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GOING UP IN THE WORLD

A history of Simon Engineering, the development of the powered access industry and a lifetime as an engineer, by Denis Ashworth

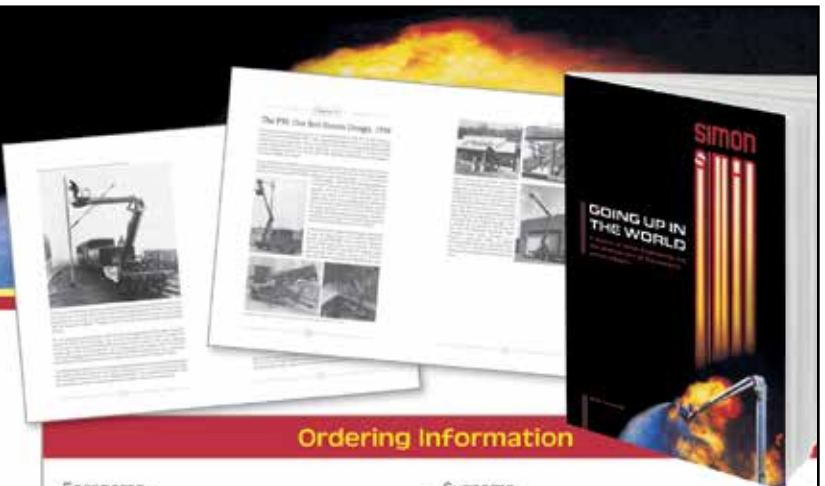
Ashworth was a keen engineer and from an early age found himself in at the very start of the modern powered access industry.

His book is an unusual combination of autobiography and history of Simon Engineering Dudley, a pioneer of the powered access industry and at one time, the world's largest manufacturer of aerial lifts.

The coffee table sized book, is highly readable and includes around 150 photographs and drawings from the very beginning of the industry. It is a 'must read' for anyone who is interested in powered access, the hydraulic equipment industry or in comparing modern day engineering challenges with those of an entirely different era.

The book is available direct from the publishers at £19.50, plus £4.50 postage and packing.

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Fassi F1300RA Mammoet

This 1:50 scale model by WSI is a Mercedes-Benz Actros 4146 8x4 flatbed with a Fassi F1300RA loader crane and container in the colours of the Dutch lifting specialist Mammoet. The loader crane is rated at 95 tonne/metres with a maximum lift capacity of 25 tonnes.

The box has a photograph of the real truck and an instruction sheet is included which explains the features of the Fassi crane. Also included is a collector card.

The truck chassis is very detailed as is the cab which has windscreen wipers, orange beacon lights and air horns, along with the correct number plate. The cab tilts forward to reveal a detailed engine bearing the Mercedes-Benz name.

The deck has a high quality plastic replica timber surface and at the back the lights have plastic lenses and there is a towing hitch. Separate deck posts are made of metal and can be installed if required. A metal 20ft container is included and it is detailed and painted really well.

The Fassi crane is impressive. The outriggers have graphics and the jack cylinders are smooth rather

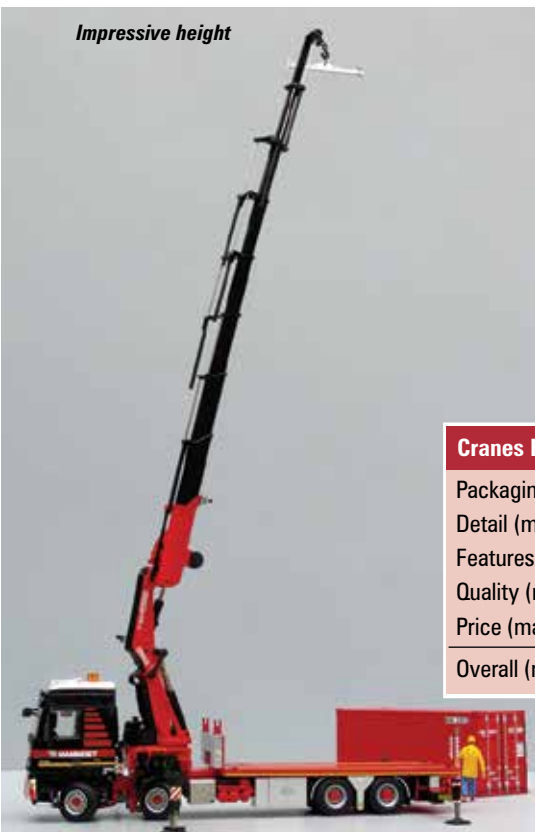
than threaded. Small separate pads are supplied for the front and rear outriggers and an additional set of small square spreader plates is also included.

The turret base has a slew motor complete with hoses and the crane slews fairly smoothly. Detailing of the lower boom base section is good with lights and a winch. The crane unfolds with the cylinders being stiff and sometimes a little 'jerky' to extend. The boom has seven smoothly telescoping sections which extend well and generally hold a pose. The boom sections appear to be thin-wall metal, and they certainly have a stiff profile. The final boom section has a small fixed metal hook.

Mammoet models are very collectible and WSI has made another high quality addition to the range with this model. It has very good functionality and is highly detailed with a maximum height of around 440mm when the crane is fully up. It has been made in a limited run of 1,000 models and can be obtained from the Mammoet webshop for €179.

To read the full review of this model visit www.cranesetc.co.uk

Impressive height



Cranes Ect Model Rating

Packaging (max 10)	8
Detail (max 30)	26
Features (max 20)	16
Quality (max 25)	22
Price (max 15)	11
Overall (max 100)	83%

The truck loaded with container



Outriggers out



Container unloaded



Loaded with crane parts (not included)

