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4: The Liebherr A918 compact wheeled excavator from NZG offers good realism and detailing, from the fully functional, hydraulically adjustable boom with fixed and flexible pipework, the Likufix coupler and detachable tilting grading bucket, the replicated cab interior and simulated engine grille covers, which have been intricately printed, to the undercarriage, which has a steering axle, drive-shafts and a working blade.

5: The latest in the range of Atlas replicas is the 1604ZW road/rail excavator in 1:50th scale from Conrad. The model comes with a section of track and demonstrates excellent levels of engineering, and all the outrigger mechanisms work perfectly. The extended two-man cab has a modelled interior and flexible hydraulic hoses have been placed throughout the model, something not usually associated with Conrad. The boom offers a full range of movement and is fitted with a clamshell grab.

Latest releases

This month Steven Downes takes a look at the latest scale models to hit dealers' shelves from NZG and Conrad.



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1: UK Mining fans will be happy with the release of the Komatsu PC3000 face shovel, authentically finished in the Celtic Energy colours. While the level of fine detailing is sparse in comparison with the other latest releases, the main body castings have good grille panel definition, a pivoting access ladder and good movement of the boom.

2: The latest addition to the Liebherr/Maats pipeline replica range is the SR714LGP welding tractor from NZG, which features a fully functional HIAB crane, wide linked track pads, a fully replicated cabin interior, rear mounted welding cabinet with glazed window and gas bottle storage rack on the front platform.

3: The Liebherr L576 wheel loader has been produced by Conrad with some nice touches, like the photo-etched side grilles, which allow glimpses of the internal engine and cooling packs. The range of movement of the arms and bucket tip is excellent, plus crisp Liebherr markings, replicated cab interior and articulating frame with driveshaft detailing.

6: The Case CX240B tracked excavator comes in a standard digging configuration with boom, stick and bucket in the Heffner company decoration. The linked tracked undercarriage offers some realism and excellent paint coverage allows all the casting details to be seen.

7: Another owner-branded model is the Liebherr R954C tracked excavator in Geiger colours, the third model to appear in this two-tone green livery.

8: The Liebherr R954BV demolition excavator from Conrad has received a new lease of life, featuring a new metal tracked undercarriage, quick coupler and a choice of grapple and crusher attachments. Both high-reach and standard booms are supplied in the box and the model is painted in the Rino-Bau company colours while a version in Cardem livery has also been released.



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