering Director in charge of the Manchester operator's 60-strong fleet. The brothers found the coach, built on a 1951 Royal Leyland Tiger chassis, in a very sorry state, having spent 20 years in a North Wales field. Paying the owner Arthur Collins a nominal £1 for the coach, they promised him that if they had not restored it within a year, they would let him have it back. The restoration and roadworthy certificates were completed with a month to spare and the coach, restored to almost original condition, was exhibited at the Llandudno Rally in May 2012.

Duple was an English bus bodybuilder from 1919 to 1989, founded in Hornsey, East London by Herbert White.

The name Duple was his idea, intending to convey the principle of a single vehicle being suitable for a dual role. The 1950s, the period of our model, was a difficult time for the bodybuilding industry with a decline in orders and increased competition. The 1970s proved a dominant era for Duple but with the introduction of the Transport Act 1980 and the resulting coach deregulation service, the company was taken over by Hestair, who in the late 1980s sold off various sections to different elements within the industry, marking the end of the Duple Motor Services Ltd name after 70 years in the business.

With a wealth of history behind it, our model Duple Roadmaster is decorated in cream with red roof, red wheels and red body stripes, as a fleet member of Belle Vue Coaches, its destination panels reading Belle Vue and Manchester. The K & R Walsh Bros name and modern telephone number are printed in maroon on the back, whilst the company address and passenger capacity details are printed along the lower edge between the nearside front and rear wheels. The interior seating is also dark red. An interesting detail sees the Royal Leyland Tiger badge a little off centre on the front as in real life, the coach design included opening doors to reveal the spare wheel housing. An authentic model down to the last minute detail!

OXFORD 1:43 SCALE



Vauxhall Firenza Sport SL - Bluebird

Another popular car from the 1970s joins Oxford's 1:43 scale automobiles series. The newly tooled Vauxhall Firenza 2-door coupé is based on the car which Vauxhall introduced in 1971 as a development of the Viva - already in Oxford's 1:43 scale series of cars. A year later, Vauxhall made some changes to the car, including the introduction of the top of the range 2300 Sport SL model, which they unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show and which featured a 2279 cc engine and the highest level of trim. The 2300 Sport L was the only version of the Firenza to feature the seven dial dashboard with speedometer, clock, rev counter, fuel, oil pressure and water temperature gauges and battery charge indicator. The engine was an inclined 4-cylinder with single overhead camshaft and twin Stromberg carburettors.

The interior was fitted with bucket seats front and back to carry four people. The centre console with heater controls and warning lights was quite distinctive and considered luxurious for its time.

Our model, registered GRD 4L, appears in bright blue with black chassis, wheels and grille and a wealth of silver and chrome trim. A sporty pale blue stripe runs the length of the sides and the Vauxhall Firenza Sport SL marque and Vauxhall badge are intricately printed on the front/rear of the body. The interior is moulded in black with grey carpet and silver finished door handles and gearstick column.

Oxford have also incorporated a second tooling variation to the dashboard and steering wheel to allow for the introduction of the Firenza 1800 SL a little later on, which is something else to look forward to.

Land Rover Series 1 88" Canvas - REME Our latest military Land Rover Series I is the perfect off-road vehicle for use by the Royal Electrical and

Mechanical Engineers Corps of the British Army, carrying the technicians and mechanics who are responsible for maintaining all its equipment. Decorated in dark green with olive green 'canvas' back, it is registered with military number plate 97 BP 56. Its other military markings are also printed on either side of the characteristic Series I 88" radiator grille. The interior seating is dark grey and the steering wheel is black. The model is finished off with chrome trim to window surrounds and door hinges and

carries the spare wheel on the bonnet. Changing a

wheel would be child's play for its REME occupants, no doubt!



1:43 £11.95

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Jaguar V12 E Type Coupé - British Racing Green
British Racing Green is seen by many enthusiasts as the signature colour scheme for the Jaguar V12 'E' Type 2+2 coupé, hailed as one of the most iconic cars from the 1970s and our 1:43 scale model, registered MYH 470L, certainly looks equally appealing. The fine interior sees it

with cream seats and door panels, a green carpet, black dashboard and black steering wheel. The gearbox, steering wheel hubs and arms are all silver. Externally, the trim is finished in silver, including the detailed wing mirrors and window surrounds. The bumpers are also silver with black over-riders and the wire wheels add another final authentic touch to this classic sports car.

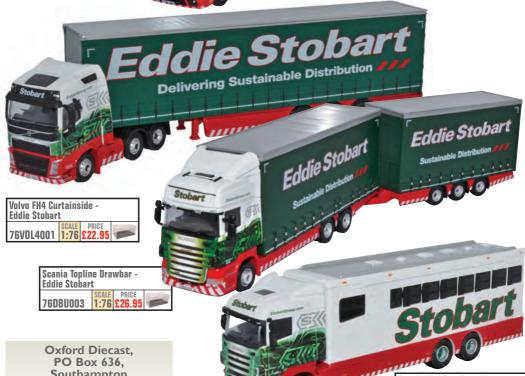
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Austin Cambridge - Armadillo Beige/Red

Our second release on the newly tooled Austin Cambridge appears in another very popular colour scheme of the time - warm beige with red flash along the body which sits in a chrome surround. The same deep red is reflected in the interior seating. Registered 129 SAU, the model also features the wealth of silver trim of the original including bumpers, wheels, radiator grille, door handles and window surrounds. The black and white Austin badge is

signature printed in silver runs across the boot.

The Austin Cambridge A60 was launched in 1961 and ceased production in 1969, during which time over 276,000 were made. It was classed as a four-door family

Austin Cambridge -NEW Armadillo Beige/Red 76ACF002 1:76 £4.95 applied to the radiator and the Austin Cambridge

car with rear seating for three people, a 1.6L engine and 3-speed gearbox. Our model also features the reduced tail fins and the slightly longer wheelbase chassis, just like the real thing!



You've already seen this little railway related Austin Seven RN van in 1:43 scale but here it is again with the same level of detail. Decorated in London Midland and Scottish livery of maroon with black roof, wings, spoked wheels and running board, our little van is employed in the Advertising and Publicity Services section, registered of the door, whilst the interior is black with maroon dashboard and interior door panels. The door trim is



OXFORD 1:76 SCALE



Our 1:76 scale replica of the first Ford Transit, the Mark I from 1966, is decorated in the bright red colour scheme of a London Fire Brigade support vehicle from that period. A tooling modification sees the addition of a blue roof beacon centred above the cab, mounted on a silver and red base.

The Brigade crest is printed on both cab doors while the London Fire Brigade wording features on each side in gold. The interior is completely black while the exterior sees bumpers, wheels and wheel hubs finished in white. Much of the exterior trim is sprayed black although the wing mirrors and door handles have been given a silver finish.

Ford Transit Connect -Cork City Fire Brigade

Ford Transit LWB High Roof -

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lt's a great little fire support vehicle to add to any enthusiast's collection, particularly those of you who

Ford Transit Mk1 -

London Fire Brigade

Land Rover FT6 Carmichael -

Army Fire Service

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Tricycle Van - Grand Union Canal Company

The Tricycle Van was a light commercial vehicle introduced in the 1930s and put to a wide variety of uses right up until the 1950s. Here we see it as Service Van No. 2 used by the Grand Union Canal Company, 5 Lloyd's Avenue, EC3. Decorated in bright blue with white lettering registered FGK 315, there is a map of the route of the Grand Union Canal on the cab doors, showing the extent of the 137 mile London to Birmingham waterway, which to this day has spurs off it to other major English towns and cities on the way. The model also features a bright red front mudguard and wheel hub surround and a single headlamp built into the framework above. Further masking detail creates an illusion of circular windows on the back doors while the front windscreen is masked in silver and black. In 1929, five canal companies joined together to form the Grand Union Canal Company operation which with the purchase of the Associated Canal Carriers based in Northampton formed the start of the fleet. In 1934,

an expansion programme was launched and the company



changed its name to the Grand Union Canal Carrying Company. We can therefore date our little replica van to the period leading up to this new phase in 1934.

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Ford Transit Mk3 - Royal Mail

After launching this newly tooled 1:76 scale long wheelbase Ford Transit Mk3 model in plain white, for its second outing Oxford have selected the livery of one of its key users - the Royal Mail in its signature bright red with yellow and white decoration. Registered H42 SWE, the Royal cypher is printed on both the cab doors while Royal Mail logo and the Crown are detailed on the van sides and across one of the back doors.

The third generation of the Ford Transit was made between 1986 and 2003. It was a completely new shape and came in various styles to suit its many uses, from 3-4 door van, 4-door minibus, 4-door crew cab and even a 2-door pickup. For model collectors of Royal Mail vans, this latest Oxford introduction is another fine addition to your Royal Mail vehicle timeline.





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Bedford MWD - Royal Artillery, Malta

Our latest 1:148 scale Bedford MWD has already been modelled in 1:76 scale in the same livery, as deployed by the Royal Artillery in Malta. The Bedford MWD was widely used in North Africa during WWII for transporting troops, particularly in armoured brigades. Our replica comes in desert camouflage with 'canvas' back as would have been used by the Royal Artillery in the desert and Malta in particular. You will notice the St George's Cross of Malta and military number printed on the front wings and also across the rear of the truck. Military markings are also printed in white under the windows on both the cab doors. The truck, an essential

form of transport in WWII, will take an equally

important place in your wartime desert diorama.





Austin Tilly - 51st Highland Division

This model is also already in the 1:76 scale Oxford Military series and is reproduced here in the same precise detail for its second outing in 1:148 scale. Decorated in dark green and dark earth known as the 'Mickey Mouse' camouflage scheme, it comes with 'canvas' back and brown chassis and wheels. Authentic military numbering and lettering features on the front and rear ends of the vehicle. An

interesting feature comprises the spare wheel on the cab roof with a spade intricately reproduced with a brown handle and silvered spade head.



Plaxton Panorama 1 - Midland Red

The Panorama concept was originally launched in 1958 at the British Commercial Motor Show and subsequently won awards at home and abroad for its modern lines and design, for which it was destined to become a trendsetter for years to come.

Midland Red was one of the most well-known bus and coach companies in the UK and is certainly a favourite with collectors. The company ran from 1905 to 1981 and its red colour scheme earned it the name Midland 'Red'. Sadly in 1981, Midland Red was broken up into six separate companies.

Our 1:148 scale model is registered WHA 240H from 1969. Decorated in its characteristic red with black roof, the interior including the seating is red with black steering wheel. The exterior detail includes contrasting silver Midland Red lettering and silver coach lines

Plaxton Panorama 1 - Midland Red

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wrapped round the front, sides and rear of the coach, as well as fine silver lines round the wheel arches. The destination board beneath the windscreen sees our coach going to Great Yarmouth, so no doubt its occupants had a great time at the seaside!

Plaxton Elite - East Yorkshire Coaches
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Plaxton Elite - East Yorkshire Coaches

Plaxton of Scarborough is a name synonymous with coach and bus manufacturing since the company was founded over 100 years ago in 1907 by Frederick William

Plaxton. The latest livery on the very modern Plaxton Elite is that of East Yorkshire Coaches, centred a little further down the coast in Hull. The bright primrose and blue colour scheme on their Diplomat coach is enhanced with gold lettering

with a fine black shadow and features an image of a red and gold kite flying along the sides. The rear of the coach carries all the Company's contact details from website to telephone number and the Diplomat wording is printed on the rear window.

The interior has red seating. Registered in 2014 YX14 SFY, this is one of the fleet's many coaches giving passengers a great day out at attractions and the Yorkshire seaside resorts.

Motorbike and Sidecar - RAC

Only the second release on the new N gauge tooling following its launch with the Automobile Association livery, we now see it in the colour scheme of the RAC. Decorated in blue and white with black trim, it is registered PTE 779. The motorcycle and sidecar was a popular form of transport and one of its key users was the RAC who employed patrols of uniformed mechanics offering roadside assistance to its motoring Royal Automobile Club members.

1:148 £3.75





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Motorbike and Sidecar - Royal Mail

Hot on the heels of the RAC liveried vehicle above, our Royal Mail version, registered AXL 938, comprises a black bike with contrasting beige saddlebags on either side of the rear wheel. The sidecar is decorated in Royal Mail's signature red, with the words Royal Mail printed in contrasting black on the offside. Additional printing on the side sees the Royal GR crest in gold and vehicle identity MCC No. 2033, Post Office Harrow & Wembley in black.



Messerschmitt Me262a-1a -Operation Bodenplatte 1945

Operation Bodenplatte (Baseplate) was part of the Battle of the Bulge which Hitler launched against the Belgian, Dutch and French Allied airbases in a desperate effort to recover Germany's deteriorating WWII fortunes. Having started planning the assault in September 1944, the operation due to take place in December that year was delayed because of bad weather conditions until 1st January 1945, when individual German units were deployed to specific targets.

Our 1:72 scale Messerschmitt Me262a-Ia represents an aircraft which was part of the Kampfgeschwader 5I (KG (J) 5I) unit tasked alongside Jagdgeschwader 3 (JG3) with eliminating the Allied units at the Eindhoven base and Gilze-Rijen airfield. The field contained three Spitfire



Squadrons and eight Typhoon units of the RAF and RCAF. KG51 contributed around 21 of their 30 Messerschmitt Me262 jet to the action. The damage done to Eindhoven was significant and although the operation achieved some surprise and tactical success, it was ultimately classed as a failure. The German assault did not achieve their required air superiority and also they lost too many of their pilots. A great many Allied aircraft were destroyed on the ground but as they were empty, there were very few Allied aircrew casualties. The aircraft were also replaced within a week of the attack, negating any temporary advantage for the enemy.

The Me262 is decorated in the dark green/dark brown/pale grey camouflage scheme with pale grey underside. The upper markings are printed white and on the underside, the decoration is printed in black and white. Markings on the fuselage appear in red and white whilst a black German Swastika is visible on the vertical tail fin. There is some fine detailing to the nose cone, engine front edges and the tail fin tip, all masked in red. The nose, engine and tail bands are painted white. The exhaust cones and cannon barrels are black and the engine face and Pitot tube finished in silver.

Operation Bodenplatte was the last large-scale strategic offensive operation mounted by the Luftwaffe during the war, so our little model is of particular significance to collectors of WWII aircraft.

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AR118 Borgward: Carl Borgward is one of those characters who fascinate automotive historians. He was, like so many entrepreneurs, single-minded, autocratic and often disagreeable. His only interest was in his cars, not in

the details of running a business, especially where money was concerned, and that blind-spot would ultimately spell his downfall. Carl Borgward's achievements, and his lost opportunities, are described in this fascinating publication.















































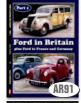




























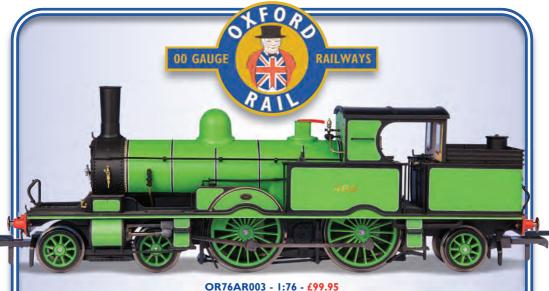












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