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# UNIMOG U-400 SERIES ADDITIONS

NZG has announced several additional colour and configuration variants of the Mercedes Benz U- 400 series Unimog which include a version finished in the EFT decoration (One of the VINCI Group companies) built on the road rail version with rear Zagro shunter body. The all-white colour with EFT markings and logos is supplied with a length of track and has lifting rail wheels and a pivoting rear coupling arm.

The U-430 Unimog with Mulag verge mower unit has now been released in the yellow and silver colours of VINCI Autoroutes, a division of the VINCI Group which is responsible for the operation of motorway infrastructures. The model has VINCI markings on the doors of the cabin with red and white chevrons printed on the bonnet, cabin sides and on the sides and rear panels of the platform. A review of the mower equipment can be found in TMW issue 226.



**Above:**  
The Unimog U-430 with Zagro body is now available in the EFT decoration.

**Below:**  
It fits perfectly with the previously released U-430 maintenance truck in matching colours.



**Right:**  
The U-430 with Mulag mower has been finished in the VINCI Autoroutes decoration.



**Left:**  
The rail wheels can be raised allowing road operation and the model is fitted with narrow rubber tyres and sloping wheel hubs.



Joining the previously released road-rail U-430 with Zagro shunter body for the German Deutsche Bahn railway is a version with rear platform finished in the Signal decoration with matching DB markings. The model is supplied with a section of track which can be joined together with the included clip to form a long length of track to support multiple models. Additional detailing

on the road-rail version includes a front safety bumper, roof mounted warning and rear facing lights and air horn. 🚩

**Above:**  
The road-rail version of the U-430 with rear storage platform has been released in the German Deutsche Bahn colours to match the Zagro version.

**Right:**  
The cabin has a nicely finished interior and excellent exterior detailing including special roof mounted lighting.





**Above:**  
The Mercedes Benz engine block is superbly finished with plenty of surface detail.

**Left:**  
The 1:18th scale Actros GigaSpace is an impressive and heavy model with opening doors and front grill and a tilting cabin.

# ACTROS GIGASPACE 4X2 TRACTOR

When I heard that NZG presented a new truck model at the recent IAA commercial vehicle show, I was expecting a new release in the 1:50th scale line and was not expecting them to release a stunning die-cast 1:18 scale model of the Mercedes Benz Actros GigaSpace 4x2 tractor. The version featured in Germany was white in colour and exclusive to Mercedes Benz while the collector version of the model is finished in a metallic blue colour.

**J**ust picking up the box, you are greeted with a heavy package indicating that there is plenty of metal included within. Another surprise was the addition of a button cell battery which fits into the holder on the underside of the cabin with a small three position slide switch mounted into the floor of the cabin on the passenger side. The switch operates the front grill Mercedes Star illumination on its own while moving the switch to the next



**Left:**  
The seat has folding armrests and a switch on the floor turns on the blue cabin and grill illumination.

**Above:** The interior detailing is very impressive, with the interior panelling finished in a light colour with all the dashboard details implemented.



**Above:** The front grill lifts up to reveal the interior details while the entire cabin tilts forward.



**Above:** The model has protective side panels covering the small and large fuel tanks and silencer.



**Above:** The fifth wheel plate pivots and the lever activates the lock.



**Above:** The rear has the air tanks with all the lines added.

position also turns on some subdued blue lighting inside the cabin, a rather nice touch.

Both passenger and driver doors open wide allowing a view of the fully finished interior with light coloured body panelling, dark coloured seats which have surface engraving of the various electrical adjustment switches. The passenger seat has folding armrests and on the driver's side is the dashboard with steering wheel. The roof has an inset window with a front fitted light bar and sun visor. The door frames are fitted with rear view mirrors and door handles and the side body panels have wind deflectors.

The chassis has plenty of underside detailing including the driveshaft from the transmission to the rear axle with all the air lines fitted from the axles to the

air tanks. Wheel chocks are fitted to the rear frame with a loose pair included in the box. The fifth wheel plate is mounted to the frame so it can pivot, and the locking handle is operational, although I am not aware of any 1:18th scale trailers to hook up to it.

The front grill panel is hinged and lifts up to reveal the interior detailing and once raised, the entire cabin can be tilted forward to reveal the awesome looking Mercedes Benz engine in the heart of the chassis. The multi-colour finish includes black and aluminium components with a light green coloured fan housing with pipe work implemented along with the coiled air and electrical lines. The air filter housing has a fine surface texture and the box shape silencer has an engraved Mercedes Benz star logo. 🚛

**Below:** Underside detailing includes drivetrain, suspension and working steering.

