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In late 1958, a Cresta cost £1,073, including £358 purchase tax. It was the kind of car you desperately hoped your dad would get next and, as the M1 opened in 1959, increasing numbers of people looking for relaxed motorway cruisers did. With a youthful Cliff Richard in the charts and coffee bars springing up in every town, these ritzy Vauxhalls were an integral part of modern Britain just before the 1960s exploded. By the time the car was replaced by the far less appealing PB range in 1962, 173,604 PAs had

Imp Green (Queen Elizabeth)
Cresta Friary Estate

VFE003

SCALE
1:43

PRICE
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hours in the 1970s. By then, they were regarded as worthless old bangers, and usually driven by ageing Teddy Boys (Dusty had one!) desperate to keep the spirit of the 1950s alive. That any PAs survived at all is a miracle because the cars' inability to stave off rust was legendary - ironically, it was often the join between the body panels and those wraparound front and rear screens that turned into a highly corrosive gutter.

Today, though, they're highly sought after - particularly the rare "three-window" examples, and the estates. This months Cresta Friary Estate was the Queen's favourite car for years at Sandringham and probably less than 40 of this style survives. They are worth up to £6,000 in perfect condition, so a few years salary and Dusty can add one to his fleet!

We have more stock of the Queen Mothers Daimler, a lovely Black and Claret version carrying the registration plate NLT1.

been made. Crestas and Veloxes saw their darkest

The first of her five DS420s was purchased in May 1970 - car no 1M1559 (Vanden Plas job no. 12493). When her car was approaching the end of the production line, she visited the factory to watch its completion and to agree some of the finer design details. The cars is very recognisable carrying the Royal Coat of Arms.



Queen Mums DS420					
	1:43	EDITION	£20.49	-	



AC010 Messerschmitt Bf109G

The Messerschmitt Bf109 was designed in 1934 by Willy Messerschmitt for potential use as a high speed, short-range bomber interceptor. The first variants were relatively low powered but later variants incorporated major redesigns, including a heavier engine, more armaments and the provision for a long range drop tank to rectify its short-

1:72

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NEW Messerschmitt Bf 109G £11.95 AC010

£11.95

'G' (for Gustay) was one of these and our particular liveried aircraft is a model of the one flown by Kommando Nowotny, a Luftwaffe fighter Gruppe, which had been formed in 1944 as Sqn II/JG-7 Nowotny Schwarm. The squadron was under the command of

Major Walter Nowotny, a famous Austrian WWII fighter ace, who was sadly killed towards the end of 1944. However, JG-7 is credited with at least 136 'kills' fully documented, with a probable further 420 Allied fighter planes being destroyed by this crack force. Our Oxford Bf109G Messerschmitt represents the aircraft which flew in April 1945 and which was dedicated to the memory of Major Nowotny. As the war ended, almost 34,000 Bf109s had been built, making it the most widely produced fighter aircraft in history.







We usually associate Lavochkin with the Russian space programme as the company, known as NPO Lavochkin, plays a major part in developing and manufacturing spacecraft, satellites and interplanetary

AC011 Lavochkin

Design Bureau, under its head designer Semyon Lavochkin, had the distinction of producing the series of WWII piston-engined fighter aircraft, of which our latest Oxford aircraft is one. When Lavochkin died in 1960, the bureau was closed but subsequently re-opened to work on the space programme. Our unusual addition to the Oxford Aviation series fills an important historical gap on your WWII airfield.

NEW Lavochkin SCALE 1:72 AC011 £11.95

AC012 Focke Wulf 190-A4

The Focke Wulf, the great fighter plane of WWII, was one of the most successful combat aircraft of the conflict. Introduced in 1941, it was fast, easily manoeuvrable and heavily armed. It remained the scourge of the skies against Allied aircraft, maintaining its advantage until the introduction of the Spitfire IX in 1942, which diminished its effect on the Royal Air Force fleet. Our model represents the upgraded variation of the Fw190, which went through several

refinements during its Luftwaffe career, including improved armaments and longer wings than the aircraft that first flew in June 1939.



£11.95

NEW

TRIPLE SPITFIRE SET

Focke Wulf 190-A4

AC012

£11.95



BATTLE OF BRITAIN SET

£34.95

76CM001/2 Commer Q25 Van – British Railways & Pickfords

The 'blood and custard' - carmine and cream - colour scheme of British Railways is the most appropriate and instantly recognisable livery for the first release of Oxford's newly tooled Q25 Commer Van and will enhance any 00 gauge railway layout of the period. Given that combination, we therefore anticipate it being very popular, so get your order in now!

Commer Cars Ltd, founded in 1905, was a British manufacturer of commercial vehicles from that date right up to 1979, including light vans, medium to heavy commercial trucks, military vehicles and buses. The company had mixed fortunes and was sold on several



times, firstly to Humber before becoming part



of the Rootes Group. Rootes were also taken over by Chrysler in the 1970s when the Commer name was replaced by Dodge. The Q25 was launched in the late 40's.

Pickfords Com	NEW			
76CM002	1:76	EDITION	PRICE £4.49	-



VOL01FR Volvo FH Fridge – H E Payne

H E Payne (Transport) Ltd found its roots back in 1938 when Harry Edward Payne began work as a coal merchant with a Morris Commercial 30 cwt truck, working out of Tempsford railway station in Bedfordshire. He capitalised on a local lack of transportation during WWII by providing a service to farmers, getting their produce to market. Sadly Harry was killed in a tragic shooting accident in 1948, with his wife caretaking the business until his son David was old enough to join the team.

The company, still headed up by David – together with his son Richard - has run a variety of haulage vehicles over the year but now over 75% of their business lies in the transport of refrigerated goods. Volvo FH fridge vehicles form a large part of the fleet, operating from their 5-acre site at Wyboston, Bedfordshire, next to the house where Harry Payne started the business nearly 70 years ago. Today they offer over 120,000 sq feet of warehousing space located in three strategic locations along the A1 corridor.



County Borough of West Bromwich Shelvoke & Drewry Dustcart

Shelvoke and Drewry company who in their heyday manufactured innovative waste collection vehicles, the preferred choice of municipal authorities throughout the UK. Founded in 1922 by Harry Shelvoke and James Drewry, the Letchworth based company also manufactured fire



County Borough of West Bromwich Shelvoke & Drewry Dustcart NEW					
	1:76	EDITION	PRICE £9.95	-	

Postal Engineering Morris 1000 Van NEW

1:43

engines, buses and forklift trucks. During WWII, like many manufacturers, they switched their output to the production of components for the war effort. Sadly Shelvoke and Drewry were taken over in the 1980s by an American company - Dempster Brothers, which subsequently suffered financial problems. Part of the company was integrated with Dennis, who had been Shelvoke and Drewrys main rival in times gone by. Dennis-Shelvoke continued for a while but ceased trading in 1992. The rear tips 90 degrees and also we supply an additional component which allows it to be posed tipping rubbish. This second release is in the West Bromwich colourings.

The Post Office took many variants of the Morris Minor van s over a twenty year period the last being registered in 1973, over 50,000 units. The book by Russell Harvey carries a lot of interesting facts on the GPO Mail and telephone vehicles. Apparently vehicles in Scotland were painted in the same way but used a Scottish crown instead with no initials beneath it. This was due to the fact that when Oueen Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952. Her Majesty was not the second Queen Elizabeth

in Scotland and therefore the crown did not apply

north of the border. So, the Queen's Crown of Scotland

was used and applied to both telephone and

mail vans for use in north of the border.

MM055

By the mid-1950s, with Britain starting to recover from the Second World War, fuel was in short supply and petrol rationing was reintroduced. While sales of big cars slumped, there was a boom in more economical vehicles. The British Motor Corporation charged Alec

Issigonis with designing something that would actually look like a car, hold four adults, and be small and economical. His design was a

revolutionary space-saving front-wheel-drive that for the first time mounted the engine



transversely. Virtually all small front-wheel-drive cars that followed employed a similar configuration. First produced in 1959, the Mini soon became Britain's most popular car, enjoying its heyday in the Swinging Sixties. The MG ZA Magnette that was designed by ex-Jowett Javelin designer Gerald Palmer. It made its debut in 1953 to an eager band of MG saloon enthusiasts. The new Magnette shared its Palmer designed bodyshell with the Wolseley 4/44 which appeared at the same time. The Magnette made good use of the BMC 1489cc, B-Series engine which gave this mid-sized family car good performance for its day. It had a graceful four door body style MGZB Birch Grey/Twilight Grey that looked almost Italian from some angles, it featured the traditional MG front £20,49 **MGZ008** 1:43 grille which was raked to give it an aerodynamic

shape to match the rest of the cars design. Inside the Magnette was well equipped and came complete with a semi-octaginal speedo as normally found in MG saloons. The Magnette ZA was replaced by the improved ZB in 1956 and later the Varitone option was offered.





NDEN001 Dennis F12 Fire Engine - London

This brand new addition to the Oxford range of N gauge models is a gem for railway collections in small scale. Even more appropriate is the first release in London livery, although it should be noted that whilst London had a number of F12s, they were slightly different from the standard vehicles, so we are using a bit of artistic licence on this first release. However, we don't feel this will dissuade collectors of London fire engines – or modellers of London based layouts, as it still makes for a desirable little model

The name Dennis is synonymous with fire appliances and yet the two brothers Raymond and John started out in 1895 in a Devonshire village on a path which would lead them to producing cars, lawn mowers, buses and lorries as well as fire appliances. They started producing the F series of fire engines in 1946, with the F12 being the most popular. In those days, its construction comprised a wooden frame with an aluminium skin. It appeared in both rear and side pump versions and was used widely throughout the UK, so look out for further liveries on the Dennis F12 from Oxford over the coming months.



DENNIS F12				NEW
NDEN001	1:43	EDITION	£4.95	

One of the issues we have with the N scale range is how you show them to the full effect. They are very detailed and are best shown at their actual size. The Denn high degree of detail as an are their actual size.

their actual size. The Dennis has a high degree of detail as can be seen from this close up.

It was our original intention to bring out the Dennis F12 in 1:76 scale, but we were trumped by a competitor - hence the AEC Regent appeared at that scale instead. Had we made the Dennis F12 at 1:76, this Fire Engine would actually have been the Leyland TLM. Both Adrienne and I have had several debates on whether we should have changed our programme, but as we hadn't started cutting the moulds we felt it better to switch our approach. Strangely we have had many requests to make the F12 at 1:76, to the same quality as the AEC Regent. TAFF

In addition to the Dennis we have a nice variety of new N scale models this month - plenty to whet your appetite. The Low Loader Taxi, Land Rovers SS Jaguars, LMS Albion Horsebox and the British Rail Scammell Scarab. The Scammell is articulated and can stand separately.



N SCALE MODELS

The Leyland PD3 was introduced in the late 1950s to fulfil an industry need for longer buses with less frequency. Based on the PD2, the new PD3 version was increased to the new legal length of 30 feet, with a width of 8 feet. This extra length over its predecessor earned it the familiar name 'Oueen Mary', which stuck! Southdown Motor Services, who worked chiefly along the south coast, were the first to take an allocation of the new double deckers, delivered to Portsmouth. The Levland PD3 was produced between 1957 and 1967 and during that time Southdown took 285 Northern Counties bodied versions featuring full fronts and a front entrance. This lead the way for other UK operators to follow suit and many were exported to British colonies

GWR Scammell Van Traile

DS420 Black Hearse

NRM010

NDS002

- including Hong Kong.

1:148

DS420 Old English White

£2 95

- £2.95

Jag MK 8

NDS001

NJAG8001



Thomas Henry Barton used a Durham Churchill charabanc to start the company's first service, between Long Eaton and the Nottingham Goose Fair, in October 1908. Barton was a prolific rebuilder of buses, producing both coaches and double-deckers on rebuilt chassis. Many new and secondhand buses also joined the fleet, and Barton kept up its modern double-deck image with Northern Counties-bodied AEC Regents which had wrap-around windscreens on both decks.





76AMB001 Austin 18 Ambulance

More new tooling – this time especially for collectors of emergency vehicles. The new Austin 18 Ambulance will appeal to model enthusiasts of the 1930s period and will sit very nicely on railway layouts of the era.

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 and was used specifically as a Rolls-Royce works ambulance at Crewe, where it remained until 1970. Now in retirement, our



Austin 18 Ambulance resides with the Northampton Veteran Ambulance Society but is given an airing at various vintage vehicle events during the season, so look out for it.

VOL03REC Volvo FH Boniface Recovery Vehicle - A1 Marsden of Northern Ireland.

Irish liveries are highly sought after by diecast vehicle collectors, so the third Volvo release on the recently introduced and very modern Oxford Diecast Boniface wrecker will be of special interest to those of you who enjoy the release of models from this part of the British Isles. In its authentic bright vellow and red chequered design livery, it sits well alongside the previous two



releases in the series- namely Albert Road and then Sovereign Recovery.

The company, under Managing Director Linda Marsden, has been in business since 1972 and boasts a leading role as a specialist in the Northern Ireland Vehicle Recovery industry. Their recovery services include transporter recovery, roadside assistance, heavy recovery and rescue, including coach and PSV services. Their crane services and other essential ancillary equipment enable them to rescue with great ease and minimum hassle, anything from a heavy haulage truck to a coach, as well as cars which may be involved in a traffic accident. This new Oxford model incorporates many of the authentic details you'd see on the real recovery truck, including the registration plate L777 MRS - and fits in with a modern truck scene from the year 2000 onwards. Our Oxford version of the H E Payne FH Fridge is yet another authentic vehicle to add to your Modern Truck fleet

British United Airways (BUA) was the result of a merger

between Airwork Services and Hunting-Clan Air Transport in July 1960, British and Commonwealth

Shipping (B&C) became the newly constituted airline's main shareholder. From 1960 until

1968, BUA's corporate headquarters was located at Portland House in the City of Westminster, London.

Following a major reorganisation of the BUA group of companies in 1968, the airline's headquarters

moved to London Gatwick Airport in Crawley. During the 1960s, it grew to become the largest wholly private, independent airline based in the United Kingdom. By the end of the decade, it had also

become the UK's leading independent scheduled airline with a 43,217 miles network spanning three continents — Europe, Africa and South America In November 1970, B&C sold BUA to the Scottish charter airline Caledonian Airways for £12m. At that stage, it operated an all-jet fleet numbering 20 aircraft and employed a staff of 3,000.

Mister Softee was run as a franchise operation with the first vans operating in the South West London/Kent borders in the Spring of 1959. With an initial cost of £3,200, a Mister Softee van cost as much as six or seven conventional Lyons Maid vans. However, the cost was progressively reduced and Lyons also began to run their own in-house operation by putting them into their own depots.

Mister Softee went from strength to strength and by 1961 had already established 34 locations in England and one in Wales. With Mister Softee taking off in a big way, Lyons

knew they had a winner and decided to take control of the whole business, bringing the whole Mister Softee operation under the umbrella of Glacier Foods Ltd, a Lyons subsidiary. Mister Softee by now had become a Lyons flagship brand with depots nationwide and

franchised operations abroad. By 1968 Mister Softee vans were operating in 15 countries from Belgium to Australia.

The release last month the LAN188012 was a disaster - we ran out within days of the launch, so we will definitely have to make some more. This month Dusty thought that if we hid this one away at the back of the Globe, then maybe it won't be quite as prominent. At the time of writing we already know that we have a problem with demand exceeding supply - so if you want one - order early!

British Rail Land Rover 88" Fire Appliance				
LAN188015	1:43	EDITION	£10.95	-



British United Airways

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NEW

£9.95





VW Bus Metall	NEW			
76VW015	1:76		£3.75	-



VW Camper Saturn Yellow/White				NEW	
	1:76	EDITION	£3.75	-	



VW Pick Up Signal Orange				
76VW014	1:76	EDITION	£3.75	-



VW Van Pastel White					
76VW013	1:76	EDITION	£3.75	-	

First launched in 1968, the second generation T2 was a great improvement on the previous split windscreen version of the 1950s. It was larger and heavier with a new wider front windshield and a bigger engine. It was manufactured initially in Germany before extending manufacture and/or assembly to the rest of Europe, the USA, Mexico and South America. The VW Type 2, classed as a Van/Minibus had a wide range of uses with body style variations to suit, including 3 door van, 4 door minibus, 2 door truck with regular cab and 4 door truck with crew cab amongst the many configurations.

The J2 range was announced in June 1956 with a wheelbase of 7ft 6 ins and rated at 15 cwt. The van cost £554 and the 12 seater minibus £625, if you wanted heaters it would cost you £11 extra. The cab had two front panel designs to provide the Morris J2 and Austin 152 version which was a policy adopted by BMC. The van could be specified with either sliding or hinged cab doors, single or sliding rear doors. By 1965 the Morris front panel was dropped and the Austin front panel was adopted for both versions.



Civil Defence I	NEW			
76JM021	1:76	EDITION	£3.95	



A top speed of 91.7 mph and acceleration from 0-60 mph in 16.6 seconds. A fuel consumption of 29.5 miles per gallon. It would set you back £1045.15,368 units were built, before it was replaced by the Series IIIA in 1961.

Sunbeam Rapier MK 3 Moonstone/Morocco Brown				NEW
76SR004	1:76	EDITION	£3.75	-



In 1950 the Mark IV version was introduced with a larger 2267 cc engine than the Mark III. It also had larger 15 inch wheels. It had a top speed of 71.4 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 30.0 seconds

Humber Hawk	NEW			
76HH003	1:76	EDITION	PRICE £3.75	

Standard Flying Twelve

The Standard Flying 12 made its debut at the 1935 Motor Show. Authentic colour variations add to the appeal of this popular 'between the wars' family saloon car.



Riley Kestrel Maroon\lvory 1930-1950's





Riley Kestrel Green/Black 1930-1950's							
CODE 76DK002	SCALE	EDITION	PRICE £3.75	1			



Alvis Speed 20	Rege	ncy Re	d 1930-	·1950's
CODE	SCALE	EDITION	PRICE	1

76ALV002	1:76	 £3.75	

1:76

Riley Kestrel 12/4

The Kestrel evoking the image of a 1930s owner behind the wheel of his treasured piece of British engineering, exuding a certain air of opulence!

Alvis Speed 2

76SFT002

Standard Flying 12 Maroon 1930-1950's

£3.75

Alvis Speed 20 - Cross and Ellis

Just a sobering reminder – if you wanted to buy one of these very rare beasts today – if you could find one in restored condition, it would knock you back at least £30K! So

definitely not something that will appear on the front of my drive - not yet anyway. TAFF!

Alvis Speed 20 Cream 1930-195's

CODE 76ALV003 SCALE EDITION PRICE £3.75

MGZB

This dual colour paint scheme on the ZB Magnette was known as Varitone. In modelling the Ivory/Black version, which appeared in real life in 1957, we have chosen a colour scheme that complements perfectly the gleaming chrome work on the front, sides and rear of the vehicle. Luxuries on the 'real thing' also included a polished wood dashboard and leather seats. Launched in 1956 this model has proved to be popular in our 1:43rd range as well.



MGZB Ivory\Autumn	Red	1950-1960's
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CODE	SCALE	PRICE	Γ
76MGZ006	1:76	 £3.75	



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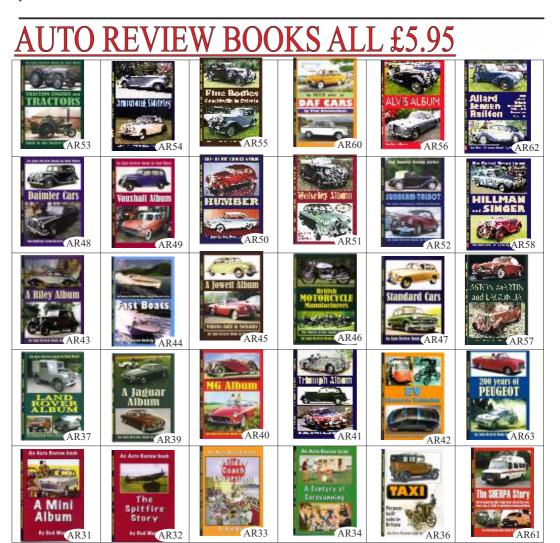
76MGZ004		EDITION	£3.75	-
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The need for Austin to create uniform coloured vehicles across the country was very difficult, with local dealers adopting different styles. This led to various newsletters requesting the use of Austin Stone Grey, Austin Claret or Austin Blue. Slogans were also suggested, such as "You can depend on Austin Service" or "Express Spare Parts Delivery". Dealers were reminded that a well designed service vehicle will have a long term impact in the public. This Austin K8 is shown in the Mann Egerton livery and is a nice edition to the range that we have released. Such a big vehicle, the 1:43 version sold out within weeks of appearing - so if you did miss out and want one at the smaller scale then now is your chance.



Austin Service K8 Threeway Van				NEW
76AK005	1:76	EDITION	£4.95	-





My mistake last month with the Globe showing the TLM as £18.99 each, hence the note with the Globe. Kindly one member said they would have bought it even at the higher price as the level of detail is well worth it - needless to say we only took £9.95.

By 1939 there were 52 Leyland/Metz turntable ladders being used by British fire brigades. However, due to the WWII hostilities, further orders were cancelled, to be replaced in due course by Merryweather appliances. However, 32 of the TLM/Metz remained in service – some lasting until the mid 1960s.

Introduced by Vauxhall in 1961 and produced up to 1964. It featured a standard three-gear column change with the option to upgrade to a floor mounted 4 speed synchromesh gearbox. Initially, an increased engine capacity of 1508 cc gave it a power output of 49.5 bhp and in 1963, the engine was enlarged to 1594 cc. The FB saloon was available with four doors or as a five-door Estate version.



Dusk Rose/Lilac FB Victor 1960-1970's						
	1:76	EDITION	£3.75	-		



Ford Popular Canterbury Green						
76FP004	1:76	EDITION	£3.75	-		

When production of the older Ford Anglia and Ford Prefect was stopped in 1953 the Popular was developed as a budget alternative. The Popular was based on the old, prewar-style E494A Anglia. It was powered by a Ford Sidevalve 1172 cc, 30 bhp, four cylinder engine. It had a single vacuum powered wiper, no heater, vinyl trim and very little chrome. Over 150,000 Populars were made.

Launched in 1961 the 948 cc engine was replaced in the autumn of 1962 by a larger 1098 cc version with an output of 48 bhp. The car now shared its engine with the recently introduced Morris 1100. Over 170,000 cars were produced and at the time it would have cost you around £700. This release is in the RAC livery which would have been a familiar sight on the road. I'm not so keen on the latest orange colour today. TAFF



RAC Austin A40 MK II						
	1:76	EDITION	PRICE £3.75	-		