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## **KOBELCO TKE750G**

The Kobelco TKE750G telescopic boom crawler crane is a 75 tonne class crane aimed at foundation work with three winches. It has been modelled in 1:50 scale by IMC Models and comes with an excellent build manual along with good quality tools to assemble and operate the model.

The working metal tracks are well detailed, and the track frames are both extendible and removable. There are four useable hydraulic jacks for use in self-assembly of the crane, and they have numbered posts. The rods have visible screw threads.

The cab has very good detailing, while tiny graphics enhance the authentic appearance. Exterior walkways have patterned surfaces. The superstructure has cast in panel details, metal access ladders and black paint is used to highlight walkways. At the front is the third winch, a beacon light and an indicator light column.

The counterweight is removeable, and the top slab has lifting eyes. The lifting mechanism is modelled and raises, although posing it placing the counterweight would be difficult.

The main boom lift cylinder has a plastic barrel, and it is very stiff to operate but that allows it to hold any pose set. The profile of the telescopic boom is very good with all sections having a distinctive pattern. Each boom section is smooth

and easy to extend with a spring clip to lock at maximum extension or at 50 percent. There is a full set of rope guides on the boom and all sheaves are metal.

Two alternative auxiliary boom noses can be rigged. A single metal five sheave hook block is included along with two single line hooks, and two Kobelco load plates are also provided. A key is used to operate the winches which are spring loaded with positive brakes.

A feature of the model is that it can be accurately posed as a transport load with removeable tracks and counterweight. Ladders and walkways can also be removed to reduce the overall width.

This is a well made high quality and flexible model by IMC which gives different display options and configurations. The various features work well, and the detailing is of a high standard. It costs €230 and can be obtained from the Kobelco Fan Shop: https://www.kobelcofanshop.com.



## **CRANES ETC MODEL RATING**

Packaging (max 10)	9
Detail (max 30)	26
Features (max 20)	18
Quality (max 25)	22
Price (max 15)	10
Overall (max 100)	85%

To see the full review, including a full unpacking and set up video, visit www.cranesetc.co.uk