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Liebherr LGD 1800

YCC Models has a reputation for making very high quality reproductions of historic cranes. This one is the Liebherr LGD 1800, the original was built in 1993 and owned by the German company Riga Mainz. The model is 1:50 scale and has been produced in a limited edition of 220 pieces.

The packaging is excellent and a metal collector plate is also a representation of the Liebherr plate from the real crane. A brochure has a reprint of the Liebherr technical data and assembly information for the model. Fully configured it is a very big model, around 2.8 metres and takes many hours to build.

The detailing is excellent. The tyres have Michelin branding and there is linked steering on various axles. Behind the carrier cab mesh grilles allow the fans underneath to be seen. Both the carrier and crane cabs have opening doors, and there are detailed instruments inside.

The metal outrigger beams have excellent hydraulic line detail and feel very solid, with the spreader beams and pads also first class. The crane superstructure is finely detailed, and the four winch drums are accessed by using removable magnetic side panels. The winches work well by using a key, and driving the key with an electric screwdriver makes things easier. The counterweight slabs are first rate, with each one

having excellent lifting points and the Liebherr name and weight embossed within the casting detail.

The boom and jib sections have excellent geometry and are joined by plastic split pins. Mesh walkways and internal bracing add to the realism. The sections make for very good transport loads, and the head sections are well made with metal sheaves throughout. The metal pendants are also very convincing. A nice touch is the anemometer and aircraft warning light which can be added to the boom or jib tip. Two metal hook blocks are supplied with the model.

In addition to the high level of detail, the biggest plus point of the model is its versatility, which mirrors the real crane. It comes with all parts necessary to configure the crane for wind turbine work, or heavy lifting on the main boom or luffing jib. The paintwork finish and Riga Mainz livery is excellent, with the application of the graphics over complicated surfaces being beautifully done.

This is a large and expensive model costing well over €1,000 and has rapidly sold out. Further limited editions are expected to be released going forward.

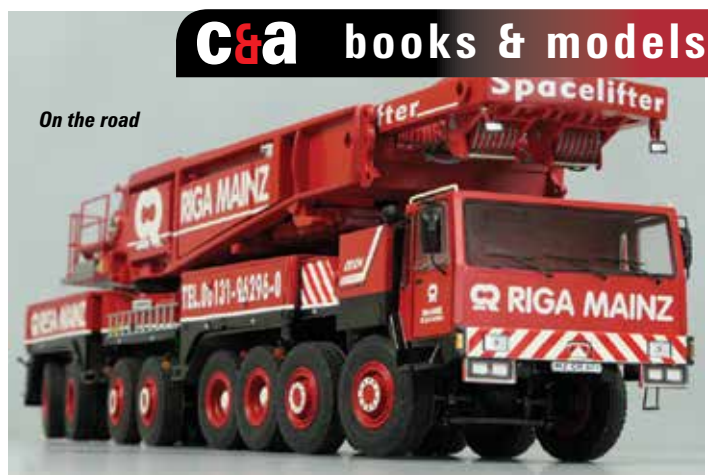
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To read the full review of this model visit www.cranesetc.co.uk

Cranes Etc Model Rating	
Packaging (max 10)	9
Detail (max 30)	29
Features (max 20)	19
Quality (max 25)	23
Price (max 15)	12
Overall (max 100)	92%



Lifting a coke drum



On the road



Detailed cab interior



Beautiful colour scheme



Placing bridge beams