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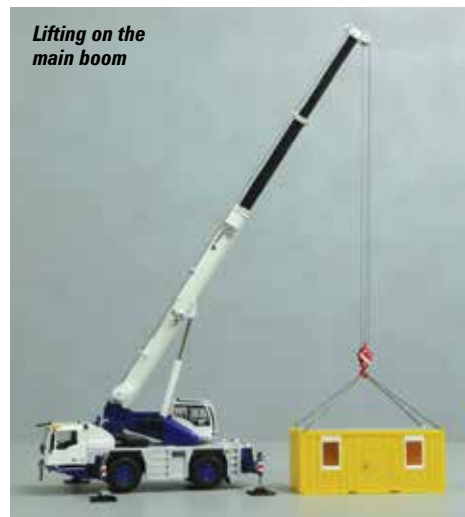
On the road



Highly detailed



Rigged with the runner jib



Lifting on the main boom



Swingaway extension

TADANO AC 2.040-1

The Tadano AC 2.040-1 is a 40 tonne All Terrain crane and is the first to be developed jointly by Tadano's Lauf and Zweibrücken locations in Germany. This latest scale model introduction in a busy year for Tadano is in 1:50 scale and is made by IMC Models.

It comes in a Tadano branded box and includes a build manual with an excellent parts list, and clear steps describing the assembly and features. Tools are supplied to assemble and operate the model.

The chassis is detailed and the front axle has notched steering with reasonable angles possible. There is sprung suspension on each axle.

The carrier cab has a chain for hitching the hook block whilst travelling. Door mirrors, windscreen wipers and beacon lights complete the external detail and the door handles are nicely highlighted. Behind the carrier cab the engine area has textured surfaces and grilles.

The outrigger assemblies are metal with chevrons and tiny graphics. The outrigger beams can be extended, and jacks lowered, with the crane able to be supported wheels free. Small metal spreader plates are included.

The superstructure cab interior detail is excellent with the computer console fully modelled. The cab tilts to a good angle, and there is a slide out access platform/walkway.

The inner telescope sections have a realistic profile, and the overall boom geometry is excellent. At the boom nose the sheaves are metal and painted white. Telescoping the boom is smooth with a spring clip to lock each boom section at approximately 50 and 100 percent. The winch on this crane is unusually side mounted and the route of the rope to the boom nose has special treatment.

A standard swingaway extension and a runner jib are provided, and both are metal parts. The extension can be installed straight in line or offset at angles of up to 40 degrees using a mechanical ratchet system. A nice three sheave hook block is included but a single line headache ball would have been a worthwhile inclusion.

This is another very good-looking Tadano crane model by IMC. It is an excellent combination of detail and functionality and can be ordered for €129 from the Tadano web shop.

CRANES ETC MODEL RATING

Packaging (max 10)	9
Detail (max 30)	26
Features (max 20)	16
Quality (max 25)	22
Price (max 15)	10
Overall (max 100)	83%

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