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FORD THAMES MINIBUS INSIDE!

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The Gloster Gladiator was a British-built biplane fighter manufactured by the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company. It was used by the Royal Air Force (RAF) and the Royal Navy (as the Sea Gladiator variant) and was exported to a number of other air forces during the late 1930s. Although reminiscent of older biplanes of the First World War, the Gladiator was something quite different. Powered by the 840-horsepower Bristol Mercury VIIIA 9-cylinder air-cooled radial engine, it had considerable grunt with a top speed of 257 miles per hour, along with being heavily armed (for the time) with four Browning .303 machine guns. Several squadrons of Gloster Gladiators fought with some success in the early days of WWII in France, alongside the RAF's newer Hawker Hurricane. 247 Squadron, equipped with Gloster Gladiator fighters were tasked with the defence of the Royal Navy Dockyards at Devonport and Plymouth during the Battle of Britain until replaced by Hawker Hurricanes. The Gloster Gladiator is probably best remembered for it's stoic defence of Malta when three

Gloster Gladiators, nicknamed Faith, Hope and Charity, although outgunned and outperformed, held off the might of the axis air force until relieved by the Hawker Hurricanes of 261 Squadron.



The Fairey Swordfish, built by Britain's Fairey Aviation Company, was a large bi-plane with a metal frame covered in fabric, constructed with specially folding wings so it would take up less space aboard aircraft carriers. Used by the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm as a torpedo bomber, it saw useful service in WWII. The aircraft was nicknamed 'Stringbag' — crews likened it to the string shopping bags used during that time, which expanded to carry objects of all shapes and sizes.

The Swordfish joined 821 Naval Air Squadron in 1938 deployed aboard HMS Ark Royal, serving in the South Atlantic, Indian Ocean and then the Mediterranean.

In April 1940, they were transferred to support Allied operations in Norway. The Swordfish Mk I served with 821 Squadron twice – firstly between January 1939-April 1940 and then with 821X Squadron between December 1940 - January 1941 (30 aircraft).

The Oxford Diecast Fairey Swordfish Mk I recalls the aircraft's service aboard HMS Ark Royal in 1940. Decorated in the dark grey/pea green/off white camouflage scheme, the extra decorative detail is extensive and a great credit to this tough little aircraft.



Hawker Hurricane Mk.IIC

Oxford Aviation enthusiasts are treated to a further Hawker Hurricane – this time the Mk IIC, rounding off the year in which we have commemorated the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain with some iconic aircraft of WWII. We have chosen to model an example of the Hurricane Mk.IIC with another fascinating story - that of Sqn. Ldr. Robert Alexander Barton of 249 Squadron, Ta' Qali, Malta as flown in 1941.

Robert 'Butch' Barton was born in Canada in 1916. Recruited in Vancouver at the age of 19, he was subsequently accepted into the RAF in 1936. After training with No. 41 Squadron, he was given command of 249 Squadron at the end of 1940. Six months later, his squadron prepared for duty in Malta. Between 1941 and his return to England two years later, 249 Squadron, was one of the most successful fighter squadrons on the island.

Ending his career as a Wing Commander, 'Butch' Barton returned to Canada, where he resumed a more relaxed and quiet life. He died on 2nd September 2010, aged 94.



OXFORD AVIATION 1:72 SCALE































Ford Thames 400E Minibus - British Railways

The second introduction on the new Ford Thames tooling is a British Railways Minibus with all round windows. Usually a 12 seater the Minibus was highly popular and versatile, being used as a taxi, a personnel carrier and even by farmers with some modifications to the seating! Perhaps in our case, it was used to transport railway workers — or even stranded passengers.

Ford Thames 400E Minibus - British Railways		NEW	
FDE002	SCALE	PRICE £11.45	







Ford Thames Van - Royal Mail

The fourth version of the Thames van is a popular livery – Royal Mail.

The Royal Mail fleet is still one of the largest fleets of vehicles in the UK. The use of mailvans expanded during the 1920's

and 1930's, initially Fords, then Morris before a whole variety of other vehicles were used.

Ford Thames Van - Royal Mail		NEW	
FDE004	SCALE 1:43	PRICE £11.45	1

Ford Thames Van - Post Office Telephones

Our 1:43 scale replica, with sliding side door feature (nonworking) comes in the famous Post Office Telephone of the period, complete with detailed 'chrome' petrol cap, wheel hubs and door handles and a with new ladder tooling for the roof.

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FDE003	SCALE 1:43	PRICE £11.45	-



RINGTONS TEA

AKO11 Austin K8 Van - Ringtons Tea

The Austin K8 was an immensely popular commercial van in its time and our releases to date have carried the liveries of many famous companies who used it as a delivery vehicle. Out latest introduction in Ringtons Tea livery, replicates their signature colour scheme of black, yellow and gold on the K8, as used during the 1950s and 1960s.

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AK011	SCALE 1:43	PRICE £12.95	1

Austin Welfarer Ambulance - St John

St John Ambulance, branded as St John in some territories, is a common name used by a number of affiliated organisations in different countries dedicated to the teaching and practice of medical first aid and the provision of ambulance services, all of which derive their origins from the St John Ambulance Association founded in 1877 in the UK. You see them at the majority of events where their volunteers, in their smart uniform, are at the ready to administer medical help to the general public. Our latest K8 can be seen in this authentic livery.

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VW Minibus/Surfboards Flower Power

Another release in our VW series, this time loosely based on a van I used to drive around in the early 1980's. Back then I had long hair and I was wearing flares and heels. Very similar to my looks today. TAFF

VW Minibus/Surfboards Flower Power		NEW	
76VW017	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £3.95	-



VW Van Pastel White



VW Pick Up Signal Orange



VW Bus Pastel White



VW Camper Closed -Saturn Yellow/White



Mohile Trailer - Buns on Wheels

We've had Bob's Hot Dog and the Hard Wok Café so move over for our latest offering, Buns On Wheels. In the last few weeks I've seen several displays with line ups of these little trailers. Our Indian offering Rings of Fire is not too far away - hot stuff!

Buns on wheels		NEW	
76TR006	SCALE 1:76	PRICE £6.25	1





Daimler DS420 Black Hearse

76DS002 1:76



Scania P31 Pump Ladder Essex County F & R Service

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) is the statutory fire and rescue service for the county of Essex, and is one of the largest fire services in the country, covering an area of almost 400,000 hectares and a population of over 1.7 million people.

The service attends an average of 24,490 emergency incidents per year. ECFRS employs 1,640 staff, comprising 874 full-time firefighters, 479 retained firefighters, 43 control personnel and 244 support staff. There are 50 fire stations throughout the county, 12 of which are wholetime, 34 are retained and four are day-crewed. Major risks covered include Stansted and Southend airports, Harwich seaport, Lakeside shopping centre, Coryton oil refinery, the docks at Tilbury and part of the M25 and M11 motorways and A12 trunk road.

Land Rover Station Wagon - Gloucester F & R Service

The aim of Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is to promote safer communities by preventing accidents and emergencies from happening, as well as protecting people and the environment from imminent danger.

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Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service is part of the County Council and is a member of the Community Safety Directorate which includes other services such as Emergency Management, Trading Standards, Registrars, Coroners and Community Safety. Their headquarters is based in Quedgeley, Gloucester with the Police and Ambulance Services. They have 20 community fire stations across the county.





Ford Cortina MK III - NEW Onyx Green 76COR3006 1:76 \$3.95

Ford Cortina MK III - Onyx Green

The Cortina was introduced in 1962 and changed the face of British motoring. It was a risk Ford took and one which paid off. In 1963 the Cortina became the market leader, a trend it kept up for the next two decades.

Introduced In 1970, the Mk3 couldn't have been more different from its predecessors. Technically it was almost all new, the car had a 3.5" longer wheelbase than the Mk2 giving a larger cabin, but was the same overall length, it

was 2" wider and 4" lower giving it a bigger look. With styling influences from Detroit, the Cortina had a "cokebottle" look to them similar to the American Pinto and LTD models.

The car was a bold step for Ford, swapping from the usual suspension setup of other models for a wishbone front suspension and coil springs with trailing and semitrailing arms. The facelift in 1973 saw the GLX model dropped in place of the very plush 2000E, this was the flagship of the Cortina range. The new facelift models got twin rectangular "halogen" headlamps as well as the new dash. The Cortina in all its forms lasted 20 years and made Ford a lot of money, a car that brings back memories for lots of people in so many different ways.

SS Jaquar

A pair of SS Jaguars in maroon and lavender grey. For Jaguar fans our XJS at 1:76 scale is not far off and then of course at 1:43 we have the beautiful XK150 in development.





Austin 18 Ambulance - Carlisle

This typical ambulance of the period was manufactured in 1938 and had an unladen weight of 1 ton 12 cwt. It was converted by Thomas Startin Jnr, a firm still in business today. The model shown carries the Carlisle livery.

Austin 18 Ambulance - Carlisle

76AMB003 1:76 £4.25



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Daimler Hearse - Black/Carlton Grey

This is the third release of the Daimler DS420 Hearse, this time in two tone - Black and Carlton Grey.

The Daimler DS420, popularly known as the Daimler Limousine, is a large limousine produced by Daimler Motor Company between 1968 and 1992. The Daimler DS420 is widely used among the funeral trade, serving as both the executive car for grieving relatives and the hearse for the deceased, after customisation to fit funeral needs.





Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane Closed - Black

The Armstrong Siddeley Hurricane model is one of approximately 2,600 of this handsome drophead coupe made between 1946 and 1953. Resplendent in black, this Oxford model features distinctive 'suicide' doors and detailed four seater interior.

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ASH004	SCALE 1:43	PRICE £20.95	-















Our latest Series I Land Rover is shown in the Gwynedd Health Authority colours of the late 1950's. The Mountainous coastal region meant that more conventional ambulances were of no use. Our series I was used to reach incidents in these more difficult areas

> Land Rover Ambulance -**Gwynedd Health Authority** SCALE LAN188016 1:43











Land Rover Car Transporter SCALE

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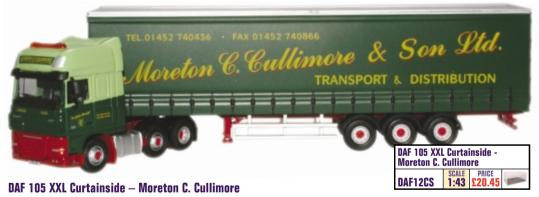
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Land Rover Car Transporter Trailer SCALE

76LTROO1T 1:76 £12.25







This 1:76 scale Oxford heavy haulage release of the DAF 105 Super Space Cab sees it with a curtainside trailer in the authentic green and red livery of the well-known Gloucestershire based third-generation family firm of Moreton C. Cullimore.

The company, founded over 75 years ago by Moreton C. Cullimore, has long been associated with the business of aggregate and road haulage in Gloucestershire and the surrounding area. Today the Cullimore group of companies operate a fleet of more than 80 vehicles, comprising a general haulage fleet of tractor units and a variety of trailers to cater for almost any load operating at up to 44 tonnes gross, carrying 29 tonnes.

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CROUCH RECOVERY

Scania Topline Recovery Truck -Crouch Recovery 1:43

£19.45

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OXFORD 1:76 SCALE

























OXFORD 1:43 SCALE



















The Transit has been the best-selling light commercial vehicle in Europe for 40 years, and in some countries the term "Transit" has passed into common usage as a generic term applying to any light commercial van.

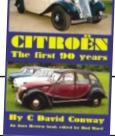
The definitive Transit platform was launched in 1965. Since then, six million Transits have been produced across three basic platforms, with several "facelift" versions of each.

Our first releases are the 76FT005 and 6, both long wheelbase vehicles. If you are wondering what has happened to codes I-4, then these are shorter wheelbase versions, that will appear at a later date.

Citroën. The First 90 years

Citroën was founded in 1919 by André-Gustave Citroën and was the first mass production car company outside of the USA. Within 8 years it became Europe's largest car manufacturer.

Citroën The First 90 yrs	NEW	
AR75	PRICE £5.95	ľ





Stobart/Malcom Charity Truck

Oxford are proud to release their latest version of the Volvo Eddie Stobart Truck in this special livery dedicated to Cancer Research. Last year Eddie Stobart bosses took part in helping to raise a whopping £730,000 for the charity. They came up with the idea to donate a year's revenue from the now famous truck 'Phoebe Grace'.

Mark Dixon the owner of the truck attended the annual Emeralds & Ivy Ball where he presented a cheque for £151,700. As well as the money raised from the truck, the final total was topped up by auction, with people

bidding to put their names on the side of the trailer, while the tailgate was also auctioned for advertising use. The money raised went to Cancer Research UK and the Marie Keating Foundation and secured the services of six cancer care nurses and two units for 12 months.

All proceeds from the sale of this superb model will be donated to the charities. Oxford Diecast would like to thank the Stobart Group, W H Malcolm and Volvo UK for allowing this model to be made and MPiD for donating their services.

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