



ALE FAUN Goliath 8x8 Heavy Tow Tractor

Only 3 of the ALE Faun Goliath 8x8 tractors were ever made. They were purchased by GEC in 1989 but were always maintained by ALE. They were a leap ahead of the time in terms of power and the mainstays of heavy transport in the United Kingdom. From 2010 the trucks went to work in South Africa and in April 2021, a former ALE employee bought the Goliath truck he worked on at ALE. When the truck arrived back, it was in poor condition so he started restoring the truck to its former glory and was finished in 4 months, just in time for a truck show.

Mammoet has an active model program and commissions some very interesting and unique replicas which look great on the shelf, like this Faun Goliath 8x8 heavy tow tractor in ALE (Abnormal Load Engineering) decoration which has been produced by IMC Models. The replica is from their resin range, a limited edition



release of 500 pieces with a certificate and booklet giving some background information on the truck.

As you look around the model, the surface detailing stands out. Naturally, being a resin model, it is more a showpiece than a functional release, so features like the front and rear hitches have pins permanently fitted and there is no working steering of the front axles. The wheels rotate freely and the model can be removed from the plastic display base.

Twin exhausts rise up from the rear of the cabin, complete with perforated heatshields with a winch also replicated. Access steps on both sides of the chassis lead to the walkways that have a textured surface with the cabin interior accurately modelled with a left-hand drive layout. The safety railings are nicely implemented, as is the rear ballast box with the tie-down straps nicely formed.

The rear panel has a chevron pattern with light clusters and authentic number plates to add realism while at the front, the radiator grill has a crisply perforated design which looks good, finished with a 'Wide Load' sign. The paint finish is of a very high standard, with various decals used for the ALE logos and markings.

