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We are ahead of schedule with this brand new casting, which fills an important gap in the 'between the wars' diecast vehicle range. Modelled in 1:76 scale, this emergency vehicle represents one of four Leyland TLM fire engines in service with the London Fire Brigade.

Featuring the German designed Metz turntable ladders, DGJ310 was from the first batch of two ordered in 1934 and delivered in 1938. As Number 22 in the London fleet of turntable ladders, it saw

Vas London Fire Brigade NEW

1 in 1934
767LM001 1:76 FECE £8.95

service at Whitechapel. On the technical front, the impressive ladder was made up of four sections with a total extended length of 101 feet. The Metz ladder profile was that of a heavy steel square section with a pair of chains on the ladder turret which the firemen used to facilitate the elevation of the ladder. In addition, a Rees turbine pump emitted 500 gallons of water per minute.

By 1939 there were 52 Leyland/Metz turntable ladders being used by British fire brigades. However, due to the WWII hostilities, further orders were cancelled, to be replaced in due course by Merryweather appliances. However, 32 of the TLM/Metz remained in service – some lasting until the mid 1960s.

MG ZA Magnette was designed by ex-Jowett Javelin designer Gerald Palmer. It made its debut in 1953 to an eager band of MG saloon enthusiasts. It was replaced by the improved ZB in 1956 and later the Varitone option was offered, on which this model is based.

Ivory/Black MGZB Varitone NEW				
	1:43	EDITION	£19.95	-



Mechanical Horse Mackeson NEW

CODE 76MH013 SCALE EDITION 1:76 £6.95

Brewery vehicle collectors can add another fine vehicle to their fleet this month, in the lipsmacking Mackeson's Milk Stout livery, the 3-wheel Mechanical Horse pulling a tank trailer for this famous brewer.

Making a tasty diversion from the equally sought after railway related liveries – although it would sit very nicely on

your 00 gauge railway layout, outside your scenic public house!

The Mechanical Horse was the first vehicle of its kind, designed by Oliver North and manufactured by Scammell back in 1934. It was so named, as its purpose was to replace horses in rail, postal and delivery circles. It was so manoeuvrable, it could be steered through 360 degrees and lasted until well into the 1940s, when Scammell replaced the Mechanical Horse with the famous Scarab.



Truck manufacturer MAN launched the TGX in 2007. It replaced the TGA series but was given an enhanced front-end treatment, new mirrors, along with an improved interior. The total upgrade resulted in a 2% improvement in fuel economy. The main purpose of the TGX, which made use of the former XL, XLX and XXL cabs, was aimed at long haul distribution.

Our 1:76 scale model is the first MAN TGX XLX we have produced with a refrigerated trailer and to launch it, we have selected the well known livery of Turners (Soham) Ltd, a family owned company founded in 1930 by Wallace and Frank Turner. It is now one of the largest privately owned transport companies in the UK, operating over 800 vehicles and 1300 employees. The company specialises in temperature controlled distribution and bulk tanker operations for a varied range of customers around the country.



Anyone who knows anything about the Mettoy (later Corgi) site in Swansea will instantly recognise the Ken Williams truck opposite, with its distinctive colour scheme. In 1984 the General Toys part of the 14 acre site was sold off, which included the original W factory. It was split up into around 50 units, which were then used for numerous types of business -

one of these units was let to Ken, who took extra care to maintain the look of his recovery vehicles. Sometimes we would be summoned across to the MD's office, to explain why we hadn't hit our targets. You'd cross the yard walking past a line of assorted vehicles, all fully cleaned and ready to go - a fantastic sight. If you were lucky Ken would give you a cheer as you walked back, if you weren't (several weren't!) you'd never return, being shown out of the front door.

I recently visited Ken, who has since moved to a much larger site, he now has a huge variety of recovery trucks, all still kept in immaculate condition, on call 24 hours a day. Some of you may notice the similar colours to our Festival Of Transport vehicles that we issued for a few years. TAFF

Fire engine fanatics have been crying out for this one for years, so we answered



dates back to 1953. This latest model

NEW Coventry Fire Brigade FR 95 76GG004

the call earlier this year by introducing the legendary Green Goddess as part of our 1:76 scale Oxford Commercials. The Green Goddess is the familiar name for the Bedford RLHZ Self Propelled Pump, a fire engine used originally by the Auxiliary Fire Service as well as the British Armed Forces. Its introduction

introduction comprises the Coventry Fire Brigade version, Pump No. 7 in the Coventry fleet and it is highly unusual as it is not green but yellow – Coventry

yellow, to be precise. Because it is so different from the previous liveries, it is bound to be popular, so get yourselves fired up and place your order for this one!

The city was the pioneer of yellow fire engines for the practical reason that they could be seen more clearly at night under sodium street lighting. The vehicle was acquired from the Home Office in 1968 following the disbanding of the Auxiliary Fire Services. The surplus AFS machines were offered to local authority fire brigades. In 1974, the machine was transferred to the newly formed West Midlands Fire Brigade and later operated at Coventry Airport whose fleet of fire engines was also painted yellow. The Green Goddesses made another valuable contribution when they were called out in 1977 to assist during the firemen's strike.



Kinlochbervie – a remote fishing port on the Northwest tip of Scotland – is an important harbour for the Scottish white fish fleet and shellfish vessels, as well as the leisure industry. The Kinlochbervie Fish selling Company manages the fishing vessels and provides a comprehensive service including the supply of ice, fuel, stores and fishing gear. They also conduct the daily fish auction before their modern refrigerated trailers transport the fish to Aberdeen, the Humber, Ireland and France. Scottish liveried trucks are always highly collectable and this latest addition to our authentic 1:76 scale Oxford Haulage Company series will prove a colourful addition for enthusiasts wishing to enlarge their fleet 'North of the Border'.

Launched in 1962, the Cortina became the trendy **British** car to have throughout the 1960s and 1970s. It was eventually discontinued after Mk 5 – or Cortina 80 - in 1982, when the Ford Sierra succeeded it. It was a great family car as well as adapting perfectly to the race and rally

Cortina MKIII Sebring Red

CODE 76COR3003 SCALE 1:76 EDITION FRICE £3.49

track. It was also popular as a company fleet car. Memories spring to mind of the early 1970s in our own grey Cortina with red upholstery, speeding down the M4 towards the Severn Bridge in the outside lane, trying to overtake a very fast motorway coach. With accelerator foot on the floor, we succeeded in passing the bus – just – only to blow a head gasket. With white plumes exiting the exhaust, we pulled onto the hard shoulder and ended up on the back of a breakdown truck. Not good news! The third generation Cortina - the Mk III was introduced in 1970 at the London Motor Show and lasted until 1976 when it was upgraded to the Mk IV. The Mk III was different from the Mk 1 and Mk 2 both technically and in looks. The only features carried over from the previous models were the Kent engine and the gearbox. Its stylish body, known as 'the coke bottle shape' was inspired by Ford in Detroit, although it was never sold in the USA. The Mk III was the first Ford car to be developed in collaboration with Ford Germany – where it was known as the Taunus and they shared several component parts. Our 1:76 scale Cortina in sizzling Sebring Red is the latest in the Oxford Automobile Company series of this red-hot car of the era, joining the Mk I, II and previous Mk III releases to complete your very own fleet.

The Vauxhall Cresta – a British car first introduced in 1954 – proved to be one of the most elegant cars of the late 1950s, having undergone a face-lift with wrap around rear windscreen, new radiator grille and stream-lined roof. The car, code named PA, lent itself to an estate version – the PADX Cresta Friary Estate, built between 1960-1962 and so-called as they were converted

Imperial Green
(Queen Flizzbeth) Crosta Friant

Imperial Green (Queen Elizabeth) Cresta Friary

CODE SCALE EDITION PRICE \$2.49

by Friary of Basingstoke in Hampshire. The majority of the production models were in a two-tone colour

scheme and were very popular with Sixties pop scene musicians as well as teddy boys. At the other end of the spectrum, Her Majesty the Queen had one in Imperial Green, which she used as her personal transport with registration plate MYT 1.

The Oxford Automobile Company 1:76 version of Her Majesty's Friary Estate, in Imperial Green, is easy to find this autumn, whilst you need to visit the Royal vehicle collection displayed in the museum at Sandringham in Norfolk to see 'the real thing'.



I think if I wasn't the boss, I would be sacked by now.
Whilst compiling some of the listings, I realised that I had omitted these two from the Globe. Anyway my apologies - here they are. If anyone spots anymore - let me know - TAFF



**N GAUGE** I know a few of our new N gauge fanatics feel left out, seeing so many releases across other scales. Well all I can say is the Queen Mary and RT buses are not far away and the Mechanical Horses - well WOW! I know I'm not here to judge, but they are fantastic - I can't wait to see the reaction on these. I have slipped a picture of them up

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Southdown

NOR002

£3.95

1:148

**Grey Green** 

NOR003

£3.95

1:148

£3.95

1:148

British Rai

NOR001

London Transport VLT 8

1:148

N PROCE £4.95

NRM001

## **FRONT LINE FIGHTERS**

AC001
Supermarine Spitfire MKI
Pilot: Sgt R Haverroft
No 92 Sgn 1940

Thanks for the great response on these, no it's not a mistake we do have over 30 developed and ready to run. With a further 10 in development. We are running these in batches - AC003/4 will release next month.



Spitfire MKI

CODE SCALE EDITION PRICE 2,0000

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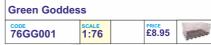


First Overland Set				
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£11.95

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Jaguar MKVI	l Monte	Carlo			
JAGVII003	1:43		PRICE £18.95	1000	



Northumberland County Constab				
MGZ003	1:43		£18.95	-

K8 - pre-production sample at 1:43rd scale.



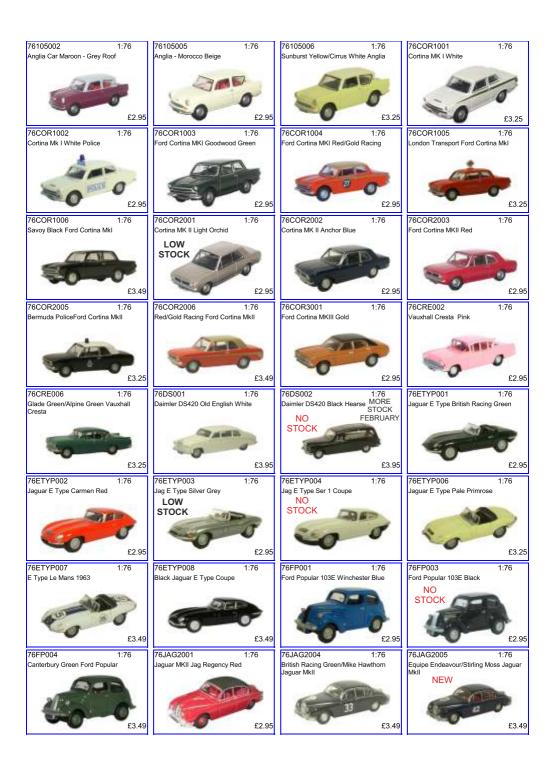
A plea from John one of our members, just as we were going to press to see a picture of the Austin K8. I did say it was too late, but I had a small amendment to make. I took the opportunity of slipping it in here. The model will be

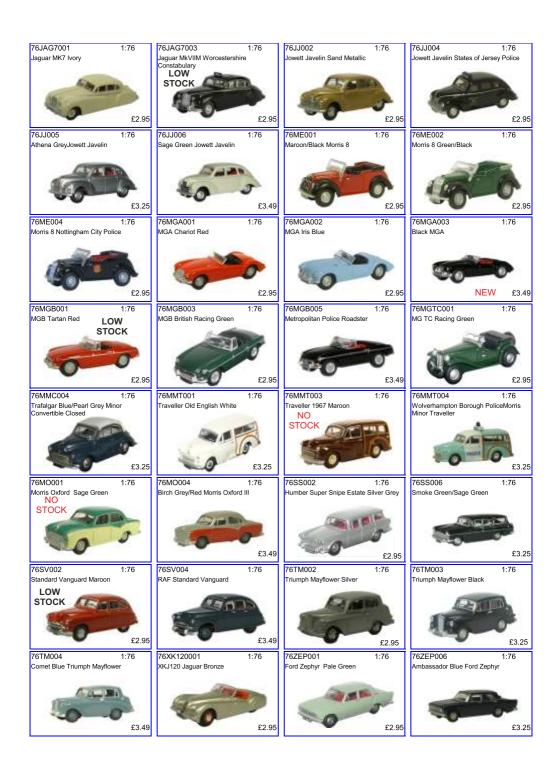
released in the coming months. It is just a matter of fitting it in amongst everything else we have there are so many new releases coming, it just taking a little time.



I get asked on so many occasions to give listings of products issued, availability etc. Although we produce the review the next won't appear until next year. So over the next few pages is an update of some of the 1:76 models. Even as I prepared this I realised that we had omitted some items from the Globe (no wonder we hadn't sold any!), then with orders constantly coming in - other went out of stock. This is my best guess position! - TAFF





































The TE20 (TE = Tractor England) first came off the production line on the 6 July 1946. The little grey Fergie as it became known was a milestone, not only for Ferguson but agriculture in general. Earlier versions used an

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TE20 Ferguson Tractor Tractor Grey					
76TEA001	1:76		£3.49	-	

imported American engine, but soon a 2088 cc unit, that had been developed for the Standard Vanguard,

TE20 Ferguson Tractor - Red and Grey

CODE 76TEA002 SCALE 1.76 PRICE £3.49

became available and was fitted instead from July 1948. By 1956 a total of 517,651 (including variants) had been built.







1:50th Scale Rawcliffe and Sons. The model comes with a load the A25C. Although now a Cararama item, many of you may recall this model from 1996, when it was designed by Taff, along with a whole range of construction equipment. Sold firstly under the Scoop brand name and then Motorart at very high prices. Now re-engineered it makes a fitting addition to the range.







AR32





AR34





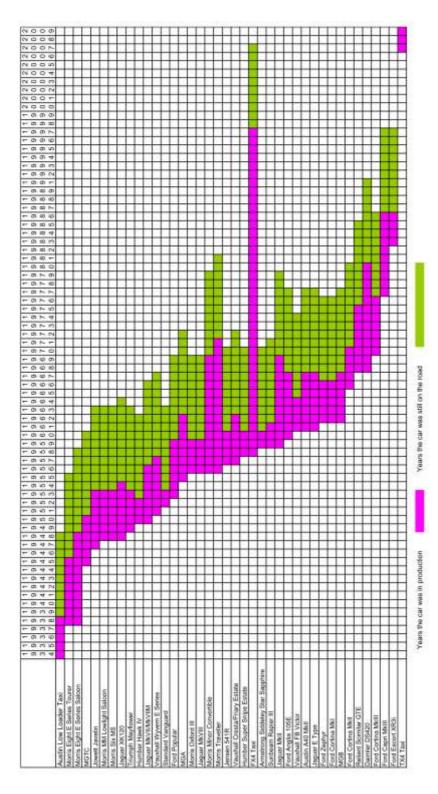
AR42



AR51



AR37



seen on the roads for a further 10-15 years - this timing is shown in green - we have shown 10 years - but up to 15 would be showing the production dates of the 1.76 scale cars in our range. After production ceased they would have continued to be get asked on many occasions, which vehicles suit which eras for railway layouts. We have produced this reference chart very possible. Indeed many cars produced in the 1930's, would have been on the roads on the 1950's. TAFF