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# Liebherr LTM 1250-5.1

This model is in 1:50 scale and is made by NZG Models, which previously made the huge LTM 11200-9.1 model. As usual it comes in a Liebherr branded box, and a coloured instruction manual is provided which describes the assembly and primary features.

Out of the box the model is heavy, with a high metal content. The chassis is well detailed, with nice wheels and each axle can be independently steered to a good angle. They also have working suspension which provides a good range of movement. At the front, the carrier cab has decent details although the hook block hitch/tie down at the front is solid, making it more difficult to pose the model with a hook in transport mode. A nice touch is the soft rubber skirts that sit above the wheel arches.

The outrigger beams are two stage metal, with very good details within the casting, although somewhat unusually for a modern crane model, there are no spreader plates included. The crane superstructure is simple reflecting the real crane, and the fact

that it is a single engine machine. The hand rails are metal and the operator's cab tilts.

The counterweight is complex, being made up of many different metal plates and parts, each with usable lifting lugs. It replicates the VarioBallast system of the real crane so the counterweight can be placed in two positions on the carrier deck and small moving plastic markers indicate the inner position. Moving tabs on the crane allow the counterweight to be fixed in an inner position for reduced tail swing when space is tight, or in the outer position for maximum capacity. Attaching the counterweight is done by screwing down and interlocking two hydraulic cylinders, which can then be screwed back up to raise the counterweight.

The boom has some nice detailing, and the telescope sections are engineered very well with three locking points on each section.

The boom extension comes in three parts and each of them is metal. They are nicely modelled and connect with tiny brass nuts and bolts for which tools are supplied. Two good quality hooks are supplied. One is a single line block and the other is multi sheave for heavy lifting.

This is a solid and robust model by NZG, and it can also be expected to appear in crane rental company colours. It costs €249 from the Liebherr web shop.

To read the full review of this model visit [www.cranesetc.co.uk](http://www.cranesetc.co.uk)

## Cranes Etc Model Rating

Packaging (max 10)	8
Detail (max 30)	26
Features (max 20)	17
Quality (max 25)	21
Price (max 15)	10
Overall (max 100)	82%



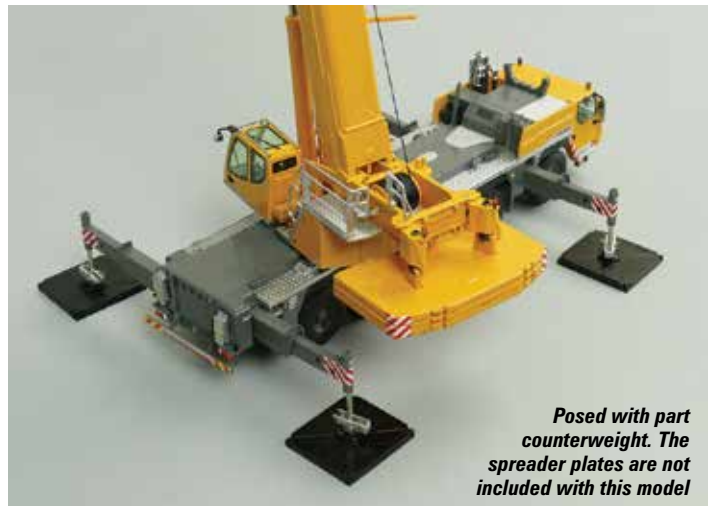
On the road



Nice carrier detailing



Counterweight is complex



Posed with part counterweight. The spreader plates are not included with this model

Lifting a steel column

