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The brand new 1:76 scale introduction of the Volkswagen T2 is an absolute WOW! We are always being asked for this model so here it is in four variations, all of which fill a gap in anyone's diecast collection, as well as bringing back personal memories of this essential vehicle of the period.

First launched in 1968, the second generation T2 was a great improvement on the previous split windscreen version of the 1950s. It was larger and heavier with a new wider front



VW Peru Green	n Van			NEW
76VW001	1:76	EDITION	£3.49	-

windshield and a bigger engine. It was manufactured initially in Germany before extending manufacture and/or assembly to the rest of Europe, the USA, Mexico and South America. The VW Type 2, classed as a Van/Minibus had a wide range of uses with body style variations to suit, including 3 door van, 4 door minibus, 2 door truck with regular cab and 4 door truck with crew cab amongst the many configurations.

Our first release is the 76VW001 in Peru Green, this Type 2 VW van, with its spacious carrying capacity and sliding side door could arguably be classed as the forerunner of the modern delivery van. Without side windows or rear seats, as well as being a useful delivery vehicle, the VW van – also known as a panel van was used extensively by small trade

businesses such as plumbers, carpenters and the like.

Our Type 2 pick-up vehicle is a replica of the 2-door Volkswagen variant, often known as the Single Cab, featuring a wide and open load bed behind the standard cab. In real life, the pick-up was also available with a wider load bed if required. Here again, you can add your own 1:76 scale loads in the back.



VW Light Grey Pick-Up				NEW
	1:76	EDITION	£3.49	-

The Bus version was the essential vehicle for 'surfies'! (That's ME!). As well as carrying all the equipment and wet suits, along with a number of passengers, this version of the T2 meant you could get changed in it, sleep in it and store everything you needed to ride the waves. It was a familiar sight on our local roads from Swansea 'down the Gower' all year round, heading usually for the end of the peninsula at Rhossili, with the rocky outcrop of Worm's Head. Here, the Atlantic rollers ensured consistent surfing all year round —

or you could enjoy even bigger thrills and easier accessibility at the north end of the wide bay at Llangennith. When not in use, our surfboards were 'rusted' to the VW roof, being transported wherever we went – just in case!

Our 1:76 scale Oxford VW, complete with side windows in the Minibus version of our new tooling, relives those memories for you, in its authentic two-tone colour scheme.







The camper with louvred windows in the side and often-customised rear interior meant you could just take to the open road. What you saved on accommodation, you could spend on meals and leisure activities en route. We

took ours as far as the Arctic Circle, as well as the South of France but took the precaution of fitting custom-made mosquito nets to the louvred windows first! With fridge, wardrobe, cooking ring and in some cases portable loo, you had your house on your back! And you

weren't short of room to bring back the duty free! Our memorable loads also included a full size rocking horse and an antique chest of drawers. The only drawback, apart from the lack of acceleration and speed was the dreadful heating system. Even at full blast, it wasn't very efficient.

This version of the VW T2 was also known as the Hippie Bus and appeared in many psychedelic colour schemes devised by the Flower Power generation of the 60s, where it was definitely part of the scene! As always we try to spoil you - not one release - but four all at the same time. We will release further colour variants in the coming months. TAFF

The history of this famous English brewer goes back to the 10th Century, to 1827, when James Wetney

to the 19th Century - to1837 - when James Watney became a partner in the Stag Brewery of Pimlico. As with many companies, it evolved over the years, taking on Combe Delafield and Co, and Reid and Co. in 1898. The respective sons took over from fathers down the years with the final merger in 1958 when Watney, Combe, Reid & Co Ltd joined with Mann, Crossman & Paulin Ltd. – Hence the name we are

all so familiar with - Watney Mann. This

Bedford TK Watneys

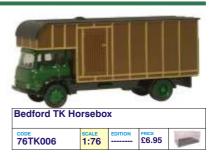
CODE 76TK008

SCALE 176

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business merged with Grand Metropolitan Hotels in 1972 and closed in 1979. We can also date our 1:76 scale Bedford TK quite accurately and it's safe to say it was transporting barrels of Watney's beer from the end of the 1950s. The TK replaced the S type Bedford truck in 1959 and was used extensively as the ideal light truck of the era, right into the 1970s. It was very versatile and came in a variety of formats, including the highly detailed open backed version we have modelled for you here, which we present complete with kegs of Watney's. Could it be that popular ale of the 1960s and 1970s - Red Barrel, do you think?

The horsebox proved very popular when we released it last year and of course we ran out of stock. So we have produced a further batch to keep you all happy! The TK cab has now been used across a variety of models including many of the circus items and more recently with the British Rail models. There are a few 'missing' items if you take a look at the listings. 76TK005 was an idea I had a few years ago, we fully



designed the model, then I had second thoughts wondering if the item was a bit over complex. For 2/3 years, I have looked at it and wavered. We attend the Dorset Steam Fair each year, it nearly kills Kate and I, but this year I think it will be even harder as we time the release to co-incide with the event. TAFF

DELAYS IN ORDERS Over the last few weeks like many others in the UK Oxford was affected by the snow. We took the decisions several times to send staff home, or to ask them not to travel to the office. I know some of you were frustrated with this, but it was better this way. That together with an avalanche of orders meant that at the time of writing (22n January) we were still receiving emails and calls enquiring on the whereabouts of orders. Hopefully by the time you receive this we should be back on schedule. On a personal note I was overseas at the toy fairs - unfortunately I forgot my sunblock and got a little burnt. TAFF

At a recent event, our new 1:43rd models were under cover as the show was not due to start for another 30 minutes, they were not visible to anyone. I was approached by a gentleman who advised that he had a meeting immediately the show started and then he would leave. He had read of our models, but not seen them 'in the flesh'. He asked if he could look at the models now, privately. Without much thought, I agreed and moved away the cover and then began to describe each of the models. "Please be quiet" he said, "when I am looking at something of beauty I don't need you to spoil it by your voice". For the next few minutes he looked at the models. He then came and shook my hand and said "This range of cars is so important, it will live longer than you, if something is beautiful, you don't need to tell them, they will know." Very deep, but for that gentleman here are some of our cars - no words (but we do need codes and price!). TAFF







Claret Metallic (Queen Mother) Jaguar MkVIIM

CODE SCALE EDITION PRICE £19.95

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Four new liveries this month. The range has become established with many of our Oxford collectors. It now seems the outside world has discovered them, with several people commenting that they have moved to collecting these in preference to 1:76 scale!

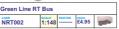


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London Transport RT Bus (Roofbox)				
NRT001	1:148	EDITION	£4.95	-











London Transport Routemaster				
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Blackpool Routemaster				
NRM006	1:148	EDITION	£4.95	-







Grey Cars Bedford OB Coach				
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N SCALE CARS & COMMERCIALS







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New this month is the Horsebox, which was built on an Albion Victor PK115 chassis (bus/coach chassis). These would have been manufactured around 1934 to 1940, so excellent for modellers of right up to the late 50's. we will have more liveries releasing in the coming months

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NSS005

1:148

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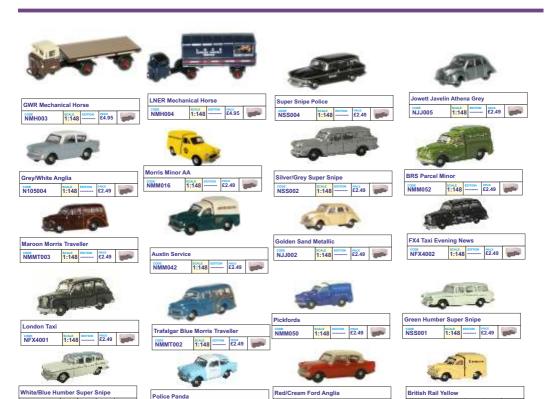






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N105001

FRONT LINE FIGHTERS

New to the Oxford range of 1:72 scale aircraft of WWII, this aircraft is modelled on the fighter plane of one of the most famous Luftwaffe aces of the confict and fills an important gap in your WWII collection.

The Messerschmitt Me 262 was the world's first operational jet-powered fighter aircraft. Its use in WWII started in 1944 as a multi-role fighter/bomber/ reconnaissance warplane for the Luftwaffe. After the war, it influenced the designs

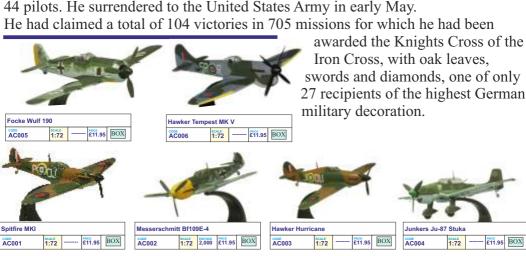
of such aircraft as the American F-86 and Boeing B-47.

Messerschmitt ME 262			NEW		
AC007	1:72		£11.95	BOX	

Adolf Galland was a World War II German fighter pilot, who became commander of Germany's fighter force from 1941 to 1945. Of Austrian descent, Galland joined the Luftwaffe in 1933.

Four years later, he was one of 20,000 German military personnel to see action in the Condor legion, which gave him valuable combat experience. Galland transferred to a fighter unit in 1940 and quickly reached Ace status during the Battle of France. Then, in November 1941, at the age of just 29 and with his score standing at 94 Galland became General der Jagdflieger.

Our example of Galland's Messerschmitt recalls the occasion when he was tasked to form Jagdverband (JV 44) in March 1945. After 7 kills over the USAAF, Galland led JV 44 until his last mission on 26 April 1945, when he was wounded in a dogfight with a US P-47 Thunderbolt. Despite that, he managed a "wheels up" crash landing, without destroying the plane. At this late stage in the War, Galland was concerned about his men and tried to negotiate a separate surrender for the JV 44 pilots. He surrendered to the United States Army in early May.



In 1957 the Managing Director of Smith's Delivery

Vehicles (supplier of ice cream vans to Lyons) was on a sales trip to the United States and saw the new Mister Softee mobile ice cream operation. Eventually he secured the rights to the Mister Softee ice cream brand in the United Kingdom. They then reached an agreement with Lyons and a joint venture was formed. The initial outcome was the launch of the first

mobile ice cream vehicle at the 1958

Commercial Motor Show, Earls Court. Mister Softee was run as a franchise operation with the first vans operating in the South West London/Kent borders in the Spring of 1959.

Mister Softee Ice Cream Van				NEW
CA021	1:43	EDITION	PRICE £9.95	-

Wister Soft

With an initial cost of £3,200, a Mister Softee van cost as much as six or seven conventional Lyons Maid vans. However, the cost was progressively reduced and Lyons also began to run their own in-house operation by putting them into their own depots.

Mister Softee went from strength to strength and by 1961 had already established 34 locations in England and one in Wales. With Mister Softee taking off in a big way, Lyons knew they had a winner and decided to take control of the whole business, bringing the whole Mister Softee operation under the umbrella of Glacier Foods Ltd, a Lyons subsidiary. Mister Softee by now had become a Lyons flagship brand with depots nationwide and franchised operations abroad. By 1968 Mister Softee vans were operating in 15 countries from Belgium to Australia.

By the time Tonibell joined the Glacier Foods stable of brands in December 1968, the soft ice cream revolution had peaked. Competition in the mobile sector was intense and profitability would inevitably start a slow decline fuelled by cheap supermarket products and home freezers.

Formed in 1857 it is now responsible for policing an area of 946 square miles with a population of 980,000. The first Chief Constable was Captain Thomas Johnnes Smith, late of the Bedfordshire Militia. The first full Cheshire Police Committee met at the Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe, on 3 February 1857 and the new Cheshire Constabulary was officially formed on 20 April 1857. Our Bedford HA has a 'Y' registration which makes it one of the last of the HA production, which ceased in 1983.





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Several requests, from modellers for cabs and trailers for just use on their layouts, so we will issue several of the cabs and trailers at limited quantities, in plain white box packaging. They cost £6.95 each, the low loader with the construction equipment below would

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make an interesting combination. We will have a few more in the coming months, the items form

Many of you will know my association with Construction vehicles having released the first versions back in 1995/6. They were a huge success and spawned a whole new range. These are perfect functioning models, and fit perfectly on our low loader. I know the scale is slightly off as they are 1:87, but construction machines come in such a variety of sizes - they work perfectly. Items are boxed as Cararama. TAFF



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 service at Whitechapel. On the technical

Leyland TLM Fire Engine

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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. We ran out of this item when we first released it - so this is a further production run.



1:43rd CARS





| SCALE | EDITION | PRICE | £19.95 | |



Daimler DS420 Wedding Car	
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DS001W SCALE 1:43 EDITION £19.95



Regal Red Jensen Interceptor MkI

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BLACK HEARSE

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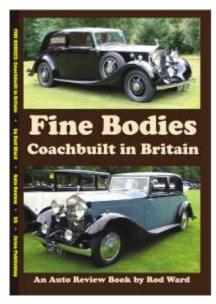
Birch Grey MGZA Magnette

MGZ005 SCALE EDITION PRICE £19.95



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MGZ004 SCALE 1:43 PRICE £19.95



The first few lines from this excellent book. I started reading it just to summarise it for this Globe. Unfortunately I became hooked hence this last page has taken me around 5 hours to complete. There are some real candidates for the 1:43rd range in here - help......TAFF

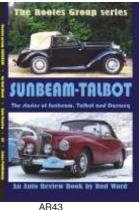
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AR55 - Sunbeam

£5.95 Each

















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