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RIGHT: Mercedes Benz Econic truck with Faun Variopress garbage compacting body.

MERCEDES BENZ ECONIC GARBAGE TRUCK

Mercedes Benz has introduced the Econic chassis, an innovative and unique low-entry concept commercial vehicle combining versatility, ergonomics and convenience in a special purpose truck, ideal for specialist tasks including refuse collection, road maintenance, fire fighting, airport duties and inner city distribution. The lightweight aluminium space frame cabin is available with a high or low roofline option with a low entry flat floor and seating capacity for up to four crew members with hinged and air operated folding doors for easy access. The low chassis has air suspension all round as standard for a smooth and stable ride with all components located below the frame's top edge allowing various body options to be designed and easily fitted.

BELOW: The Econic cabin certainly gives the truck an interesting look.



ABOVE: The rear of the model has side platforms and grab handles for the operators.



RIGHT: The underside detailing is fair, with axles, drivetrain and steering front and rear tag.





1:50 SCALE

truck
MODEL WORLD



LEFT: Working bin lifting arms are a nice touch with highlighted controls and emergency stop.



RIGHT: The entire rear compactor rises up for emptying.

The 1:50th scale model from NZG has accurately captured the styling of the Econic chassis with good detailing and realism throughout. The front grill sports the Mercedes Logo with lights integrated into the low mounted body panel. The roof has amber beacons with screen wipers fitted to the main window along with a safety mirror and wind mirrors. The left hand drive interior has been replicated to show the driver's station with a difference to the cabin doors for the driver and passenger clearly shown, as the passenger doors are of a folding design with plenty of interior space for the 4 man crew. The front axle has functional steering, as does the rear tag axle with fuel tank and exhaust silencer box mounted to the sides of the chassis frame.

The Faun Variopress offers a good mix of functionality and detail with the entire

rear section rising up to allow a good view of the interior during the discharge cycle. Platforms are located on both sides for the crew to ride along with safety grab rails and highlighted emergency stop and bin riser controls on the rear panel. The bin lifts are hinged and can be raised and inside the opening there is a pair of hinged restraining bars. It is a shame that NZG has not included a wheelie bin with the model to add more realism. The paint finish is of a high standard with accurately placed markings, logos and yellow stripe running along the length of the body. A white painted version of the model has also been produced. 🚛

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