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Preface

The idea of this catalog is partly to give the collector of PILOT models in size H0 a tool to keep track of the models in the collection, and partly a tool in search of any missing models.

It should take almost 30 years from the idea of a catalog with PILOT plastic cars where realized. That there should went so long time from idea to print, due cause of several things:

- partly, I did not have so many models at hand at the time
- partly it was not easy to produce a printed matter with images at the time.

For many years, my main interest has been modeltrain of size H0 manufactured in Denmark since 1945, but in parallel I have been interested in (and also collected) any Danish-made accessories for the model track (cars, paper houses, signals, transformers, etc.) as well build an archive of ads, brochures, catalogs, etc. which I have partly used for research over the years, and partly I have put a lot of this material on my website www.danskmodel.dk

By the end of 2012, I realised that 2013 would be the 50th anniversary of the end of PILOT.

I think it would be a good occasion to remember and celebrate the largest Danish manufacturer of model cars in size H0.

Countless were the hours I used to review my archive to put together my story about PILOT.

In parallel I scanned old ads, photographed models, and made a detailed model description of each model and checked information / model with other collectors.

Just about 1 year later, in the fall of 2013, I was able to show the most comprehensive material ever about the model cars from PILOT on my website.



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Since 2013, you have been able to find the following about PILOT on www.danskmodel.dk:



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Model Overview

Today, it's hard to find the models from PILOT, and the information in this catalog is based on my own models as well as models from a few good collectors.

Due to the relatively small number of models I've had in my hands over the years, new / unknown models may still appear.

Enjoy your PILOT models !

Pilot dealer display / gift box approx 1960.



Thanks to WIKING MAGAZIN for permission to bring the above picture.

For years, this box with the time's PILOT models has been known as a display for use in the shops. But it is a gift box that everyone could buy - see the Norwegian price list on page 56.

The experienced PILOT collector may find 3-5 errors in the box.



After WW2 the production started slowly again, mostly because Pilot got new customers in the form of shipping companies and shipyards. Military models in 1:200 were replaced in 1948 by a series of civilian models in lead such as passenger cars and trams, and these new models were well received.

Probably at the same time, the Pilot also produced some 1:43 passenger cars in lead.

In the late 1940s, the pilot left the lead as material for the models, and in 1950 the first model cars of size H0 were made in the new material; plastic.

In a very short time, Pilot had a very nice range of models of this size on the market. Contributing to the flying start for Pilot was the loan of tools from Wiking, and it took a couple of years before Pilot was making their own models.

In the mid 1950s, Pilot gained great competition from Lego and Wiking, and various actions were taken to maintain the market, but in the long term, Pilot could not follow the much more detailed car models from Lego and Wiking.

Pilot, however was the Danish producer who produced the largest number of different models in size H0.



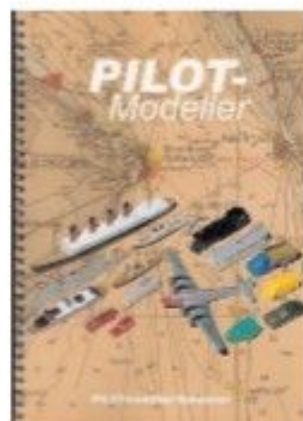
In the 1950s, there were also a series of trains of a total of 8 models in size 1:170, and different toys were also made and subcontractors of small parts to, for example, Billing Boats model ships.



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It was harder and harder to sell ships cast in lead to the shops, but shipping companies and shipyards ordered more models of their ships from Pilot, and this was a very large proportion of revenue until Henning Cortsen's death in January 1974.


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The story of the Danish toy factory Pilot is strongly inspired by two previous articles written by Poul Bech in "SAMLER & GENBUGS Sprøjten" in 1986 and "PILOT- MODELLER" in 2006.





Katalog nr.: 207	M/V: -	År: ?<1958 - 1963	Model: Benzintank, 2 standere 1 skab	Str.:
				
<p>Notes: Gas station with 2 pumps and 1 cabinet. The model is labeled "PILOT" in the closet.</p> <p><i>The model is not painted.</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	


Katalog nr.: 208 (=WM 1948)	M/V: -	År: 1950 - 1963	Model: Traktor	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Tractor. Model shown with eye for a trailer. Modellen er mærket "PILOT" på venstre side. Plastikhjul.</p> <p><i>The model is available in many color combinations.</i></p>				
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Katalog nr.: 209 (=WM 1948)	M/V: -	År: 1950 - ?<1957	Model: Landbrugsvogn	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: 2-axle agricultural wagon with wire hook and eye for trailer. The model is marked "PILOT" at the bottom. Brass wheels.</p> <p><i>This model does NOT have a wodden bottom as model 240.</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	


Katalog nr.: 211	M/V: M2V2	År: 1954>? - 1963	Model: Sportsvogn m/tører	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: BMW 328 Roadster with driver and open bottom. The model is labeled "PILOT" in the middle (under the seat) embossed on top of a mirrored mark. Brass wheels.</p>				
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Katalog nr.: 212	M/V: V1	År: 1950 - ????	Model: Kranbil, pick-up	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Crane truck, US pick-up with open bottom and eye for trailer. The model is labeled "PILOT" below the cooler. Brass wheels.</p>				
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Katalog nr.: 212	M/V: V2	År: 195?- ?<1957	Model: Kranbil, pick-up	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Crane truck, US pick-up with open bottom and eye for trailer. The model is labeled "PILOT" in the carriage roof. Brass wheels.</p> <p><i>The hook is longer on this model. Model with silver painted bumper, headlights, windows, etc. has been seen.</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	


Katalog nr.: 215	M/V: Bund	År: ?	Model: Sættelad	Str.: 1:90
Foto: Olaf Hermansen				
				
Notes: Semi-trailer with support legs. The model is marked "PILOT" at the bottom. Brass wheels. <i>Available with boards as well as with a slippery bottom. The model is available in several colors.</i>				
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Katalog nr.: 216	M/V: M1	År: 1950 - 1952	Model: Stigebil m/slangerulle, Dodge	Str.: 1:90
Foto: Olaf Hermansen		Foto: Olaf Hermansen		
				
Notes: Fire truck (Dodge) without breakthrough / punched window. The model is marked "PILOT" in the middle of the chassis. Brass wheels. Yellow or silver colored ladder.				
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Katalog nr.: 216	M/V: M2	År: 1950 - 1952	Model: Stigebil m/slangerulle, Fiat	Str.: 1:90
 Missing a photo		? <i>Rumors will know that a German collector should have a Fiat fire truck or truck with ladder. Unfortunately, I have not been able to confirm this by the collector.</i>		
Notes: Firetruck (?), Fiat without breakthrough / punched windows. The model is marked "PILOT" in the middle of the chassis. Brass wheels. Yellow or silver colored ladder (?).				
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Katalog nr.: 224	M/V: M2V1	År: 1956 - ????	Model: Shell sættevogn	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Shell tanker with White open-bottom truck. The truck is marked "PILOT", but the trailer / tank is NOT marked. Brass wheels. Color: Red with yellow trailer. <i>On the first trailers there is no "SHELL" and "musel".</i></p>				
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Katalog nr.: 224	M/V: M2V2	År: 1956 ? - ????	Model: Shell sættevogn	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Shell tanker with White open-bottom truck. The truck is marked "PILOT", but the trailer / tank is NOT marked. Brass wheels. Color: Red with yellow trailer. <i>"SHELL" and "musel" are printed on paper with 12 lines in "musel".</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	

Katalog nr.: 224	M/V: M2V3	År: ???? - ????	Model: Shell sættevogn	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Shell tanker with White open-bottom truck. The truck is marked "PILOT", but the trailer / tank is NOT marked. Brass wheels. Color: Red with yellow trailer. <i>"SHELL" and "musel" are transfers with 12 lines in "musel".</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	



Katalog nr.: 227	M/V: M2V1	År: 1952/53 - 1956/57>?	Model: Betonblanderbil, GMC	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Concrete car, GMC 1948 without breakthrough / punched windows. The model is marked "PILOT" on the chassis below the driver's door. Brass wheels.</p> <p><i>The model is available in several color combinations.</i></p>				
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Katalog nr.: 227	M/V: M2V2	År: 1956/57>? - 1963	Model: Betonblanderbil, GMC	Str.: 1:90
				
<p>Notes: Concrete car, GMC 1948 with breakthrough / punched windows. The model is marked "PILOT" on the chassis below the driver's door. Brass wheels.</p> <p><i>The model is available in several color combinations.</i></p>				
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Foto: Olaf Hermansen

Katalog nr.: 900	M/V: -	År: ?	Model: Opel Kaptajn	Str.: 1:80
 <p>Foto: Poul Pedersen</p>		 <p>Foto: Poul Pedersen</p>		
<p>Notes: Opel Captain 1956 with closed bottom. The model is labeled "PILOT" as well "OPEL KAPTAJN 56" in the bottom. Silver wheels.</p> <p><i>The model has painted coolers and lamps. The model is also seen with black-painted windows.</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	

Katalog nr.: 900	M/V: -	År: ?	Model: Trailer	Str.: 1:90
 <p>Foto: Olaf Hermansen</p>		 <p>Foto: Olaf Hermansen</p>		
<p>Notes: The trailer. The model is NOT labeled "PILOT". Brass wheels.</p> <p><i>The model is available in several color combinations.</i></p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	

Katalog nr.: 900 (=WM 1960)	M/V: -	År: 1960 ?	Model: Vanwall racerbil	Str.: 1:90
<p>Wiking model</p>  <p>Foto: Olaf Hermansen</p>		<p>Wiking model</p>  <p>Foto: Olaf Hermansen</p>		
<p>Notes: Vanwall 1957 racing car with driver. Silver wheels.</p> <p><i>Uncertainty about the Pilot model is marked "PILOT". The model from the Pilot is = the equivalent of the Wiking.</i></p>				
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Differences

There are differences in some of the models from PILOT, but now so many years after it is impossible to put an annual number of the different versions (variants) of the same model. With differences, I think of a changed look in the form of, for example, paint (bumper, lamps and windows, etc.), short chassis (variant 1, 2 or 3), wheels, windows punched or not etc.

Bedford or GMC ?

English and German sources denote the model as being a GMC.

In a list from a Danish PILOT collector in 1987, the model is also referred to as Bedford.



In a Danish news article in 1955 the following is read:

"Cabs and chassis are Bedford's two most famous modern models."

Bedford was one of the best-selling lorries in Denmark in the 1950s, and it is therefore likely that just Bedford and not GMC are the model for the models.

In this writing I have retained the of collectors wellknown names; namely GMC!

Chassis for short truck

Acc. MAZ 1992/7 there are 3 versions of the chassis for the short truck.

This chassis is available on these models:

213, 225, 226, 227, 229, & 230.

Variant 1 = without gearbox, 2 axle track as on the front axle

I have not seen this variant yet

Variant 2 = with gearbox, 3 front axle fittings

Seen at 227M2V1

Variant 3 = as on 2 plus tank and with an eye for a trailer



Notes: Model 213M1 og 213M2 (Cement truck) is variant 3 without eye.

Variant 3 without eye has being seen 225M2V1(Coal car), 227M2V2(Concrete car), 229M1V1(Military truck) and 229M2V1(Military truck).

Wheels in plastic

With just a few exceptions, are all models from PILOT with brass or silver wheels!

German forums discuss from time to time whether some models with plastic wheels should be from PILOT or not.

That there should be PILOT models with plastic wheels may be due to an error in which the Model 206 VW Käfer has been described as being manufactured in 2 sizes (1:87 and 1:90) and partly with colored plastic wheels and painted lamps.



Models from NOR-LEK

Katalog nr.:	M/V:	År:	Model:	Str.:
999 (= 204)	-	???? - ????	Personvogn	1:90
<p>Notes: Passenger car with open bottom, US limousine (hatchback) with spare wheel in boot lid. The model is labeled "PILOT" in the carriage roof. "Norwegian" brass wheels. The model has a red cross on the roof.</p>				
Samling <input type="checkbox"/>	Tilstand: M / NM / VG / G / F / P		Notat:	

Katalog nr.:	M/V:	År:	Model:	Str.:
999 (= 218)	-	1953>? - ?<1959	Ambulance	1:90
<p>Notes: Ambulance with closed bottom, US stationcar. The model is labeled "PILOT" in the middle of the Bottom. "Norwegian" brass wheels. The model is with side window, side door and without rear bumper. The model has a red cross on the roof.</p>				
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