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Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 in colour

The 1:50 scale model of the Liebherr LTM 1350-6.1 is made by WSI Models and was first introduced back in 2012. The first versions of the model were affected by some modelling issues, but since then it has been considerably improved.

The new model has also been released in a number of crane company liveries and four of these are featured in the photographs here. Three are mainland European rental companies and one is from the USA. One notable omission so far is that there are no versions produced in the colours of a UK company.

This model is highly detailed. Looking underneath, the chassis includes hosing which runs between various small tanks. The tyres have Michelin logos in the tyre sidewalls, with different hubs for driven and non-driven axles. Tiny graphics add detail all around the model and give it a realistic feel.

The outriggers have a working pinning mechanism which allows the pads to be fixed in an offset way so they are within the footprint of the crane when the outrigger beams are retracted and locking bars keep the pads neatly under the crane.

The crane superstructure has two sets of metal handrails - one for when the crane is in transport mode and the other for when it is working. The main boom lift cylinder is an excellent metal part. Detailing on the boom includes a couple of rotating

spooling drums, and with casting details and small graphics it looks very realistic. The inner telescope sections have a realistic profile with thin walls. At the boom nose the sheaves are metal.

All of the main operating features are functional on the model. A recent enhancement in the versions reviewed here is the addition of boom pinning locks at the 46, 92 and 100 percent extension positions for each of the telescopic sections. This allows very realistic poses to be easily set.

In summary this an excellent model and looks particularly good in company colours. In Liebherr colours it costs €279 from the Liebherr web shop, with models in company colours typically costing around €50 more from dealers.

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

Cranes Ect Model Rating

Packaging (max 10)	8
Detail (max 30)	27
Features (max 20)	18
Quality (max 25)	20
Price (max 15)	11
Overall (max 100)	84%

Loading up the ballast complete with auxiliary hoist



Austrian: Felbermayr colours

Spanish: Roxu colours with Y-Guy on board



German: H.N. Krane colours



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