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Tadano ATF 60G-3

The three axle Tadano ATF 60G-3 All Terrain crane has a maximum capacity of 60 tonnes at a three metre radius. This model made by WSI is 1:50 scale.

The chassis is highly detailed, and the tyres are very good with Michelin branding moulded into the sidewalls. All axles have independent steering with a moderate steer angle. Each axle also has sprung suspension which works well.

The chassis cab has a loop for hitching a hook whilst travelling, and it has nice internal and external detailing. The carrier deck has a storage holder for the single line hook, and nice textured surfaces. Four ladders on the carrier deck can be rotated and lowered for access when the crane is in service.

The outrigger pads have a working pinning mechanism which allows the pads to be fixed in an offset way, so they are within the overall width of the crane when the outrigger beams are retracted, and there are locking bars which keep the pads neat when under the crane. The outrigger jack rods are smooth with the screw mechanism being internal, so they look realistic. Plastic spreader plates are also included with the model.

The detailing of the crane superstructure is very good and there are hydraulic hoses with connectors, while a beacon light adds detail. The handrails are folding.

The counterweight consists of separate parts and are equipped with lifting points. The main boom lift cylinder is a very nice metal part and the boom sections have realistic looking wall thicknesses giving a very good profile. Raising the boom is easy with the locking mechanism on the lift cylinder using a key to tighten a grub screw on the top of the barrel. Spring clips lock each boom section at approximately 50 percent and at full extension.

A key is used to operate

the main winch and works very well, having a spring action to ease off the brake. Two metal hooks are supplied, and they are very nice items. The small metal lattice extension can be offset and is equipped with metal sheaves although they were tightly fitted and not free rolling on the review model. This is another very nice addition to the Tadano model range by WSI. It is a detailed model with a high metal content and the overall quality of the model is high. It is available from the Tadano shop for €142. To read the full review of this model visit www.cranesetc.co.uk

Cranes Etc Model Rating	
Packaging (max 10)	8
Detail (max 30)	25
Features (max 20)	17
Quality (max 25)	20
Price (max 15)	11
Overall (max 100)	81%





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