

# TRUCKING IN MINIATURE

The latest model trucks reviewed and rated

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## MAN TGS + Palfinger PK100002, £160

This 1:50 scale MAN TGS truck has an extendible box and carries a large Palfinger PK100002 loading crane. The model is made by Conrad in the colours of Prangl, the Austrian crane hire company.

The 8x4 truck chassis is good, with most of the transmission and suspension modelled in plastic, and the two front axles have linked steering so can achieve a moderate amount of movement.

The MAN cab has very good detailing, although there is no number plate. The light bar is convincing and the standard of graphics is very good.

Under the tilting cab, the engine is modelled. At the rear of the model there is a beacon light, towing hitch and wheel chocks, with the lights having been painted. The removable

metal load box has good graphics and the rear light clusters are painted. It has drop sides and end posts, and the tailgate can be lowered. The rear end is also extendible, and it has a hinged light bar.

To facilitate the use of the Palfinger crane, there are working stabilisers at the front and rear. The knuckle-boom portion of the crane looks realistic and has some good graphics, and there are simple equipment boxes around the base. The bottom boom sections are metal, the telescopic sections are plastic, and it is also fitted with a telescopic fly jib for extra reach.

With the boom and fly jib fully extended, an impressive model results which can reach to a height of over 70 cm. The crane can be rigged either with a fixed hook or a hook on a winch



Highly detailed Palfinger crane



On form, lifting a load

line. This is a highly functional and robustly made model. It is very attractive, and particularly collectible in the colours of Prangl.

OUR RATING



MAN TGS in Prangl colours is particularly collectible

### Scania R440 + Super Curtainside Trailer, £90

This Corgi model features the newly tooled Super Curtainside Trailer in the colours of Eddie Stobart. The model is 1:50 scale and has been made in a limited edition of 2500 models.

The Scania R440 6x2 tractor is *Lucy Hannah* from the Stobart fleet. The transmission is modelled in metal with a simple front end. It has notched steering, which achieves a moderate angle so more

interesting poses are possible. The cab paintwork and graphics are very good, with a realistic number plate front and rear and simple interior detail. Behind the cab are coiled air lines, metal wheel arches, and the rear light clusters are coloured strips.

The curtainside trailer chassis has a detailed metal structure and the



Extended trailer

wheels have impressive tyres, with twin landing legs having plastic cam feet. Curtainsides are plastic, but with realistic moulding detail and very good graphics.

At the rear, doors have their hinges and bolts detailed within the casting, and one eye-catching aspect is the artwork on the doors.

Overall, this is an interesting model of a new trailer type in a famous livery. It could be improved by rear wheel steering to better reflect the extended nature of the trailer. However, as usual for Corgi, it is a very good looking model.

**OUR RATING**



Model bears familiar Stobart name

### Scania R6 Highline Falkom four-axle Recovery Truck, £110

Falkom BV is a Dutch manufacturer of towing and recovery equipment and this 1:50 scale model, based on a Scania R6 Highline 8x4 chassis, has been produced by WSI.

The model has fully detailed steering, transmission and suspension elements, mostly modelled in metal. There is very stiff linked steering on the front two axles, with a small range of movement possible. The detailed wheels have different tyres on the steering and non-steering axles.

The cab is convincing, with lights and horns on the roof, and the front grille is enhanced with small graphics, including an R620 badge. Tilting forward to about 45 degrees, it can be posed in this position to reveal a detailed engine. Cab interior includes sleeping provision at the rear.

Sides of the body are metal and the panel doors are detailed within the casting. The panel handles are nicely detailed too, and applied graphics are sharp.

The lifting frame elevates and the two hydraulic cylinders are still enough to hold a pose while

supporting a vehicle on the lift and tow frame. The winch boom extends and recovery winches can be turned by finger, having enough friction to not spin freely.

This model has a high metal content and the paintwork is very good, with many very small graphics. It has reasonable functionality and looks good posed with other models.



Towing a non-runner

**OUR RATING**



Nicely detailed heavy tow truck

