

# Hot Wheels – AT-AT and Snow Speeder

Price: RRP £12.99, but actually £3.99

## Review by Jonathan Aird

This pairing of iconic vehicles from The Empire Strikes Back is immediately disappointing. The scale is not just wrong, it is horrendously wrong. Oh, if only they'd done the armoured snowspeeder as a base full of tiny snowspeeders rather than the single example shown here. It's almost as if they weren't even thinking about the needs of wargamers at all. The Snowspeeder is about 5cm long (excluding the guns) to represent the "real" thing which was 4.3m, making the model roughly 1/86th scale -- a bit small for 20mm figures, but I'd say fine for the bigger end of 15mm figures. The Imperial AT-AT walker was about 22.5m tall. This model

is 6.5cm, making it about 1/350th -- so that's actually not too bad at all for 1/300th scale wargaming. The AT-AT is a very nice representation -- but is clearly factory fresh, even the image on the backing card of the blister pack shows it scuffed up and rather dirty in places ó that's easily solvable though.

The snowspeeder is similarly factory fresh ó but it's nicely detailed. It could have some utility beyond the "actual" design use ó it'd certainly double up as a small

fighter spaceship, or could even be usable as a drone flying vehicle with 25mm figures. Or as a combined troop carrier/assault ship (the equivalent of the Russian Hind helicopter) for use with 6mm figures. Which would, of course, bring it back in scale with the AT-AT. Just try not to think of the "Empire Strikes Back" and they could both be useful additions to any generic Science Fiction setup in that scale.





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