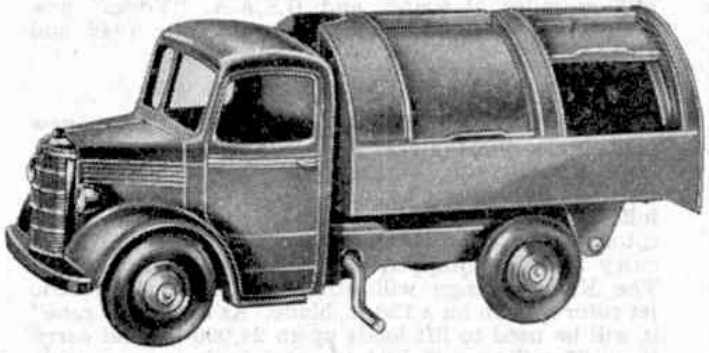
Dinky Toys and Supertoys

Refuse Wagon and Dumper Truck



Dinky Toys Refuse Wagon No. 25v.

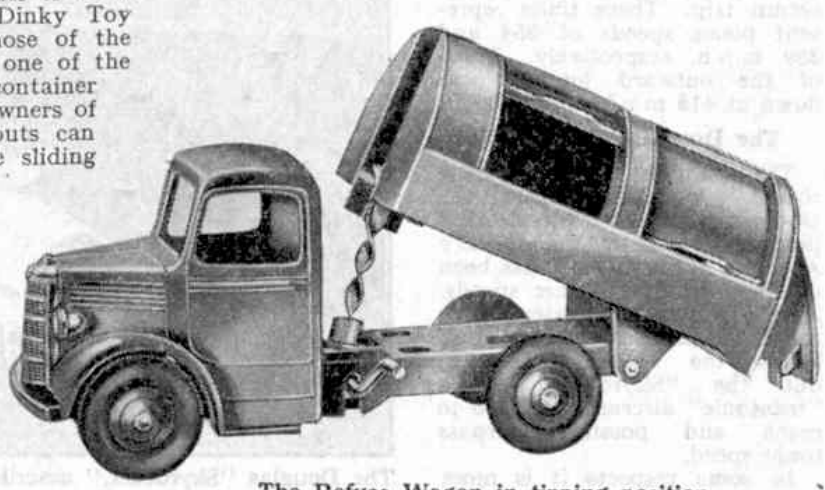
THIS month's new Dinky Toy is a particularly interesting one, both in regard to its appearance and finish and its construction. It is the Bedford Refuse Wagon No. 25v, of which two illustrations are reproduced on this page. This model is of a type that must be familiar to every Dinky Toy enthusiast. The chassis and cab are those of the Bedford End Tipper, which has become one of the most popular of Dinky Toys. The refuse container is provided with sliding covers, so that owners of model towns and other Dinky Toy layouts can introduce it with complete realism. The sliding covers work perfectly. In practice one at a time is opened for filling purposes. There is no need to push the refuse about to fill up the container. When one end of the body is full its cover is simply pulled down and that over the other end is then opened.

Emptying the refuse wagon is an easy task. The hinged door at the back is opened and then the handle on the near side is turned to raise the front of the container, when the contents slide out. Sand or perhaps clean dry soil can be used to represent the refuse.

The illustration at the foot of the page shows another splendid introduction, this time in the Dinky Supertoys series. It is the Dumper Truck, No. 562, a very handsome production that every enthusiast will want to possess because of its impressive appearance. Like the Dinky Toys Refuse Wagon, it has several interesting movements that will add very greatly to the fun of using it, and make it genuinely useful in Dinky Toys schemes where material has to be moved or in which excavation is being carried out. The possibilities of play with it indeed are endless.

The idea of the Dumper Truck is to move material such as soil, sand or gravel easily and quickly. The model reproduces faithfully all the points that make the original so useful. It has a well-shaped bucket, of a type easily filled by means of a mechanical shovel or grab, and this can be tipped to deposit its load. The dumper truck of real practice is a powerful machine, and the sense of power is well conveyed in the model by the large bonnet, which suggests a powerful engine.

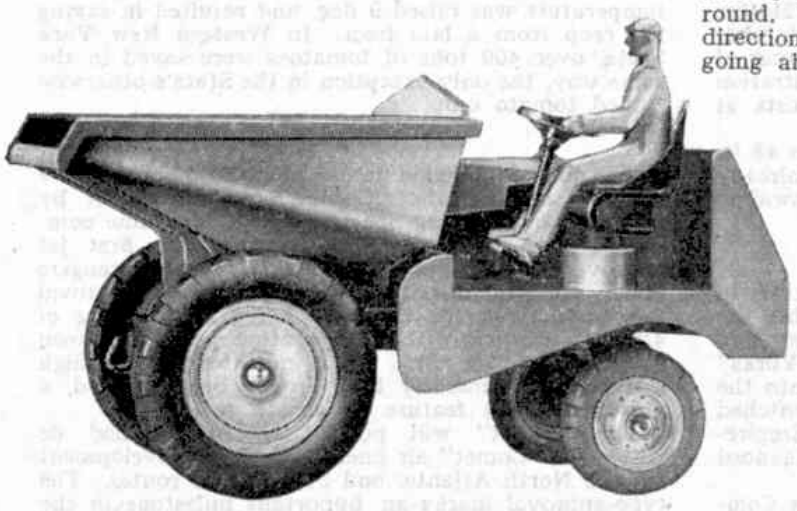
An outstanding feature of the original and also of this fine new Dinky Supertoy is the way in which it can be run either backward or forward. The dumper truck usually has to be backed into position to receive its load or to tip it, and to ensure that this can be done easily and with certainty the driving seat is made so that it can be turned completely round. The driver in fact looks naturally in the direction in which the truck is moving, whether going ahead or astern, and driving backward is as easy and certain as driving forward.



The Refuse Wagon in tipping position.

This valuable feature is preserved in the model. When the time comes for backing up to a dump to tip the load, the driver on his seat can be turned round completely to face the back, as shown in our illustration. The load is then tipped, and before the truck is driven away the driver can be turned back again to face in the forward direction, just as the driver of the real dumper truck does.

A further advantage of the new model is that its movement is not restricted to straight courses forward and backward. The front axle, that under the bonnet of the truck, can be adjusted to give curved runs either to the right or to the left, so that there is a wide variety of movement that can be adapted to the layout of various schemes in which the truck is employed.



Dinky Supertoys Dumper Truck No. 562, with the driving seat turned for running with the bucket in front.