

# Small Plant & Machinery



Classic Plant & Machinery welcomes its new model correspondent Steven Downes to the new look models pages.

My fascination with construction equipment started as a child, visiting the local building sites every day after school, rain or shine.

A local demolition firm had two Liebherr R942 excavators in its fleet and this started my interest in Liebherr equipment, purchasing my first Liebherr model, the R912 tracked excavator from Conrad, in 1986. Since then, the collection has grown and today I have over 3,000 models including a number of company decorated pieces.

Over the coming months, I will be highlighting the latest releases and custom items while also giving details of future model announcements. This month I take a look at a selection of the latest releases

**Classic Plant & Machinery's models correspondent, Steven Downes.**

## Norscot Caterpillar 795F

At 1:50 scale and priced £200, the Caterpillar 795F AC is the latest release from Norscot, with plenty of added detail. This includes the hydraulic steering front axle, opening upper deck panel revealing the replicated engine beneath, a folding access ladder and opening safety gates on the upper decking.

The body tips to a realistic height with the electrical generator modelled within the framework of the chassis. The electrical cabinets are highlighted, as is the inverter housing and with a replicated cabin interior and excellent paint finish. The 795F AC is another great addition to the Caterpillar mining fleet.



## NZG Terex TA400

The flagship articulated hauler in the Terex range is the updated articulated TA400 which has been modelled by NZG in 1:50 scale at £105.

It includes new castings for the front body which has a sleeker appearance. With metal safety rails and access steps leading to the decorated cabin, detail levels are high including a tipping rear body, functional articulating chassis and rear wheel suspension.



## NZG Liebherr L586

With Liebherr updating its range of wheel loaders, the L586 NZG 1:50 scale model price £85 has been given grey coloured wheel hubs and hydraulic cylinders, joining other revamped models including the A918 Compact, R 924 Compact and R936.



## Doosan DA40 & DX700

Clover World Doosan DX700 & DA40 articulated hauler. A dynamic duo was unveiled at the Bauma trade show in April 2013, both 1:50 scale and perfectly matched for earthworks and priced at £75 each.

The Doosan DX700 excavator features linked tracks and authentic movement of the digging equipment with an opening engine cover and replicated cabin interior.

The DA40 has an articulating frame, tipping body with chain linked rising tailgate and authentically modelled rear bogie suspension.

This is demonstrated on the plastic plinth with raised rocks, which is included and is a very interesting addition.

## Do you remember?

With a large number of wheel loader models appearing in 2013, especially from Tonkin with eight different Caterpillar loaders announced already as well as several from Norscot, it is nice to remember one of the vintage 992C wheel loaders. Produced in 1:48 scale by CCM, it is pictured with beadless tyres, replicated cabin interior, open engine bay and detailed engine block.



### CUSTOM CORNER

The first of a new range of Gjerstad excavator attachments has been produced by Gaz Evans. The Xtreme heavy duty bucket has all the authentic tooth and wear plate detailing and is available unpainted or finished in accurate Gjerstad colours. With a bracket width of 9mm, it will fit the Hitachi ZX870 from



WSI or the Caterpillar 374D from Norscot. Email Gaz485@hotmail.co.uk for more details)

### IN DEVELOPMENT...

The range of classic Caterpillar models will soon include the 777 hauler which is in the final stages of development. With opening cabin doors, an authentic interior, rising engine cover revealing the modelled engine block, steering front axle, a tipping dump body and accurately scaled metal railings, this is sure to be the

perfect partner to the previously released CCM Caterpillar 992C loading shovel.

