

Mini Kavanaghs

Kavanagh Cranes is one of the largest crane hirers in Ireland and operates a fleet of cranes that includes self erecting mobile towers, All Terrain and City cranes of up to 400 tonnes capacity. In common with many of the larger international companies it has started selling branded merchandise and has commissioned two scale models in its colours. These are the Terex Demag AC100/4 and a Nootboom six axle ballast carrier.

The Terex AC100/4 is a four axle 100 tonne All Terrain crane with a 50 metre main boom. The model is made by Conrad of Germany and it is typically heavy and solidly made. Steering of the axles is good, with a large range of movement, although they are in linked pairs so not all of the modes of the real machine can be replicated. The outrigger beams are made of tough plastic and the rods are standard screw threads and do not look as good as the smooth rods now used by on some models.

The two cabs are convincingly detailed with mirrors and lights. At the rear, the counterweight slabs are made of separate pieces, including cheek weights, which gives flexibility in rigging the model. The main slab weights can also be realistically stowed on the carrier if desired.

The five section boom is all metal and telescopes out smoothly. A nice aspect is that the Kavanagh name is painted on each boom section. A bi-fold swingaway

Lifting on the swingaway extension



The ballast carrier looks very smart

extension is also included and this can be configured with the second section folded or extended. It can also be set at two different offset angles which increases the display possibilities. Overall the paintwork and graphics are really good and it is obvious that care has been taken to copy the original machine faithfully.

The Nootboom ballast carrier is a version of the model produced by WSI of Holland. It is towed by an 8x4 Scania tractor, and this looks superb in Kavanagh livery. The detail level is very high, typical with WSI models, with good door mirrors and lights, and the cab tilts forward to reveal the engine. The trailer is very high quality and the detail underneath is excellent with hosing to each axle which runs the length of the trailer. Both the suspension and steering works well and is intricately modelled, with the four steering axles linked together. One axle can be locked up out of service, and there is a spare wheel contained within a holder which has an opening door.

Both these models look great in company colours and will be collectable items for those lucky enough to obtain them. They are sold through the Kavanagh website www.irishcranehire.com



Terex Demag AC100/4 travelling without counterweight



Excellent paintwork and graphics

with the Terex at €185 and the Nootboom at €140. These prices reflect the limited edition nature of these models.

To read the full review of this model visit www.cranesetc.co.uk

Cranes Etc Model Rating

Terex Demag AC100/4	73%
Nootboom Ballast Carrier	78%

The Kavanagh model fleet

