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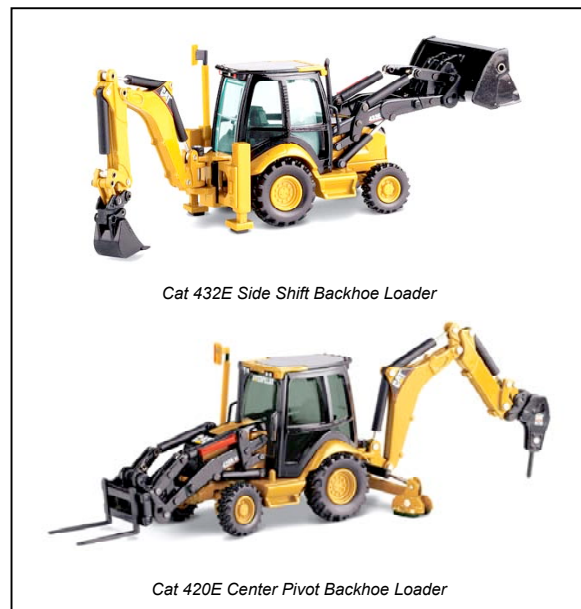
## Two New Cat<sup>®</sup> E-Series Backhoe Loader Replicas Include Interchangeable Tools

Two new die-cast models of the Caterpillar<sup>®</sup> Backhoe Loaders from Norscot offer high visual and mechanical detail, plus an array of interchangeable work tools.

Features of the 1:50 scale Cat 432E Side Shift Backhoe loader (Item No. 55149) and Cat 420E Center Pivot Backhoe Loader (Item No. 55143) include:

- Interchangeable work tools that include a digging bucket, pallet forks, extendable material arm, auger and H70 hydraulic hammer
- Front wheel steering with oscillating axle
- Boom raises and lowers with 180 degree swing, has extendible stick
- Left and right stabilizers with pads that raise and lower
- Authentic paint and nomenclature
- Rolling wheels with authentic tire treads
- Clear windows and interior cab detail

The models are 8-3/4 inches long, 2-1/8 inches wide and 2-5/8 inches high. Each carries an MSRP of \$41.95.



“The level of collector value and play value on these models is extremely high, given their extensive detail and interchangeable tools,” said Scott Stern, Norscot’s president and chief executive officer. “It’s unusual to offer such features in a popularly priced die-cast model.”

Caterpillar models made by Norscot are available at participating Cat dealers and at retailers throughout the world.

Norscot Scale Models, a unit of the Norscot Group of Mequon, Wisconsin, manufactures and distributes quality die-cast metal replicas of agricultural, construction and transportation equipment in association with leading companies worldwide. It has been an authorized Caterpillar licensee for more than 35 years. The complete line of Caterpillar die-cast collectible scale model replicas from Norscot is depicted in a detailed, full-color catalog. Information on Caterpillar models is also available online at [www.merchandise.cat.com](http://www.merchandise.cat.com).

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