

# TRUCKING IN MINIATURE

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

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RIGHT Looks great with an old load

## Atkinson Venturer + Low-Loader

This 1:50 scale model is from the Corgi Hauliers of Renown series. It is a 6x4 Atkinson Venturer tractor and two-axle low-loader dating from the 1970s, in the colours of the Scottish company WH Malcolm Plant.

The model packaging is high quality, but strangely it describes the tractor as an Atkinson 'Venture'. A collector card is included, which has a unique number within the 750 model production run. The Atkinson Venturer has a simple chassis made of metal parts. The transmission and leaf springs are

modelled, but there is no working steering. The thin tyres are the same on all axles. The cab has some fine detailing with the thin lights on the roof, and the wrap-around windscreen and wipers are convincing. The distinctive Atkinson radiator is modelled well and the graphics on the cab are small and sharp. Inside, the detail is good too with the instruments formed in the cluster. Behind the cab there are coiled air lines, the wheel arches are metal, and number plates appear front and rear.

The trailer is a heavy part which is almost all metal and simply modelled.



LEFT A simple metal chassis



RIGHT Wraparound windscreen is convincing

## Our reviewer

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## MAN TGS Euro 5 Tipper

This MAN TGS truck has a Moser tipper body and is in the colours of Eicher Transporte of Switzerland. It is 1:50 scale and made by Conrad.

The 10x4 truck chassis is good, with most of the transmission and suspension modelled in plastic. The two front axles have linked steering, achieving a very good angle. Axle three also steers, and it can be raised and clipped out of service.

The chassis structure is metal, but the bottom of the lift ram for the tipper sits too low to the ground, although this is not visible in most views. The wheels are particularly smartly decorated, and the tyres are the same on all axles.

The tilting MAN cab has very good detailing, with air horns on top and many small graphics around the cab.



ABOVE Axle raised out of service



BELOW MAN tipper looks smart

Under the tilting cab, the engine is modelled. Behind the cab, the chromed exhaust is metal and looks good.

The tipper body is all metal with a nicely modelled structure underneath, and the side and end panels are good too. The paint finish is very good and there are small Moser graphics. The tipper body can end-tip conventionally and it achieves a reasonable angle. The tailgate opens, although it is not free swinging.

The tipper body can also side-tip by using the clever clip mechanism which Conrad has designed. It tips to a good angle, and the side can be lowered to allow the load to discharge.

As usual, Conrad has produced a strong, well-made and fully functional tipper model. It has a high metal content and the quality of the paintwork and graphics is very good.

Price: £90

Rating: ★★★★★

## Scania R Topline Combi

This vehicle is in the colours of Transtolk, a Dutch company founded in 1961, and the model is made in 1:50 scale by WSI Models. The Scania 6x2 chassis and transmission are really detailed and have a high metal content.

The steering has a good range of movement, making interesting poses possible, although it was quite loose on the review model. Also, the rear axle is a lift axle, so it can be posed clipped out of service. At the rear, a non-functioning loading platform is modelled.

The Topline R730 cab is highly detailed, with realistic lights and the Scania grille impresses. The decoration of the cab is excellent, with detailed small graphics and a detailed engine under the tilting cab.

The trailer is a three-axle box and the chassis has detailed axles and wheels. The landing legs are metal and can be lowered by unscrewing. The trailer axles have very good sprung suspension, and axles one and two can be raised and clipped out of service, although axle two remained grounded on the review model. At the front, the drawbar is adjustable for length and has air lines.

The box section of both truck and trailer is metal, and the graphics are

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BELOW Scania R Topline Combi is impressive

really good. They depict a variety of Transtolk vehicles over a 50-year period. The rear decoration is also excellent, with careful delineation of the doors by casting detail and paint, and with the hinges and locking bolts highlighted.

This is a very impressive looking truck and trailer combination, with interesting graphics which will appeal to a truck enthusiast.

Price: £120

Rating: ★★★★★



RIGHT Interesting graphics on the boxes

LEFT Detail under the cab

