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Link-Belt 175 AT

The Link-Belt 175 AT is a five axle All Terrain crane with a maximum capacity of 175 tons, which translates to 150 tonnes. This model has been produced by NZG in the popular scale of 1:50. A coloured pictorial instruction leaflet and separate parts list sheet is included.

Underneath this heavy model there is a detailed chassis, and the wheels have nice looking tyres. Each axle on the carrier can be independently steered to a reasonable angle so that any of the steering modes on the real crane can be reproduced. They also have working suspension with a good range of movement.

The carrier cab has a loop at the front to allow tying on the hook blocks during transport. Behind the cab, there are high quality mesh grilles and textured surfaces.

The outrigger beams are two stage metal, with very good details including tiny graphics. The outrigger jack rods are smooth with the pads having a pinning system so they can be adjusted for transport and operational modes. The range of travel of the jacks support the model free on wheels.

The operator's cab and superstructure are detailed with tiny

warning graphics, and the operator's cab can tilt a small amount. Hydraulic hoses run to the winches. The counterweight consists of a number of metal plates and parts, each with usable lifting lugs.

The main boom lift cylinder has a plastic barrel with an enlarged moulding that accommodates a locking grub screw. Although the system works, it is not as good as a metal barrel.

The boom has some nice detailing including tiny rope guides and all the sheaves are metal. Spooling drums are fitted to one side of the boom.

The swingaway extension comprises three separable metal parts, and it has a hydraulic cylinder luffing system allowing any offset angle to be posed. An auxiliary boom nose is also included. Two nice metal hooks are supplied, and a metal Link-Belt load plate is also included.

Overall, this is a high quality Link-Belt model by NZG. It combines

On the road



Detailed small graphics



Self ballasting



Offset luffing swingaway extension



Lifting on the main boom



fine detailing with mostly excellent functionality, with only the boom lift cylinder not as good as an all metal one. The costs is \$350 from the Link-Belt web shop. To read the full review of this model visit www.cranesetc.co.uk

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Packaging (max 10)	8
Detail (max 30)	27
Features (max 20)	17
Quality (max 25)	21
Price (max 15)	10
Overall (max 100)	83%