

Excavator round up

Steven Downes looks at new excavator models recently released from Conrad, NZG, TMC, Norscot and Replicars, all in 1:50th scale.



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1: The Atlas 1604ZW road rail excavator from Conrad has been updated to include a quick coupler and two attachments, a wide tilting grading bucket and a clamshell grab. The castings remain the same as the original release (featured in the November issue) with updates to the track section including silver rails.



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2: The Liebherr R9100 is the latest release from Conrad and has some very nice detailing not usually associated with the German model maker. The walkways have photo-etched floor panels with raised hydraulic piping throughout and a very finely cast heavy-duty bucket showing all the tooth and wear parts detailing to perfection.

3: The Liebherr R924 Compact has been updated with grey hydraulics to match the recent change across the range of construction equipment from Liebherr. The castings are still the same as before and feature an excellent range of movement of the digging equipment and finely cast body with metal tracked undercarriage.



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5: The Liebherr R954C has also been produced in a special black colour scheme with silver printing. In addition, there is a new quick coupler attachment fitted to the stick to allow two different demolition attachments to be deployed – a concrete pulveriser and a sorting grapple – which both feature 360-degree rotation and opening jaws.

6: The VINCI Group has commissioned a rather interestingly decorated version of the Liebherr R954C in the Sogea-Satom colours, in which a white boom contrasts with the yellow body and stick. The model has additional fine printing of warning labels – a welcome addition – coupled with individually linked tracks.



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8: The Atlas 140W wheeled excavator from NZG has appeared in the yellow colours of German firm Bleck & Sohne with an excellent paint finish and crisply applied graphics throughout adding to the authentic look. The undercarriage features working blade and outriggers with a steering axle while the digging equipment consists of a two-section hydraulically adjustable boom and general-purpose bucket.

9: The Caterpillar 336D tracked excavator from Norscot has been released with a boom mounted scrap shear attachment to highlight the range of work tools available from Caterpillar. The shear has 360-degree rotation and an opening jaw, authentically branded as a S365C with good structural surface detailing of the shear body, coupled with a linked metal track undercarriage and replicated cab interior.



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7: Also from Hitachi is a model of the Zaxis ZH200 hybrid excavator, which is also produced to a very high standard and features an opening engine cover, fully replicated engine, reproduced cabin interior and opening cab door, and raised hydraulic piping. This model has been produced by Replicars.



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4: A new manufacturer, TMC Scalemodels, has launched its first model, the Hitachi ZX250-5, which is one of the most detailed and realistic scale models so far produced. The opening engine compartment reveals the fully modelled and decorated engine, while the opening cab door allows a sight of the meticulously captured interior. Raised hydraulic pipework and armoured hoses linked metal tracks and authentic decoration make this a must-have model.



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