

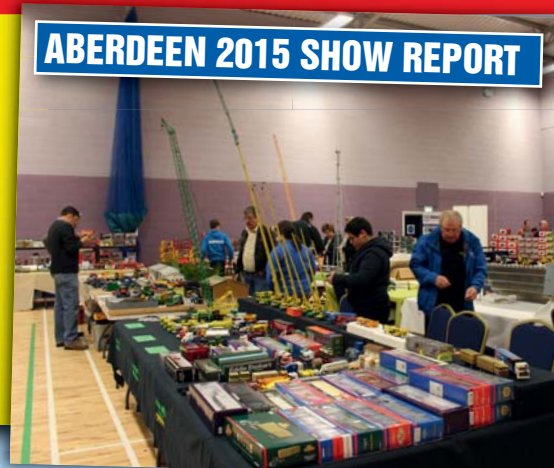
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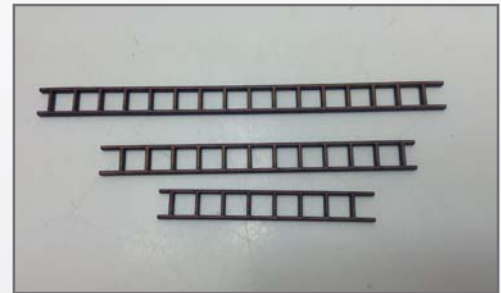
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Rowtrac on its Way!



Last issue we hinted about the possibility of Tomy releasing a Case IH Magnum Rowtrac in our review of Britains' forthcoming wheeled version. This projection has proved correct with Ertl scheduled to release a 380 edition of the tracked machine later this Summer.

In addition to this, there will also be two new limited edition Steiger tractors. A cougar edition plus a tiger version. Again, both planned for late Summer this year.



Muddy Xerion Planned

Available at the Claas shop is this new Claas Xerion 5000 "Dirty Edition" in 1:32 by Wiking.

Limited to 1000 pcs, it will cost around £50 including delivery.



MarGE Models News

The final prototype of the Trioliet TU-170 has been showcased by Marge Models.

It is due around Autumn this year and will be priced around £50.00. We'll be reviewing the model in due course.



Britains Progress

More 2015 items near completion

Three more models for Britains' 2015 program are nearing development completion with new images of final prototypes released. The John Deere 7230R Tractor, New Holland LM7.42 Telehandler and Massey Ferguson 6616 Tractor with Front Loader will all be available from late August, early September.

Model Farmer plans to review these models in the September October issue so check back then for a full rating on each item. All three look promising. We'll hopefully have more news of the pending David Brown tractor models in the next issue.



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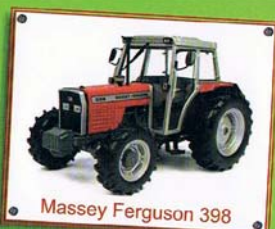
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County 1884 Super Q Special Editions

Universal Hobbies 1:32 Scale

It has been several months since it was first announced that there would be a trio of follow on models to accompany the County 1884 Super Q Tractor (released last October). Production problems and balancing volume against costs have proven to be

the biggest burden on the models but we are happy to confirm that all such issues have been resolved and delivery of the items is expected to start this month (July 2015).

Of course, the theme for the special edition 1884 is Britains. Since the 1884 Super Q by UH was

launched, enthusiasts have been proposing we produce 'Britains' versions of the tractor since both the Britains 1884 and UH 1884 share the same skid unit. In essence, a modern take on a cult classic toy.

With this in mind, the decision was taken to produce both the yellow

County 1884 and white variation. An ultra exclusive gold edition was also planned. Such a series would certainly never be as popular as the standard blue tractor hence it was decided to make such items as limited as possible. With factory minimum order quantities now hard to negotiate (typically 500 is the minimum), it was decided that to accomplish this project successfully, price and affordability would have to be compromised. The balance of how many to produce versus price versus how many will sell is certainly





tricky. It was our intention to produce these specials based on them selling out quickly and becoming hugely sought after. Initial high costs reflecting a sound investment we hope in addition to being a cracking looking series of specials.

The White / Black County 1884 will be limited to 50 models. This item is set to be released later this

month. We sent the factory images of the original Britains County and whilst not all features are replicated, the general colour scheme has been reproduced well. Of course, with the UH 1884 Super Q, one problem was the much greater amount of detail to account for and thus what finish to apply in keeping with the original tractor's theme.

The same applied for the yellow edition. Limited to 30 this time. Again, shots of the original Britains tractor were used as a basis for the UH Yellow County. Whilst the tone of yellow is not an exact match, it looked good enough to proceed with. Furthermore, the original tractor was predominantly plastic opposed to mainly metal on the modern version.

A gold edition limited to just 10 has also been commissioned. With no relevance to the Britains tractors, the idea behind this replica was the gold 1174 produced by County as a anniversary edition.

More details on these models can be found on the order page later this issue.



Verdict			
Model	White 1884	Yellow 1884	Gold 1884
Number produced	50	30	10
Availability	July	August	September
Price	£110.00	£130	£200
Model Detail	95%	95%	95%
Model Accuracy	80%	80%	80%
Build Quality	85%	85%	85%
Functionality	80%	80%	80%
Value	80%	80%	80%
Overall	84%	84%	84%
Rating	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★



Fendt 828 Vario (2014) Tractor

WIKING 1:32nd Scale

With Fendt updating its 800 series tractors to make them compliant with the latest Stage 4/Tier 4 Final emission standards WIKING has retooled its previous Fendt 800 series tractor to reflect these changes. As with the earlier model the new release is based on the 206 kW (280hp) flagship 828 tractor.

Build quality and finish, like the earlier model, is good. It also retains working authentic three-point linkages front and rear, an opening cab door, an opening rear window, an opening

bonnet and steerable front wheels. However significant differences exist between the earlier model and the 2014 tractor. At the front detailing has been changed with the PTO now covered with a yellow horseshoe guard. A redesigned fuel tank is fitted by the left-hand cab access steps. There is also a fire extinguisher fitted on the left-hand cab A-post. While on right-hand side the tractor sports a new exhaust with SCR catalytic converter. The original round side lights and rear ploughing lights have been replaced with square units.

WIKING has also changed the cab. On the outside it now sports a 360 degree wiper on the front windscreen and extended driving mirrors. While inside the cab the tractor is fitted with the latest Varioterminal which is supported on a single



arm. The multi-function joystick, crossgate lever, hand throttle, power lift operating module and control element for the auxiliary hydraulic units are all detailed. The interior is provided with patterned matting, foot pedals, steering wheel and instrument column.

A new feature WIKING has added on this Fendt tractor is the ability to remove the wheels. Each wheel is held by a single screw. On the front wheels the screws are covered by the reduction boxes, held in place

by a magnet. Disappointingly there are no covers over the screws on the rear wheels. The tractor is fitted with Trelleborg branded tyres.

www.wiking.de



Verdict	
The Good	Its removable wheels.
The Not so Good	Lack of covers on rear wheels.
Price	£49.95
Model Detail	95%
Model Accuracy	95%
Build Quality	95%
Functionality	100%
Value	100%
Overall	97%
Rating	★★★★

Fliegl Slurry Tanker with Dribble Bar

WIKING 1:32nd Scale



After releasing its Fliegl VFW 18000 tanker with slurry injector last year, reviewed in issue 27 of Model Farmer, WIKING has now issued the tanker with a dribble bar applicator.

The tooling and build quality of the tanker in WIKING's latest release is identical with the earlier model. It features a steerable rear axle, adjustable drawbar

height, a folding drawbar stand, opening tool box, opening tank access cover and an articulated loading arm. For attaching to WIKING's tractors the tanker has a telescopic PTO shaft.

Detail levels are also good. Finished in black the compressor is accurately piped. Inside the panel located by the compressor the solenoid valves are detailed. While on the chassis underside

there is the air brake cylinder and airlines to each wheel. Although the axles are not sprung WIKING has detailed the lever springs. The wheels are also fitted with the pipework for adjusting the tyre inflation pressure. Finally WIKING has provided two wheel blocks which are stored on the chassis on the left-hand side behind the access ladder. There is also a pair of boots for the tanker operator.

There are 48 outlets, 24 on each section, on the dribble bar giving it a working width of 375 mm or 12.0 metres. Each outlet has a shoe for dispensing the slurry and is piped to the dispenser on each section. Two rams on each section allow the outlet pipes to be folded preventing material dripping out when the machine is being transported. The whole dribble bar is detachable and fits on the

parallel linkage on the same mounting points WIKING used for its slurry injector. This linkage allows the dribble bar's working height to be adjusted and it to be folded into its transport position down either side of the tank.

www.wiking.de



Verdict	
The Good	Detailing and working features.
The Not so Good	Nothing to mention.
Price	£69.95
Model Detail	90%
Model Accuracy	90%
Build Quality	85%
Functionality	95%
Value	90%
Overall	90%
Rating	★★★★

Mercedes MB-trac 900 Turbo **Tractor**

Weise-Toys 1:32nd Scale



Over the past few years weise-toys has released models of many of the MB-trac tractors Mercedes made. Most have been of the six-cylinder MB-tracs. Its new MB-trac 900 turbo is only the second model weise-toys has released of the four-cylinder Type 440 MB-tracs. The first Type 440 tractor weise-toys made was the MB-trac 65/70. It was released last year. Mercedes made the 900 Turbo between 1987 and 1991 and with its 66 kW (90 hp) 4.0 litre engine was the highest powered and last Type 440 tractor.

As one would expect weise-toys' MB-trac 900 shares the main chassis and axles, there are small differences, with its earlier MB-trac 65/70 tractor. Cab and bonnet styling is different. It has similar styling to the MB-trac 1000 and 1100 tractors Mercedes produced at the same time.

Like all weise-toys' models the MB-trac 900 Turbo is well finished



and has good levels of detailing. At the tractor's front it has a working linkage supported on a single ram. The top link length is adjustable allowing the 'A' frame angle to be set. Two external hydraulic connects and two headlights are detailed. Also hidden under the bonnet on the left-hand side there is a PTO with yellow guard.

For attaching mounted equipment on the rear the tractor is equipped with weise-toys'

standard linkage. A lock under the rear axle holds the linkage in the raised position. Weise-toys has also provided an adjustable top link and detailed hydraulic connectors, a PTO shaft, guard not provided, and a European style drawbar but not a standard drawbar. Weise-toys supplies a drawbar for the linkage for attaching trailed equipment

Both cab doors open and the cab interior is finished in a light tan. The instrument panel behind

Verdict	
The Good	The cab interior detailing.
The Not so Good	Nothing to mention.
Price	around £50.00
Model Detail	95%
Model Accuracy	95%
Build Quality	90%
Functionality	100%
Value	100%
Overall	94%
Rating	★★★★★

the steering wheel is well detailed with the air brake lever visible. Beside the seat are the gear levers and hydraulic operating levers.

The tractor has Kléber branded tyres and number plates, front and rear, with the number UN NP 651.

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Schlüter Compact 1350 TV6 High-Speed Tractor

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Last year Schuco released a model of the Schlüter Compact 1350 TV6 tractor. Powered by a MAN 5.7 litre six-cylinder turbocharged diesel engine rated at 96.9 kW (130 hp) the tractor was the largest in the Compact range. Schlüter made it between 1986 and 1993. Alongside the standard 1350 TV6 tractor Schlüter also produced, in small numbers, a high-speed version which had a top speed of 50 km/hr. Schuco's new model is based on this tractor. Production is limited to 2,000 models.

Tooling for the new model is

identical with the tractor Schuco released in 2014. It is however finished in silver, has new decals and has been given the number plate number 'STOC 2015'. It is a smart looking, generally well built model. There was excess play on the front wheels on the review model.

It has steerable front wheels and these are linked to the steering wheel when the cab is not tipped back to give access to the transmission. At full lock the steering gives the tractor a realistic turning circle. The bonnet has transparent panels and is hinged to reveal the

engine bay. This is well detailed with the guard around the fan in black and the exhaust from the turbo in brown. The air cleaner is finished in black and the silver exhaust has a working cap.

This high-level of detailing continues inside the cab. Both



cab doors slide back giving access to the interior. Here the black steering column is fitted with a detailed instrument panel and hand controls. There are foot pedals and to the right of the driver's seat two gear levers and the hydraulic controls. When the cab is tilted the gear levels remain on the transmission.

At the rear the tractor has Schuco's two-point linkage for attaching mounted equipment. Hydraulic connectors are detailed and there is a top link. Disappointingly Schuco has not provided the tractor with a usable drawbar although a European style drawbar has been detailed.

www.schuco.de

Verdict

The Good	The engine and cab interior detailing.
The Not so Good	No drawbar for attaching trailed equipment.

Price	£69.99
Model Detail	90%
Model Accuracy	90%
Build Quality	85%
Functionality	85%
Value	80%
Overall	86%
Rating	★★★★





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CLAAS SCORPION 7044 Telehandler

WIKING 1:32nd Scale

With its lift capacity of 4.3 tonnes and lift height of 7.01 metre the 7044 is the third largest telehandler in Claas's Scorpion range. It is powered by a four-cylinder 90 kW (122 hp) Deutz diesel engine. A hydrostatic transmission offers a road speed of up to 40 km/hr. At high speeds the front axle only steers but

below 30 km/hr the Scorpion has all-steering and crab steering. This 7044 is the second Scorpion telehandler WIKING has released. Claas launched the first, a limited edition Scorpion 7055, at SIMA in February. Unlike the 7055 which is available only from Claas the 7044 can be bought at any good model outlet.

Dimensionally accurate the

7044 is an impressive looking model with plenty of realistic working features. Two rams lift the boom to give it a lift height of 218 mm (6976 mm) when fully extended. A realistic linkage operated by a single ram sets the bucket angle. The main rams are stiff enough to support the boom but perhaps not heavy loads. Detailing is good with hydraulic piping and boom lights detailed. A safety stop for fitting on the main boom lift ram is provided on the chassis over front axle. WIKING has equipped its model with the widest standard toothed bucket.

Both front and rear wheels are steerable allowing it to be displayed in different steering modes. However, on both axes, the steering angle is restricted by the track rod. It follows the telehandler chassis and means the model's turning circle is about twice the actual machine.



Comparison of CLAAS SCORPION 7044 and WIKING's model

Dimensions	CLAAS SORPION 7044 Telehandler	WIKING's Model	
		Actual Dimensions	Full Size Equivalent
Maximum lift height (mm)	7017	218.0	6976
Maximum width (mm)	2500	78.4	2507
Track width (mm)	1995	62.1	1986
Overall height (mm)	2490	82.6	2644
Cab width (mm)	990	32.6	1043
Wheelbase (mm)	2950	91.6	2932
Turning radius (mm)	3755	277.0	8864
Tare weight (kg)	7900	0.449	-
Bucket width (mm)	2500	78.2	2503



The engine cover has transparent panels and is hinged. This allows the option of displaying the telehandler being serviced. Under the cover the radiator, its core is finished in silver, the engine, in black, and exhaust, which is painted silver, are all detailed.

At the rear the auxiliary hydraulic connectors are detailed and the covers on both storage compartments in the counterweights open. For attaching trailed equipment WIKING has provided the same drawbar and pin it fits on its tractors. Drawbar height is adjustable.

Like the real machine the cab door is split allowing the top and bottom sections to be opened separately. Although robustly built the hinges are well hidden and do not spoil the model's appearance. Opening the cab doors provide good access to the cab interior. This is well finished with good levels of detailing. The right-hand A-pillar has the gauges that provide information on the Scorpion's driving and operating modes. Like the real machine the switches to the left of the

steering wheel are colour-coded. Hydraulic functions are in green, driving functions are in blue, electrical functions in grey and safety in red. The main instrument panel is detailed to the right of the steering wheel. While on the right of the driver's seat there is the main joystick. The floor matting is also patterned although it cannot be removed for cleaning as it can on the real machine.

General detail levels are good with lights and indicators front and rear. The driving mirrors are hinged and have a reflective surface. While behind the cab the fuel and hydraulic filler caps are detailed. A detachable wheel block is mounted on the chassis by the fuel tank and oil reservoir.

If you are looking for a telehandler with a bucket suitable for loading bulk material this is a great model.

www.wiking.de



Verdict

The Good	The cab interior detail levels.
The Not so Good	Its limited turning circle.
Price	£54.95
Model Detail	100%
Model Accuracy	100%
Build Quality	100%
Functionality	95%
Value	100%
Overall	99%
Rating	★★★★★



Massey Ferguson 7726 Dyna-6 Tractor

Universal Hobbies 1:32nd Scale

Since 2009 Universal Hobbies has mirrored Massey Ferguson's developments of the 7000 series tractors. The first model it released was the 7499 tractor. It then replaced it with the 7624 tractor in 2012 and now the new 7726 tractor. Massey Ferguson officially launched the 7700 range at SIMA in February although those who attended LAMMA in January did get a preview. There are nine tractors

ranging from the smaller 121 kW (165 hp) 6.6 litre Massey Ferguson 7714 to the 7.4 litre 206 kW (280 hp) Massey Ferguson 7726.

Weighing just under 600 gms Universal Hobbies new Massey Ferguson 7726 tractor is a well built largely metal model. It has plenty of fine detailing to meet collector's needs. Like previous 7000 series models Universal Hobbies has equipped the Massey Ferguson 7726 with an authentic front linkage but not a front PTO.





Universal Hobbies Massey Ferguson 7000 model tractors include the Massey Ferguson 7499 released in 2009, the Massey Ferguson 7624 released in 2012 and the new Massey Ferguson 7726.



Verdict

The Good	Its build quality.
The Not so Good	Lack of opening cab doors.

Price £55.80

Model Detail 85%

Model Accuracy 90%

Build Quality 90%

Functionality 85%

Value 85%

Overall 87%

Rating ★★★★★

The lower links are supported on two rams but they are only stiff enough to hold light loads. They do not hold the front weight block Universal Hobbies has supplied in the raised position. Alongside providing working axle suspension struts there are steerable front wheels. The front wheels are also connected to the steering wheel.

Universal Hobbies has not provided an opening bonnet but good engine detail is visible on either side of the tractor. On the left-hand side the oil filter is highlighted in white while the pipe connecting the engine on the right to the exhaust stack is in silver. The cab is fitted with GPS receiver, two aerials, driving mirrors and twin warning beacons. Although the cab cannot be accessed through the cab door the interior is well laid out. Both seats are finished in

blue and the driver's seat has a MF decal. To the right of the seat the Command Control Armrest is detailed twin joysticks and other controls. The addition of the Datatronic 4 control centre suggests the Universal Hobbies has specced its tractor with the Exclusive package. Other controls in the 'B' post are not detailed. There is a MF decal in the centre of the steering wheel and an instrument panel provided behind the steering wheel.

For attaching equipment the tractor is fitted with Universal Hobbies standard two-point linkage with pick-up hitch. In the raised position the linkage is strong enough to lift the front wheels off the ground so should carry most implements. Universal Hobbies has also provided a movable top link and hydraulic connector detail.

www.shop.masseyferguson.com





Schäffer 9630T Telescopic Loader

USK Scalemodels 1:32nd Scale

What a smart looking model USK Scalemodels' new Schäffer 9630T telescopic wheel loader is. Powered by a four-cylinder 90 kW (123 hp) Deutz turbo engine the mid-range 9630T is one of the most popular of Schäffer's telescopic wheeled loaders. It has a lift height of 5.3 m and 4.2 tonne lift capacity.

Accurately scaled and built largely in metal, the bucket is plastic, the model is well engineered. The boom raises and lowers smoothly on its twin rams. It also extends smoothly on a separate ram. Fully raised and extended it has a realistic maximum lift height of about 170 mm. Like the real machine the bucket tilt ram is located in the boom and working through a realistic linkage provides good bucket movement. It appears this can be extended by using the alternative mounting position USK Scalemodels has provided on the bucket. Although the bucket is





Comparison of Schaffer 9630T and USK Scalemodels' Model

Dimensions	Schaffer 9630T		USK Scalemodels' Model
	Dimension	Scale Size	
Wheelbase (mm)	2520	79	78
Maximum bucket pivot point height (mm)	5300	166	169
Cab height (mm)	2690	84	86
Turning Radius (mm)	3900	122	157
Lift capacity (kg)	4200	-	-
Weight (kg)	7700	-	0.309



detachable it was a little difficult to attach and detach on the review model.

Two steering rams are fitted on the main pivot and these give the model a turning circle slightly larger than the real machine suggests it should achieve. This might be expected as the wheels on each axle are rigidly attached to the shaft. It makes steering the model a bit like operating a tractor with the diff lock engaged. On the model's underside both front and rear axles are detailed. To allow the model to be displayed on uneven surfaces the rear axle is pivoted. USK Scalemodels has provided the prop shaft between the rear and front axles. It is telescopic and does not restrict the model's turning circle.

The cab has handrails, driving mirrors, lights and realistically sized wipers on both front and rear screens. Cab doors do not open but the interior detailing is clearly visible. It is well finished and detailed. The interior is finished in light and dark grey

with black patterned floor matting and driver's seat. On the floor the two pedals are painted silver and behind the steering wheel the dials and switches are visible on the instrument panel. The joystick, the operating buttons are detailed, sits beside the driver's seat. Even the bottle holder has been provided by the driver's seat on the right-hand side.

Behind the cab the exhaust, air cleaner and engine grill are detailed but the engine covers do not open to give access to the engine bay. The rear lights and drawbar are detailed although there is not any provision for attaching a trailer. Under the drawbar the Schaffer name is cast on the bumper and highlighted in black.

As well as the standard red agricultural machine USK Scalemodels has also produced 500 models in industrial yellow. These are available exclusively from Schaffer.

www.schaeffer-lader.de

Verdict	
The Good	Its build quality and finish.
The Not so Good	For those wanting to add a driver the lack of cab access.
Price	around £58 (79 euros)
Model Detail	100%
Model Accuracy	100%
Build Quality	100%
Functionality	80%
Value	90%
Overall	94%
Rating	★★★★★



Väderstad Tempo F8 Planter

USK Scalemodels 1:32nd Scale

Launched at Agritechnica in 2011 after five years development Väderstad's Tempo planter is designed to plant accurately crops such as maize, sunflower, soybean, millet, sorghum, sugar beet and rape at high-speed. An eight-row machine, in 2013,

planted 212 hectares of maize in 24 hours at an average speed of 18 km/hr. It is available in three basic frame options. There is the fully mounted rigid frame Tempo R with four to 12 rows and the mounted Tempo T with telescopic wings. It is available with six or seven-rows only. Finally there is





the trailed Tempo F which is offered with six or eight rows.

USK Scalemodels has based its model on the eight-row Tempo F8. It has been equipped with many options Väderstad offers for the planter. These include a hydraulic driven fan, bout markers, hydraulic folding and central fertiliser hopper. It also has fertiliser disc coulters and micro granular hoppers but not the elevated air inlet option.

Väderstad only recommends using the elevated inlet in dry conditions to reduce dust entering the fan.

Like USK Scalemodels' other recent releases the Tempo F8 is a well-built, structural parts are metal, and finished model with plenty of working features. There is an adjustable stand and fan detailing provided on the drawbar. The drawbar should fit on most tractors. To help those

wanting to match the planter to the correct tractor Väderstad suggests the Tempo F8 has draught requirement of at least 67 kW (90hp).

On the fertiliser hopper the metering mechanisms are visible at the front but disappointingly the hopper lid does not open. The platform and steps leading to the hopper are patterned and finished in silver. Also the steps fold to allow the planter to be folded. Bout markers are well built and work well and are correctly set to mark down the tractor centre line.

Planting units are on 750 or 762 mm spacing. Each unit is detailed with micro granule hopper, seed hopper and seed metering mechanism. Each meter is piped with black piping from planting unit through the manifold to the fan. There is a roller for setting the depth and a wavy disc coulters for placing the fertiliser. Behind the fertiliser coulters is the disc coulters and depth wheels for placing the seed. There is also an opener for the micro granules. Neither the coulters nor depth wheels turn.

There are four carrying wheels positioned between the planting units. Each is equipped with a scrapper and supported on a single ram. It means to put the drill in its transport position the height of each wheel must be set separately. For transport the outer planting units fold alongside the drawbar. USK Scalemodels has provided a realistic folding mechanism with ram for each section. A catch holds them in their transport position.

www.collection.vaderstad.com



Verdict	
The Good	Build quality and finish.
The Not so Good	The inability to open the lid on the fertiliser hopper.
Price	£60.00
Model Detail	95%
Model Accuracy	100%
Build Quality	100%
Functionality	95%
Value	100%
Overall	98%
Rating	★★★★★



Valtra T214 & T234 Tractors

WIKING 1:32nd Scale



Valtra launched its fourth generation T Series tractor in Frankfurt in November last year.

A completely new design the Valtra T Series boasts seven models ranging from 125 to 169 kW (170 to 250 hp). They are powered by a AGCO Power engine (6.6 litre or 7.4 litre) with SCR only and offered with a choice of four transmission types (HiTech, Active, Versu and Direct). Since its launch the Valtra T range has won 'Machine

of the Year' award in the 180-280 horsepower category at SIMA in 2015. Also more recently a modified T234 has set a new world land speed record for tractors reaching a speed of 130.165 km/h (80.88mph) over a measured distance.

Currently WIKING has released models of the 7.4 litre T214 and T234 tractors. These are rated at 169 kW (230 hp) and 184 kW (250 hp) respectively. Valtra launched the white T234 model at SIMA in February. Available from Valtra

and its dealer network only it is not a limited edition model. While no such limits exist for the metallic blue T214 which went on sale in May.

Other than the colour and number plates the two tractors are identical. Inside the cab both are fitted with the Valtra Arm with screen by the driver's seat. This suggests the models are based on tractors fitted with the Versu transmission option.

Measurement of the wheelbase suggests WIKING's newly tool

model is accurately scaled. Both tractors are well built and finished. At the front the tractor is provided with an authentic three-point linkage and PTO with yellow guard. The lower links are supported on twin rams and also fold into the transport position. Top link length is fixed. At the rear the tractor has an authentic linkage. The top link length is adjustable, the first time WIKING has offered this feature. For attaching trailed equipment there is a clevis drawbar with pin.





Its height is fixed allowing the PTO shaft on WIKING's powered equipment to be attached.

The front wheels are steerable and are connected to the steering wheel. It turns as the wheels are turned. However the maximum steering angle is limited and gives the models a much larger turning circle than the real tractor.

Like most WIKING tractors the bonnet which has translucent panels. Hinged just in front of the cab it provides access to the engine. On both tractors the engine is finished in black with the detail highlighted in silver. Both doors and rear window open to provide access to the cab interior. It has a clear roof panel but it does not open. Well laid out the cab interior is finished in light grey with a dark grey patterned floor mat. The instrument panel behind the steering wheel, Valtra Arm on the right of the driver's seat and instrument panel on right-hand mudguard are all well detailed. On the outside the cab sports movable driving mirrors, two plastic warning beacons and an aerial but not a GPS receiver. All the lights, except the rear tail lights, are painted.

Neither tractor has branded tyres. However, like WIKING's

Verdict		
The Good	The removal wheels and adjustable top link.	
The Not so Good	Its limited turning circle.	
Price	£49.95	£51.80
Model Detail	90%	90%
Model Accuracy	90%	90%
Build Quality	90%	90%
Functionality	90%	90%
Value	90%	90%
Overall	90%	90%
Rating	★★★★	★★★★

new Fendt 828 Vario reviewed elsewhere in this issue, the wheels on the new Valtra T Series models can be removed. Each tractor is supplied with a special screwdriver for removing the screw that holds each wheel. On the rear wheels the screws are not covered but they are on the front by the final reduction gearbox. The gearboxes are held in place by a small magnet.

There are seven tractors in the T Series, all dimensional similar, offered in seven different colours. This offers WIKING with the opportunity to release other models in the future. Currently a Valtra T Series tractor with front-loader has been announced for release in the autumn.

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Verdict	
Model	Fendt 211 with loader
The Good	Compact size, detailing
The Not so Good	Loader does not hold its position
Price	£60.00
Model Detail	75%
Model Accuracy	80%
Build Quality	80%
Functionality	80%
Value	80%
Overall	79%
Rating	★ ★ ★ ★

Fendt 211 & Cargo Loader

Schuco 1:32 Scale



while front mudguards are firm, despite being made from plastic.. The window in the roof is a good touch .

A rival to the Fendt in the small loader stakes is Wiking's John Deere 6125R, although it is noticeably larger than the Fendt. From an operator's point of view the large double window in the roof provides good upward visibility. The loader mechanism is the same as on the larger 7430 but has been scaled down; the bucket is a little smaller. Front guard, rear weight give a good balance. The mudguards

are well finished off in matt black. The Schuco Fendt hubs look more realistic than the Wiking Deere ones



Schuco has been quiet recently but have just loaded up a new model, the Fendt 211 with front loader. The Fendt 200

series is the smallest in their range excepting the vineyard tractors. Fendt has a reputation for building compact machines and its 211 is a concentrated example of this characteristic. The model has a tight turning circle and the front wheels do not wobble. The loader has a very good reach and is well detailed – hydraulic hoses routed to the right loader arm, tight crowding movement on the bucket and 3X logos on the side. If you are a livestock farmer, contractor working in confined spaces, this model is just the job. One fault is that the hydraulic arms are fairly loose so it is not possible for the loader to hold a position. Doors open but the bonnet does not.. Wheels run smoothly and do not wobble





Fendt 724 Vario

Universal Hobbies 1:32 Scale



One of the more highly anticipated releases of 2015 is UH's Fendt 724. We reviewed Siku's version in Model Farmer 29 and Schuco's version in MF 12. It is amazing that this version has been out for three years already. UH, keeping an eye on the competition, have upgraded to an opening bonnet although it does not

hold the up position and the doors do not open. There are brackets in front of the bonnet for a front-end loader, turning circle is good and the cab has high UH detail. At £46 in a dealer's box it is a similar price to Wiking's Fendt 828, £44, that we also reviewed in MF29. It does not, however, have quite the build quality of the Wiking. On our sample the cab wobbled somewhat and the hydraulic and hook subassembly also was not firm. Hitched up to the Kuhn drill also reviewed this issue, it makes a great combination but is a millimetre or two too high off the ground to let all the press wheels and



coulters rotate. The Kuhn is heavy and when in the raised position tilts the tractor up which is not supplied with a front weight, in contrast to Wiking models. We had a spare Replicagri front weight which did the job – just. There could be an opening for one of the specialist model makers to produce front weights that are really heavy, are able to fit different brands and perhaps have the fancy tool boxes and coloured warning stripes. In general, a good model.



Verdict	
Model	Fendt 724
The Good	Detail, oscillating axle
The Not so Good	Not quite up to Wiking standard.
Price	£46.00
Model Detail	85%
Model Accuracy	80%
Build Quality	80%
Functionality	70%
Value	80%
Overall	79%
Rating	★★★★



Verdict	
Model	Renault 981-4
The Good	Build Quality
The Not so Good	Linkage
Price	£32.00
Model Detail	85%
Model Accuracy	80%
Build Quality	80%
Functionality	70%
Value	80%
Overall	79%
Rating	★ ★ ★ ★

Renault 981-4 4WD Tractor

Replicagri 1:32 Scale



Replicagri is on somewhat of a roll at the moment. Graham Miller of G&M models reports that their International Axialflow combine has been one of the best selling models of any maker and he is already on his third re-order. The

Renault 981-4 arrived in our yard too late to be included in the last edition but it is here now. The model has similar characteristics to the 781 that we reviewed in the last issue. A good turning circle, oscillating front axle, two opening doors, a bonnet that

remains shut and a rear hitch that stays in the down position. A stay bar is provided to drop into the rear hitch brackets and a tiny pin that appears to be redundant since there is no hole for it. A gold coloured adjustable top link is provided but this does not fit well onto the rear latch. Wheel hubs are well finished off, looking metal rather than plastic. Details to note are the silver fuel cap and aircleaner bowl on the bonnet, the D symbol on the side of the cab and two circular dials behind the wheel.

The real machine was produced over a long period of time, 1973 to 1982 yet in small numbers – the total was 5,252 units which included the predecessor 851. It had a six cylinder engine – hence the elongated bonnet – was water cooled and put out 95 hp. The colour is the traditional Renault red and it was not until the mid 1980s that the orange was adopted.

Another well built, relatively simple model from Replicagri which at £32



is good value and fills a gap on the collector's shelves. A Renault 155-54 TX Turbo with duals has also been produced by Replicagri. We hope to review this in our next issue.





Joskin Trans-KTP 27-65

Universal Hobbies 1:32 Scale



U H's Joskin 3 axled Transkip dump trailer is a serious bit of kit. Front and rear axles steer with a good angle – better than on many of UH's tractors – and the wheels are shod with chunky tyres that have an appropriate tread pattern. The body is made of resin but is well constructed and lives up to the Hardox label. Hardox is a high tensile

steel that is 30% lighter than conventional ones. This means it gives a higher load capacity. It is finding its way into agriculture, Stewart Trailers for example being one company that offers a Hardox option. The six stage ram is truly impressive, tipping the body to an acute angle and will get shot of even the stickiest of loads. When in the up position it

reveals the well made undercarriage and also a stay rod that swivels up to hold the trailer at a 15° angle. PTO, brake hoses and forced rear steering rams are well detailed and unlike ROS versions of trailers do not get in

the way of the rear linkage of the tractor. The rear lights are protected by grills, there is a triangular warning symbol on the tailgate and a rear bull bar. These sorts of dump trailers are not so common in the UK but sell well on the Continent. On a recent visit to Hamburg I saw a huge fleet of them working on a construction project



Verdict

Model	Joskin KTP 27-65
The Good	Build quality, tipping angle, steering
The Not so Good	Mud guard needed rewelding
Price	£56.00
Model Detail	95%
Model Accuracy	90%
Build Quality	80%
Functionality	80%
Value	80%
Overall	85%
Rating	★★★★★



Kuhn Maxima 2 Foldable 8m RX Seeder

UH 1:32 Scale

Despite a very depressed milk price, sales of maize drills are booming due to the expansion of the biogas energy business. Traditionally maize has been grown in the South and West of the country to cater for livestock farms but now is being drilled in areas that have not grown the crop before. Monosem, Horsch, Kverneland and Kuhn amongst others report strong sales and often with buyers demanding a high specification. Biogas operators have to record

meticulously inputs and outputs so that they can prove they are reducing the carbon footprint. Features such as auto-shut off reduce wastage of seed and fertiliser. Increasing size of drills is another feature, with Horsch having sold two of its 16 row machines.

What goes on in 1/1 world is mirrored in 1/32. Last year Wiking released their very good Amazone and this year UH has responded with a four row Monosem (reviewed in issue 28) and this Kuhn eight row Maxima.



UH usually leads the field in terms of detail while Wiking takes the prize for functionality but with the Maxima UH have come up with some very original functionality. The most interesting is the ability to attach this drill to the hopper of the

Kuhn 3500TT which we reviewed last year. The Maxima comes with UH's unique hitch with the hole that sits on the towing pin of the tractor. This was first introduced on the Lely iXtra sprayer (2012). Frankly speaking it is interesting but does not work



particularly well. We had to try various UH tractors to get a good match – the New Holland 7.210 in the end worked. On the Case Puma it wobbled around. Why doesn't UH just go for the standard Siku / Britains hitch?

Using a jewellers screwdriver you unscrew the linkage which reveals two brackets. Now you are ready to attach this to the hopper and in doing so you have a seriously high output rig which can put down fertiliser



and seed over large acreages.

The second function is that the two outer wings, each with two seed hoppers, can be folded up to bring the drill inside the permitted 3.0 metre width. Be careful to disentangle the numerous pipes before folding. On our sample the right hand wing held its position but not the left hand; a holding arm would have been welcome

The third function are the bout markers which in transport position are parallel to the seed hoppers. But when you enter work they fold down and swing out into a position 90° to the drill – very neat.

The detail is true UH stuff. The fertiliser and seed pipes go right down to the feet of the coulters, all the press wheels rotate except for the front pair, there is a Kuhn symbol stamped on each of the seed and fertiliser hoppers and the PTO shaft runs under the frame into

a gear box. There are the red and white Continental warning plates front and rear, the rear ones being two plates set at 90° to cater for the two wings being folded up.

Build quality is good but not consistent. The model has a reassuring weight and the two outer wings fold down crisply to the working position. Against this one our sample some of the seed boxes were set at a slightly wonky angle to the main frame and the support wheels had that characteristic UH wobble.

Overall a very good model with a couple of build issues preventing it from scoring maximum marks. For those of you working as contractors to bio-gas plants this high output machine will be just the job.



Verdict

Model	Kuhn Optima Maize Drill
The Good	Folding mechanism, link to TT 3500 hopper
The Not so Good	Does not hold up position for the outer wings
Price	£62.00
Model Detail	90%
Model Accuracy	85%
Build Quality	80%
Functionality	80%
Value	85%
Overall	84%
Rating	★★★★



ABOVE: Britains most recent form of packaging with models tied into the base plinth by string. Note John Deere specific design.



ABOVE: WIKING's packaging has now window and showcases the model on the box. It has polystyrene inner protection.



ABOVE: Britains Big Farm has a more open design and is commonly tied in by cable ties.



ABOVE: The Britains Big Farm design is similar to its competitor product line, the Bruder 1/16 scale models.



ABOVE: Replicagri opted for a Window Box design on the Axial flow combine.



ABOVE: Britains classic box design. Thin cardboard and cellophane window. These were very fragile and easily crushed.

Model Packaging

Nick Wigdahl responds to recent editor's letters highlighting the issues of model packaging. He reviews what types you may encounter when buying a model from various makers.



ABOVE: Spec Cast heavy duty box.



ABOVE: Early UH 1/43 packaging variation.



ABOVE: The most recent UH standard 1/32 packaging. Grey outer, plinth inner.



ABOVE: Universal Hobbies 1/43 scale packaging.



ABOVE: Universal Hobbies 1/32 dealer packaging.

Model Farmer has received recently correspondence on the subject of how difficult it is to open some models. We decided it was time to look at the subject of packaging in general.

Packaging serves a number of purposes.

- Protect the model on its way from factory to customer.
- Provide a secure environment for the model for the future.
- Add to the overall impression about the quality of the model.
- Provide information about the real machine.

Protection

During the development of a model it is subjected to tests where it is dropped from a range of heights and put into a machine that shakes it for a number of hours, this to simulate the rigours of being in transit. At this stage the manufacturer can determine whether the packaging is strong enough. Some of you might wonder why Universal Hobbies uses a two-part screw system for packing its tractor models. Nigel Breach of

Accurate Diecasts explains that when they first did the drop test some models broke, so they needed a firmer fixing, something that two very long screws would not do. The answer was the intermediate plastic moulding that is between the base and the bottom of the model. It is true that the UH system can often be fiddly but to be fair in ten years of unpacking their models, I have never had a broken one.

Wiking has to my mind the best packaging as it holds the model secure and is easy to unpack and repack. This, however, comes at a cost. An alternative, but not one used by agricultural model makers, is to use foam. Construction model maker NZG has started using foam for some of its smaller models. Siku's styrene works well for its models that are strongly built and usually without thin, detailed parts that protrude.

Repacking

Maybe the last thing on your mind when a longed for model eventually is delivered to your door. Yet as model collections grow, model collectors find themselves either having to put models into storage or sell them. At this point repacking rears its head and it would

be fair to say that UH's diligence in packing makes this job difficult! Use of materials has an effect. The glue on Siku and Britains models no longer holds the cellophane in place and colour fades on the box. In its strictest sense the phrase "Mint In Box" should mean that the

model has never been taken out. Few people have the resources that one collector I know had; he always bought two of every model, leaving one unopened and one on display.

Information

Some information on the box, such as warnings about choking

BELOW: Early Universal Hobbies packaging with brown outer, styrene inner.



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ABOVE: Recent packaging designs from ROS and Replicagri.

and appropriate age for playing is legally required to be printed. Beyond that it is up to the model maker. Wiking and Schuco provides the fullest information giving dimensions of the real machine in three languages. This also adds to the impression of quality.

Quality of the box and photos.

The matt finish of Siku and Britains has been superseded by the glossy finish on boxes from Replicagri, ROS and UH. Indeed the Britains' boxes still have a rather old fashioned feel to them. ROS often use a photo of the machine that has been deliberately highlighted, their Holmer beet harvesters being an example. Replicagri has recently followed suite with its

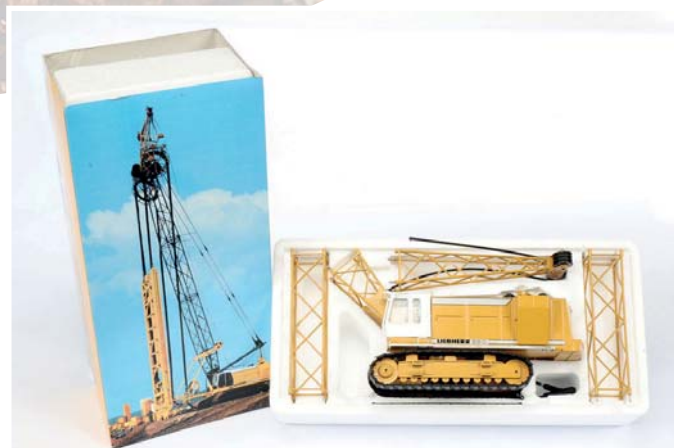
Landini Series 7 and this box has played its part in raising the overall impression of quality of the model.

Before the internet virtually all models were sold in toy shops. It was important for collectors and children to be able to see the product they were buying, hence the use of firm cellophane. Now however so much is sold over the internet and many collectors will buy the model unseen, although agricultural shows and events still remain important. Wiking's packaging deliberately differentiates itself from Siku with its gloss finished outer carton that shows photos but not the actual machine.

Often the maker of the actual machine will have a say in which photos should be used and



BELOW: Packaging styles from Conrad and NZG.



BELOW: Siku Special Edition packaging for Weise Toys.



how information is displayed. Indeed different style packaging is a way of signalling when a model is a "dealer edition".

In future we will be rating the quality of packaging as well as the model itself.

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The Farmer's Friend

Specially designed for recovering bogged-down farm machinery, Falck's Unimog and Bobcat vehicles are recreated here in 1:24 scale by Erik Fontein.

This Unimog is a common type of vehicle used by Danish recovery specialist Falck. Falck uses these impressive Unimog 4x4 off-road winch trucks for heavy winching and to recover agricultural machines which are stuck in the mud during the harvest season, or to give winching assistance when recovering roll-overs. They are fitted with all terrain tractor-type tyres for off road work.

At the rear is a heavy winch sometimes rated up to 30 tonnes, and it is possible to use the winch in two different ways; at the rear of the body is a crane-like structure mounted above the large stiff legs. The winch cable can be passed through fairleads at the top of the

crane and in this way it is possible to lift a tractor or combine that has been buried in the mud. The resulting holes in the mud can be filled and the machine lowered back to the ground, or alternatively the casualty can be winched out in the conventional manner as the cable can go through the floor of the body via pulleys and emerge through fairleads lower down. However, due to the winch cable being so low down, plus the fact that the vehicle is fairly light, there's a danger that the Unimog front wheels will lift off the ground during winching; therefore the outriggers are larger and longer than usual on a recovery truck.

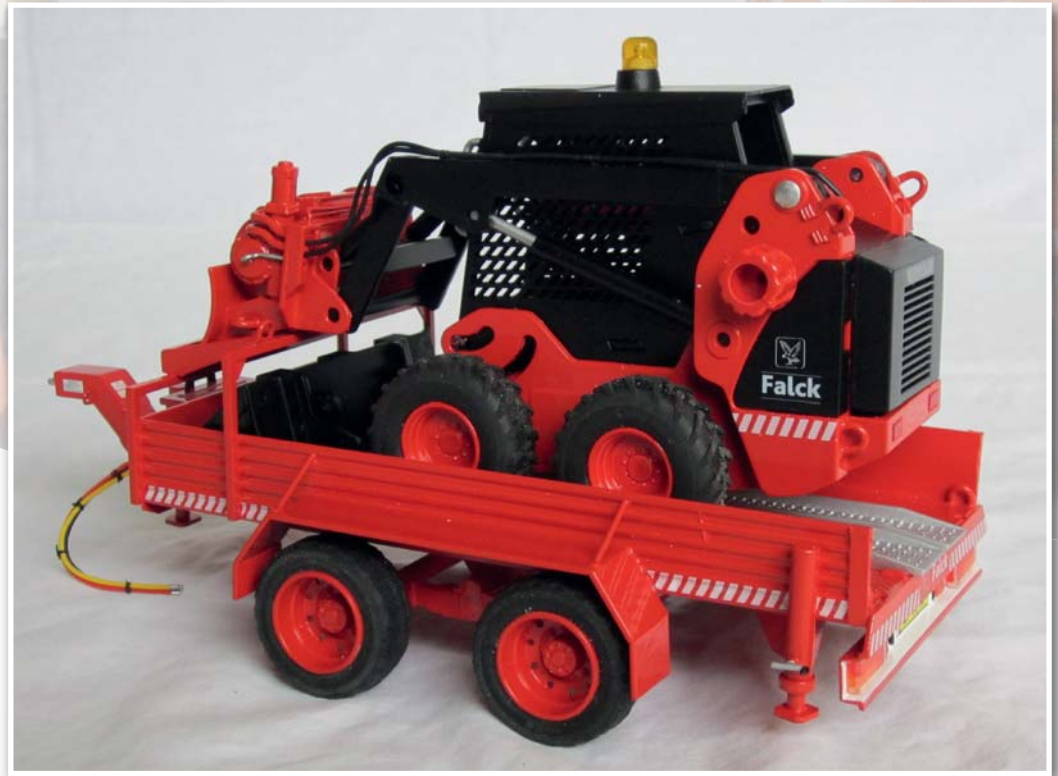
At each side of the body there are large toolboxes to store assorted recovery equipment such as tools,

pulleys, chains, hooks etc. The left side toolbox is a little shorter to enable the operator to climb on to the body. Most of the Unimogs also have a reel at the rear of the body to store an extra long winch cable. Some, but not all, have a winch mounted in the front bumper,

At times, even the Unimog

may need some extra winching assistance and some Falck stations have a Bobcat. These little all terrain excavators have the shovel attachment removed and replaced with a winch. As the Bobcat excavators are not allowed on the road they are carried on a trailer which can be pulled by the Unimog.





To build the model I used the Revell Unimog U1300L fire truck (07501). I was able to get measurements at a Falck station during a vacation in Denmark. The biggest challenge was to find suitable tractor tyres. Not too big, not too small, but good enough to give the Unimog that rugged off-road look. At first I looked for Siku 1:32 scale tractor tyres but at a toy shop I came across a small 4x4 'monster truck' with a winding mechanism. The tyres were almost a good fit on the original Unimog rims, and only needed a small ring to make a perfect fit.

The chassis and cab were built

out of the box, but I raised the suspension by 3mm to give more clearance under the wheelarches for the big tyres. With Evergreen profiles I made a subframe for the body, plus longer outriggers and the crane. The toolboxes are made from 1mm sheet, fitted with roller shutter doors which came from a fire service body. Between the toolboxes I added a storage shelf to house wooden blocks, and under the shelf I fitted a winch from the Italeri Bro kit. Also on top is an extendible mast with work lights for night recovery. There is also a rack on the left toolbox to hang chains and ropes, and an open storage box at the back of the body houses jerry cans and small tools. On the opposite side I fitted a cable reel for the remote control





points in the trailer and air/power hoses. Painting the model was not a big challenge, as every Falck truck is painted in red, black and aluminum. The white Falck decals were designed on the computer and stripes are printed on clear decal sheets. These Falck brothers are strong enough to clear every recovering and winching job!

Erik's website is at www.modelbergingstruck.nl

for the winches and outriggers.

As mentioned earlier, not all Falck Unimogs have front mounted winches, but I liked the appearance so I fitted a winch and some extra lights on top of the bumper. Due to the raised height of the 4x4 small side guards were fitted for protection and extra access steps and grab handle were added. The cab roof was replaced with one from the Paris-Dakar Unimog kit, and fitted with a headboard and Falck decals, plus warning beacons.

The 1:24 scale Volvo mini excavator model is a children's toy found on the Internet. I replaced the shovel with a winch from the spares box, and added attachment points so that the machine can be lifted by crane if needed. For a child's toy, the excavator is quite well detailed, but I added hydraulic hoses and a beacon for an extra touch.

To transport the Volvo winch machine I made a tandem axle trailer; I wasn't able to get actual

measurements, but by working from pictures plus some modeller's licence I was able to get a reasonable model. The leaf springs and tyres came from the spares box, and the remainder is made from Evergreen ribbed sheet and profiles. There are mechanical support legs at the rear for stability when loading the mini-excavator. The removable shovel attachment is stored on a rack at the front of the trailer, and the loading ramps store in the centre of the load bed when not in use. It was completed with an Italeri rear lightbar, and small toolboxes at the front.

To store the removable shovel and winch there is mounted a rack at the front of the trailer. In the middle, between the wheels, of the shovel are two ramps for loading and unloading the mini Volvo. An Italeri lightbar is mounted under the rear side. To give some details to the model there are some attachment



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Converting a Britains Ford TW10



Paul Palmer returns to Model Farmer with another conversion. This time he transforms a Britains Ford TW10 Tractor with basic detail into a very realistic Ford 9700. With just a few donor parts and additional detail, Paul is able to make a Toy look like a very well produced model.



My first stage of the project was to determine what parts I would be adding to the base model, what I would be removing and the finishing required for each part. I decided that to make the model more realistic, I would be adding front and rear wheels from a UH Donor tractor. I would also be adding wheel weights, new air cleaner plus other small details such as aerial, cab grab rails, modified lights, number plate etc.



Above we have the removal of the rear wheels and the addition of a new 2WD axle. This is from a UH 2WD TW. It's worth shopping around for broken models being sold as parts, otherwise, you'll have to pay £20 plus for the donor wheel components.



I have started to pick out new bits of detail on the tractor. Cab rails again came from my donor UH model. I've stripped the bonnet away in order to have better access when fitting the new air cleaner.



Here we show more detail being picked out. The standard Britains TW10 did not have number plate lights shown and their rear lights were also inaccurate. I've changed them to the correct shade of orange and red. I've also painted and fitted my new air filter. This was sourced from Artisan32. The bonnet is now once again attached to the tractor.

One of the most important stages is applying the new decals. The 9700 decals were sourced from Henri Walker. If you are unsure about how to source these parts, you should be able to get more information from some of the specialist model dealers advertising in this magazine. The decals look great and are easy to attach. Just take a little time in preventing any creasing.



An aerial was sourced from 1-32 farming models and fitted. I also applied a realistic number plate. It looks the part now in between the lighting detail that I picked out earlier on.

The final job was painting the wheels. The UH colour is slightly out so I sourced some Ford Grey paint from my local dealer. This results in a much more realistic finish. Make sure you apply a few coats and ensure they are dry before applying tyres. All that is left to do then is fit the wheels on to the tractor and there you have it. A Ford 9700 based on the Britains TW10.



Converting a Britains Ford TW25 Competition

Back in our January February 2015 edition of Model Farmer, we published notice of our first ever conversion competition. The task set was to convert a Britains

Ford TW25 tractor. In our review whilst we did not criticise the model (it's cracking value for money and an ideal toy) we did suggest it needed some finishing touches to improve the model element of the item. So now, a few months on, we look at what readers have sent in to us and ultimately we announce the winning entry.

Firstly, we appreciate all of you who took time to enter the competition. Although entries were minimal in number, we do intend to run the competition again later in the year, hopefully attracting more interest now the first one has been completed.

Let's start with Entry 1 as shown.



Entry 1



Entry 2



Entry 3



The Winner!

number plate.

Entry 2 was completed by Alex Finch age 12. Alex modified the TW25 by adding a super Q cab roof (built from plasticard). Lights also being built in. He took the lights from the original roof and mounted them on the mudguards. The mudguards were finished in blue and white. Alex then painted a union

Mr D Moore (Age 59) sent us images of his conversion. His work centred around dualing the tractor up. For this he used 19 mm water pipe as the spacers and applied metal washers as wheel weights. He added worklights, beacons and a rear



Entry 4

Original
TW25



Entry 5



jack on the roof and fitted a beacon. He fitted wheel weights and added a tool box on the off-side near the steps. Generation III decals were applied and Alex restyled the radiator grill to match this age of tractor. Finally, Alex worked on some additions to the front end with a weight box, wafer weights and chain all included on the model.

Entry 3 was worked on by Hugh Barr aged 16. Hugh utilised the existing Ford TW25 chassis but then added several different components. These included a MarGe Models Q cab, UH bonnet, UH wheels (with wider tyres) and an Artisan 32 front and rear linkage.

Entry 4 was completed by Aaron O'Neil. Aaron fitted a cab aerial and beacon to the tractor.

Entry 5 was sent in by Marcus Pitman, age 15. Marcus applied several new pieces of detail including Super Q cab roof with opening component, CB aerial, radio aerial, beacon, tool box, front weight chains and new rear linkage. A Driver was also added. Marcus resprayed the tractor including the wheels, applying a weathered effect too.

Our final entry was completed by Ian Williamson age 14. Ian changed the front wheels and mudguards changing them to a Britains NH T7060 style. He then painted the front grill. A CB Radio was fitted, twin beacons applied, radio aerial, and number plate. Rear cab lights were also added.

Results - Top Three

Entrant	Marcus Pitman	Hugh Barr	Alex Finch
Age	15	16	12
Result	First	Second	Second
Understanding of task	8	10	10
Parts used	10	10	10
Project budget	9	8	9
Build Finish	10	8	8
Functionality	8	8	8
Build Skills	10	9	8
Overall	55 out of 60	53 out of 60	53 out of 60





Cow Byres and Milking Time

at Leakeyvale Heritage Park

Sue Leake continues her story on Leakeyvale Heritage Park. This issue, there is work on the old cow byre and the film crew on site take a look at the cows being milked.

Stephen Leakey was on a mission and along with George Blunt and Sam Barnikel was down at the dilapidated old cow byre that had fallen into disuse decades ago and now consisted of the back wall buttressed by the remains of the two side walls. A few roof timbers draped in a good head of ivy had been providing shade for some of the suckler cows but it was about to get a new lease of life as Stephen

and Angela wanted to restore it.

"Back wall needs a little attention," said George. "That far corner is a bit tipsy although the rest is stable enough." George had examined the structure thoroughly a couple of weeks before when his boss first suggested the restoration and was satisfied that what little was left was sound enough.

"Sam, happy taking on the job of rebuilding?" said Stephen, taking a bite out of his breakfast apple.

the wonky bit knocked out and replaced. Agreed, George?"

George nodded.

"You did say you would need quicklime and David Jameson has it organised already. All you have to do is shout when you need it. As for flints..." Stephen chuckled. "...we have no shortage of those. Tris and Colm are busy loading trailers as we speak. They have little else to do at the moment so will be helping you. I'll send some of the other lads when they are free but you're in charge, Sam. They will do whatever you want"

Sam beamed. "So it really is a go, Boss?"

"It's a go, Sam, starting now. First job in my opinion is to clear the rubbish inside and out and get the

Sam scratched his head. "Yeah, no problem but I will need plenty of flints. If you want it rebuilt in the old style I'll be needing lime mortar too. Back wall just needs





ivy off the roof, or what passes for a roof, unless you have other ideas?"

"Nope, Knock off that wonky bit, clear it out and make a working space too and we'll need to dig out footings for the side walls."

"The original footings are under the weeds, Sam, I poked around the other day. We just need to expose them," George beamed. "I'll do that." He glanced at Stephen. "Workshop is quiet at the moment, Stephen. George W has everything in hand there."

"You're a free agent, George. Do what you want, as you always do! I lay odds you already have the new timbers ready for the roof." Stephen noted a satisfied smirk from George. "Ok lads, over to you. David will be popping down later to discuss your quicklime requirements, Sam. I understand he wants to help as building walls is something he hasn't done and he'd like the experience.

but with George you never knew. Obviously he thought it would be useful and he was probably right, as usual. He was pleased George had volunteered as he would keep Sam in line. Sam did tend to get carried away at times. He was happy to leave them to get on with the task so set off to the house to finish his breakfast and do some paperwork.

When Sam returned with the ladder, assisted by Paul Fletcher, the line of one wall was just visible and Paul set to digging out the accumulated debris along the edge that George had exposed. Sam propped the ladder against the back wall.

"Sam, couldn't you have found a bigger ladder? In any case you would have been better off with a step-ladder," remarked George, sarcastically. "If that wall collapses you will go down with it!"

Sam just looked at him. "There

away from the demolition area.

Sam looked at him. "You checked those last week along with the rest and so did I. They are secure and pretty sound to boot. I am not a complete fool."

"Apart from 'Halle Berry'," George

roof that had been buried under the overgrowth. Ian remarked that it worked out well as he had been told to load the cart for the film men. "At least this is something worthwhile. Half the time we are just making it look like we are really working.



You are in charge, though."

Sam wasted no time and hurried off to get the necessary tools and a ladder. Stephen, still munching his apple, contemplated the site while George started poking along the line of one wall with his sledgehammer, pulling up weeds as he went. Stephen could not imagine why he had brought the sledge

wasn't a smaller ladder to be found, or a stepladder neither, but the wall isn't going to collapse." He climbed the ladder and set to with a maul knocking loose stone from the end of the wall.

"Hope the roof supports are secure," was George's reply as he continued to mark the out edge of the side wall – the one

muttered thinking of the producer chap's PA. "Never live that down, son," and then added loud enough for Sam to hear, "Of course not, Sam, only joking." He set to breaking apart congealed lumps of flint and mortar exposed by Paul's clearance, tossing the flints into a wheelbarrow.

By the time Colm and Tris turned up with tractor and trailer there was a clear space all around the old building and the side walls were beginning to show clearly where Paul had dug away the accumulated soil and weeds. Sam directed the lads to tip the flints off to one side on a tarpaulin, which already hosted a small heap of salvaged stone. Colm jumped down from his rather precarious perch on the back of the tractor and proceeded to direct Tris reversing the trailer.

The work was progressing nicely. Several of the farmhands arrived and so did Ian Carter with Bransgore and tumbrel cart. He got busy throwing the pile of weeds and ivy into the cart along with old wood from the

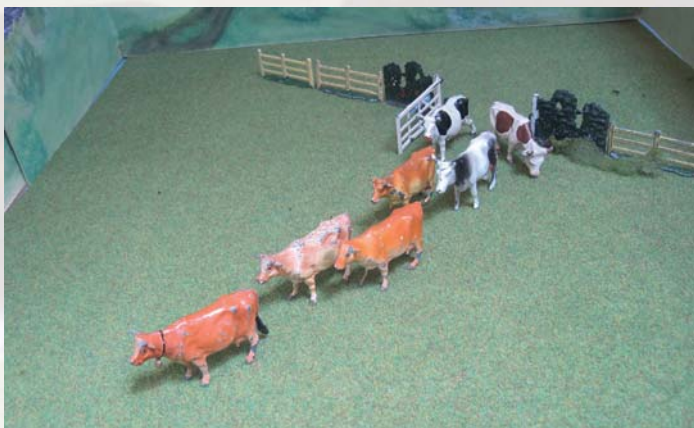
They had me looking over horses at their horse fair earlier. Not that it wasn't fun but Bransgore needs a workout. He is a bit frisky right now."

Bransgore, as if in answer, stamped his foot.

"At least you were not shouted at and told to clear off," Tris called out. "We were passing Lower Stable on our way here when this chap yelled something about us being in shot and to get our infernal machine out of sight."

Ian laughed, "I heard him! They're not averse to shouting. Director was yelling instructions all the time. "Do this, walk that way". I was glad I did not have to take Bransgore, he would have freaked. Come on lad, let's get going; it's your big chance to be a film star." With that he led the big Clydesdale away.

The clearance was going well. Sam, having been off to find David Jameson, returned with flasks and sandwiches and they all relaxed for a well deserved break.



The dairymaids were in discussion at the milking shed with Daisy and her daughter.

"I heard on the grapevine they will be wanting us to use the old cow byre but it is hardly suitable," said Claire Fowler. "Stephen wants it roofed in the traditional manner with bracken and that is going to be awfully dusty and will get full of crawlies."

Sarah looked surprised. "Hadh't heard that! I haven't been down there for a while but I don't want to milk there either. It's too far from the dairy for my taste and quite a hike with full buckets."

Daisy, thinking of Claire's

is decided yet but it certainly will not be used for the cows. It is perfect for the goats, of course."

"Oh, Great!" Karen, announced, "too far to walk with cows milk but I'll have to lug goats milk." She sniffed. "It would be nice if they consulted us."

Some on Karen, you don't lug the goat milk in any case. You simply put it in churns for Whitakers and one of the lads takes them away. Surely you would prefer to have a nice dry stone building instead of the lean-to you use at the moment." Janet got up from the bench. "We'd better go. Come on Mother, we have those ladies coming in half an hour for their butter-making lesson

pails and waited for them to arrive.

The girls were busy milking when Nev Neville arrived with empty buckets. He set the buckets down and shucked the yoke. "Film men are on their way, Ladies. We are to be this afternoon's stars of the silver screen."

"Since when have you been a milkmaid, Nev?" Pam Collier followed Nev into the milking shed and also deposited her buckets and yoke. "They are saying they are filming the milk maids nothing about milk men."

"Ah but I am not milking, just carrying, and they are waiting for me

"Nev's OK. He does do all the mucking out and his fair share of the milking," Sarah laughed, "as long as someone else does Daisy Belle. She really does not like him and it is mutual. I admit she can be a real nightmare at times. I had to halter her last time I milked her and had to watch the bucket, she almost kicked it over."

"There is a trick I use when she plays up," Claire went to her bag and produced half a mangelwurzel. "She just loves these. Don't tell Nev, though."

"Claire Fowler, that is



to return with those," said Nev with a wicked grin. "When you are finished with these ladies I shall take them up to the dairy where the cameras are waiting. And so is Daisy," he added as an afterthought, "she wants the jersey milk for settling."

The three women had not stopped and soon three pails of milk were transferred to the pair Nev had brought. When both were full he shouldered the yoke and left on his return trip.

"Insufferable man," Claire said with a smile as Nev disappeared around the corner, "I'd like to see him taking a regular turn milking Daisy Belle." She stood back to let Daisy Belle out. "She can't stand him, you know."

mean but how on earth did you discover that trick?"

"When Daisy Belle first came to be milked she wouldn't stand still and Daisy – Watson that is – handed me a wurzel and told me to give it to her. It was a trick of her grandmother's I think. Anyhow, she happily chomped away and stood as good as gold while I milked her. Wouldn't work with Bluebell, though, as she does not like them. I may tell Nev one day...."

Buttercup had backed out of the stall, Daisy Belle and Bluebell followed her out into the field while Cowslip and two others filled the vacant spaces. Pam handed one of her pails to Karen who was about



comment on crawlies, piped up, "Double layer of muslin will do the trick" she said. "Remember my grandmother used to milk in a dark hole of a cow byre with all manner of vermin crawling in the roof and we never had problems with our milk. Double layer of muslin filtered out all the critters. If they do want milking done down there we can always feed it to the pigs if it fails inspection."

Janet shrugged. "Grapevine has it wrong. It was abandoned when this shed was built. Stephen wants to use it for calves and Angela wants to use it for the goats as their numbers are increasing. Nothing

and we need to be there in case they arrive early." Janet was not wearing a watch and having received puzzled looks she pointed down the field. "Your girls are on their way and they are always on time!"

Buttercup, the belled Jersey, followed by her sisters, was making her steady way through the gate and up the field heading straight for the stalls while the some of lower ranked cows were taking the opportunity to have a feed. Buttercup, Daisy Belle and Bluebell would be first in and the rest would have to wait their turn. The three dairymaids checked stools and





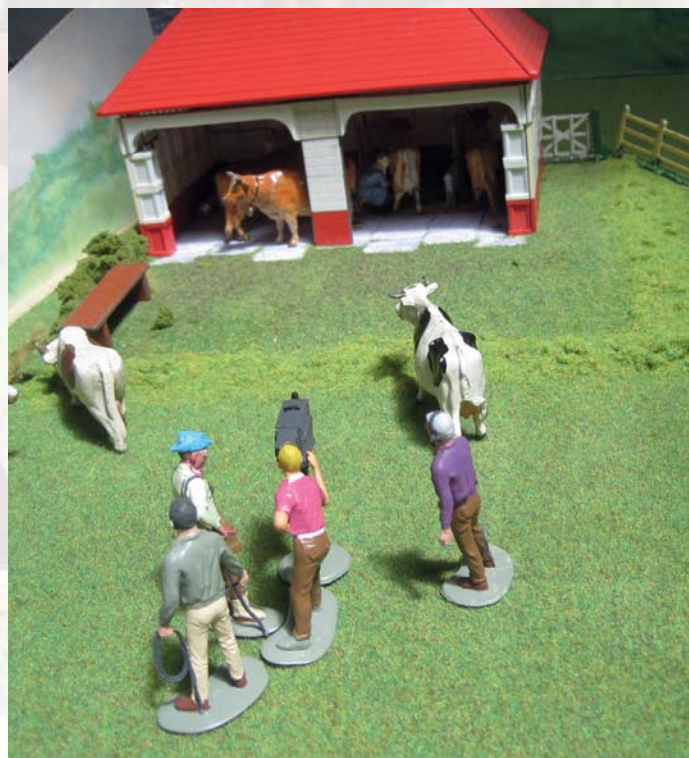
to start milking Cowslip saying she would take it to the dairy. The rest of the milk was destined for the churns going to Whitakers. At this point film crew turned up.

"Oh you have already started!" said the one with a shoulder camera.

Karen looked at him hard. "Where do you think Nev got full

pails from?" she asked. "Cows needing to be milked don't stand for being kept waiting." She was cross, still thinking of having to milk the goats down in the lower field.

"Sorry, Miss," came the reply "didn't think! Can we come in for some close-ups or is this not a suitable cow?"



"Cowslip's fine as long as you don't startle her. Go in there so she can see you." She indicated the empty stall where the churns stood and obediently the cameraman sidled into the stall. "You can come in closer if you like when I start milking."

Cowslip behaved impeccably and so did Marjoram, although she did keep a wary eye on the camera. The big camera was setting up in the field a task they completed just in time to film Cowslip leaving sedately with Parsley impatiently pushing past and into the vacant space.

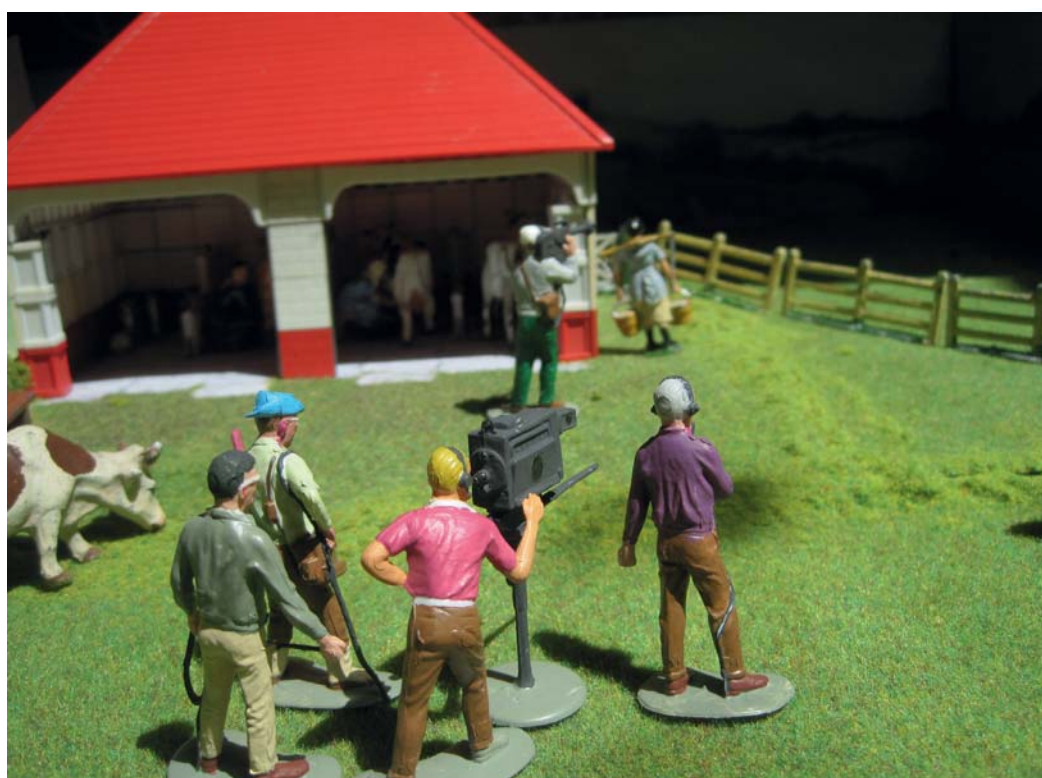
"Looks like a production line on four legs," commented the hand cameraman as he stood back to avoid being barged. "Thank you ladies I'll leave you in peace to finish your job." He turned to Pam Collier who now had the yoke on her shoulders and was about to hook on two pails. "With your permission..." he shouldered his camera and pointed it at the buckets.

Pam nodded and having been filmed attaching chains and balancing the pails, set off for the dairy with man and camera following behind.

"Poor Nev," said Claire, pulling off her bonnet and sitting back on her stool. "Thinks he will be a film star but he cannot compete with Pam when it comes to a rear view!"

Sarah nearly dropped her pail. "Mrs Fowler you are incorrigible."

Then they realised the rest of the film crew were watching her sway up the path and they all burst out laughing. Milking time would never be the same again.



Britains Farm Gift Sets

Little Farmer Series & Others

Bill Cruickshank continues taking us through the Britains Farm Gift Sets. This issue we are looking at the Little Farmer range and some later sets.



SET NO 40561 "LITTLE FARMER" BLUE TRACTOR AND ROUND BALER
ISSUED IN 2002 TO 2004



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£20 - £40

This set contains the following.
A blue tractor based on the John Deere 5410 No 40545 – issued from 2002 to 2005
This tractor has
• Fully glazed John Deere 5410 cab

with black privacy glass
• Front wheel rims in yellow with solid scalloped plastic centre on stub axle
• Rear wheel rims in yellow with solid scalloped plastic centre on steel axle
• Stepped Ackermann steering but not

connected to the steering wheel
• No seat or driver
• Central single linkage lever
• Black plastic two point linkage with pick up hitch
• Warning beacon on cab roof in blue

• "little farmer" decals on front and sides of bonnet
Although the tractor was based on the John Deere 5410 it did not have front weights fitted. In addition the set included a blue and white round baler



SET NO 40562 "LITTLE FARMER" RED TRACTOR AND DISC HARROW
This set was issued from 2002 to 2004.



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£20 - £40

This set contains the following.
A red tractor (with an orange tint) based on the John Deere 5410 No 40545 – issued from 2002 to 2005

The tractor in this set is the same as the blue one used in set No 40561 except this one is red with a tint of orange.

In addition the set included a set of

folding disc harrows in orange with red wheel centres. The disc harrows were originally issued as No 9552 in 1985 to 1991 in yellow as the W.J.COOPER folding disc harrows



SET NO 40563 "LITTLE FARMER" GREEN TRACTOR AND HAY WAGON
ISSUED IN 2002 TO 2004



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£20 - £40

This set contains the following.

A green tractor based on the John Deere 5410 No 40545 – issued from 2002 to 2005

The tractor in this set is the same as the blue one used in set No 40561 except this one is green.

In addition the set included a four wheeled John Deere hay wagon in brown with silver wheels. The wagon was originally issued by ERTL in the mid 1990's as No

5694 but with yellow wheels and an ERTL drawbar.



SET NO 40564 "LITTLE FARMER" ORANGE TRACTOR AND TRAILER
This set was issued from 2003 to 2004



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£30 - £50

This set contains the following.

An orange tractor based on the John Deere 5410 No 40545 – issued from 2002 to 2005

The tractor in this set is the same as the blue one used in set No 40561 except this one is orange.

In addition the set included a two wheeled tipping trailer with orange body, silver chassis, silver back door and silver wheel rims.

The trailer was based on No 9565 which was issued from 1979 to 2003.



Set No 42327 BRITAINS FARM SET
Issued in 2006 to 2007



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£30 - £50

This set contains the following.
A red tractor based on the John Deere 5410 No 40545 – issued from 2002 to 2005. Although the tractor looks the same as the one used in the little farmer set No 40562 it has a different shade of red and does not have any decals on the front or on the sides of the bonnet.

This tractor has
• Fully glazed John Deere 5410 cab with black privacy glass
• Front wheel rims in yellow with solid scalloped plastic centres on stub axle
• Rear wheel rims in yellow with solid scalloped plastic centres on steel axle
• Stepped Ackermann steering but

not connected to the steering wheel
• No seat or driver
• Central single linkage lever
• Black plastic two point linkage with pick up hitch
• Warning beacon on cab roof in red
Although the tractor was based on the John Deere 5410 it did not have front weights fitted.
A baler in yellow and white based

on the Farmhand baler No 9532 issued in various colours from 1981 to 2001. A fold up cultivator in blue with silver times based on No 9550 issued in various colours from 1982 to 2013.
In addition the set contains the following
• Six pieces of farm fencing – available as No 40952 in the

BRITAINS FARMYARD range and issued in 2004
• Two Friesian cows – one standing and one sitting
• Round bale



**SET NO 40841 BRITAINS
FARM GIFT SET**
The set was issued for one
year in 2005

Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£30 - £60

This set contains the following. A dark green and grey tractor based on the 1995 issue of the Deutz DX4.57 No 9496. This tractor has

- Fully glazed Deutz DX4.57 cab with clear glass
- Front wheel rims in red with

slotted scalloped plastic centre with metal hub

- Rear wheel rims in red with slotted scalloped plastic centre with metal hub
- Steering wheel connected to a steerable front axle with an internal link

- No driver
- Central single linkage lever
- Grey plastic two point linkage with pick up hitch

A two wheeled tipping trailer with green body, grey chassis and red wheel rims based on No 9566 the Claas tipping trailer (minus the

silage side extensions) issued in 1988 to 2005.

In addition the set contains the following

- Three pieces of farm fencing
- One farm gate with sign – Private beware of the bull
- Friesian bull

- Farmer
- Sheep dog • Round bale

The farm gate and three pieces of farm fencing were issued as No 40561 in the BRITAINS FARMYARD range and issued in 2004.



**SET NO 42024
EQUESTRIAN
ASSORTMENT SET**
ISSUED IN 2005 TO 2006

Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£20 - £40

This set contains the following.

detachable black canopy and a driver.

a silver chassis and silver wheels

No 40547 - Land Rover Defender 90 – issued 2002 to 2005. The Land Rover was green with white wheels with a

No 40711 – Ifor Williams double horsebox trailer – issued 2003 to 2005. The horse box was blue and white with

In addition the set contains the following

- Four pieces of farm fencing
- Hunter horse with a lady rider
- Shetland pony with a boy rider
- Black horse
- Black foal



**SET NO 40099 LAND ROVER
& HORSE BOX**
Issued in 2001 to 2002

Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£30 - £60

This set contains the following.

On the back of the box it said "By purchasing this product you will be contributing towards a £ 25,000 donation to the RSPCA by RACING CHAMPIONS INTERNATIONAL.

This set contains the following.

No 9507 - Land Rover Defender 90 in

blue with white wheels, a detachable white canopy and a driver. The Land Rover had Defender decals on the doors and in addition it had RSPCA decals on the bonnet and also over the front wings and doors. The standard Land Rover was issued from 1994 to 2001. No 9562 – Rice Beaufort double horse box in blue with black mudguards and yellow wheels issued from 1994 to 2000. The double horse box normally included a horse but this set did not include one.





SET NO 42128
LAND ROVER & IFOR
WILLIAMS LIVESTOCK
TRAILER SET
 Issued in 2006



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£20 - £40

This set contains the following.

A Land Rover Defender 90 in a red / brown / maroon colour and the canopy roof in white. It did not have chequer plate on the sills or on top of the wings

and no driver was included. It was based on No 40547 the Land Rover Defender 90 which was issued from 2002 to 2005. The original Land Rover was green with white wheels with a detachable black canopy and a driver.

No 40710 – Ifor Williams livestock trailer – issued 2003 and is included in the 2015 catalogue. The livestock trailer has an opening back door and also two opening gates. In addition the livestock float can be taken off and the

trailer can be used as a flat-bed for other non-livestock loads.



Set No 42969 LAND
ROVER AND SHEEP
TRAILER SET
 Issued in 2013 - still in production



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£20 - £30

This set contains the following.

A Land Rover Defender 90 in dark metallic green with a white roof and an Ifor Williams style canopy. It was based on No 42732 the Land Rover Defender 90 (in red) with (silver) canopy which

was issued from 2011 and is included in the 2015 catalogue. The original Land Rover and the one used in the set have the registration plate 90 TD5 on the front and DEF 90 on the rear.

No 42723 – Sheep trailer – issued 2011 and is included in the 2015 catalogue. In addition the set includes the following

- Shepherd with lamb
- Four sheep hurdles

- Three sheep
- Sheep dog

The shepherd with lamb, sheep dog and the four hurdles were issued as a set No 42736 in the FARMYARD series from 2012 to 2014.



Set No 42571 FORD
7000 & CULTIVATOR
SET (Weathered
Effect)
 Issued in 2009



Guide Price
Mint Boxed
Example
£40 - £60

This set contains the following.

No 42197 – Ford 7000 – issued 2007 to 2010. The tractor used in this set was the second release of the Ford 7000 and had decals with a light blue background. This tractor has

- Delux Fieco cab fully glazed with clear glass
- Front wheel rims – open scalloped plastic centre on metal stub axle
- Rear wheel rims – open scalloped plastic centre with wheel weights on steel axle

- Steering wheel but non steering front axle
- Central single linkage lever
- Blue plastic two point linkage with pick up hitch
- ERTL style drawbar
- Weathering

• No driver
 In addition the set included a fold up cultivator in dark red which was based on No 9550 issued in various colours from 1982 to 2013.



Britains Auction Report



On Saturday 2nd May 2015 Brechin based auctioneer Graham Burke trading as Pentland Livestock Limited conducted the largest ever sale of agricultural models held in Scotland from a private collector reports Bill Cruickshank. The sale was held within the Lamb and Gardiner Garage at Coupar Angus in Perthshire and had the provision for live online bidding which attracted bidders from the USA, New Zealand, Sweden, Netherlands, Ireland and all other corners of the United Kingdom.

The sale had 634 lots which were mostly boxed and lasted nearly six hours with 22% sold via the internet to online bidders. The buyer's commission was 15% in the sale room or 18% if purchased on line and VAT at 20% was charged on the commission.

The top hammer price on the day was £ 780 for a very rare Britain's No 9525 Mercedes - Benz 1500 tractor in gold which sold to an online buyer making the final price excluding shipping £ 948.48. The preceding lot was the standard Mercedes - Benz 1500 in green which sold in comparison for £ 50.

RIGHT: a very rare Britain's No 9525 Mercedes - Benz 1500 tractor in gold





BELOW: There were four gold Britain's John Deere Agritechnica tractors on offer at the sale and the hammer prices achieved were as follows: John Deere 8330T (42194) - Agritechnica 2005 Gold edition £ 520, John Deere 9530 (42435) - Agritechnica 2007 Gold edition £ 300, John Deere 8345R (42590) - Agritechnica 2009 Gold edition £ 250, John Deere 7280R (42725) - Agritechnica 2011 Gold edition £ 260



ABOVE: Some other rarer models at the sale included the Britain's (9515) Valmet 805 tractors issued for the Dutch market in white, blue and green sold well and they realised the following hammer prices. Valmet 805 - White - £ 420, Valmet 805 - Blue - £ 360, Valmet 805 - Green - £ 290



LEFT: The highest price paid at the sale for a trailer was £ 210 for a Britain's (9584) Rear dump trailer in the rare orange livery opposed to the more common green coloured one which sold for £ 28.



BELOW: Two rare pre-production Britain's models were also on offer. A standard boxed Britain's (9577) Massey Ferguson 130 seed drill and a rare unboxed and unpainted pre-production Massey Ferguson 130 sold for £ 270. An unboxed Massey Ferguson 2680 in preproduction colours of red, white and green sold for £ 230.



LEFT: Early issues of Britain's Massey Ferguson tractors sold well at the sale and hammer prices were as follows. No 9529 Massey Ferguson 135 - £ 240, No 9572 Massey Ferguson 135 & loader - £ 210, Unboxed Massey Ferguson 135 - £ 100, No 9529 Massey Ferguson 595 with dual rear wheels - £ 80

ABOVE: A Britain's No 9521 County 1884 in yellow sold for £ 240 and No 9324 the Powerfarm County in white made £ 100. Rear dump trailer in the rare orange livery opposed to the more common green coloured one which sold for £ 28.





Aberdeen show 2015



The fifth North East Model Farm & Construction show was held on Sunday 3rd May 2015 from 10am until 4pm in the Aberdeenshire village of Newmachar (which is situated 10 miles to the North West of Aberdeen) at the Axis Centre on School Road AB21 0WB for the second time.

More than 600 visitors (adults at £3 and children under 15 free) attended the show despite the terrible rainy weather on

the day. There were a total of 43 exhibitors and traders attending from as far as Halkirk and Lybster in the North of Scotland and as far as East Sussex and Somerset in the South of England. Some of the furthest travelled spectators I spoke to came from the Orkney Islands in the North and Lanark in the Central Belt.

Andy was helped to organise this year's show by friend Brian Gray from Tarves who also collects and converts models. The show received

sponsorship, for a second year, from Ravenhill the Construction, Farm and Groundcare Machinery Specialists who have seven UK depots including one at Dyce which is just a few miles down the road from Newmachar. Following the success of the fifth show £2,000 was donated to the Brain Injury Grampian Group. The sixth show has been booked at the same venue for Sunday 1st May 2016.

Bill Cruickshank reports from the show





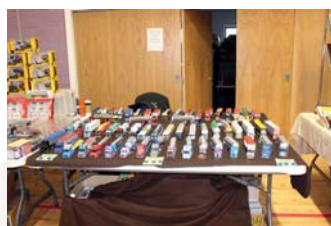
ABOVE: Alistair Robertson from Cluny near Kirkcaldy in Fife has decided to downsize his collection and was at the show for the first time selling a selection of tractors, combines and books.

BELOW: Frazer Budden made the long trip up from Highbridge in Somerset with a large selection of products for sale from HLT Miniatures for the farm diorama builders.



LEFT: Stuart Duncan from Aberdeen has supported the show from year one and was selling a large selection of tractors, implements, cars and lorries.

BELOW: Lorry driver Davie Silver from Peterculter brought along a large display of mainly Scania lorries, tankers and trailers.



BELOW: Mike Taylor and Avril from Bridge of Earn in Perthshire were back at the show for a fifth time year and they had a stunning looking 1/32 scale model of a Thompson of Sauchen Scania artic unit and livestock trailer on display as well as various items for sale including sheds, potato boxes, feed troughs and trees. In addition Mike was displaying a new scratch built McHale silage bale wrapper he has recently made.



ABOVE: Neil Smeaton from Arbroath was at the show for the second time and was selling lorries and various excavators and dump trucks.

LEFT: William Ewan from Fyvie operates Ford and New Holland tractors at work as well as collecting Ford and New Holland models and was back at the show for a second time.





ABOVE: Iain Wilson and daughter Heidi from Rothiemay were first time exhibitors at the show and they were displaying an interesting farming diorama by the four conventional temperate seasons which I thought was an ingenious idea for a farming display. In the spring they had a tractor and roller rolling after the sowing followed by taking in silage with a self-propelled forage harvester in the summer time. For autumn they had a tractor and baler baling straw and in the winter time a tractor and trailer feeding the cattle at a feed ring in the field.



ABOVE: Mike Neville from Newmachar was back for a fourth year and he recreated a display of model tractors as depicted in the New Holland poster "Celebrating 50 years of tractors at Basildon". In addition he was displaying three self-propelled forage harvesters he has built for himself.



LEFT: Allan Gray from Ellon was a first time exhibitor at the show and he was displaying a 1/16 scale foot and hand thrasher which he had hand built himself. Three years prior to this Allan had acquired the real thrasher and after restoring it decided to make a scale one.



LEFT: John Dewar from Kinross was displaying a farming diorama which included large horsepower tractor models with heavy tillage implements.



ABOVE: Renowned scratch model builder John Cranston from Berwick-Upon-Tweed was at the show for a fourth time and was displaying a large selection of his Ford and New Holland tractors and implements.



ABOVE: James Hutton works as workshop foreman for the New Holland dealers Ravenshill in Dyce and was back at the show for a third year and brought along a diorama of silage making with New Holland tractors.



ABOVE: Rob Neesham travelled up to the show from Workington in Cumbria with a large selection of his conversions for sale.

LEFT: Father and son Murray and Melvin Stuart from Ellon were displaying their diorama of Ravenhill's New Holland dealership including office, workshop and tractors, combines and implements for sale.



ABOVE: Danny Forbes from Newmachar was another one of the younger exhibitors who came up with another ingenious idea for a diorama of a tractor and plant auction sale that local auctioneers Aberdeen and Northern Marts hold on a regular basis at Thainstone near Inverurie.



ABOVE: Tony Innes from Conon Bridge was displaying an old fashioned threshing display (in 1/32 scale) with a threshing mill and baler driven by a John Deere Waterloo Boy tractor. The "rucks" or corn stacks looked very authentic and they were made by his wife Roslyn from old baler twine. Tony, a retired joiner, made the farm building with a stair case leading up to the corn loft. In addition Tony was selling some unboxed models on behalf of his grandson Callum Morrison, the Dingwall model show organiser, who had to miss the show due to work commitments.



ABOVE: Two of the youngest exhibitors at the show and with the largest farming display were brothers Alfie and Ewan Murray from Brechin. They had seen the poster for the show at their local John Deere dealers Netherton Tractors Ltd at Finavon near Forfar and persuaded their parents to take their farming display, which is displayed in a room at their home, to the show for others to see. In addition to a large range of farm buildings they had a combine and baler in action as well as a potato lifting in another field.

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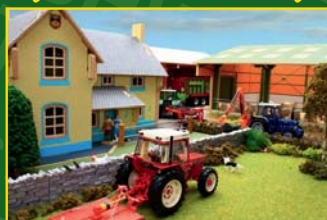
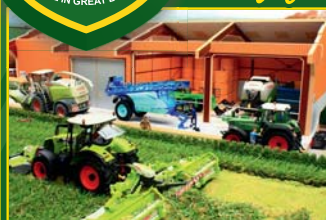
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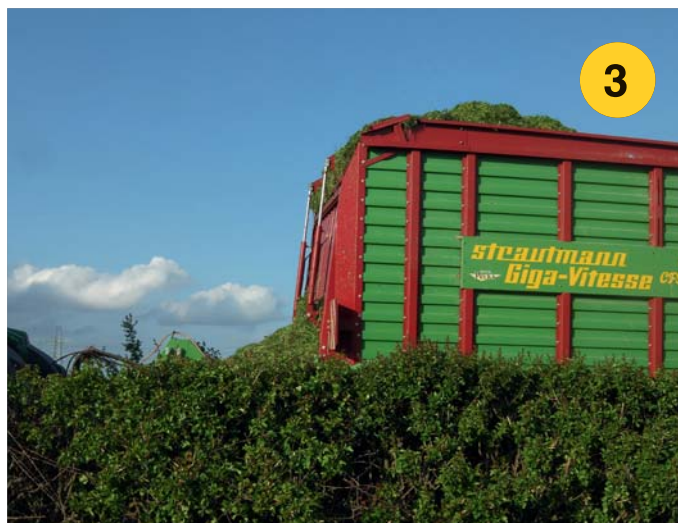
Real Machinery

Early Summer 2015 Work

There is nothing better to signify the start of summer than the smell of first cut grass or the roar of a 700 hp forager engine. Nick Wigdahl explains.

Although biogas plants are making all the headlines and the milk price is down, dairy farmers still need to get their silage clamps filled to keep their girls happy and fed [Pic 1]. Britain's cows are still the best animal models on the market. J and M Contracting's Strautmann forage wagons are just the job for short to medium distance hauls and the cows like the slighter long chop length. On the evening of our visit John Morris was running two wagons (Wiking Terra Vitesse 5201), one pulled by a John Deere 7210 (Wiking and Siku

6210) and Fendt 722 (Siku 724), a JCB Farm Master 435 and Fendt 820 (Universal Hobbies) [Pics 2,3,4]. Surely it will not be long before Sieper elect to do a Wiking upgrade on the Siku Fendt 724 but as yet no one has produced a high quality wheeled loader in 1/32. The one piece of kit you would have to scratch build is the Silapactor [Pic 5]. This machine is simplicity itself – eleven second-hand railway wagon wheels put on an axle yet one that dairy farmers are demanding their contractors use. It allows them to fit up to 25% more into a clamp and improves the silage





quality by squeezing out more air. Railway wheels in 1/32 scale could come from model train makers who produce Gauge 1 trains, Märklin being the leading exponent.

For those of you who prefer forage choppers to wagons then Steve Suggitt Contracting's Krone Big X 700 (ROS Big X 1000) [Pic 6] and fleet of JCBs [Pics 7,8,9] would



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be the answer. Siku's JCB 8250 is now no longer available in 1/32, although a 1/87 version is in the catalogue. Farmers who prefer to make their own hay or silage prefer smaller equipment and UH's range of Kuhn and Kverneland machines are just the job. Note that more and more Kverneland machines are being branded Kubota.

Two years ago Siku brought out its silage loading elevator and the betting is that very few Model Farmer readers would have seen one in real life unless they had gone to Germany where this Becklönner

hails from [Pic 9]. These machines, however, are starting to make an appearance in the UK, particularly for bio-gas applications where sheer loading rate plus keeping mud and grass off the road make them a serious alternative. J L Fabrications and Niagri are two manufacturers.

As the first cuts of grass silage are being made so is maize being drilled for its autumn harvest. Monosem is one of the leading drill makers in this sector [Pic 10] and UH's version of the NRG-4 was reviewed in MF 28. Representing an older generation is this Gaspardo

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five row drill working on a lovely May evening in Oxfordshire. [Pic 11] By contrast this Kuhn Maxima eight row is the latest technology, here teamed up with an HR6004 rotavator (UH HR4004), ML2800 fertiliser hopper and all pulled by a John Deere 8370R (Siku 8360R) [Pics 12,13]. UH's version of the drill will be reviewed in our next edition.

On the theme of simple machines this weed-wiper is used to wipe herbicide onto weedy beet which tends to stand taller than the main crop [Pic 14]. Not such a hard one for you scratch builders.

Hay rather than silage is the preference of some – here a Manitou telehandler loads up at the end of the day [Pic 15]. Sprayers are working overtime [Pics 16,17] – look out for ThreeOaksFarmModels version of a Bateman coming soon.

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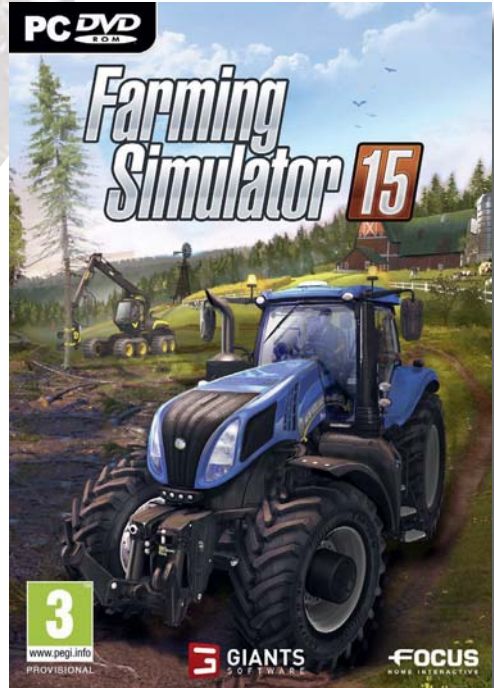


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