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AKU. "N" The Hbis wagon (2326E) made by Roco has been repainted in private owner colours. The model reviewed was for Lindt, the finish was very good indeed. With its three partners in the series, Monte Generoso, Mineralwasser Bern and Gurten Bier, should add more variety to the large series from Roco. Prices are around £8 each.

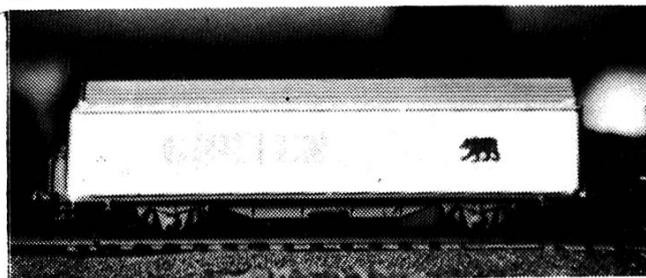
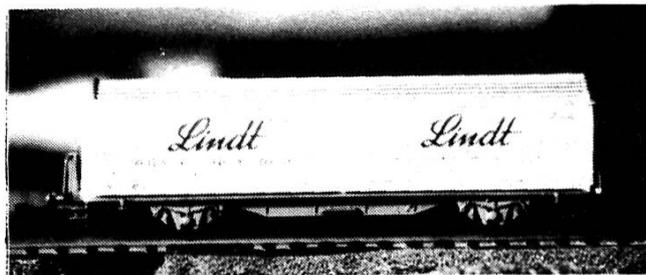
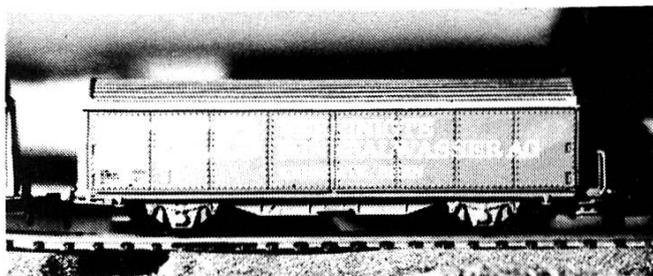
BEMO. The model of the RhB Triebwagen type ABe 4/4, which has featured for so long in the catalogue is now here. Two versions being available, one with old style paintwork and one with the new colours and lettering etc. What comments can be made about these models? It is to the usual high standard of Bemo in body detail and motor. A really excellent model. Priced around £70, they will certainly be popular.

ARNOLD. SBB Ee3/3. This model is only on release in Switzerland for the time being. Detailing was excellent and running ability was of the standard that one comes to expect from this manufacturer. Price will be in the region of £45.

AKU 'N' GAUGE WAGONS by Martin Lewis

The wagons which I shall now describe are all revamped variations on the Roco 'N' gauge panelled van. (Possibly they have been screen printed). These are the Aku 'N' gauge Swiss Hbis type private owner van.

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| 1) Ref. No. 9010 "Gurten Bier. | 3) Ref. No. 9012 "Mineralwasser" |
| 2) Ref. No. 9011 "Monte Generoso. | 4) Ref. No. 9013 "Lindt". |



AKU 'N' gauge wagons. Photos Martin Lewis.

All four vans being flush sided rather than the ribbed version. Detail of the liveries is very fine. The Aku products are costlier than the Roco versions, but I think they are well worth buying as they will be rarer than any of the fourteen Roco variants, (so far available). Wagons ref., 9011 & 12 have the same background colour for their livery as the Roco "Hero" ribbed van (ref.25072), the former of these two being finished with orange and white lettering, the latter carrying yellow detailing. The "Lindt" van, is I think the finest of this batch of models, complete with the tiny spidery flower trade mark, this is the only one that I've been able to photograph running in Switzerland recently. Comparing the model and the photo I can detect no faults. The only tiny and rather humorous fault I could find with any of the four models was with the "Gurten Bier" wagon. The bear emblem on the real wagons has a longer lapping tongue but on the model the bear on each side of my example looks as if it is spitting blood.