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## REDGY MESTADGH

We were sorry to hear the death of Belgian modeller Redgy Mestadgh, who sadly died of cancer on 27th May. Regulars to the model shows at Jabbeke and Gaydon will know Redgy (second from left in our photograph), a member of the On the Road model club and will have admired his models of US trucks, often with working lights and airbrushed murals. TMW sends its condolences to Redgy's family, friends and fellow modellers.



# NEW AT NUREMBURG

In the first of a new series, Steven Downes takes a look at new releases from Conrad and Sword Models.



**LEFT:** Conrad unveiled a number of new and updated truck models at the Nuremberg toy fair back in February and these have now started to appear with model dealers.

Following from the release of the Doll long timber transporter, Conrad have now produced a short timber transporter based on a Mercedes Actros chassis with a two axle towed trailer. The rear of the truck houses a fully working Palfinger Epsilon M1202 loading crane which has an excellent range of movement accurately matching the full sized truck, folding tightly during transport and unfolding to self-load the very realistic looking wooden load supplied with the model. The cabin tilts to reveal the modelled engine block while front wheel steering and 360 degree rotation of the front trailer axle allow for a very tight turning circle, ideal for manoeuvring on tight forestry logging roads.



**RIGHT:** The Doll 5-axle low bed semitrailer has been released in the Hofmann decoration, featuring removable two section loading ramps at the rear with functional stabilisers, proportionate steering of all five axles and a telescopically extending bed with removable gooseneck. Side extension bars are functional and metal poles are supplied which fit into the holes along the upper edge of the bed as required. The model is supplied with a MAN TGX 6x4 tractor which features a tilting cabin revealing the modelled engine block and working steering of the front axle.



**LEFT:** The MAN TGX 6x2 tractor has been released in the Schmallenbach company colours and comes with a four axle Nootboom teletrailer which features a three stage smoothly extending deck with metal guide poles which fit into the holes along the sides of the bed. The trailer axles have functioning steering with extending warning boards that have a printed chevron pattern and fold down stabiliser legs. The tractor has a replicated cab interior which tilts to reveal the engine block while both the front and tag axle have working linked steering.

**RIGHT:** It has been a long wait for the release of the new Sword Precision Scale Models version of the Mack Granite rigid trucks and I take a brief look at the final prototype samples of the flatbed and Etnyre bodied versions which are due for release over the summer.

Typical of an American styled truck, the contours of the bonnet have been meticulously captured, opening to reveal the fully replicated engine and transmission systems within while the opening cab doors allow for a great view at the fully modelled interior, complete with a decorated dashboard, steering column and air ride suspension seats. The model can be constructed in two different configurations as the tipping body is supplied with removable side and hinged rear panels which fit into place, converting from flatbed to tipper depending on the collector's choice.



**LEFT:** The Etnyre spreading body is another highly detailed replica with an immense level of detail throughout, from the fold down spreading arms at the rear, fully populated with accurately scaled hoses to the opening tank cover and extended front bumper which protects the PTO drive used to power the spreading system. As with the flatbed, the bonnet tilts to reveal the replicated interior and the cab doors also open, capturing all the details of the full sized truck. The entire drive train has been modelled with sprung suspension and accurately moulded tyres all adding to the realism, demonstrating the excellent engineering that has gone into the model. (Images are from the prototypes which are subject to further changes and enhancements).