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## A history of Simon Engineering, the development of the powered access industry and a lifetime as an engineer, by Denis Ashworth

Ashworth was a keen engineer and from an early age found himself in at the very start of the modern powered access industry.

His book is an unusual combination of autobiography and history of Simon Engineering Dudley, a pioneer of the powered access industry and at one time, the world's largest manufacturer of aerial lifts.

The coffee table sized book, is highly readable and includes around 150 photographs and drawings from the very beginning of the industry. It is a 'must read' for anyone who is interested in powered access, the hydraulic equipment industry or in comparing modern day engineering challenges with those of an entirely different era.

The book is available direct from the publishers at £19.50, plus £4.50 postage and packing.

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# Liebherr LTM 11000D

The Liebherr 1,000 tonne LTM 11000D was an updated version of the 800 tonne LTM 1800 and could be rigged with a lattice derrick boom and suspended counterweight to achieve the higher lifting capacities. This model, by YCC Models and is the first in the livery of a UK company - in this case Baldwins - and it is a limited edition of 165 units.

The model comes with a high quality brochure which has a reprint of specifications, and instructions for the model. Also included is a high quality collector's plate which is a reproduction of the original Liebherr plate on the real crane.

This is a highly detailed model with a fully modelled chassis and the tyres bear the 'Michelin' logo. The axles can be steered and the model poses well in travel configuration. The carrier cab has opening doors, and behind the cab mesh grilles are present with fans visible underneath. Opening covers on the carrier deck reveal a very finely detailed engine. The Baldwins livery and graphics are excellent and the model has the off-white that the crane was decorated in originally. Many small graphics

enhance the authentic look of this model.

The outrigger beams and pads are beautifully made, and spreader plates in Baldwins colours really add to the appearance. The superstructure cab can be displayed with an open or closed windscreen, it has a sliding door, and also tilts. The counterweights are also realistic with the Liebherr name and weight embossed on each piece.

The four section telescopic boom is a heavy piece of modelling with a great profile and the external locking pins of the real crane are present. It looks great mounted on a suitable transporter and carrying cradles are included with the model.

Two sizes of hook are supplied. These are all metal and include excellent graphics and working safety catches.

A fuel drum in Baldwins colours is also included.

YCC Models has a reputation for producing authentic models and the price of around €900 reflects the very high quality and limited edition nature of this example. It is an excellent model and will look great when the optional derrick and luffing fly jib are released in 2020. This model would also look great in Ainscough colours although sadly it is understood the company will not give permission for its livery to be replicated.

To read the full review of this model visit [www.cranesetc.co.uk](http://www.cranesetc.co.uk)

#### Cranes Etc Model Rating

Packaging (max 10)	9
Detail (max 30)	29
Features (max 20)	18
Quality (max 25)	23
Price (max 15)	12
Overall (max 100)	91%



The boom is an impressive load on a truck



Carrier on the road



Rigging the crane



Highly detailed engine



Lifting a bridge beam