

Interview with Robby Bosch

Year of birth: 1952

Occupation: international demonstrator for Bobcat Europe



>> Maschinen&Technik visited Robby Bosch, who owns one of the biggest private model collection of construction machines. He told us a lot about the evolutionary history of his collection in a short interview.

M&T: How did you get into collecting construction machine models?

Robby: In 1971, when I visited the O&K factory in Dortmund I received my first model, An O&K RH 25. Then my hobby was born.

M&T: How many models contains your collection today?

Robby: Although I note every model, I don't count them - but I am sure I have more than 4500 models.

M&T: How much space does your collection take?

Robby: At the moment it takes about 80 m²

M&T: What happens to the box after you unpacked a new model?

Robby: I keep them all back, because you only have a complete model when you have it together with the original box. Some boxes look really beautiful (for e.g. the Zettelmayer strenco box) and some others have technical details imprinted.

M&T: Which scales to you collect ?

Robby: I collect all sizes of models. I like the big ones and the small ones.

M&T: Which one is your biggest and which is your smallest model?





Robby: The biggest is a russian truck-mounted crane. It has a four meter boom and a weight of 70 kg. And my smallest is a Bobcat 753 in scale 1/160.

M&T: Which models do you like best?

Robby: My favourites are of course the Bobcat models. But I can't say which one I like best. I like them all, that's why I collect them.

M&T: Who is for you the leading manufacturer? And why?

Robby: Conrad. Price and quality are in balance. A model shouldn't break if you touch it.

M&T: And which one is your oldest model?

Robby: A 1/24Caterpillar D7 + No 70 scraper model by Cruver 1947.

The manufacturing of construction machines as a toy started first at the end of the forties. At that time manufacturer's like Reuhl, Moko and Benbros Dinky Toy. were famous

M&T: What is your motivation to get all the new models?

Robby: I would like to stay „up to date“ with the design of new construction machines.

M&T: Which premises do I need to have my own model collection of construction machines?

Robby: All you need is passion for construction machines.

M&T: Where do you get your models?

Robby: I buy them at modelshops where the owner has a good knowledge about construction machines, for example in Europe at the Spiel+Modelkist'l. and in the US Roy Ferguson sales

Of course I also get them at construction fairs and not to forget through the internet.

M&T: How much do I have to spend for one model?

Robby: That depends on the production volume, size and quality.

M&T: Are there any special models missing in your collection?

Robby: Yes, I am still searching for a 1/20

ABG roller no 700 and a 1/30 Demag crane no 260/ 262 (blue or yellow), both are from the company Strenco.

M&T: Why is it hard to get these models?

Robby: Both are quite old and were only sold as a toy at that time. So most of them broke by playing in the sandboxes.

M&T: Would you start that hobby again today?

Robby: Up to now I collect for 36 years and I still have fun. But, as the situation is today, I would start like that again. There are too many models on the market. In the past there has been launched about 15 up to 20 new models pro year. Now a days only during Bauma 2007 I counted about 60 new ones

M&T: We wish you a lot of pleasure by collecting models. Thank you very much for this interview.

Robby: Thank you. If there is anybody who has questions, feel free to contact me under: bosc3030@planet.nl

