

BRANDED MODELS

This month Steven Downes reviews new scale models that have been produced in contractors' colours.

1: Very few UK companies have commissioned limited edition models. One exception is the Malcolm Group in Scotland whose range of plant equipment and trucks are decorated in a stunning blue, green and yellow decoration with a white pin stripe. First Gear has recently produced the Komatsu WA500 wheel loader in this colourful livery to join its previous Komatsu backhoe loader release and several truck releases from Corgi.



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2: Austria-based Felbermayr has recently commissioned a number of models including the Liebherr R926 tracked excavator which features a blue counterweight and accurately positioned markings, and the Liebherr LTR1100 tracked telescopic crane which is finished in the distinctive blue and grey paint scheme. For heavy lifting fans, a small run of the Terex AC500-2 has also been released in the Felbermayr livery.



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3: The Liebherr L586 wheel loader is a popular machine so no surprise that several more company decorated versions have been produced. The Overslag Bedrijf Moerdijk BV (OBM) firm is based in Holland and transports dry bulk and general cargo from three terminals at the Moerdijk sea port where the blue and green liveried equipment is used for loading duties. Other company versions of this wheel loader include Eurovia, Helmreich and Look.



4: When the Liebherr R994 face shovel in Mt. Arthur Coal livery was released last year the demand for the model outstripped the mere 300 examples produced. Following on from this success, NZG has now released a R994 backhoe in the same colour scheme and, before the model was even released on to the open market all 500 units were pre-ordered by dealers.



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5: One of the most striking company decorations is the German firm of NBG (Nienburger Baustoff-Gesellschaft). Several models have already been produced in their distinctive livery with the Liebherr R916 now joining the range.



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6: The Rasche firm specialises in landscaping activities both for private and government bodies. The latest replica to be imprinted in the Rasche livery is the Liebherr L510 stereo loader, featuring the two tone green and grey paint scheme.