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This new model is the second of three new Oxford Diecast Land Rover Defenders which are joining the wide range of 1:76 scale examples of the Defender marque this year. Their release coincides with the production of the three real-life vehicles, which were first unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September 2019.

We reviewed the new Defender 90 Station Wagon in Issue 254 and are really excited to be adding the latest Land Rover Defender 110X to the line-up, based on the 110 but with extras! The 5-door Defender 110 has a long-wheelbase of 119.0 inches. The trim levels are defined by the suffix to the model - Standard, S, SE, HSE

and X. Our forthcoming Oxford replica of the Defender II0 is based on the \boldsymbol{X} trim level.

Registered 103 NBG, It is decorated in Godwana Stone, a gold beige body colour with black roof and bonnet and authentic 20" 5-spoked satin dark grey 'steel' wheels. The interior is also black. The 110X features a 'sliding' sunroof, too. Coming as standard on the life-size model are such things as darkened rear lights, leather heated front seats, rough cut walnut veneered dashboard, heated rear seats, a sound system with 14 speakers and 4-way manual headrests - the list goes on! With acceleration of 0-60 in 6.0 seconds and a top speed of 129mph, this is quite a vehicle!







OXFORD 1:76 SCAL



thing' is quite something and

it is interesting to note that some

of the electric drive technology ran parallel with the development of the Jaguar I-Type electric Formula E racing car. The car has all-wheel drive with two motors powered by a 90 kWh lithium-ion battery, all developed in-house. It can accelerate from 0-62 in 4.8 seconds with a top speed of 124 mph, determined electronically.

From the technical detail to the aesthetics - our second release makes a dramatic entrance in black, registered AE69 OXF. The interior is also black with beige seating.

76JIP002 Apart from a splash of silver trim to the radiator grille surround, the wheel trim, lower rear panel detail and Jaguar badges, all other external detailing is also finished in black.

Jaquar I Pace - Farallon Black

SCALE

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PRICE

Having looked over a real Jaguar electric car, the two most impressive features were no engine under the bonnet and also the silence of it. Very different!



The Bentley Continental GT, introduced in 2003, continues to be manufactured today at Bentley's Crewe works and still looks good all these years on. It is classed as a grand tourer and if you can afford the £151,000 plus price tag, it is available as a 2+2 fastback coupé or a 2+2

detailed wheel hubs and the famous Bentley badge.

convertible. As a note of interest, it was the first Bentley to be manufactured using mass production techniques, after almost a century of hand-built Bentley models. Nevertheless, the Bentley Continental GT pedigree speaks for itself so it is no wonder it is favoured by the rich and famous, including Royalty.

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Zodiac MkII - Black/Rochester Red

The 1950s American influence was very prevalent on both the Zodiac and its contemporary Ford

Zephyr. The Zodiac in particular sported extended tail fins, a wide front grille and fine whitewall tyres, not to mention the chrome work, which are all faithfully replicated in Oxford miniature.

Here we see the fourth release in our 1:76 scale series in a bold bright red and black with deep red interior seating and dashboard. The Ford Zodiac was introduced in 1956 and made at Ford Dagenham until 1962. Our replica is registered 881 JNY, so definitely pre-dates 1963 when the A prefix numbering was introduced. Note the deep ribbed chrome panel above the back bumper and also the wide almost wrap-around back window, too.

Zodiac Mkll - Black/ Rochester Red

SCALE PRICE
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NEW

In real life, the upmarket Zodiac Mk II had a top speed of 87.9 mph and cost around £968 on the road. Fuel consumption averaged 21.5 mpg and the car could accelerate from 0-60 in 17.1 seconds.

Range Rover Evoque Coupé (Facelift) -Aintree Green

Our 1:76 scale Range Rover
Evoque (Facelift) coupé makes
its third entrance in a most
attractive deep blue green
with a contrasting white roof.
The exterior trim is black,
showing off the green and
silver Land Rover badge.
We love the silver upswept
headlight fittings too. Our model is

registered LN16 XJL from 2016.

Land Rover first upgraded their Evoque Coupé in 2013 and further tweaking in 2015 resulted in refining both the interior and exterior we see today. Externally the changes included a new front bumper, two new grille options, larger intakes on the sides of the bonnet and

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MODEL I AVAILABLE AGAIN

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Mercedes Sprinter Van - Royal Mail

And now for something completely different in our Mercedes Sprinter colour schemes. The three releases to date have been basically white, so it is great to see the bright Royal Mail livery on this very useful van from Oxford's small commercials series. And it is not only red with the Royal Mail ciphers on the side panels and doors but it is also carrying a large poster on the sides in green and black pledging to turn red vans green!

Registered EO10 FDY, further white lettering features on the sides and back doors with Royal Mail contact details. In addition, printing on the side doors above the wide black trim reads Eco Start Delivery. The Royal Mail is gradually increasing its cargo and delivery fleet with electric vehicles which is a great step forward in reducing air pollution.

It's good to see this first class message getting through to the motoring influencers. Well done, Royal Mail.



OXFORD 1:43 SCALE



We launched this newly tooled Land Rover in two-tone green and for its second appearance, it goes right back to a traditional bronze green colour scheme. It is registered MZ 9750 and a special feature sees the front grille with cut-outs for the headlights. The internal layout includes green seating with three front seats and two sideways on bench seats in the back. The dashboard and interior framework are a darker green and the floor is black. Launched in 1948 as an all-terrain multi-purpose 4×4 , the Land Rover was very much a rural vehicle. To try to

Land Rover Tickford Station Wagon -

Bronze Green

capture a wider audience with a refined version,
Land Rover sought out Tickford, who were based in
Newport Pagnell, to design the coachwork for the
station wagon which incorporated aluminium panels over
a wooden frame. The interior sported leather seats and a
heater, whilst the body had a split rear tailgate and a
smart metal cover for the spare wheel.

Unfortunately, the new version was classed as a passenger car and therefore subject to purchase tax, which almost doubled the price for the motorist. As a result, the modified Land Rover Tickford sales were so poor that the vehicle was withdrawn in 1951 after only 641 had been made. However, today it is a rare beast and it is thought that only around 20 still exist.



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OXFORD N SCALE



This livery on the Oxford Jaguar XF is already available in 1:76 scale and its warm beige bodywork is complemented with lots of silver trim and a black interior. All the detail is the same as its larger Oxford counterpart, including the registration plate OY13 XFD.

In real life, this luxurious motor was manufactured by Jaguar Land Rover at their Castle Bromwich Assembly

The XF lasted in production until 2015, including a facelift in 2011. Our model dates from 2013 and would have incorporated the upgraded refinements. You could have either a petrol or diesel engine and the 6-speed gearbox came as standard. Running costs weren't bad either with a combined fuel consumption of 50.9 mpg on the manual version and 49.9 for the diesel option.







Hawker Hurricane Mkl - 87 Squadron S/L Ian Gleed, RAF Colerne 1941

A diminutive World War II fighter ace, a small but strategically placed RAF base in the quiet Wiltshire countryside and the valiant Hurricane Mkl nightfighter are the background to this latest Oxford introduction. lan Gleed, nicknamed Widge by his friends because of his small stature (5' 6") and his favourite adjective 'Wizard', learned to fly as a civilian and then joined the RAF where he was posted to 266 Squadron as a flight commander, flying Spitfires. In May 1940 he was posted to 87 Squadron, a Hurricane Squadron serving in France where he earned the reputation as being the fastest RAF pilot to make ace - in only two days. 87 Squadron was evacuated back to Britain to a Fighter Command air base in the West Country. From there the squadron took part in the Battle of Britain, flying Hurricane Mk I nightfighters to defend Bristol and Exeter. Gleed's success earned him promotion to squadron leader, taking command of RAF Charmy Down just north of Bath. His squadron spent a

few months in 1941 at RAF Colerne, which was a satellite airfield for RAF Middle Wallop.

It is in this brief 1941 period in Ian Gleed's career that our nightfighter Hurricane Mk I played such an important role. It is decorated in the black, dark green and dark earth nightfighter camouflage scheme with its LKA markings and RAF roundel on the fuselage and upper wings and red, white and blue stripes on the tailfin. Shortly afterwards, lan Gleed was promoted to Wing Commander, organising fighter sweeps across the Channel and conducted bomber escorts. He then obtained a posting to Tunisia and the North African Campaign. It was over Tunisia on 16th April 1943 that he was shot down and killed aged just 26. His final 'score' was thirteen enemy aircraft destroyed, seven probable, four damaged, one destroyed on the ground and one damaged on the ground. His battles included the Western Front, the Battle of France, the Battle of Britain and the North African Campaign and the Tunisian Campaign, during which he was awarded the DSO, DFC, Croix De Guerre (France) and the Croix De Guerre (Belgium). He was buried at Enfidaville, Tunisia.



OXFORD 1:76 SCALE



Oxford's 1:76 scale Forward Control Land Rover has been on one or two battlefields since its launch, appearing in desert schemes as well as plain green expedition garb. Land Rover manufactured the vehicle exclusively for the British Army, originally as a gun tractor between 1972 and 1975, although its uses have evolved since then. In its latest Ambulance role, it once again reverts to military but more peaceful - service with the British Army on the

Rhine, as deployed in 1990.

It comes dressed in black and olive green drab with the Red Cross graphics on the sides, roof and rear. A blue emergency beacon sits in the centre of the roof above the silver framed split windscreen. The interior is black and features a left hand drive option. The wheel hubs and bumpers echo the olive body colour scheme and the vehicle carries a military number plate 73 GJ 86. A final detail sees the Union Flag printed on the front wing.

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OXFORD AMERICAN 1:87



1955 Buick Century - Carlsbad Black/Cherokee Red

The Buick Century was the name given to a series of the company's cars at various intervals between 1936 and 2005. Our Buick Century is modelled on one of the vehicles produced by Buick during the mid 1950s. The Oxford model is based on the 2-door coupé or sedan. To date, as well as some great two-tone colour schemes, our 1:87 scale authentically researched model

California Highway Patrol and as a New York Taxi. Here our Buick Century makes another bold statement in bright red and black with black interior. It hails from

Nebraska registered 21-2235 in 1955. The Century 'signature' is printed in silver along the rear wing panel and a high level of chrome detailing gives further visual impact. And just look at those wheels with whitewall tyres and the bright red wheel inserts.



1949 Mercury Coupé - Calcutta Green

Oxford's 1:87 scale Ford Mercury 2-door coupé makes its eighth entry to the series in a muted green with chrome finish and an interior in a lighter green, sporting a silver grey steering wheel. The wheels are silver with whitewall tyres and it is registered in Texas - 49 as FA 9110.

under founder Edsel Ford. The 1949 Mercury was a complete redesign and not only a great post-war success but it proved a highly competitive opponent to the likes of General Motors. It is interesting to note that although now defunct in manufacturing terms, the Mercury name still remains the protected property of Ford.



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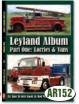


























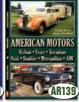


















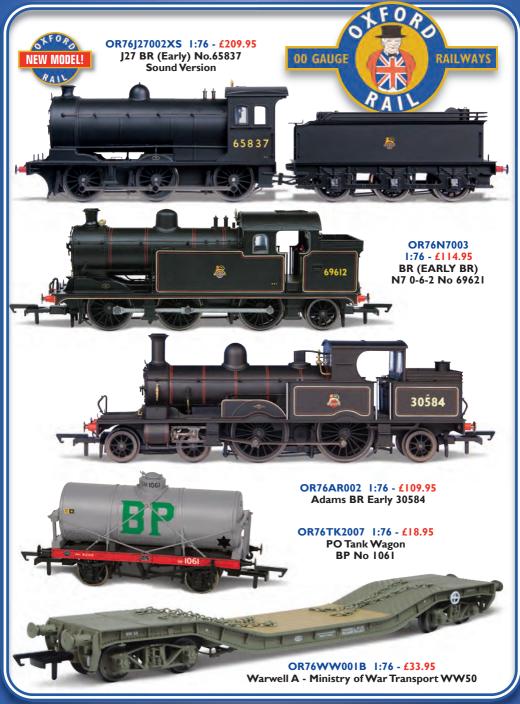












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