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**Collecting**

Ivo Meier has operated a great variety of dragline excavators and highly specialized civil engineering construction machines. His “must see” collection attests to his long term commitment to the hobby.

The Atlas 1500 with its futuristic look is closer to a landed UFO than an excavator. Albert Schmid introduces us to the prototype and describes the model from EMD/ATM in detail.

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**Models**

Norscot is giving the modellers in 1:87 scale a special present with the release of the Cat 722 and Cat 320DL. We take a closer look at both models.

Bymo has released a huge model which was announced at last year’s Bauma: it is the Komatsu PC8000. Like the original, it has been made in Europe, using some interesting new techniques.

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**Actualities**

We are introducing the real thing as a companion piece to the model. Urs Peyer tells us what makes this excavator, in the second largest market segment, so special.

To mark the arrival of CCM’s model of one the largest scrapers ever built by Cat, we honour this legendary machine. Urs Peyer has seen the Cat 666 in action and gives us his enthusiastic report.

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