

# REVIEWS

## PLASTIC PANZER I

Minairons have released an innovative range of vehicles in 1/100 scale (15mm), 1/72 scale (20mm) and 1/56 scale (28mm). Their first release is the Panzer 1 Ausf. A in 1/72. The tanks are hard plastic and snap together easily. No glue is required, although modellers may prefer to glue the models to give a firm seal. Two turrets are provided: the standard twin machine-gun version, and the 20mm improvised Spanish Nationalist version. The detail is good, but perhaps not as sharp as a modelling kit. However, this is a practical and sturdy wargaming model, not a fragile fine-detail kit. Transfers are provided for German, Chinese and Spanish service.

Future releases include the Bilbao armoured car and the T26 light tank. There is a definite Spanish Civil War slant to these releases, which may at first be surprising; but, as the company is based in Catalonia, it's quite logical. Minairons will be one to watch with interest.



Company: Minairons Miniatures  
Size: 20mm scale (currently)  
Era: Spanish Civil War and early Second World War  
Price: £8.00 for 3 models (£15.99)  
[www.minairons.eu](http://www.minairons.eu)

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## FRENCH AND POLISH CARS



Shell Hole Scenics has recently released a new Polish range. This includes various Polish transport vehicles, including tankettes, bikes, trucks, half-tracks and staff cars. The Fiat 508 (shown here on the right, without crew) was used by the Polish armed forces. Also reviewed here is the Citron 11 staff car. Both models are well cast with little flash. Detail, including the interior of the vehicles, is excellent. The cars were fairly easy to construct, despite the fact that I'm all fingers and thumbs. Even the small parts, such as the headlights, fit into place well. Seeing the extensive new equipment for the Polish has made me consider 20mm as a good scale for gaming early WWII. One of the releases in the pipeline is the AA machine-gun-armed bike, which will be available in travelling mode or set-up ready to fire.

Company: Shell Hole Scenics  
Size: 20mm  
Era: Second World War  
Price: £7.00 for the staff cars  
[www.shellholescenics.co.uk](http://www.shellholescenics.co.uk)