

Norscot Introduces New Die-Cast Models Of Historic Caterpillar[®] Machines

Norscot Scale Models, in association with the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club (ACMOC), has issued two new replicas of pre-1960 Cat[®] equipment: a Cat No. 12 Diesel Motor Grader in 1:87 scale and a Cat No. 977 Traxcavator in 1:50 scale. The new historical models join the popular 1:16 scale Cat Twenty-Two Track-Type tractor model, which was introduced in 2006.

The new **Cat No. 12** model replicates a 1950s era iteration of the legendary 12 Series motor graders that made their debut in 1938. The nearly 70-year legacy of the 12 Series continues today with the 12H and soon to be introduced 12M versions. The real No. 12 from the 1950s incorporated many advanced features such as a 100 HP Cat D318 diesel engine, tandem drive and a six-speed constant mesh transmission.

Norscot's No. 12 scale model (Item Number 55173) is of heavy die cast metal construction with authentic detailing and vintage paint scheme. The moldboard is moveable, and the model is provided in its own display case.

The **Cat No. 977 Traxcavator** model depicts a machine series introduced in 1955 as an update to the Cat No. 6 shovel. Similar Traxcavator machines were produced through 1982. The No. 977 replicated is a Series D from 1957. Cat 977 machines were designed for heavy use in every way, with triple grouser track shoes that provided excellent traction without tearing up the ground. Other features included a 100 HP Cat diesel engine, strong diagonal brace and track roller frame, long-life hydraulic lift cylinders and solid steel tilt arms.

Norscot's scale model (Item Number 55170) has full-detail metal tracks, moveable bucket and lift arms, and authentic paint and decoration. A display case is included.

The **Cat Twenty-Two** model (Item Number 55154) replicates a 1930s era gas crawler, the most popular machine of its type ever built. Over 15,000 were made for use in farms and orchards around the world. Norscot's model features authentic paint and detailing, moveable metal tracks and a display case.



All three of the historic models were built based on authentic engineering and sales information, as well as inspections, measurements and photographs of real machines owned by ACMOC members. “When we manufacture scale models of modern equipment, our main source consists of detail-rich, computerized design files that Caterpillar uses to make the real machines,” said Scott Stern, Norscot’s president and CEO. “In the case of antique models we use original source documentation if it is obtainable, but if necessary we gather information based on ‘touching and feeling’ the real machines.”

Stern said the mix of machines replicated in the three models is significant. “There’s something for everyone,” he said. “The 1:16 scale track-type tractor, featuring Caterpillar’s signature design, is a classic display piece of particular appeal to agricultural equipment collectors. The 1:50 scale Traxcavator will interest both construction equipment collectors and O gauge model railroad enthusiasts. And the 1:87 scale motor grader fills a critical need for HO gauge model railroaders – a premium quality die-cast construction replica for vintage train layouts.”

The Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club (ACMOC), based in East Peoria, Illinois is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of antique Caterpillar machinery, memorabilia, and associated history. It has been an authorized Caterpillar licensee of scale models for eight years.