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VEHICLE REVIEW



CONRAD MAN DOLL LOG TRANSPORTER 1:50

The Doll Fahrzeugbau AG Company in Germany produce specialist transport and logging trailers and Conrad have released two new 1:50 models of these interesting and unusual trailers. The Doll log transporter is based on a MAN truck chassis with self loading crane and two axle rear dolly. The model features some exceptionally detailed wooden logs as the load, along with a fully functional loading crane with grapple, extending and lowering stabilisers, tilting cab to reveal the engine block, front wheel steering and a linked steering mechanism on the dolly trailer which turns the log frame as the front axle of the dolly turns which is a nice piece of engineering from Conrad. When not loaded, the dolly can be placed on the back of the truck chassis and the crane folds over the top of the cab. The model is painted in the authentic colours of the Schmallenbach firm.

CONRAD MB DOLL 5 AXLE TRAILER 1:50

The Doll 5-axle low bed semitrailer is another recent release from Conrad and features two part folding ramps at the rear - for easy loading of construction equipment - along with linked proportional steering of all five axles, four stabilisers beneath the trailer to support the trailer during loading and a detachable gooseneck. The deck can be extended lengthways and also has pull out side extension bars allowing the trailer to transport wider loads. The three axle Mercedes Benz Actros tractor unit is decorated in the silver and grey "Big Move" decoration and has a tilting cab revealing the engine bay beneath and working steering.

CONRAD MAN GOLDHOFER TRAILER, ALLELYS 1:50

Large transport jobs call for specialist equipment and the UK based Allelys firm have the right trailer for the job with Conrad recently releasing a 1:50 model of the Goldhofer modular girder trailer in the Allelys company livery, complete with MAN prime mover. The model features four sets of four axle trailer modules, each axle of which has pivoting suspension and working steering which link together in two sets of 8-axles with the suspended bed, complete with hydraulic lift and tilt cylinders and four different lengths of support bars to allow the girder bed to be configured to different widths, connected in between. The prime mover is connected to the trailer with a tow bar (Two types of which are supplied) and also features a detachable ballast box revealing a fifth wheel connection. An alternative trailer configuration can also be achieved when all the trailer modules are linked together without the suspended bed.