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Altec AT40G

This is a model of truck mounted/service body aerial lift by the American manufacturing company Altec. The AT40G has a maximum platform height 40ft for a working height of 14.2 metres, and is mounted on a Ford F550 chassis. It is manufactured by the Chinese company Sunraise Classic Models and it is in the unusual scale of 1:34.

The Ford F550 chassis and cab are reasonably detailed and at the front the distinctive grille mounted Ford emblem is modelled well, and the headlights look good. The wheels are nicely detailed, and there are soft mud flaps behind the rear wheels.

The model rolls well but has a fairly shallow steering angle, although when the wheels are steered, the steering wheel also turns a little. The fully sprung suspension works very well.

The cab doors open revealing the interior which has a detailed console, and the engine hood also opens. The service body decking has nice texturing, and there are plastic grab rails at the back. Detailed graphics/decals surround the model.

The aerial lift has a metal boom and it is reasonably detailed, with a hydraulic hose crossing the pivot point, while small graphics add detail.

The basket is metal with a modelled control lever. In terms of functionality, two stabilisers can be extended and lowered, although they need some spreader plates to land on.

The boom sections are operated by hydraulic cylinders which rely on friction to hold a pose, and they generally work well. There is also a telescopic boom section, and the whole aerial lift slews smoothly. The basket rotation works well and it can also be tilted although the connections were slightly loose on the review model.

This is an interesting model

of an unusual access platform, and the larger scale of 1:34 produces an impressive model. It has been ordered by Altec for promotional purposes and is not generally available for purchase at the time of writing.

If any manufacturer would like some advice on getting a model made for promotional or merchandising purposes, please contact CranesEtc@gmail.com.

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

Cranes Etc Model Rating	
Packaging (max 10)	7
Detail (max 30)	24
Features (max 20)	16
Quality (max 25)	20
Price (max 15)	12
Overall (max 100)	79%

