

Liebherr A 918 compact hydraulic excavator

The Liebherr A 918 is a smaller excavator with a weight of under 20 tonnes and its compact dimensions make it ideal for work in confined spaces. It has now been released by NZG as a 1:50 scale model.

The undercarriage is very nice with excellent rubber tyres on detailed wheels and the full transmission is modelled. One axle steers and also has plenty of floating movement to cope with rough terrain, and there is a tilting blade.

The cab is high quality with tinted windows and smart frames, and there is a nicely detailed interior with controls. The rest of the body casting is very good with exhaust and other details and a careful use of paint highlights details such as panel hinges. Excellent small graphics add to the realism.

The boom and stick have very detailed hydraulic pipes and there is a full range of movement possible. At the end of the stick is a quick coupler arrangement which allows the

bucket to be removed. The supplied bucket has a cutting edge and is mounted on a tilting mechanism.

This is a really nice new excavator model and costs around £50.

Overall rating:
Highly recommended



The Liebherr A 918 excavator.



Loading a tipper truck.



Vögele Super 2100-2 paver

This 1:50 scale model by NZG has been released in the colours of Eurovia. It is configured with a scale 13m long screed and the real machine can lay up to 1,100 tonnes per hour. The model comes in a large Eurovia branded box and includes a reprint of a brochure for the machine and this has excellent photos and information.

The model is heavy and surprising large because of the huge screed. It has rubber tracks which roll quite well, and the hopper sides can close up to force material on the belt.

The screed is adjustable for height but cannot be dismantled so this paver

cannot be made into a viable transport load. However the screed detail is very good with material screws, metal handrails and detailed control consoles.

The operator's area has adjustable seats and extendible canopy, and the console moves on a rail from side to side. The canopy also folds down to lower the transport headroom.

This is an impressive paver model which goes well with other models in Eurovia colours. It can be obtained from the Vinci web shop (www.webshop-vinci.com) for around £100.



The Vögele Super 2100-2 paver at work.

Overall rating:
Highly recommended