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editor's letter



hat die casts have you added to your collection recently? As for myself, the list is long but it seems the more that I collect, the deeper the rabbit hole goes. As fellow die cast enthusiasts, I trust that you know what I mean. With so many great releases coming out recently, it's hard to curb the collecting. But why would you want to anyway?

Die Cast X (DCX) marches on with our new look and revamped format and we're excited that our readers have responded so well to our new look. Your letters, e-mails and Instagram direct messages have been fantastic, thank you for your support. We're excited to bring you more of what you love and that's die cast!

This is a feature heavy issue that takes expanded looks at a wide variety of die casts that span a wide gamut of different vehicle genres and scales. Our cover vehicles come from Muscle Machine's Muscle Transports collection. The Mack B-61 and Old 442 combo sure are fun to look at and play with. Read more about this combo later on in this issue. We also examine Jada's Fast & Furious 1968 Dodge Charger Widebody. If you don't know what makes this Charger special, we'll fill you in. We also get a good look at Batman's new ride as well as a few more exciting new releases.

By the way, we are looking to show off our readers' rides and that means YOURS! If you have a custom or rare die cast that you'd like to "Show & Tell," let us know! We want to see what you got! We urge you to submit one of your die casts to show and tell in a future issue of Die Cast X by tagging us on Instagram with our handle, @diecastx. Give us a follow there too, won't you?

As mentioned in our previous issue, our overhaul of DCX is a work in progress. Stay tuned; our revamp of Die Cast X is just getting underway. We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed working on it.

Until next time,
Jerry Tsai
Editorial Director



1:18 AUTO WORLD RELEASES!





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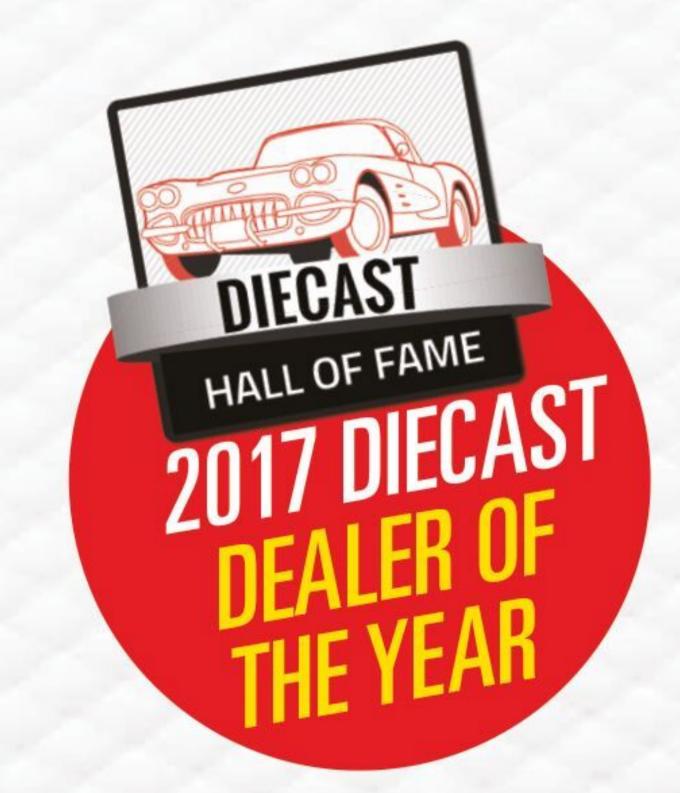












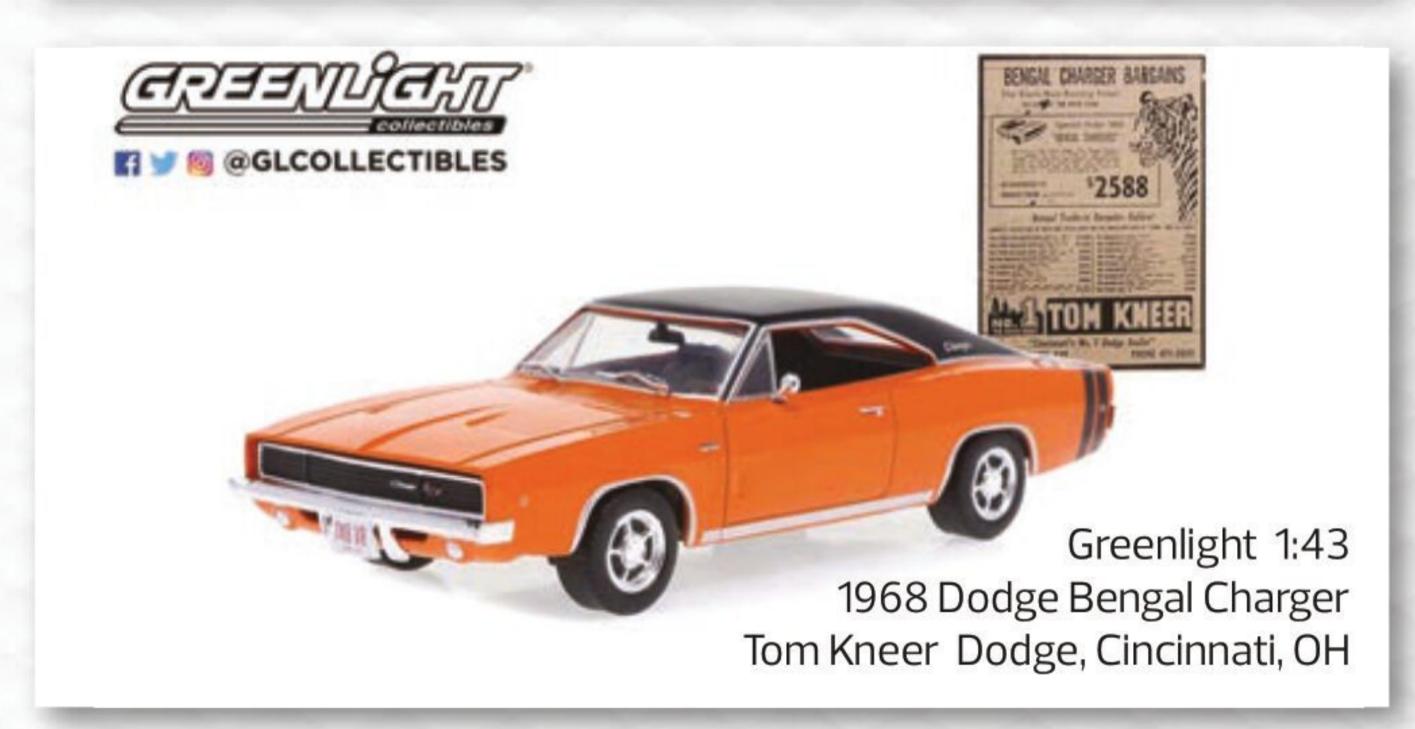
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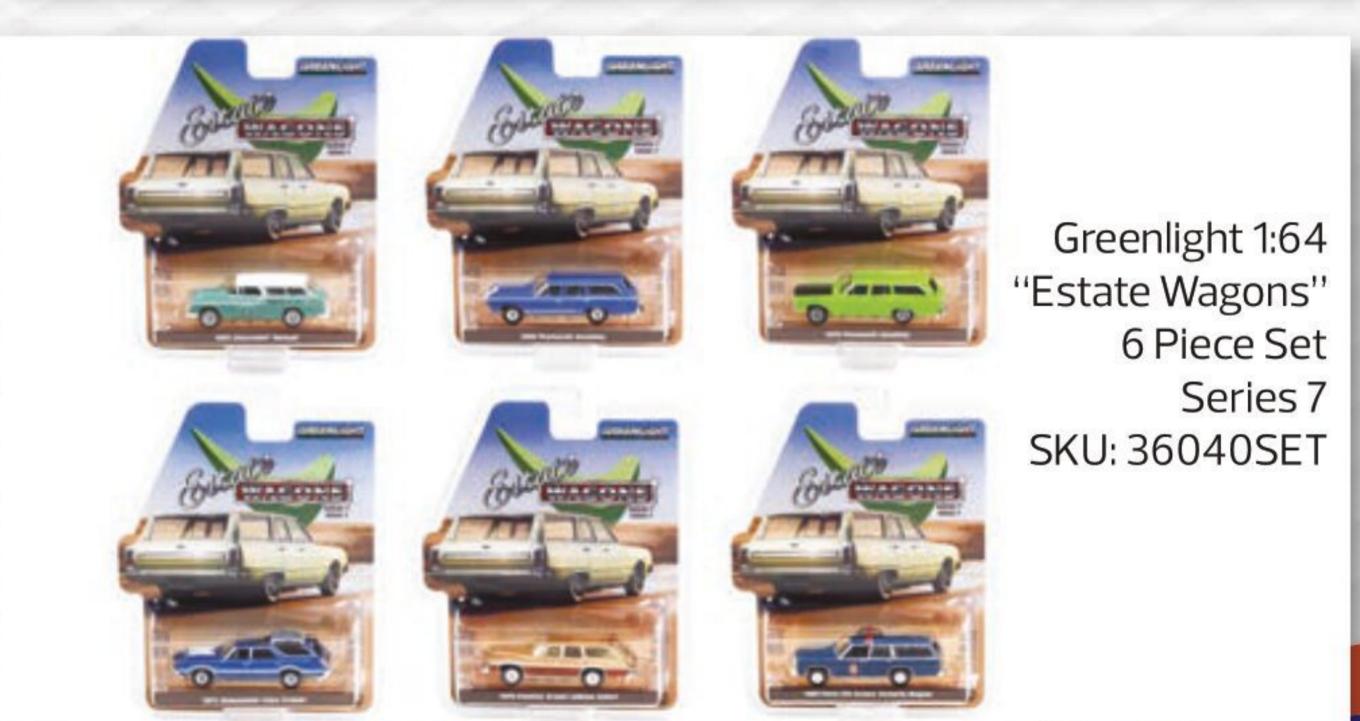












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This unique Tomica features die-cast metal parts and a real working suspension. Available exclusively in select Walmart stores; this super cool model features an oversized hamburger on the rear of the vehicle! Designed with the collector in mind; this die-cast is packaged in a blister card that also includes a display box.

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10 MUSCLE MA-10 CHINES 1993 FORD MUSTANG SVT COBRA

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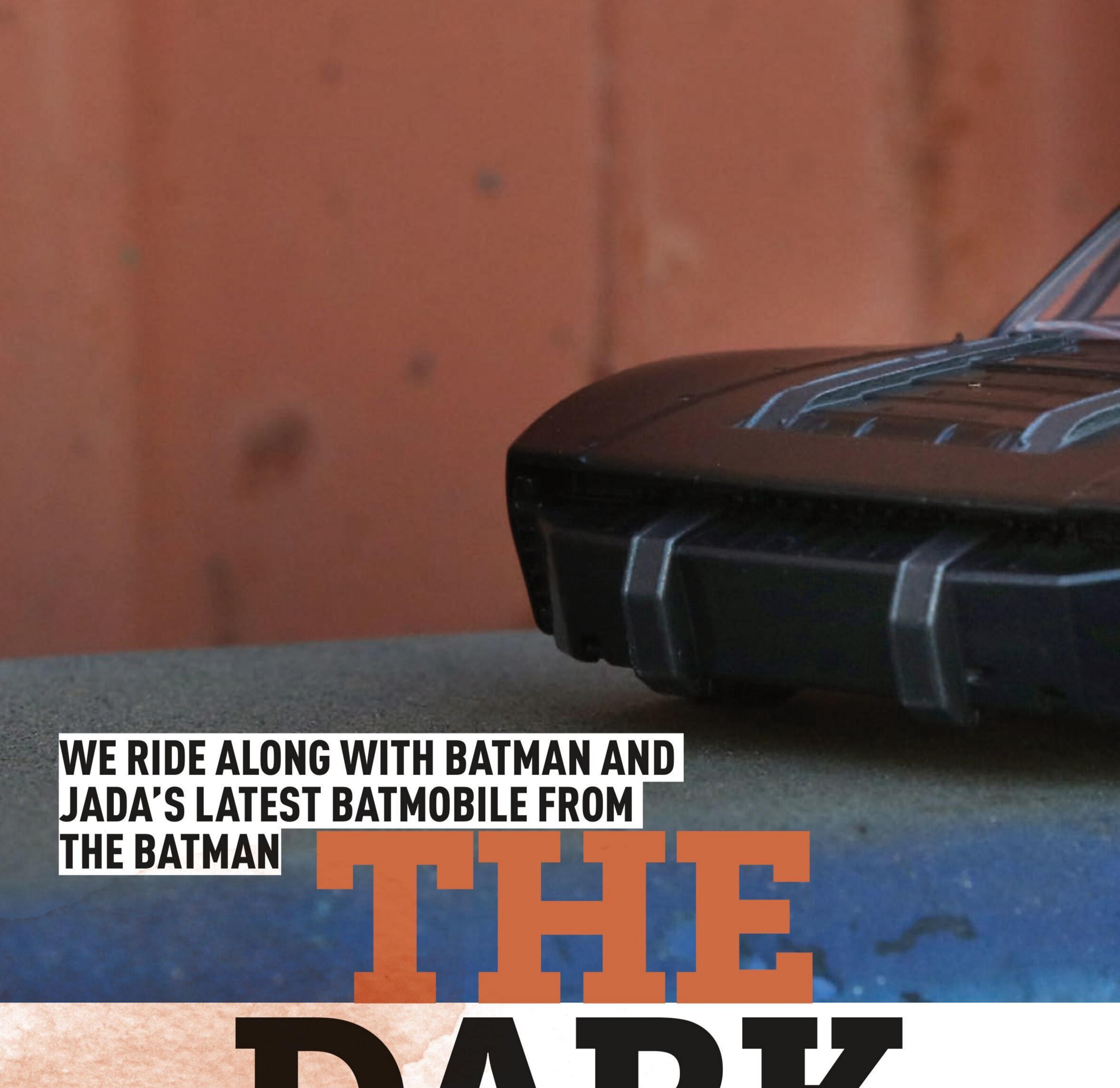












DARK INIGHT

TEXT BY JAMES YORK, IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



atman was one of my favorite superheroes when I was growing up. When it came to reading comic books and choosing which TV shows and movies to watch, he was always the superhero that I gravitated towards. Perhaps it was the idea that he was a normal human being that didn't have some sort of superhuman power that made me prefer him over the others or maybe it was all his cool gadgets; it was probably a combination of both actually.

There seems as if there has been a record number of actors that have played Batman in one form or another. Although I remember enjoying Adam West's Batman on TV when I was really young, my favorite Batman has always been Michael Keaton's version of the caped crusader;

the 1989 Tim Burton movie, Batman, really jumpstarted my enthusiasm for Batman and his story.

Now in 2022, Batman is back and with a vengeance in the movie that's aptly named, The Batman. He's now being played by Robert Pattinson in the first of what's sure to be at least a trilogy of new movies based on the Dark Knight. The Batman's plot centers around one of Batman's arch nemesis, the Riddler. When Riddler begins murdering key political figures in Gotham, Batman is forced to investigate the city's hidden corruption and question his own family's involvement.

Director Matt Reeves decided to give this incarnation of Batman a fresh new style and perspective.

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Movie accurate details can be found throught this Batmobile replica.

Instead of previous versions of Batman that relied on almost impossibly engineered and created gadgets, the latest Batman is a DIY-er that makes many of his own crime fighting tools and equipment. This includes his steed, the Batmobile.

The 2022 edition of the Batmobile looks much like a muscle car, which is very different from every Batmobile that came before it. When asked, which car it was patterned after, Reeves mentions that Batman created this Batmobile out of many different vehicles, kit cars and spare parts himself. Indeed, it very much looks-like a







The matching 1/32-scale
Batman figure is finished
in black and grey





Both the Batmobile and the Batman figure are crafted in die cast metal in 1/32-scale.

allow the Batmobile to roll effortlessly. We like how the designers at Jada accurately sculpted the model's angular metal body and included some details on the bottom side of the chassis.

If you're looking for the latest Batmobile in a larger scale, you're in luck. Jada also offers a version of this car in a larger 1/24-scale as well as an exclusive from their Jada Next Level website in 1/18-scale. Each of the versions also comes with a die cast Batman figure in the appropriate scale.

As of the writing of this article, The Batman has yet to hit movie screens, but just looking at this die cast, we can imagine that it will be a hit. An updated Batman along with an updated Batmobile is something die cast enthusiasts and us Batman fans really can get behind.



The Batmobile's fresh look features muscular lines and an agressive stance. Note how the rubber tires buldge from its fenders to lend it an bold look.







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eight-generation sports car.

Also breaking from Corvettes of the past, the C8 is the first Corvette to be offered without a traditional manual transmission. What's more, the convertible edition is also the first Corvette to be offered with a retractable hardtop.

Styling of the C8 was a hit when it was introduced a few years ago and we must admit that

cars in both the looks and performance departments. It's an attention grabber whenever one is spotted on the street for sure. This Stingray traded the rounded lines of previous generations with a faceted, angular form that are reminiscent of a stealth fighter jet. Maisto has accurately recreated this modern yet aggressive look in 1/18-scale.

Maisto's die cast replica features an all-metal

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Opening the door reveals an accurate and detailed interior.



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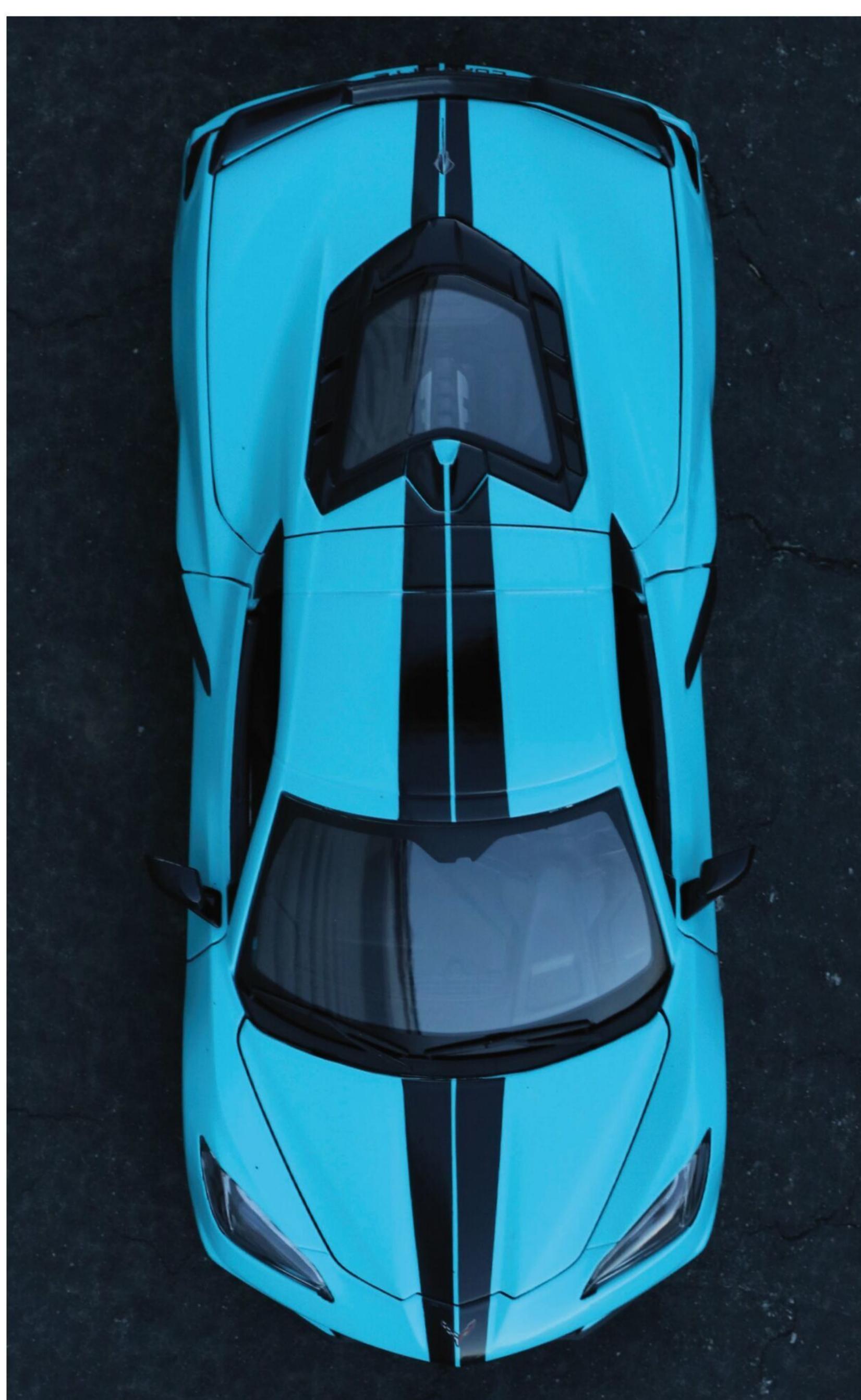
The car sits on two-toned split-five spoke rims that are wrapped in realistic treaded rubber tires. The black face rims have silver colored lips, which really look sharp. The iconic Corvette logo appears on the center caps as well.

Within view from behind the wheels are large diameter brake rotors with red brake calipers. Looking through the windows, you'll discover a complete interior, scaled down in exacting detail with replica C8 seats, steering wheel, detailed instrumentation panel and more. The chrome exhaust system is a separate piece from the

Details such as the translucent red taillights give this 'Vette a realistic flair.







chassis and features accurate exhaust tips. We do wish however that the center of the tips were hollowed out or at least painted black for a more realistic look. Maisto's Special Edition series die casts traditionally come mounted on a plastic stand and this car is no different.

Of all the generations of Corvettes that Chevrolet has produced, we'd say that the C8 is rapidly becoming one of our favorites. C1, C2 and C3 are definite classics that we love dearly, but the C8 has a visceral appeal that can't be ignored. Good thing Maisto has made the die cast replica of it as a part of their Special Edition line. It looks great and is affordable enough to add to just about any one's die cast garage. As a matter of fact, we're backing ours in to a parking space right now.

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RULLIG STIRIES STREES

JADA'S FAST & FURIOUS 1968 DODGE CHARGER WIDEBODY

BY JAMES YORK, IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI





The car features a 1968-style dash with deep bucket seats, all in 1/24-scale.

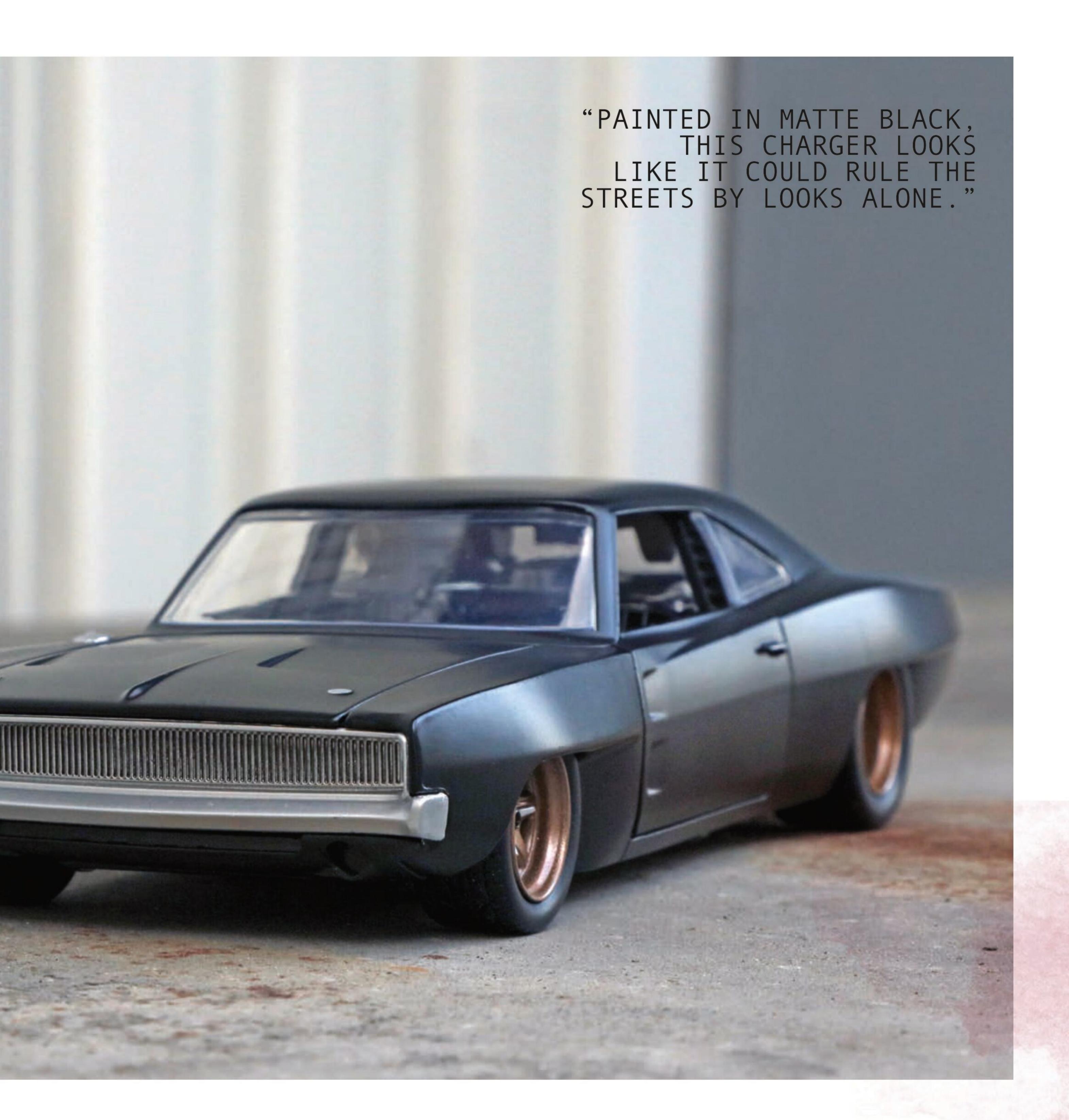
There are plenty of details to be found on this Charger, no matter which angle you look at it from.





Additional details can be found molded into the car's chassis. Note the big brakes that are situated just inside of the wheels

In F9, Vin Diesel's patriarchal character, Dom Toretto, is living the quiet life off the grid with Letty and his son. But as always in FF movies, danger is always close by. In this ninth movie, a threat forces Dom to confront the sins of his past to save those he loves most. His reliable crew soon comes together to stop a world-shattering plot by the most skilled assassin and high-performance driver they've ever encountered -- Dom's long lost brother. If you haven't seen it yet, you'll want to see if for its incredible stunt sequences.



Getting back to the die cast, as you can see, it's a real stunner. Painted in matte black, this Charger looks like it could rule the streets by looks alone. The Charger features a detailed interior and two opening doors as well as opening hood and trunk. Opening either door reveals bucket seats and a reasonably detailed cockpit complete with steering wheel and instrument cluster.

The real show is when the trunk lid is opened. The interior of the rear end holds a mid-engine Hellcat

set up with exhaust piping and cooling equipment filling up the trunk area. The actual car that this die cast is patterned on features a modified Demon specification Hellcat engine that sits where the Charger's rear seats would have been situated. The 800-plus horsepower motor was mated to six-speed manual Graziano transaxles from a Lamborghini Gallardo. It's a pretty serious set up to say the least and we're glad it made it into our collection.

Even at 1/24-scale, this die cast comes complete

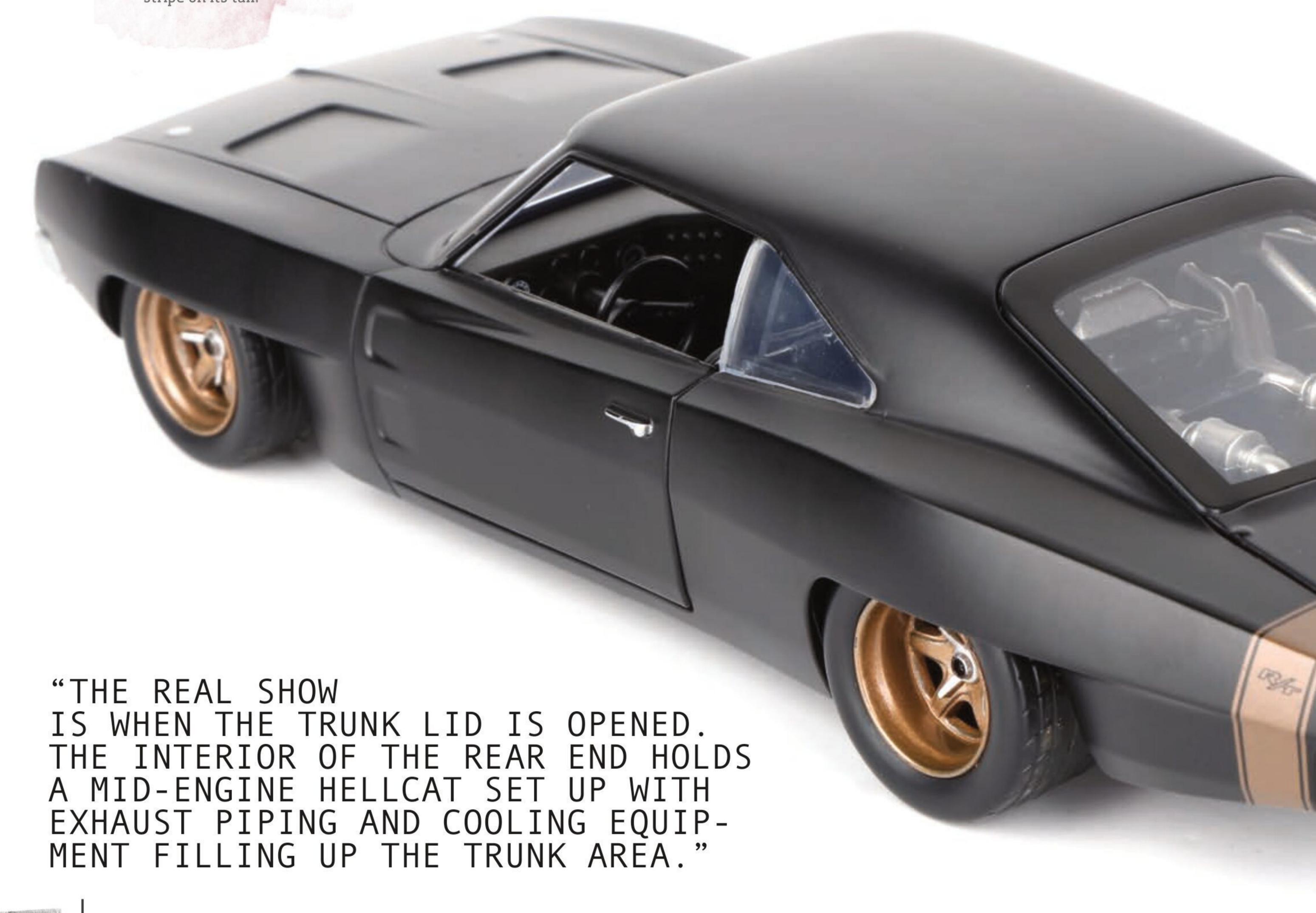


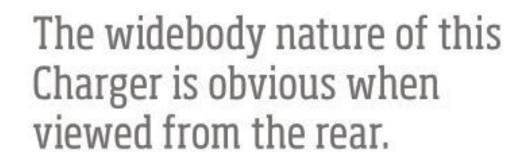


This '68 Charger features a mid-engine layout with modified Demon-spec Hellcat engine.



The matte black paint job is enhanced with copper colored wheels and an R/T stripe on its tail.









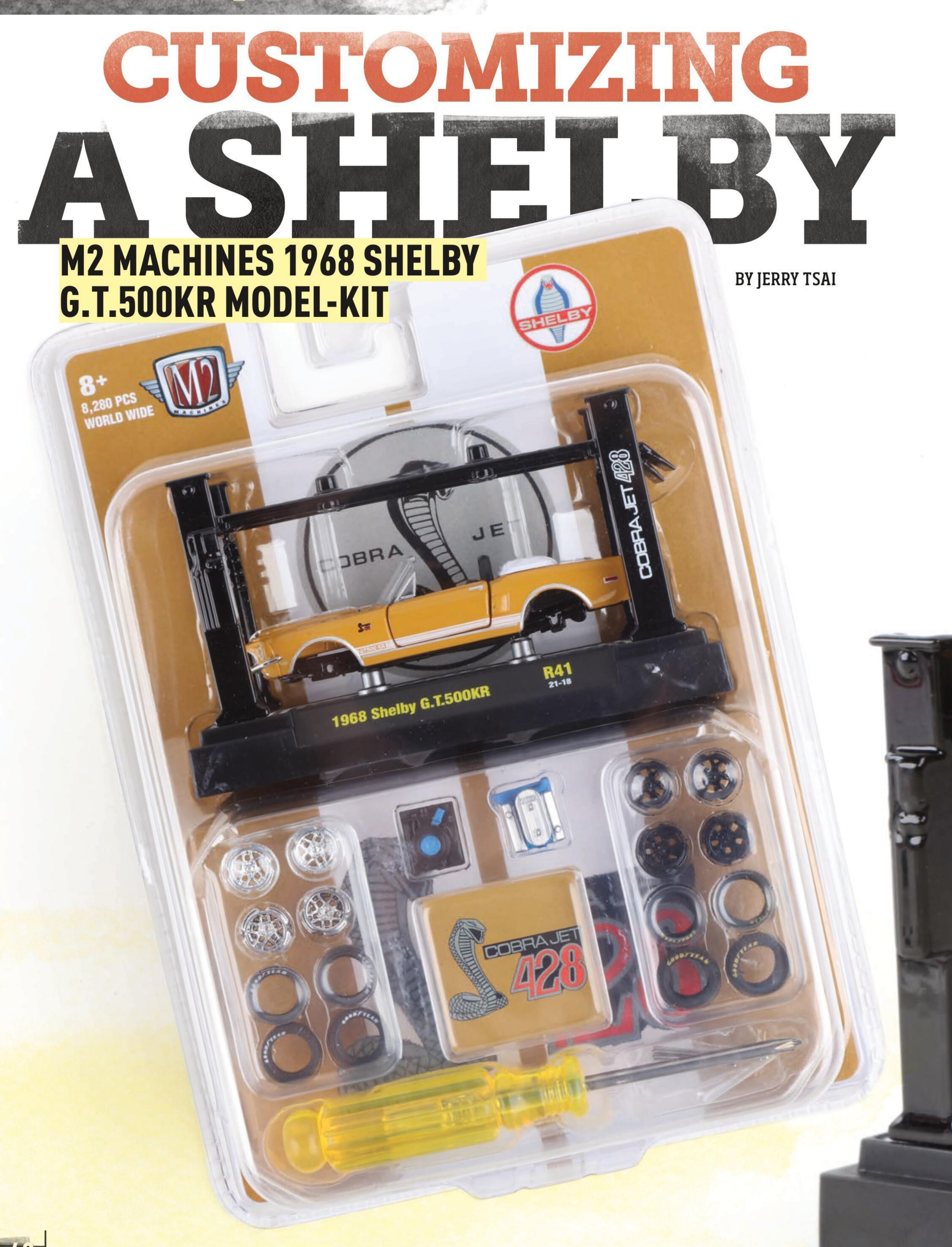




Now that's what we call a good looking frontend.

such as the iconic orange Toyota Supra from the first film all the way to slightly more obscure rides such as a 1950 Chevy Fleetline. Best of all, the cars are available in plenty of scales so if you're a stickler for a particular scale there's a good chance Jada makes something for you.

It does seem as if the Fast & Furious franchise is as unstoppable as this widebody, mid-engine Charger. Some can't miss a single insertion while others dip in and out of the series. No matter how you feel about the Fast & Furious movies, there's no arguing that there are some really cool cars featured in the movies. Thankfully for us die cast enthusiasts, Jada has it all covered.



he die cast customization movement has been one of the most exciting things to happen in the die cast hobby in recent times. We're sure you've seen some of the incredible customized cars and trucks that appear all over social media. One look at these custom creations and you realize that there really are some talented artists among us. Perhaps you are one of these creative die cast enthusiasts. If you are, we say, great job! If you're not, read on to find out how not to get left out of the die cast customization movement.

If you want to put your own spin on a die cast but think you lack the necessary skills to take on a custom project, M2 Machines has just the thing for you. The company's Model-Kit line of cars lets you customize a die cast with ease. Don't let the "model-kit" name fool you, M2's kits are bonafide die cast cars, well detailed but they come partially assembled for you to complete.

The M2 Model Kit comes with a base car as well as two sets of wheels, two sets of tires, and depending on the model, may also include additional parts such as engine mods as well. We got a chance to take one of their 1968 Shelby G.T.500KR kits out for a spin to see how it comes together. This Shelby comes as a partially assembled die cast car that's mounted on a 1:64-scale car lift, along with a set of chrome wheels, a set of black wheels, two sets of Goodyear Tires, two types of engines, a set of axles, a screwdriver and instruction booklet. Once we had all the parts all laid out, we were ready to get customizing.

But before we dig into the die cast, let's talk about the magnificent '68 Shelby G.T.500KR for a bit. The KR was based on the 1968 Shelby GT500 that used Ford's latest 428 Cobra Jet V8 engine. G.T.500KR was considered the next evolution of the Mustang and included advanced upgrades such as disc

The Shelby includes a nicely detailed die cast four post lift.









nitely one of the nicer 1:64-scale cars that we've seen in terms of detailing and finish. Best of all, M2 left the finishing touches for us to decide on.

We placed both sets of wheels on the car and even swapped the two different sets of tires. One set of tires had white colored Goodyear logos on it and the other had yellow logos. It's worth noting that the front and rear wheels are different widths; the rear is wider with a deepdish look. We liked that detail a lot. Under the hood, we had the choice of two different engine pieces to install.

Playing with the configuration of the car by

swapping the different parts it came with was fun. We spent some time to decide in which form we would ultimately display the Shelby. Being able to customize this die cast without having to deal with paint or other truly custom steps is enjoyable if you aren't looking to get into a full custom build.

Although M2 calls this a model kit, which we suppose it technically is, it's unlike a traditional model kit that requires paint and glue. This is an easy to assemble kit that allows you the fun of customization without any of the headache. With a few more of these kits, we are keen on trying out swapping a combination of parts onto different cars and trucks to see just how custom we can make a vehicle.



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hile most of the vehicles we cover in DCX are of the four-wheeled variety, we must admit that motorcycles, especially high performance ones, pique our interest too. From real one-to-one motorbikes to die-cast and even detailed plastic model-kits, you can say that we've got two-wheel moto in our blood.

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As scale detail enthusiasts, we appreciate scale

details found in precision replicas, whether they are made of die-cast metal or injected plastic. In this edition of The X-Factor, we take a look at Tamiya's latest assembly model kit that replicates the Team Suzuki Ecstar GSX-RR '20 in 1/12-scale. It's a fantastic looking perfect detail kit. Let's take a closer look at it.

Like you, we love detailed miniature vehicles, even ones that are made of injection-molded plastic. Tamiya is famed for creating fun-to-build true-to-life scale models that are packed full



of realistic details. Tamiya's 1/12 scale model kit recreates Team Suzuki's Ecstar GSX-RR '20 as it competed at and won the 2020 MotoGP championship.

Emblazoned with the name of Suzuki's hi-spec engine oil brand, Ecstar, this bike features a blue and silver livery that is inspired by 1960s GP models, and was ridden by Joan Mir and Álex Rins. Mir stood on the podium seven times including a victory in the 13th European GP, and Rins secured third in the season with a win in the 11th Aragon GP.

The GSX-RR is a sign of Suzuki's longtime commitment to high performance motorcycles. In fact, 2020 saw Suzuki' 100th year of its establishment and 60th anniversary since its first foray into motorcycle road racing which culminated in their first MotoGP championship. Constantly developed from its debut in 2015, the Suzuki Ecstar GSX-RR '20 employs a 1,000cc, water-cooled 4-stroke inline-4 engine capable of 340km/h maximum speed, and an aerodynamic form.

Taking a closer look at this model kit, we noted that the model-kit is stacked with stunning detail.

Rivaling most die-cast motorbikes, this model kit features ultra realistic recreations of the suspension, controls, and even has a detachable screw-attached front cowl. It also includes parts to render the air box and fuel tank inside the tank cover and provides a choice between transparent components or black stickers to depict the tank pads according to rider chosen on the decal sheet.

More details include a realistic rendering of a camera equipped on the rear cowl and synthetic rubber tires. The GSZ-RR comes with decals to recreate logo and tire marks, three types of racing numbers - Joan Mir (No.36), Álex Rins (No.42), and Sylvain Guintoli (No. 50), as well as masking stickers for easier painting.

If you're looking for even more details than you find on most die cast models, try your hand at building a model-kit. If you're a motorcycle or MotoGP fan like we are, we think Tamiya's Scale Team Suzuki Ecstar GSX-RR '20 is a great kit to add to your collection.

SPECS

TYPE ASSEMBLY KIT

SCALE 1/12

LENGTH 7.0 IN. (178MM)

MSRP \$61

P/N 14139

URL TAMIYAUSA.COM





MUSCLE MACHINES: MUSCLE TRANS-PORTS 1953 MACK B-61 FLATBED & 1970 OLDSMOBILE 442

BY MICHAEL GREY

hen was the last time you saw a flatbed truck that was as cool as the car it was hauling? It's not a common sight in real life for sure and it also isn't that common in the die cast world either. Lucky for us, Muscle Machines is looking to right that wrong.

With a full head of steam, Muscle Machines is careening forward with their Muscle Transports line of cartoonish die cast cars and transporters. Each deformed set is a matched pairing that combines a classic transport flatbed truck with an equally classic muscle car. We are pretty excited about this line of die cast vehicles since we've been massive fans of the brand's unique look for over two decades now.

Muscle Machines is currently focused on producing die-casts in their most popular size, which is 1/64-scale. Since we've been collecting their cars for just about twenty years now, we're glad that the brand's distinctive style remains and that their new die casts match the look and feel of the older castings seamlessly.



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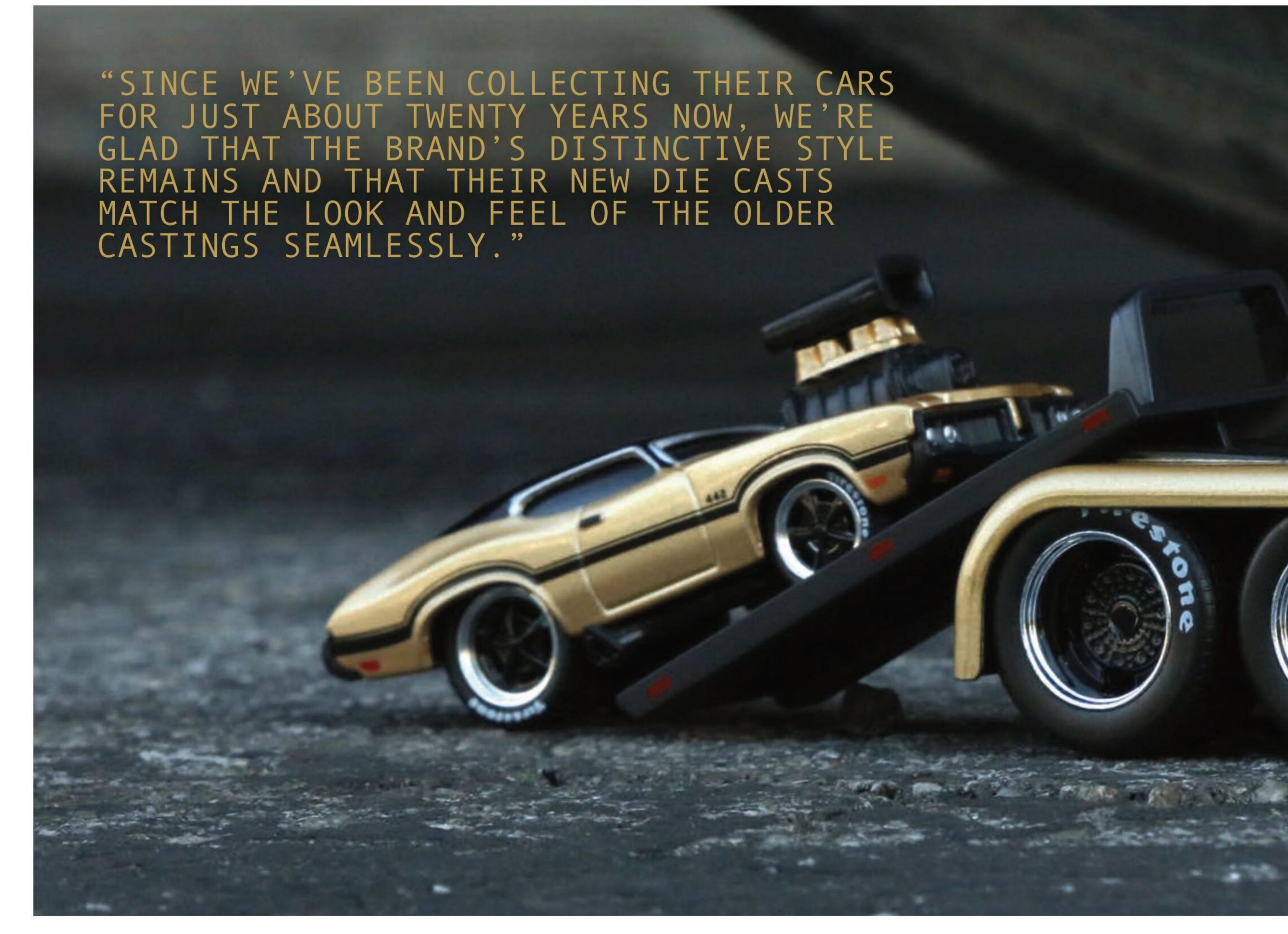
These Muscle Transports are fun and to obsessive collectors like us, are addictively collectible. We recently picked up an eye-catching gold and black toned duo of a 1953 Mack B-61 Flatbed and 1970 Oldsmobile 442, aka, 4-4-2. Mack's B-series trucks were produced in multiple configurations, including as tractors and straight/rigid trucks, as cowled chassis for conversion into delivery bodies or buses, or as fire trucks. In the case of the one shown here, it was converted to become a flatbed vehicle hauler.

The Olds 4-4-2 that sits on the Mack's back was the apex performer for Oldsmobile in 1970. Thanks to GM dropping its cap on engine size in 1970, Oldsmobile created the famed Olds 455 V8 engine to install into the 4-4-2. Power output was rated at 365 horses

Both machines look like they mean business, even when they are driving away.



Unloading the 4-4-2 for a 1/4-mile drag, no doubt.





SPECS

COMPANY MUSCLE MACHINES

MODEL

MUSCLE TRANSPORTS
1953 MACK B-61 FLATBED &
1970 OLDSMOBILE 442

SCALE 1/64

URL

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and 500 foot-pounds of torque. This increased performance resulted in the 4-4-2 being awarded pace car duties at the 1970 Indy 500 and quite a few broken hearts at the drag strip finish line.

Both vehicles sport black walled rubber tires with white Firestone branding and matching metallic gold and black paintjobs. The pair also has chrome accents and black graphics that further complete their matching look. It a very nice touch that both vehicles also have fully detailed undercarriages, each boasting some impressive exhaust piping.

We can't say that we've seen a '53 Mack B-61 in Muscle Machines form before but can say that we really like it. The truck features a few key chrome pieces including vertical exhaust pipes, engine components and an in your face grille. If you look closely you'll also find some detailed pinstriping and Mack's telltale bulldog logo. The gloss gold paint is complimented with some flat black, gunmetal and silver detailing that really makes it one of our favorite

display pieces. What's especially fun about this die cast combo is that the Mack's flatbed is moveable. The flatbed platform pushes away from the cab then moved down to form a ramp for the coupe to drive up and down on.

The 1970 Oldsmobile 442 sports gloss black side exhausts like a proper hot rod should along with a giant monster of a blower popping out of its hood. As with the transporter truck, its low-profile dragger tires feature radial tire tread and are mounted onto two-toned wheels. With gloss-black faces, the wheels for both vehicles are finished with chrome step lips in the front and rear positions.

It looks like Muscle Machines has many more sets of these transporters and muscle cars still to be released. We're eagerly awaiting to see what other castings and color combinations that they come out with. Until then, you can find us loading and unloading our dragsters off their transporters and on to our desk.







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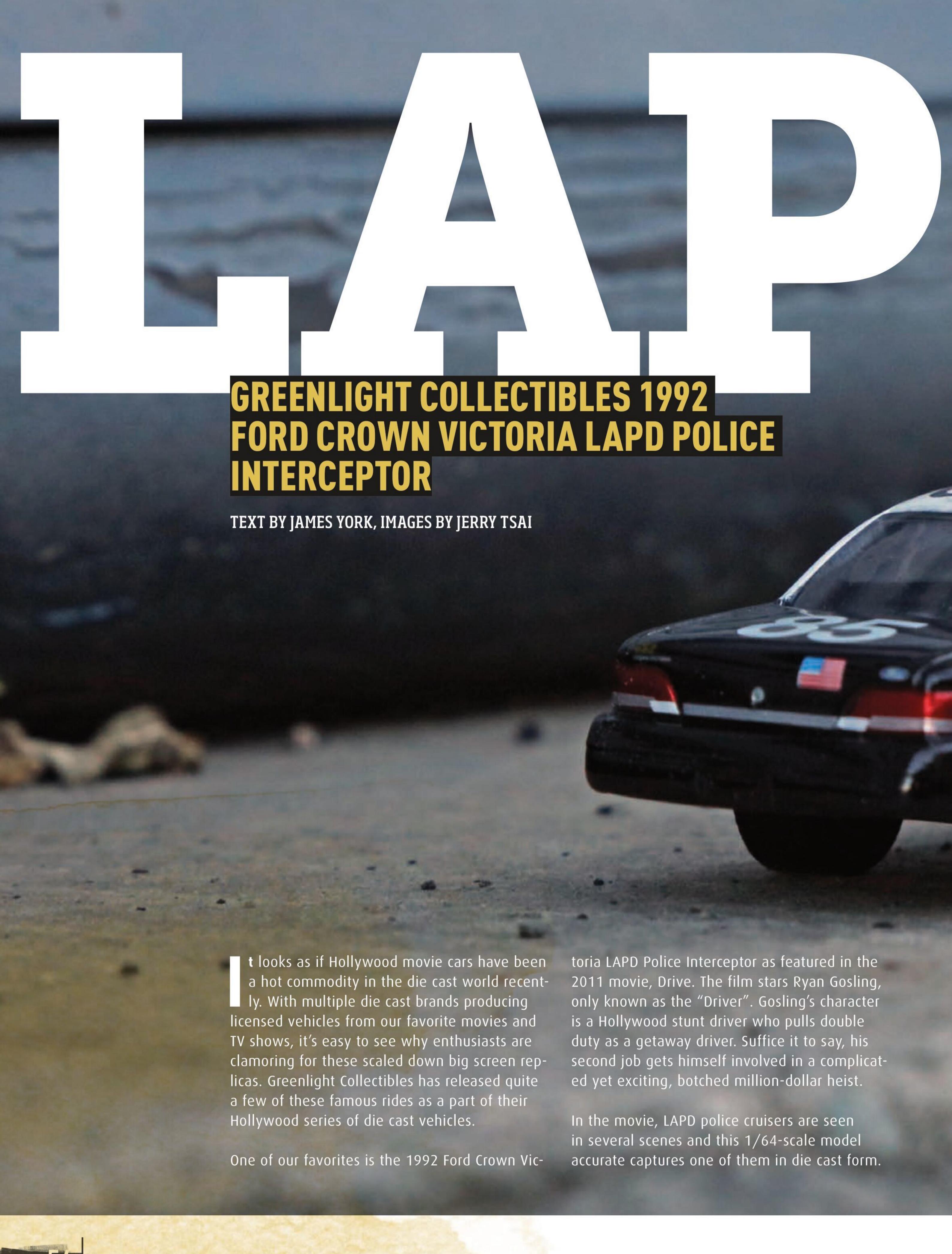


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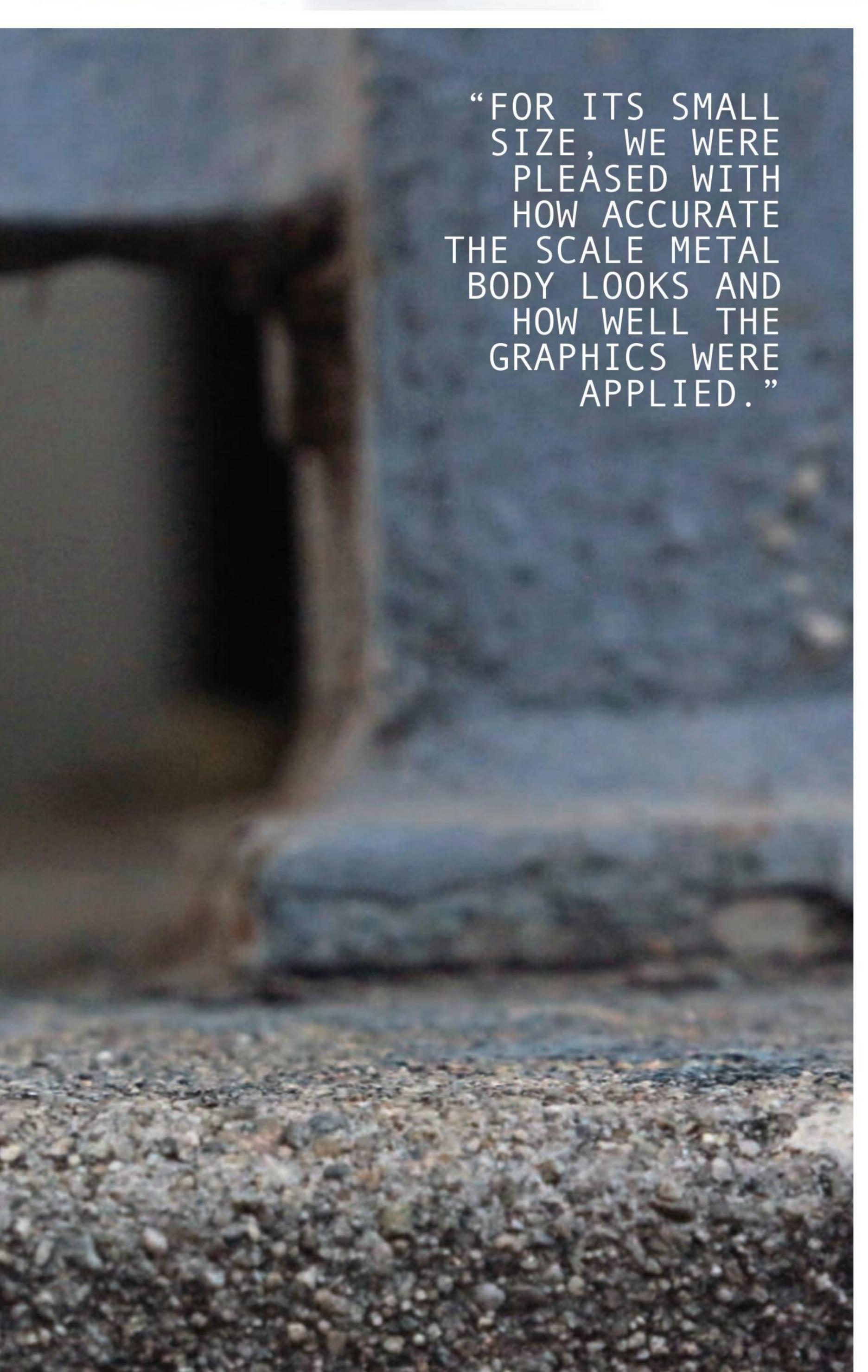


This Crown Vic police car looks great any angle you view it from.









The cruiser rides on black "steel" wheels, which are wrapped in scale rubber-like tires that do spin freely. The Headlights, taillights, bumper trim as well as Ford markings are printed on the body. As good as it looks, we did notice however, that its windows are not crystal clear and seem to look hazy and marked up. Its hood and trunk do not open, so there's no engine or trunk detail to speak of.

This Crown Vic is only one of many die cast vehicles replicated in Greenlight's Hollywood line. The company has also released vehicles from other properties such as John Wick, John Wick 3, Ace Ventura Pet Detective and a very nicely done 1988 Jeep Cherokee as seen in Beverly Hills 90210.

Greenlight's Hollywood line is as fun as it is packed full of details. We're excited to see what else the company comes out with next. In the meantime, we'll be cruising our scaled down streets in this Police Interceptor looking for the one only known as the "Driver."

SPECS

COMPANY

GREENLIGHT COLLECTIBLES

SERIES

HOLLYWOOD - DRIVE

MODEL

1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR LAPD

SCALE

1/64

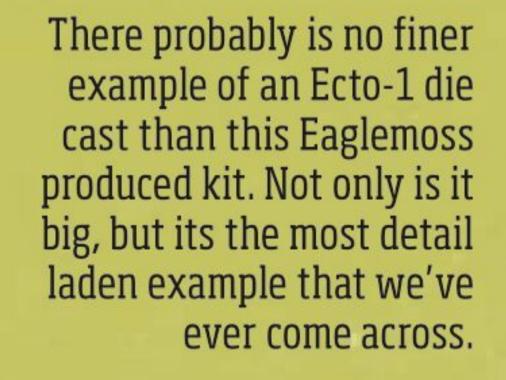
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Greenlight accurately captures the iconic look of the LAPD Police Interceptor in a pocket-sized 1/64-scale die cast.



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t can be said that die-cast collectors are always looking for details. No matter the scale, we love seeing the smallest of details and refinements in any given model. It seems counter intuitive, but for some reason it seems as if in many cases, the smaller a model is, the more detail is put into it and the larger it is, the less detail it carries.

Of course this isn't always the case, but it seems to be true in a broad sense. How many times have you seen an incredibly accurate 1/64-scale car but

a lazily casted and detailed 1/18-scale version of the same vehicle? You'd think that the larger canvas that a 1/18-scale vehicle provides would allow it to be much more heavily detailed.

If you've ever encounted an Eaglemoss die-cast, you'll know that the company doesn't do anything in half measures. Not only are their vehicles large in size, they are some of the most detailed that we've ever encountered. The Eaglemoss 1/8th scale Ghostbusters Ecto-1 die-cast model kit



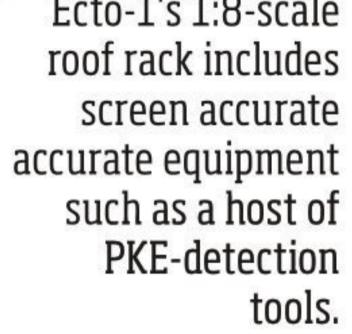
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GHOSTBUSTERS ECTO-1 DIE-CAST

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An optional light kit brings the Ecto-1 to life with working lights that are placed throught the vechicle.



All of Ecto-1's doors can be opened and its windows can be cranked up and down as well.



is an incredibly large-scale and fully detailed replica of our favorite ghost catching scientists. Yes, that's not a typo; this die-cast is presented in 1/8th scale. That means that this Ecto-1 is nearly 32-inches in length!

Eaglemoss is now offering this giant die-cast model, which comes complete with metal body panels and a wealth of working lights. This large-scale

close-up

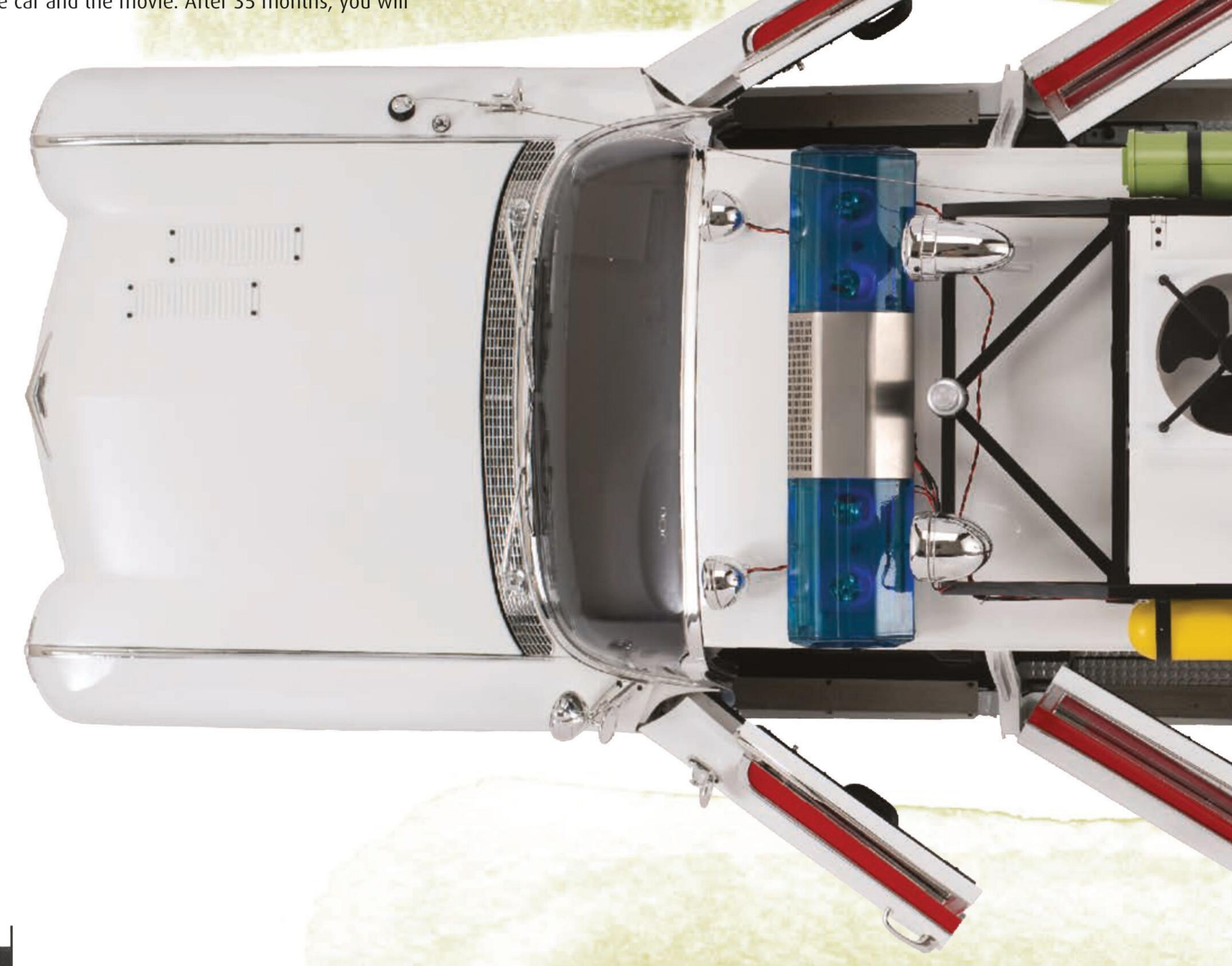
Ecto-1 is principally constructed of die-cast metal. All of the Ghostbuster's modifications have been carefully recreated from its PKE-detection tools to working and rotating lights, and the model even comes with a freestanding stretcher that's removable from the rear compartment.

Like the movie vehicle, this model is based on the 1959 Cadillac Miller-Meteor Ambulance and incredibly detailed and is designed to be very straightforward to put together. All the parts simply click or screw into place and should be a breeze for enthusiasts to build.

The metal-bodied Ecto-1 die-cast model is offered in a unique week-by-week subscription format direct from Eaglemoss. The entire vehicle takes 141 kits to build and a subscription starts with two free kits plus a modest \$2 shipping fee. From then on, four kits are mailed for \$13.90 plus shipping. Each mailing also includes a highly illustrated, full-color magazine with detailed assembly instructions and fascinating behind the scenes facts about both the car and the movie. After 35 months, you will



Completing this monster-sized die cast kit will take you about 3 years to do, but it's sure to be well worth the effort.



Eaglemoss is known for scale details and its evident that they went the extra mile. Ecto-1 looks accurate when viewed from any angle.



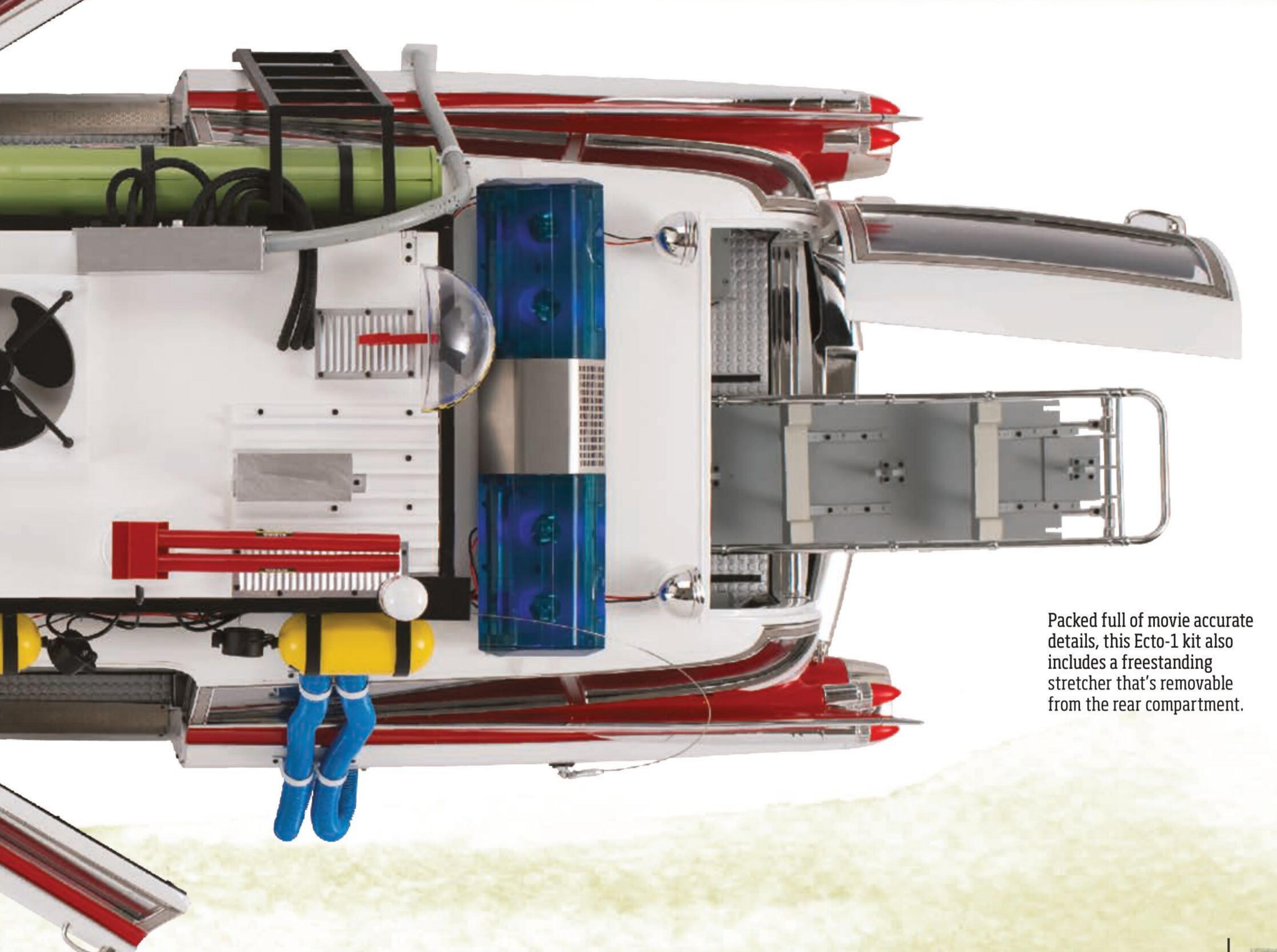




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For the ultimate fan, sign up for Eaglemoss'
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Looking at the incredible detail that this die-cast offers and taking into account its giant size has us pretty excited about it. Add in the nostalgia that it kicks up and we're sold. The only bummer is waiting nearly three years to complete it. If only Eaglemoss made a time machine... wait a second, we believe that they do. Visit their website to find out more!





SPECS

BRAND HOT WHEELS RC

MODEL CYBERTRUCK

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hen it comes to die cast vehicles, one of our favorite scales has got to be 1:64. It was the first scale that most of us played with as children and it's still our favorite to hunt for at the store. Hot Wheels is a brand that is synonymous with the scale. The company's pocket-sized die casts have captured collectors' interest for well over fifty years by

innovating and keeping their offerings fresh.

Hot Wheels' innovative RC line, called Hot Wheels RC, is one of the company's more recent lines to make a successful push to the replica vehicle market. Hot Wheels RC specializes in creating radio-controlled versions of favorite Hot Wheels models in a variety of scales.

One of the latest vehicles to garner attention in the 1:1-world as well as in our scale collector world is Tesla's Cybertruck. With an out of this world look, the Cybertruck made a big splash when it debuted a few years ago. Soon after its debut, Hot Wheels RC announced that it would be creating the Cybertruck in an RC format in 1:64 and 1:18-scales. We recently had a chance to check out the 1:64-scale version of the radio controlled Cybertruck.



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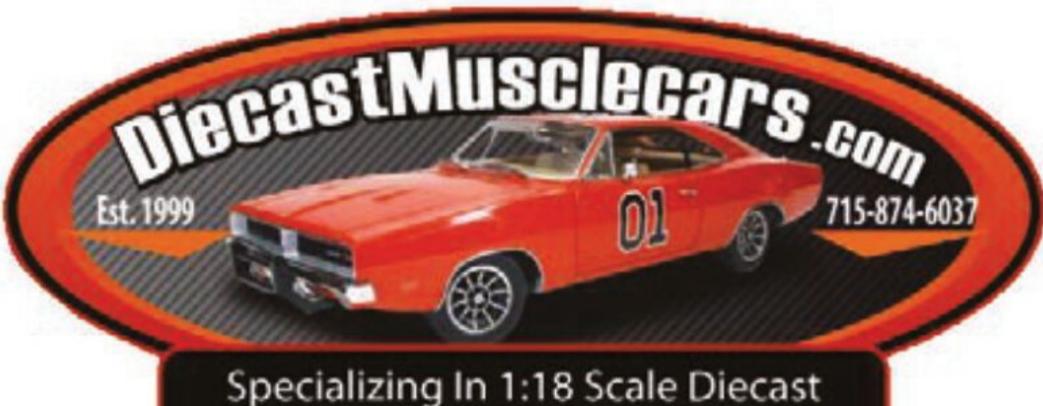
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