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Ford Zodiac Mk II - Shark Blue/Pompadour Blue

Manufactured by Ford of Great Britain, the Ford Zodiac was the luxury version of the Ford Zephyr, with the name coming to the fore in 1950 and lasting until 1972 when the marque was superseded by the Granada and the updated Consul. Along with the Zephyr, they remained Ford's largest saloon cars throughout the period. The Zodiac Mk II was manufactured in Dagenham, Essex in 1956 and production lasted until 1962. The upmarket four door Zodiac Mk II had several alterations to distinguish it including elaborate tailfins and a wide front grille. However, there was an absence of auxiliary lamps

and wing mirrors although it retained the two-tone paint of the Mk I, whitewall tyres, chrome wheel trim and gold plated badges. It had a top speed of 87.9 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 in 17.1 seconds. Fuel consumption averaged 21.5 mpg and it cost around £968 on the road. We launch our newly tooled 1:76 scale Ford Zodiac Mk II in a delicate two-tone mix of blues with the signature gold Zodiac lettering, wide radiator grille and silver trim. It is registered HCC 944 and is rounded off with a pale blue interior and black steering wheel. A great addition to your Ford saloon car timeline of the period!











VW T4 Westfalia Camper - Paprika Red

Here at Oxford, when we tool up a new vehicle, it is no surprise that we cover all the variables and the VW T4 is no exception. We recently introduced it as a new T4 Van and now we are delighted to unveil our new T4 Westfalia Camper version.

The T4 was produced between 1990 and 2003 and our camper van, registered J469 MDL dates from 1991-92. It would have been manufactured by VW's commercial vehicle department, specifically their contractor Westfalia-Werke. Our model is the pre-facelift version

featuring the shorter nose/front end which was subsequently re-shaped in 1996.

Decorated in an all-over red colour scheme with grey interior, our model has a left hand drive configuration. The colourful printing on the front below the windscreen is a clue as to the country it was used — California - reproduced in colourful lettering. The T4 was highly popular in the USA, where it was known as the Eurovan. The universal appeal of VW Camper Vans lives on!



VW T1 Samba Bus -Sealing Wax Red/Beige Grey

More new tooling brings a variation on the equally new VW TI Camper, which entered the Oxford range recently. The VW TI Samba Bus was the most luxurious version. Differentiating features included two pivot doors at the side and a fabric sunroof. It had a wealth of windows too - up to 23 in some cases. VW's advertising used this feature to promote the TI as a great vehicle for touring the Alps! The Samba came with two-tone

bodywork separated by a decorative strip.
Our 1:76 scale model incorporates all the detail of the real thing and makes its debut

decorated in a muted red with a beige grey upper body and off white roof panel. Registered 192 YUD, the interior seating, floor and steering wheel are moulded in the same off-white as the roof panel while the dashboard echoes the red body colour. White bumpers, chrome and red wheels and silver body trim complete the effect. Alpine landscapes, here we come!

boot lid.



The Ford Motor Company had first used the Anglia name in 1939 and the fourth generation car, the 105E and the subject of our 1:76 scale model, was launched in 1959. During its lifetime between then and 1967, over 1 million cars rolled off its Dagenham production line. It came as a 2-door saloon, 3-door estate and a 2-door panel van. Here we have the saloon version, hailed as a small family car. It sported a 997 cc engine and was capable of a top

it cost £610 on the road. For its latest release, our Ford Anglia with its American influenced styling and unique backward slanting rear window is presented in dramatic black with chrome

speed of 73.8 mph, accelerating from 0-60 in 26.9 seconds. With fuel consumption of 41 miles per gallon,

76105009 grille extending in an arc right across the front of the car above the chrome bumper. It is registered 7008 MW. A final detail sees the Anglia name in chrome across the

Ford Anglia 105E - Black

BMW MINI Cooper S - Chilli Red/White

The highly charged BMW MINI Cooper S makes its latest Oxford 1:76 scale appearance in a literally red hot livery with sporty stripes, registered GV58 FWP. The body is decorated in a brilliant red colour scheme with white stripes while the roof is masked white with red stripes. Black masking to window surrounds, the MINI badge, Cooper S logo and lots of



VW Beetle - Pink HK Registration

chromework complete the image.

Our Classic VW Beetle certainly gets around! This time it is purring its way round Hong Kong, registered AL 8540. It is certainly eyecatching too, decorated in a sugary pink with cream and chrome wheels, cream interior and cream steering wheel. Even the sunroof is pink. The chrome finish to the exterior looks great against the body colour.

Very sweet!

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Land Rover Series 2 LWB Canvas -**Bluebird Land Speed Record 1960**

Our latest Land Rover Series 2 Long wheelbase model marks the occasion of Donald Campbell's Bluebird World Land Speed Record Attempt in Utah in 1960 and the white graphics on the side of the vehicle say it all. Registered 9255 NX, the Land Rover was one of the support vehicles which accompanied the Bluebird entourage to the Utah Salt Flats for the world record attempt, which sadly ended in an almost total Bluebird loss after a 300 mph crash.

Decorated in the Bluebird signature bright blue, our 1:76 scale Series 2 Land Rover has a masked white roof and bumpers, olive green canvas back and mid grey interior.

The wheels and the dashboard take on the bright blue body colour. A special addition comprises two fuel tanks and canister holders fixed to each of the front wings. A final detail is the placement of the Land Rover logo not only in the centre of the chrome radiator grille but also on the nearside front wing.





Bristol MW6G - Tilling Transport

London's oldest bus company, founded by Thomas Tilling, had humble beginnings. Born in 1825 in Hendon, Middlesex, at the age of 21 Thomas went into business in London using a horse and carriage which cost him £30. By the time of his death in 1893, he had become the biggest supplier of horsepower and vehicles in London. His sons carried on the business and the Tilling Group grew in stature over the decades until the company was eventually absorbed under nationalisation.

The Bristol MW (Medium Weight) was a bus and coach chassis designed and built between 1956 and 1964 by Bristol Commercial Vehicles Ltd. All the MW chassis featured either a 5 cylinder or a 6 cylinder engine with related chassis type designation. Our Oxford model is designated type 6, hence the MW6G classification.

Our fourth release on the Bristol MW6G in Tilling Transport livery appears with a white upper body and roof and a pale grey lower section, separated by a deep red band running along the sides and the back. The front also has a red band on each side of the radiator behind the headlights above the registration plate 13 DLY. The red graphics on the rear feature the Tilling name and London EUS 7866 telephone number and detail the seating capacity for 39 passengers. The near side gives Tilling's Chelmsford address with a sign behind the passenger door indicating the coach is on loan to Thos. Cook & sons as Agents. The two front destination blinds also confirm Thomas Cook status along with the tour in hand - English Lakes & Scottish Highlands. Sounds like a great holiday is on the horizon!

Bristol OWB - Isle of Man Road Services

The Bedford OWB was a single decker bus which was originally manufactured for wartime use but it proved to be equally adaptable in civilian life. Here we see it as purchased and used by the Isle of Man Road Services registered GMN 145 in a bright red colour scheme with black

trim and gold lettering.

The destination blind indicates it is heading for Port Erin. The interior features Oxford's alternative seating configuration, that of an upholstered look rather than the



slatted seating option. The seats are moulded in bright red against ivory coloured flooring. Note too, the use of the small headlight component option on this model.

OXFORD N SCALE



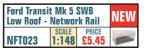
Leyland Royal Tiger - Maidstone & District

Already a firmly established part of Oxford's 1:76 scale series, the Leyland Royal Tiger is also popular in the diminutive N gauge range. Here we see the fourth release of the 1:148 scale model of the Leyland Royal

Tiger resplendent in the highly popular Maidstone & District colour scheme of dark green, cream and gold. Registered OKO 22, our single decker has dark green seating and a white steering wheel. Its destination blind shows it as the E4 heading to London.

Ford Transit Mk 5 SWB Low Roof - Network Rail

Our latest 1:148 scale Ford Transit Mk 5 is the short wheel based version with low roof in the modern Network Rail livery. You may recall it already appearing in 1:76 scale in exactly the same colour scheme, where it is equally at home as a lineside accessory for railway enthusiasts. Decorated in a white colour scheme with red and blue graphics, our model is registered YT09 VHE.







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OXFORD 1:43 SCALE



Land Rover ½ ton Lightweight Hard Top - Fred Dibnah

This model has recently appeared in 1:76 scale in exactly the same detail, so for those of you who like things even larger, we are pleased to bring you Fred Dibnah's ½ ton lightweight Land Rover in 1:43 scale. Fred's famous Land Rover is registered ECW 656W from 1980/81. It is

decorated in red and green with roof, bonnet and wheel centres masked in light brown. Fred's business name is printed in cream along the sides and rear of the vehicle. The interior is moulded in the same green as the lower body with remaining exterior trim masked black. A great tribute to a great man who is still sadly missed on the Steam Rally circuits.



OXFORD AVIATION 1:72



DH84 Dragon El - ABI, 'IOLAR'

Only the third release on the De Havilland 84 Dragon, 'IOLAR' has an amazing history. Originally De Havilland produced this six seater bi-plane from 1932 as a small commercial aircraft for short-haul flights. El-ABI operated the first Aer Lingus service, flying on the Dublin to Bristol route from May 1936. In the build-up to World War II, the original aircraft was sold to the UK but was sadly lost during the conflict.

To commemorate the original El-ABI, another DH84 which was built in 1936 and which was also commandeered during the War but fortunately survived, underwent several ownerships from 1946 onwards, before being taken out of service in 1959 and put into storage in Ireland. There it stayed until being bought by Air Lingus in 1967 and decorated to represent the original El-ABI and stored at Dublin Airport. Following other cosmetic makeovers and a spell as a static display in the Irish Aviation Museum, a restoration team was put to

the task of making the aircraft airworthy, at the same time getting the necessary permission from the aviation authorities to re-number the plane as an accurate replica of the original. With a new Certificate of Airworthiness, it took to the air in April 1986, exactly 50 years on from its first flight. In the ensuing years, it flew and was grounded several times before a definitive effort to have it flying to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Air Lingus. Mission accomplished, El-ABI is one of only two Dragons still flying in Europe, the other being an aircraft built under a De Havilland licence in Australia in 1942.

Our 1:72 scale replica evokes all this history, authentically decorated in an all-over silver livery with black lettering along the fuselage and black line-out to the fuselage and tail. Note the passenger window configuration, short exhausts, the black air speed funnels on the left and right, as well as the bespoke main undercarriage style. A final detail sees the name IOLAR printed on both sides of the fuselage beneath the pilot's window.



Ford WOT1 Crash Tender - RAF Catterick (Red)

The second release of the elaborate 1:76 scale model of the Fordson War Office Type I Crash Tender appears in the livery of the Royal Air Force, as used at their RAF Station at Catterick, North Yorkshire. The Fordson WOTI major foam tender was manufactured at the Ford Dagenham plant from 1940 and introduced to the military for multiple uses during World War II. The RAF used it extensively at fighter and bomber bases during the conflict and in the early post war years.

Our 1:76 scale vehicle is decorated in bright red and black with an RAF number plate RAF 108888. The 300 gallon water tank features black and white chequered pattern on the front and all the pipes are given a 'brass' finish to replicate the original. A final colourful detail comprises the Royal Air Force Station Catterick crest on the body with their motto Vigilance and Knowledge printed in gold.



(Green)

commercial Ford 400E. commonly known as the Ford Thames.

various public and private sector

organisations due to its versatility. Its latest Oxford outing is as used as a Minibus by the London Fire Brigade, registered 136 BGX.

Decorated in dark green with a grey interior and seating, the exterior features the London Fire Brigade lettering in gold and the familiar LCC Crest colourfully printed on the sides behind the driver and front passenger doors. The model will sit very well as a support model alongside your other LFB vehicles of the era.



Atkinson 8 wheel Cattle Truck - L Davies & Sons

Our latest agricultural vehicle release sees Oxford's 1:76 scale Atkinson 8-wheel lorry in the almost black red livery of L Davies & Sons, Livestock Transport. The chassis, wheels and mudguards are painted in a bright red while the Atkinson logo and name appear on the

authentic black and silver radiator grille. Registered GMJ 587, the interior of the vehicle cab is also black.

Exterior decoration includes a gold lineout on the cab doors surrounding the company name, which also appears above the windscreen. A final touch sees the initials LD with gold surround on both of the front wings.



OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87



1961 Chevrolet Impala Convertible - Hot Rod

Oxford's previous releases on the Chevrolet Impala have, despite the extravagant design features of the real thing, appeared in reasonably conservative colour schemes. Not this time! Released previously as part of a 3-piece set but now available as a single model, the 'hot rod' image has gone to town with the purple and acid yellow

bodywork almost in meltdown. Interior seating and tonneau cover are pale grey, the dashboard is finished in silver and the steering wheel is white.

This extrovert motor is registered to a petrol head in Maryland as KD:23:76.



1957 Chevrolet Nomad - Hot Rod Flame

Previously issued as part of the 3-piece Chevrolet Hot Rod set, if you missed it then, now's your chance! Decorated in two-tone pale blue and white, the interior

colour scheme. The bodywork is enhanced even further

is also bright blue. Darker blue 'flame effect' printing has been cleverly applied along the sides of the Nomad with all remaining trim finished in silver. Our 1:87 scale Nomad is registered in Colorado, numbered 39-1415.



registration number.



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AR149 Mercedes Benz Part 3: Unimog and MB-Trac: In this publication we look at the history of the Unimog, a unique all-terrain vehicle conceived in the closing months of the Second World War. Its designers, Albert Friedrich and Heinrich Rössler had the prototypes built by Eberhard & Söhne, who could not bring the vehicles to production, so Boehringer of Göppingen built the first few hundred examples. Boehringer could not expand

Göppingen built the first few hundred examples. Boehringer could not expand production to keep up with demand, so Daimler-Benz took over the operation and moved it to their truck plant in Gaggenau. There it stayed for half a century before moving again, to Daimler's Wörth complex.

AR150 Packard Album: In its heyday a Packard was an esteemed luxury car built by hand to the highest standards. A Packard signified power and glamour, with buyers including US Presidents, movie stars and the cream of American high society. By the mid-1930s, the era of the big flash car was over, and Packard had to introduce medium-price cars. The company was struggling, but it was saved by wartime contracts for aero engines and marine engines. The Clipper, introduced just before the war, was revived in peacetime, but Packard went into a downward spiral postwar, then it amalgamated with Studebaker in 1954. Sadly, in its last years nothing could save Packard, and 1958 was the last time the famous badge was seen, just 60 years after the first Packard car was made.



















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