

TRUCKING IN MINIATURE

We review a range of truck models of interest to collectors and admirers

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Volvo FH + Nootboom MWT / five-axle Scheuerle trailer, £230

This model from the wind energy industry is made by WSI in 1:50 scale. It is a Mega Windmill Transporter (MWT) used for moving tower sections and nacelles. The tractor is a Volvo FH 8x4 and the model is in the colours of the Dutch company, Bolk Transport.

The Volvo tractor looks impressive and underneath the transmission and suspension are fully modelled. There's also a limited amount of movement of the linked steering axles. Cab detailing is very good, with the Volvo logo on the steering wheel and seat backs, and the Bolk graphics on the cab are sharp. It also has an authentic numberplate and the cab tilts forward to about 60 degrees, revealing a detailed engine.

The Mega Windmill Transporter consists of two components – the jeep dolly at the front and a Scheuerle trailer at the rear. The three-axle jeep dolly continues the high level of detail with an orange beacon light, equipment boxes and spare wheel, and also small controls and signage. It has steering

on axle three, and axles one and two have working suspension.

The Scheuerle trailer consists of a three-axle and two-axle module. These are precision engineered with linked steering and working suspension. The livery has a fine yellow stripe and a pair of clip-on rear light clusters is provided, together with a non-functioning drawbar.

The two lift adaptors are specially designed to connect to wind turbine loads. Each one has a nicely rendered generator, hydraulics box and fuel tank, and there are various hydraulic lines. They are also functional with a full range of movement, just like the rear machine.

Costing £230, WSI has produced a high-quality Mega Windmill Transporter model and it looks really good in the Bolk livery. It also poses really well with a separately available nacelle or tower section.

OUR RATING ★★★★★



Impressive Volvo FH in Bolk livery

Mercedes-Benz Antos 4x2 FH 420S box with lifting platform, £90

This 1:50 scale model of the Antos is made by NZG. The Antos was specifically developed for distribution work, with load capacities of 18 tonnes upwards. This model has a box body and loading platform.

The 4x2 chassis has the transmission

fully modelled, and tanks and exhaust after-treatment system are detailed. The steering mechanism is good, turning to a very realistic angle, the cab roof has an aerodynamic fairing and door mirrors are colour coded. The interior is good too, with the steering wheel having the



Smart model Antos cab

Mercedes-Benz logo. The front grille is reproduced in fine detail and there are graphics around the cab, including tiny BlueTec Efficiency signs. The box body is metal, making the model heavy for its size. There is a lifting platform at the rear with modelled hydraulic cylinders at the bottom, and it has an interesting operating method. It closes up tight to seal the box and lowers to form a platform. It can also lower further and tilt so the end touches the ground. Although a little plain in this livery, it is a well-executed model of the Antos. The rear platform is a nice innovation, and at £90 it's a good value model.

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Scania T with Nootboom low-loader, £100

This 1:50 scale model is from Corgi's Hauliers of Renown series and comes in the colours of the haulage company West of Scotland. In a limited edition of 1000 models, it arrives in the usual high-quality Corgi packaging.

The Scania T has some basic chassis detailing and rolls well. It has working steering with limited movement. The detailing around the cab is good, with stylish lights – although the interior is basic, with the steering wheel looking too straight.

The engine hood opens and can be posed in an open position. Behind the cab there are coiled air lines and twin plastic exhaust stacks, and the rear wheel arches are metal with flexible mud flaps.

The Nootboom trailer comprises the gooseneck and deck. The gooseneck is mainly metal with inlaid plastic parts, including replica timbers. There are fixed width markers, while the deck has a plastic replica timber insert and width extensions which are permanently fixed.

Included with the model is a large

resin turbine hub load. It looks convincing with paint highlighting and graphics.

Priced at £100, this is a particularly good looking model and the West of Scotland livery stands out well. The turbine hub load which is included means it poses well as part of a wind turbine diorama.

OUR RATING ★★★★★



Detailed gooseneck



Wind turbine load on board