

MERCEDES BENZ ACTROS & AROCS SLT

he latest range of Mercedes Benz truck models from NZG has been expanded with the release of two new heavy duty tractor units, one based on the Actros chassis and the other based on the new Arocs chassis. When looking at the pair side by side, at first glance there does not appear to be many differences, with the most striking difference the design of the grill. On closer look, it becomes obvious that the entire cabin and rear side panels are of a different design between the two models, with the Arocs version fitted with a lower cabin. There are also some



Below: Good replication of the rear module.





Above: Underside detailing is reasonable, with drive-shafts and working steering.



Left: Accurate and crisp modelling of the front grill on the Arocs.

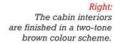


subtle differences on the chassis frame, particularly at the rear. The module behind the cabin is nicely finished with fuel and air tanks modelled along with the cooling systems that have accurately scaled pipe work with the large grill cover inset into the side panel. The trucks feature a modelled interior in a two tone brown colour with a left hand drive layout. Both front grills have an

integrated towing bracket with detachable cover. Underside chassis detailing is fair with a modelled drive-shaft to the rear driven axles and linked steering of the front pair of axles. The Actros has a blue decoration with the Mercedes Benz star logo printed on the sides of the model while the Arocs version is finished in Liebherr yellow and grey colours.



The graphics on the Actros include the Mercedes Benz star logo on the cab sides.









ZG continue to produce the larger scale models, as seen here with this 1:25th scale Jungheinrich ETR340 reach stacker which has accurately captured some of the features of the full size machine, like the pitch adjustable forks which are mounted to a scissor bracket allowing the forks to be extended to reach into shelving to pick up the load. The operator's station has the various hand controls modelled including the joystick and controller wheel with a textured anti-slip floor panel, safety glazing and an overhead canopy to protect against falling items. The three section mast has full height a djustment with a rope connected to allow simultaneous movement of each stage which works well. The underside has a 360 degree rotating drive wheel, caster support wheel and a pair of double rollers at the front. The paint finish is good, with accurate placement of the various Jungheinrich markings and designation.



Right:

Jungheinrich ETR340 reach truck (NZG Item 934).

The pitch adjustable forks are affixed to a scissor frame allowing them to reach out.



