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editor's letter



How many is too many? That's a question that I've been asking myself as my display cases are starting to burst from being way beyond maximum capacity. Perhaps its time to cull the collection; but then again, that's not in my nature. Die cast collecting is an addiction, isn't it?

Welcome back to another feature-heavy issue of Die Cast X (DCX), where we dive deep into expanded looks at a wide variety of die casts that span a wide range of different vehicle genres and scales. From Jada's '71 Pontiac GTO and '52 Chevrolet COE Flatbed to Maisto's 2021 Ford Bronco, Eaglemoss's Eleanor Mustang and more, we have a fun collection of die casts to share with you in this issue. We also visit Fireball Tim Lawrence for a cars and coffee gathering at the Murphy Auto Museum. You won't want to miss this eclectic automotive event.

DCX proudly embraces all die cast enthusiasts—serious collectors, casual collectors, real automotive connoisseurs, die cast customizers and more. We aim

to encompass a wide variety of content targeting all of those interests. One thing is for sure; like you, we're excited about die cast, old and new. We just can't get enough.

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've got! We urge you to submit one of your die casts for us to present 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?

Until next time,
Jerry Tsai
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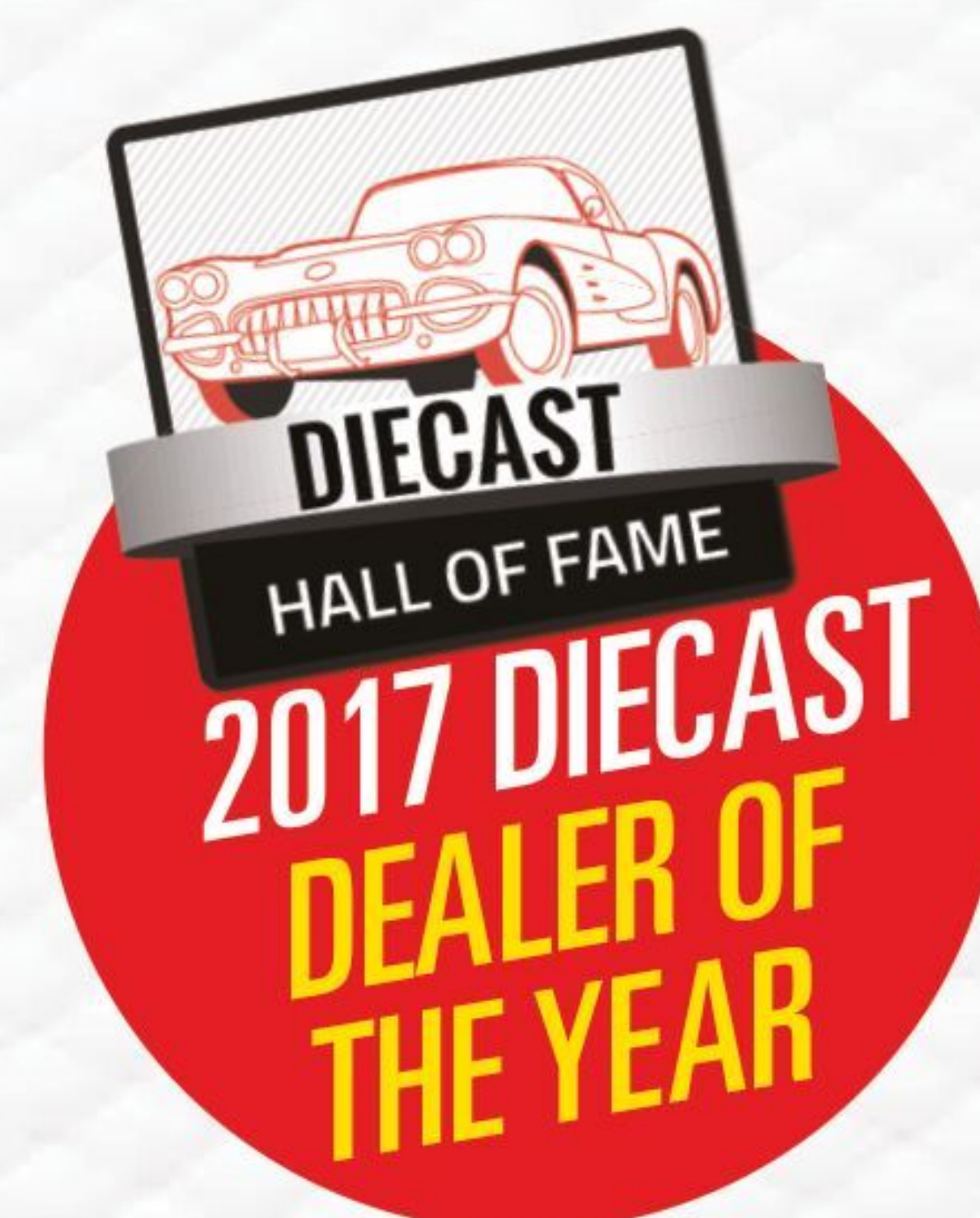
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First Gear 1:34
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Cosmic Dust Green Metallic with White Interior
"Southern Kings Customs" Limited Edition to 400 pieces Worldwide
SKU: A1806305



Greenlight 1:18
1969 Ford Baja Bronco #56
"Purolator" Tribute Edition "Artisan Collection"
SKU: 19104



ACME 1:18
1970 Chevrolet K5 Blazer Medium Blue Metallic with White Top
"1970 Dealer Ad Truck" Limited Edition to 1020 pieces Worldwide
SKU: A1807704



First Gear 1:64
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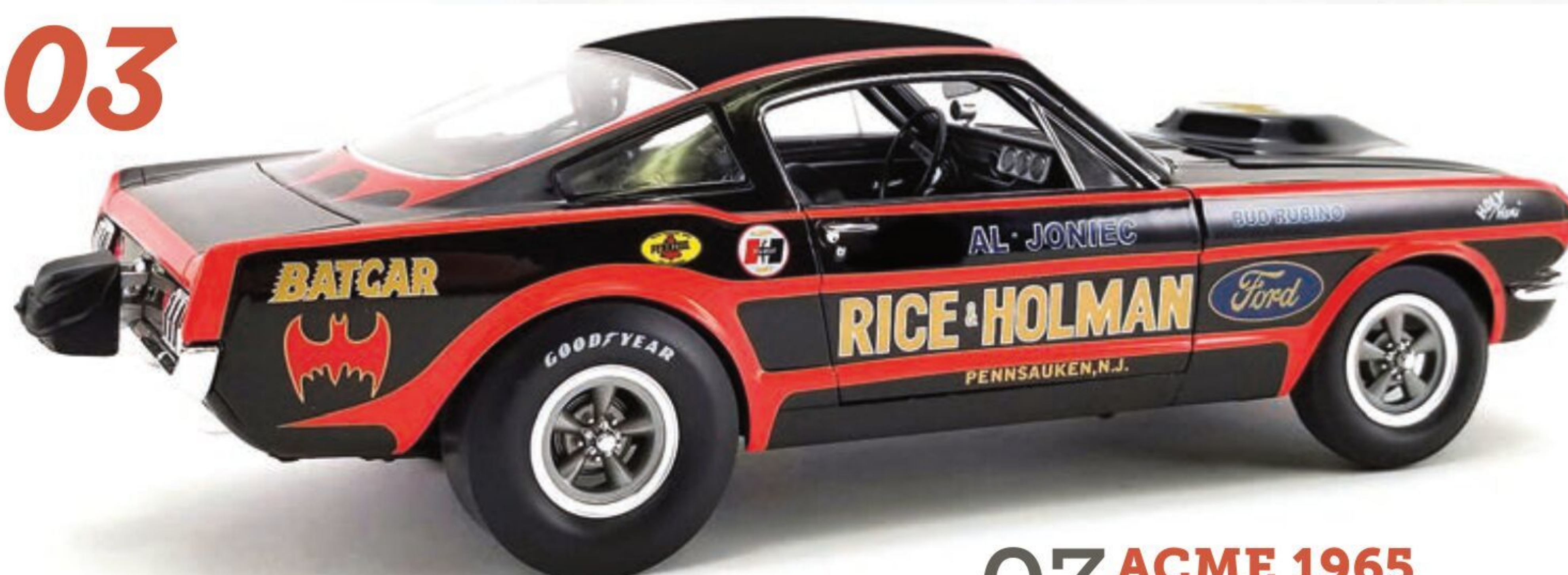
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01 CHERRY-BOMB COLLECTIBLES 1970 PANTHER PINK DODGE CHALLENGER

This car is a limited edition made from a Highway 61 casting and loaded with detail. It is painted in a beautiful Panther Pink (FM3) with rally wheels and a Go Wing. The '70 Challenger is equipped with a 440 Six Pack; only 1 of 5 factory-produced cars came with these options. This release is limited to only 402 pieces.

Scale: 1:18

MSRP: \$159.95

URL: cherrybombcollectibles.com

02 JADA NEXT LEVEL I LOVE THE... '80s 1989 FORD MUSTANG GT

The "I Love The" collection is inspired by American design styles throughout the decades. Each 1:24 die cast vehicle is highly detailed and crafted to authentically reflect the styling cues from its respective decade. With fully functioning doors, hood and trunk and radical era-inspired decals, this 1989 Ford Mustang GT is a fantabulous addition to your collection.

Scale: 1:24

P/N: 31379

MSRP: \$19.99

URL: jadanextlevel.com

03 ACME 1965 FORD MUSTANG A/FX BATCAR

As the drag wars heated up among factory hot rods, the Factory Experimental category of racing grew wildly. The BATCAR, sponsored by the famous Rice & Holman Ford dealer, was one of 10 Mustangs commissioned by Ford to be made into purpose-built drag cars. The BATCAR's claim to fame is that it was one of the first A/FX cars to move the body back on the chassis to maximize weight transfer during racing, leading to the term "funny car."

Scale: 1:18

P/N: A1801852

MSRP: \$139.95

URL: acmediecast.com

04 ERTL 2020 RAM 3500 PICKUP w/CASE SV340 SKID STEER & GOOSENECK TRAILER

The 1:32 2020 Ram 3500 pickup uses all new tooling and features the exceptional detail you have come to expect from Ertl. The black pickup features a detachable gooseneck trailer and a SV340B skid loader that can be easily loaded and unloaded using the movable trailer ramps. Additional features include a working truck tailgate, movable boom and bucket on the skid loader, and a working trailer stand.

Scale: 1:32

P/N: 47155

MSRP: \$34.99

URL: us.tomy.com



05 AUTO WORLD 1966 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN

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Scale: 1:64
P/N: AWSP091A
MSRP: \$8.99
URL: autoworldstore.com

06 AUTOART PAGANI HUAYRA ROADSTER (ROSSO MONZA/ RED)

The Pagani Huayra Roadster is one of the most sought-after hypercars and AutoArt has done it justice with this 1:18-scale replica. Complete with its own scale luggage set, its performance and looks speak for itself. AutoArt brings one of the most highly detailed scale recreations that we've seen of it so far. Finished in Rosso Monza/Red.

Scale: 1:18
P/N: 78287
MSRP: \$315
URL: us.autoartmodels.com

07 BBURAGO 1961 PORSCHE 356B CONVERTIBLE BLUE

You can finally add the 1961 Porsche 356B to your collection thanks to Bburago's latest detailed replica. This die cast features amazing details such as an accurate interior, rubber tires and plenty of chrome brightwork throughout. Its opening doors, decklid and front boot help reveal more details like the engine and a full-size spare tire.

Scale: 1:18
URL: bburago.com

08 JOHNNY LIGHTNING 1981 MAZDA RX-7 (AUTO WORLD STORE EXCLUSIVE)

The Mazda RX-7 revolutionized the way the world thought about sports cars. Most noted for its nimble handling, lightweight chassis and revolutionary high-revving rotary engine, these nimble sport coupes went on to win a record number of motorsport competitions as well as several 24-hour endurance events. This Johnny Lightning 1:64 scale die cast replica pays tribute to the RX-7's famous racing heritage.

Scale: 1:64
P/N: SCM099
MSRP: \$12.99
URL: autoworldstore.com

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09 DIECAST PROMOTIONS FORD LT 9000 DAY CAB w/40' VINTAGE TRAILER

The Ford L-series is a range of heavy duty trucks that were made by Ford between 1970 and 1998. This green-colored Ford LT 9000 Day Cab hauls a 40-foot vintage trailer that bears the "Branch Motor Express" logo on it. This rig is mighty detailed for its 1:64 scale. (Pre-order now for August delivery.)

Scale: 1:64
P/N: DCP60-1281
MSRP: \$99.95
URL: diecastdirect.com

10 M2 MACHINES COL. SQUARE BODY 1973 CHEVROLET CHEYENNE SUPER 10

This 1973 Chevrolet Cheyenne Super 10 squarebody pickup, a.k.a. Col. Square Body, is an M2 Machine hobby exclusive release and is offered by 3000toys.com as a six-piece case. Each case includes an elusive chase vehicle. Col. Square Body features a medium green primer-finished body with bright red highlights. Details include a tan interior as well as a gas tank, exhaust, air tank and rims, which are molded in black plastic.

Scale: 1:24
MSRP: \$206.99 (case of 6, includes chase)
URL: 3000toys.com

11 KYOSHO ORIGINAL FIAT 131 ABARTH RALLY 1981 COSTA SMERALDA #1

Replicating the iconic look of the Fiat 131 Abarth Rally, Kyosho's latest highly detailed offering consists of Fiat 131 Abarth Rally cars that are available in your choice of 1981 Costa Smeralda #1 (shown) and 1978 1000 Lake #3 liveries. Perfect for any Fiat or rally car collector, the details are remarkable on this die cast model.

Scale: 1:18
P/N: KS08376D
URL: dc.kyosho.com/en

12 AUTO WORLD AMT 1967 SHELBY GT-350 JIGSAW PUZZLE

Jigsaw puzzles can reduce stress, enhance spatial skills and boost memory retention and recall. All great reasons for building a puzzle, but we think it's just plain fun! AMT has recreated some of their most colorful and iconic model kit packaging artwork, such as this '67 Shelby GT-350, in the form of 1,000-piece puzzles.

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Die Cast X loves to see our readers' rare and customized die cast rides. If you have a rare collectible or custom die cast that you'd like to Show & Tell in a future issue of DCX, let us know by tagging us on Instagram with our handle, @diecastx!

In this issue of Show & Tell, we asked our readers to send us pictures of some of the older pieces in their collections that they've managed to hold on to over the years. As you could probably imagine, we received a tremendous response. Read on to learn how and why these oldies but goodies managed to stay in their collections all this time.



JACOB RHEE

Location: Pooler, Georgia

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: HIN D Force

Model: Nissan Silvia S15

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "To tell you the truth, I used to enter my car into the car show Hot Import Nights, which is what the 'HIN' stands for in this die cast series' name, HIN D Force. It was my dream to eventually own a real Nissan Silvia, which is why when I came across this die cast, I had to add it to my collection. Years later, I'm still trying to hunt down a Silvia. But at least I have this now-rare die cast!"



NICHOLAS BRADSHAW

Location: Concord, California

Brand: Kyosho

Series: Auto Scale Collection

Model: Formula D Silvia S15 No.9 Pacific Rim

Scale: 1:27

From the Owner: "I was hooked on drifting ever since I went to my first drift event back in 2003. Cars sliding around sideways with smoke billowing from their tires is exciting stuff. Many years later, I still go to drift events whenever I can. I picked up this Kyosho Nissan S15 on a trip to Japan back in 2010. It's a detailed body that's painted up to look like the car from one of my favorite drift teams. I was lucky to find it; I never saw it in a store since. It proudly sits on my shelf even to this day."



SAL PEREZ

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Brand: Malibu International

Series: Loc Riderz

Model: 1961 Impala Lowrider

Scale: 1:32

From the Owner: "Gold-plated 150-spoke wire wheels, gold trim throughout, and a hot pink pinstriped body with white and lavender interior... this Impala's hot! It caught my eye at the store when I was looking at die cast because of its loud paint job. I'm really glad I added it to my collection. I actually have this die cast posted up on my desk at work and it always gets tons of compliments, even all these years later."



SHOW & TELL

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT!



JONATHAN ROJAS

Location: Schumburg, Illinois

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: HW City: Night Burnerz

Model: 1990 Honda Civic EF

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "Okay, these die casts aren't that old, but they are of an old car, does that count? I have a 1991 Honda Civic hatchback, which meant that these automatically became my favorite Hot Wheels ever. These Hot Wheels Civics have been released in plenty of other colors with different tampos graphics, but these three are my favorite because they look like the original Si model's colors from 1991. I keep them close by, cruising around with them on my Civic's dashboard."



SAMUEL JENKINS

Location: Lakewood, Colorado

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: Dub City

Model: 1963 Lincoln Continental

Scale: 1:64

From the Owner: "The 1960s-era Lincoln Continental is my favorite car from that timeframe. Its boxy shape and suicide doors are iconic. The Hot Wheels Dub City version of the Continental is exaggerated and cartoonish, but I think it looks great. Hot Wheels came out with these in 1:64 and 1:24 scale, which I have in multiple colors. My favorite is this sleek black edition. I used a silver paint pen on top of the fenders to add some brightwork that the real Contis had that the die cast doesn't show."



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LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT!



RICHARD CHEN

Location: Anaheim, California

Brand: Unknown

Series: Unknown

Model: Nissan Silvia S13

Scale: None

From the Owner: "I randomly found this cartoony S13 replica at a swap meet ages ago. The paint was pretty worn, so I refinished it the best I could. I sprayed it with a coat of silver and finished it off with black paint for the roof, hood and rim faces. I love its deformed look. It reminds me of a larger Muscle Machines. There's no brand printed on it anywhere. I wish I could find more of these cars; I would collect them for sure."

PETER MITCHELL

Location: Plano, Texas

Brand: Hot Wheels

Series: Super Street Edition

Model: Custom Honda Civic Si

Scale: 1:18

From The Owner: "I forgot when I got this, but it must have been almost 20 years ago. That's when the tuner scene was in full song and I was all about it. 'Fast & Furious' had no sequels and die casts of modified import cars were nowhere to be found. When Hot Wheels released a souped-up 1:18 Honda Civic, I knew I had to snap it up. It's been one of my favorites ever since and it still sits in a prominent place in my display case."





NEW



2021 Ford Mustang Mach 1 (Red)
#GT-351 - \$144.95
Scale: 1:18



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1970 Dodge Challenger - The Challenger Deputy - Bright Red w/White Roof
#GL13618 - \$67.95
Scale: 1:18



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1978 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 - Carmine Metallic with Two-Tone Gold Striping
#GL13604 - \$67.95
Scale: 1:18



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1976 Ford F-100 (Chrome Yellow w/Wimbledon White Combination Tu-Tone) w/Deluxe Box Cover
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Scale: 1:18



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1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass W-31 Post Coupe "MCACN" (Glade Green)
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Scale: 1:18



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Scale: 1:18



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1989 Chevrolet Caprice Police - California Highway Patrol
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JADA BIGTIME MUSCLE 1971 PONTIAC GTO

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1971 PONTIAC GTO

SCALE
1:24

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One challenge for car lovers like ourselves is the size and expense of 1:1-sized cars. If we could collect real cars like we do die cast replicas, we'd need more than a few warehouses to store our collections. Luckily for us, die cast companies like Jada Toys endeavor to bring us some of our favorite rides in a much more manageable and affordable package. Jada's Bigtime Muscle series of miniatures has been a reliable source for muscle car lovers.

Released in three different scales including 1:64, 1:32 and 1:24, the Bigtime Muscle line covers muscle cars of all types including Chevelles, Corvettes, Mustangs, Cobras and more. We had the chance to examine one of the company's latest releases, a 1971 Pontiac GTO in 1:24 scale. Before

we check out the die cast, let's reminisce about the greatness of the Pontiac GTO.

Created at the peak of the monster car era, GM's Pontiac GTO can be called one of the quintessential examples of the two-door sports cars of its day. This second generation A-body car has become a favorite among muscle car enthusiasts, especially fans of the Pontiac nameplate. The GTO was available with several powerplants, but it was the 455 V8 that we really care most about. The 455-cubic-inch engine churned out 335 horsepower and 480 lb-ft of torque and GTOs equipped with it had either a 12-bolt open or optional 12-bolt Positraction rear end.

Like the real car, Jada's die cast replica of the '71 GTO is an absolute looker. Painted in high-gloss me-



Popping the hood reveals engine bay details.



The accurately reproduced grille and other front end details are nicely sculpted.



The doors, hood and trunk each open to show off plenty of details.



tallic-flake blue paint, this GTO looks like it could run the streets based on its aggressive looks alone. The die cast GTO 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.

As you may have noticed, the car's body is not an exact replica. Jada's designers took the liberty of exaggerating many of its flowing lines. The fenders are flared and its oversized deep-dish rims are tucked well within those fenders. For the record, we love the look. There's a time and place for absolute accuracy; this isn't one of them. Jada's Bigtime Muscle line isn't necessarily about absolute realism. It's all about fun, and this GTO is proof of it.



The GTO's body features exaggerated lines with an aggressive wheel fitment.



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The metallic-blue paint looks smooth and glossy on the GTO’s muscular body.

Even at 1:24 scale, this die cast comes complete with a detailed mesh grille and accurate GTO badging. These details add an extra something to the overall look of the car that we enjoy. The deep-dish wheels, which are also finished with a gray face and chrome lip, spin and come mounted with rubberized tires, which provide the muscle car with a smooth ride. We like the GTO’s metal body, but its paint can look a bit thick in some areas. In a perfect world we’d like to see sharper lines on some of the body creases. Interestingly, the door-mounted side mirrors are made of a flexible plastic, which saves

them from getting accidentally snapped off. That’s a welcome feature. We’ve had too many broken mirror incidents to keep count of.

Jada’s Bigtime Muscle die casts are especially popular with both muscle car fans and die cast collectors. With so many new releases coming out on a consistent basis, it’s easy to see why they’re filling up the display cases of die cast gearheads everywhere. Thankfully for those who need to collect them all, they’re smaller and much more affordable than the real cars they replicate.

This die cast GTO looks great from any angle.





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**MAISTO'S OTHERWORLDLY
LAMBORGHINI V12 VISION
GRAN TURISMO**

OUT OF THIS WORLD

TEXT BY MICHAEL GREY, IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI



This can't be a real car—or can it? As the product of a collaboration between Lamborghini and Playstation's highly successful Gran Turismo videogame franchise, the V12 Vision Gran Turismo is a car like you've never seen before. Just take a look. It seriously looks like it's not of this Earth.

Lamborghini's 2019 concept car made its physical debut ahead of the World Finals of the 2019 FIA Certified Gran Turismo Championships, which took place in Monte Carlo, Monaco, during the last weekend in November of that year. Created with the videogame in mind, the V12 Vision Gran Turismo not only lives on in real life, but virtually too within the Gran Turismo Sport videogame for Sony PlayStation 4. Yes, you too can take the V12

Vision Gran Turismo out for a drive... in the game, that is.

Envisioned by Lamborghini Centro Stile, the brand's elite design bureau, the V12 Vision Gran Turismo's design features futuristic traits that focus on the vehicle's centerline and combine them with the unmistakable silhouette that Lamborghini is famous for. The Lamborghini's sophisticated aerodynamics do look stunning, as do its disconnected fenders and Y-signature front and rear lights.

Since the car is meant for track action, it features a single-seat layout with no room for a passenger. The driver—or shall we say pilot?—enters the cabin like one might on a jet fighter: from

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The V12 Vision's large rear wing houses a Y-shaped taillight along its edges.



the front of the car. The main driving controls are located in the futuristic steering wheel and all driver information is projected virtually in front of the driver. Within the Gran Turismo Sport game, the Vision uses the powertrain from the Lamborghini Sián FKP 37, which propels it at death-defying speeds around the world's most famous racetracks.

"The Lambo V12 Vision Gran Turismo is created to provide the ultimate virtual car for young fans and gamers who are ultra-enthusiastic about Lamborghini and its futuristic aspirations," said Mitja Borkert, head of Lamborghini Centro Stile. "It is an opportunity for Lamborghini's design talent to stretch its wings and visualize a car that, like every Lamborghini, not only is a head-turner and the best driving experience, but also mirrors



Maisto included various details that are faithfully based on the Lambo concept car.



“...THE V12 VISION GRAN TURISMO IS A
CAR LIKE YOU’VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.”



Envisioned by Lamborghini
Centro Stile, the brand's elite
design bureau, the V12 Vision
features futuristic design.



Opening front and rear
compartments show off
interior and engine details.



Lamborghini's push on future technologies, particularly in the arena of lightweight materials and hybridization."

When it came time to reproduce the Vision for the die cast world, Maisto stepped up to the plate to create an absolutely stunning 1:18-scale version of the otherworldly concept car. Maisto's replica features an all-metal body that meticulously reproduces the Vision's lines accurately. The scale model's metallic olive-toned paint is finished in an accurate satin topcoat that's further detailed with metallic copper highlights and gloss-black paint, as well as many other details.

This static Vision re-creation certainly is eye-catching. Some of the details that we discovered include simulated carbon-fiber panels, in-

tricate cockpit details, oversized brakes, a replica engine and more. The die cast model measures about 9 and a half inches long and, as is common on Maisto Special Edition cars, has fully functioning steering and four-wheel suspension. The Vision also has an opening front cockpit and rear engine compartment.

The car sits on iconic Lamborghini rims that are wrapped in realistic treaded rubber tires. The detailing on the gunmetal and copper rims really looks sharp. Looking beyond the wheels, you'll notice large-diameter brake rotors with copper-hued brake calipers.

The view through the windows reveals a complete single-seater interior, scaled down in exacting detail with a low-profile racing seat, steering

You can get behind the wheel of this beast by driving it in Grand Turismo Sport on Playstation 4.

"MAISTO'S DIE CAST REPLICA FEATURES AN ALL-METAL BODY THAT METICULOUSLY REPRODUCES THE VISION'S LINES ACCURATELY."

V12 Vision seats only one driver, who enters the cabin like a jet-fighter pilot—from the front of the car.

wheel and more. The hexagonal exhaust system is shaped into the rear airdam and finished in copper as well as a simulated carbon fiber texture. Maisto's Special Edition series die casts traditionally come mounted on a plastic stand, and this car is no different.

If you're looking for a spaceship that's pretending to be a car to add to your 1:18 garage, Maisto's Lamborghini V12 Vision Gran Turismo is an obvious choice. With its aggressively faceted body panels and a trove of details, this is a hard one to pass up. This is one amazing concept car that you get to own. And drive too—virtually, that is.



Spaceship or future car? This stunner looks like both to us.



The V12 Vision's profile is sleek and sexy. The wheels and brakes are especially fetching.



Maisto replicated the Lamborghini's sophisticated aerodynamics in exacting detail.



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Plenty of realistic carbon fiber effects adorn this car.

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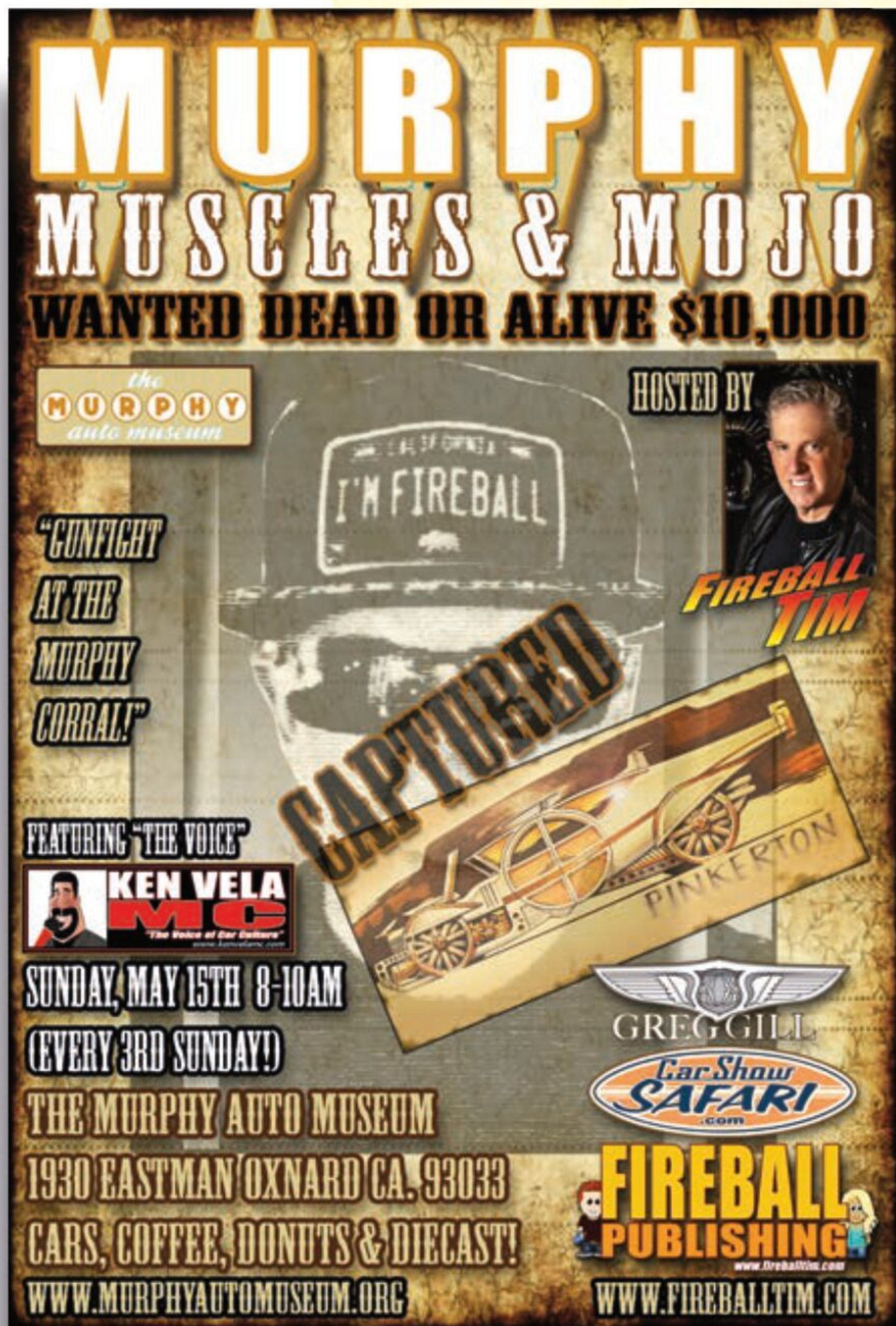
ENJOYING CARS, COFFEE, DIE CAST & MORE AT THE MURPHY AUTO MUSEUM

TEXT BY FIREBALL TIM LAWRENCE
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Car people are a very unique breed... and as it's the largest enthusiast base in the world, it makes sense. I mean, you wouldn't be able to put a football fan, baseball lover and hockey enthusiast in the same room and expect them to have much in common. But you could put a 10-year-old Hot Wheels fanatic, 50-year-old muscle car lover and 80-year-old brass-era enthusiast in the same room, and they'd talk all day long!

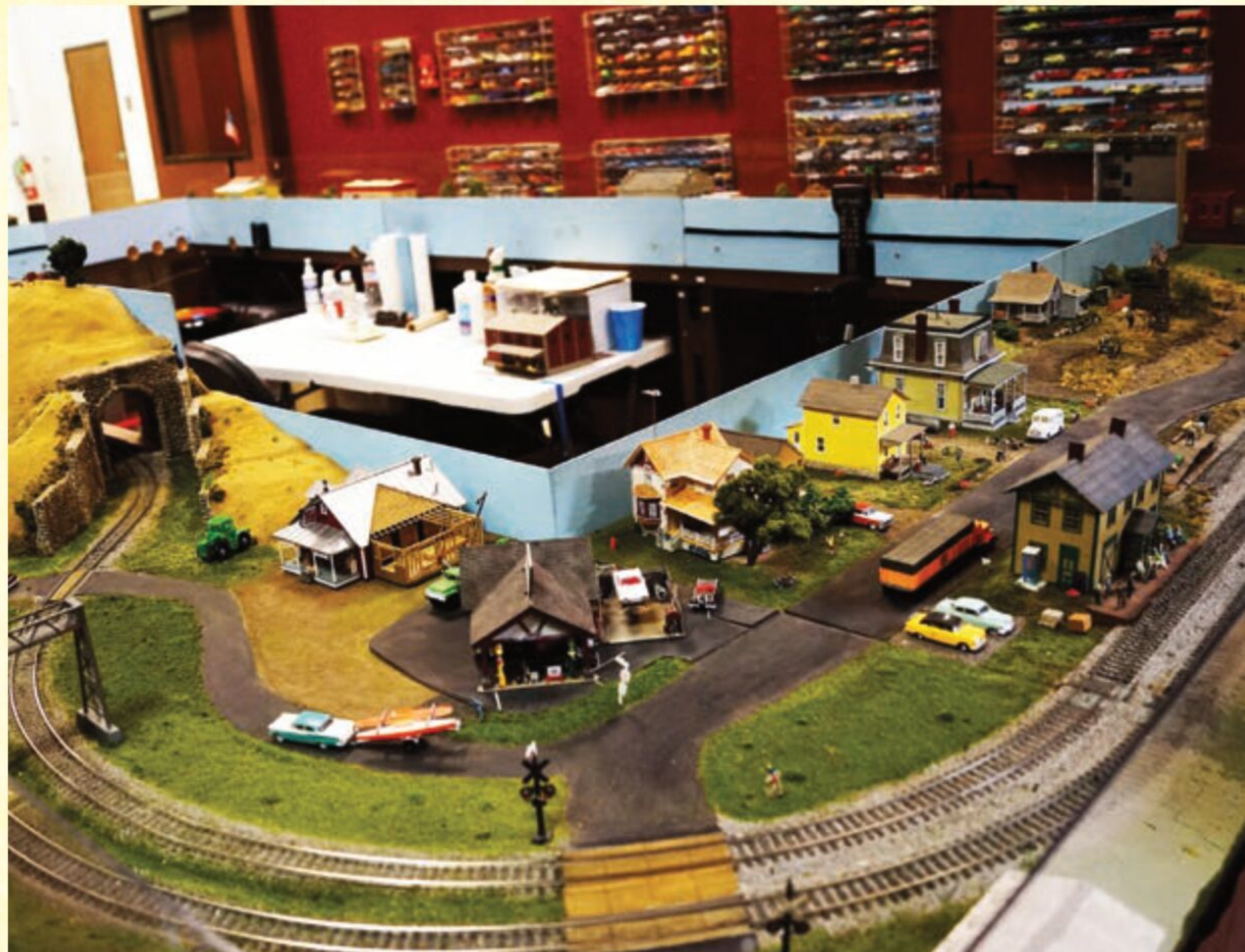
I often say that my first car was a 1979 VW Dasher, but in reality it was a 1965 Ford GT die cast that my Mom bought for me when we took a trip to Canada when I was six. (I still have it!) And honestly, I'm pretty sure there were cars there even earlier. But my point is that once you've traveled down the automotive rabbit hole, you're there to stay for good.

My love of cars took me to Art Center College of Design, Walt Disney Imagineering and into the film industry to design cars and many other things. And finally, to the Murphy Auto Museum, where we celebrate our love of cars by doing our monthly Muscles & Mojo cars and coffee event every third Sunday. People show up from as far south as San Diego and north of Santa Barbara to peruse the glistening rides of SoCal's car culture. The gratitude I feel during these shows is overwhelming.



Muscles & Mojo is a popular event in the Oxnard, California area. Stop by if you have the chance.

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The collection consists of Vettes, Mustangs, brass, vintage, classic, Italian and British. There's pretty much something for everyone, but it's really the monthly car show that hits on all cylinders as we get visits from car guys, girls and kids with lowriders, Bugs, bombs, sleds, muscle, classic, vintage and customs—some of the best rides you've ever seen.

We're a very lucky lot, all of us. We get to express our creativity and love for these unique machines, whether gas, steam or EV. My favorite has always been the one with four wheels. And if you happen to find yourself in the 805 neighborhood of Oxnard, California, swing by on the weekend and pay us a visit. You'll be sure to leave with a massive classic grille on your face.

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CAB OVER ENGINE

JADA JUST TRUCKS 1952 CHEVROLET COE FLATBED

TEXT BY JAMES YORK
IMAGES BY JERRY TSAI

If you've been to any classic car shows lately, you have probably noticed that Cab Over Engine (COE) style trucks have been making a steady resurgence as of late. Seeing a fully customized example or one that has been fully restored is still relatively rare, but they are popping up at local shows more and more.

We're big fans of COE trucks, and we're sure that if you got to see one up close, you'd love them as well. Their proportions seem cartoonish and their size is impressive. They just look plain cool. What's not to like? Jada Toys agrees and has released a few COEs based on the 1952 Chevrolet platform under their Just Trucks line of die casts. In fact, Jada produces a few variations of the '52 COE; some are pickup trucks, while others like the truck featured here are configured as flatbed haulers.

Jada's "Just Trucks" tagline pretty much explains what it's all about... just trucks. Released in three scales, including 1:64, 1:32 and 1:24, the Just Trucks line covers trucks of all sorts, including modern as well as vintage pickup trucks, SUVs, Jeeps and even monster trucks. If it's a truck or truck-like, Jada probably has it in their Just Trucks line. We got hold of one of the company's latest releases, a bright yellow

The Chevy COE features two opening doors.

“PAINTED IN A HIGH-GLOSS, TWO-TONE YELLOW-AND-BLACK PAINT SCHEME, THIS COE LOOKS LIKE IT COULD PULL INTO A CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND WIN IT.”

Clear headlamps and a faithfully reproduced chrome grille give the COE a bold look.



The flatbed slides rearward to make more room to haul a car.



Chrome accents are found all over this die cast.



The diamond plate bed provides a further touch of realism to this hauler.



The flatbed truck also features a slick lowered stance.

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1952 Chevy COE Flatbed in 1:24 scale. We were excited to see what this hauler was all about.

If you're unfamiliar with COEs, allow us to explain. COE is a body style that places the cab above or in front of the front axle. The design allows for advantages such as a shorter overall vehicle and a tighter turning radius. The COE design also results in a unique vertical flat face on the front end. It's this flat-face look that makes COEs stand out at a car show or in a die cast display.

Simply put, Jada's die cast replica of the '52 Chevy COE Flatbed is a real looker. Painted in a high-gloss, two-tone yellow-and-black paint scheme, this COE looks like it could pull into a classic car show and win it. The COE features a detailed

“WE’RE BIG FANS OF COE TRUCKS, AND WE’RE SURE THAT IF YOU GOT TO SEE ONE UP CLOSE, YOU’D LOVE THEM AS WELL. THEIR PROPORTIONS SEEM CARTOONISH AND THEIR SIZE IS IMPRESSIVE.”

interior and two opening doors as well as a sliding flatbed. Opening either door reveals seats and a reasonably detailed cockpit complete with steering wheel and instrument cluster. Chrome effects can be found all over the truck, including a beautiful grille, door-mounted mirrors and cab-mounted grab handles.

The truck features a slightly exaggerated look that allows its generously sized fenders to encapsulate its chrome-dome hubcapped rims. For those who like a more modern look, an extra set of big-rig-style gloss-black wheels come with the COE. The extra-wide wheels and tires come with their own dedicated wheel and tire rack, a set of extra axles and a screwdriver. To swap the wheels, simply pull off the stock wheels and press on the alternate set. We chose to keep the chrome hubcap wheels on ours because we love the look.

The 1:24-scale die cast comes complete with details such as a split front windshield, chrome bumper, chrome flatbed floor and even quad chrome exhaust tips. Its detailed rubberized tires feature road-gripping tread and provide the hauler with a smooth ride. We really like the bulbous look of the COE’s all-metal body. Those looking to put this car hauler to use would like hearing that the truck’s flatbed does extend rearward about an inch or so to allow for more hauling duties. The flatbed’s platform length is probably enough to fit many 1:24-scale cars, but not all. We enjoyed ours without adding to its payload.

Jada’s Just Trucks series is popular with truck fans and die cast collectors alike. With so many new releases being dropped all the time, it’s easy to understand why they’re quickly filling up collectors’ shelves everywhere. We’re already snapping up as many of the COE variants as we can.

The COE comes with a wheel and tire rack as well as an optional set of rollers that are easily installed to provide the truck a different look.





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**MAISTO ASSEMBLY LINE
1:24 2021 BRONCO
BADLANDS**

BY JERRY TSAI



We found that assembling your own die cast is a fun activity.

If you've frequented social media over the past couple of years, you have undoubtedly noticed the amazing die cast customization movement that has arisen. We think the trend of repainting, adding and creating parts to personalize your die cast is one of the most exciting things to happen to the die cast world in recent memory.

The amazing work that die cast customizers perform on their miniatures can be awe-inspiring. There really are some talented artists among us die cast fans. If you're interested in stepping into the world of die cast customization but

don't know where to start, we have good news for you.

Maisto's Assembly Line category of die casts is here to offer your first step into the customization world. For seasoned customizers, the line also offers an easier jumping-off point to create a customized ride. The company's Assembly Line series of cars and trucks allows you customize a die cast with ease. Strictly speaking, the vehicles offered under the Assembly Line moniker are considered model kits, but don't let the "model kit" name fool you. Maisto's kits are

An illustrated instruction sheet comes with every Maisto Assembly Line kit.



well-detailed die cast vehicles, but they come unassembled for you to complete.

Maisto's kits come completely disassembled, along with a screwdriver and fully illustrated instruction sheet. If you've ever put together a Lego set or a piece of IKEA furniture, you have what it takes to put this kit together. We got a chance to take one of their 2021 Bronco Badlands kits out for a spin to see how it comes together. It comes with the metal body, plastic

This two-door Bronco comes with a soft top.



close-up

chassis and interior foundation, and plenty of detailed trim pieces such as clear plastic taillights, rearview mirrors and even a decal sheet. Also included are nine wheels and five tires. The extra wheels can be swapped out as customization options. Once we had the parts all laid out, we were ready to get building.

The 1:24-scale Ford Bronco features a two-door body that comes expertly painted, complete with translucent plastic windows. We noticed that detailed Badlands badges already come printed on the fenders just as on the real Bronco, which is a nice touch. The parts come pre-trimmed and do not require any further finishing. The Bronco is assembled without the use of glue in only six steps. Pieces were snap-in and screw-in only.

The instructions were straightforward and easy to understand, except for the tires. Each tire has a front and rear face and should go on the wheels in a particular way. Although the manual calls this out, it was hard to determine which side was which. We figured it out after mounting one tire in the reverse direction and quickly

remedied the error. Other than that, the kit was quickly assembled. The Bronco comes with two sets of accurately replicated wheels. We chose to install Ford's optional Badlands beadlock wheels over the factory one-piece wheels.

The advantage to the Assembly Line series when it comes to customizers is that the die cast comes disassembled, ready for new paint, graphics, and any other changes that one can imagine to be applied before assembly. Disassembling other die casts may require drilling and the risk of broken pieces. Although we assembled the Bronco according to the factory specs, we could have easily repainted it, added interior details, heck, maybe even added a 3D-printed winch and roof-top tent if we really got creative. The customization options are only limited to your imagination.

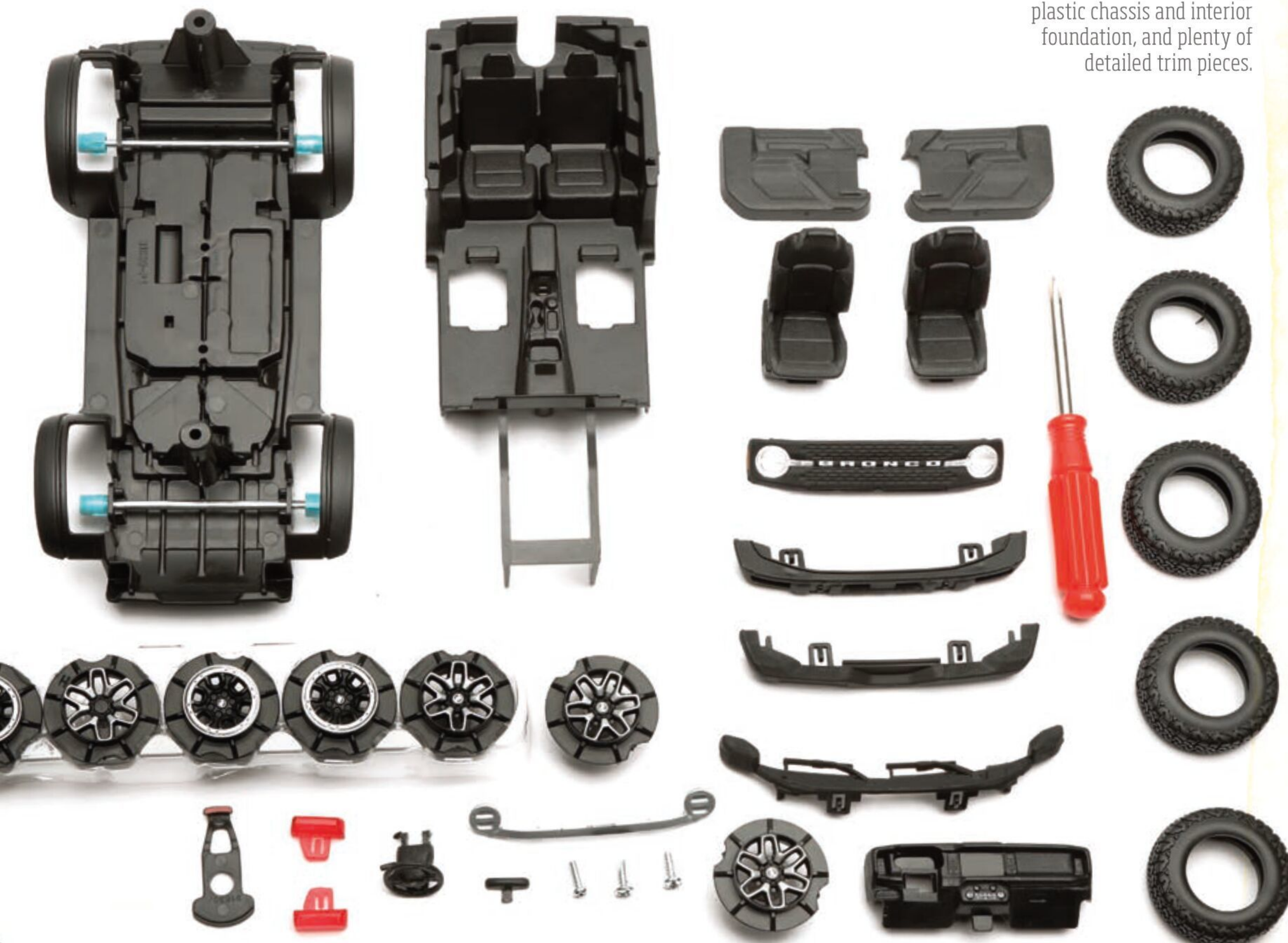
If you're taking your first steps into the die cast customizing world, Maisto's Assembly Line provides a blank canvas for you to play with and explore. The series covers a wide range of vehicles not limited to the Bronco featured here. We were so excited about customizing these die



This die cast features two functioning doors.



The Bronco's lines are realistically replicated any angle you view it.



The kit comes with metal body, plastic chassis and interior foundation, and plenty of detailed trim pieces.

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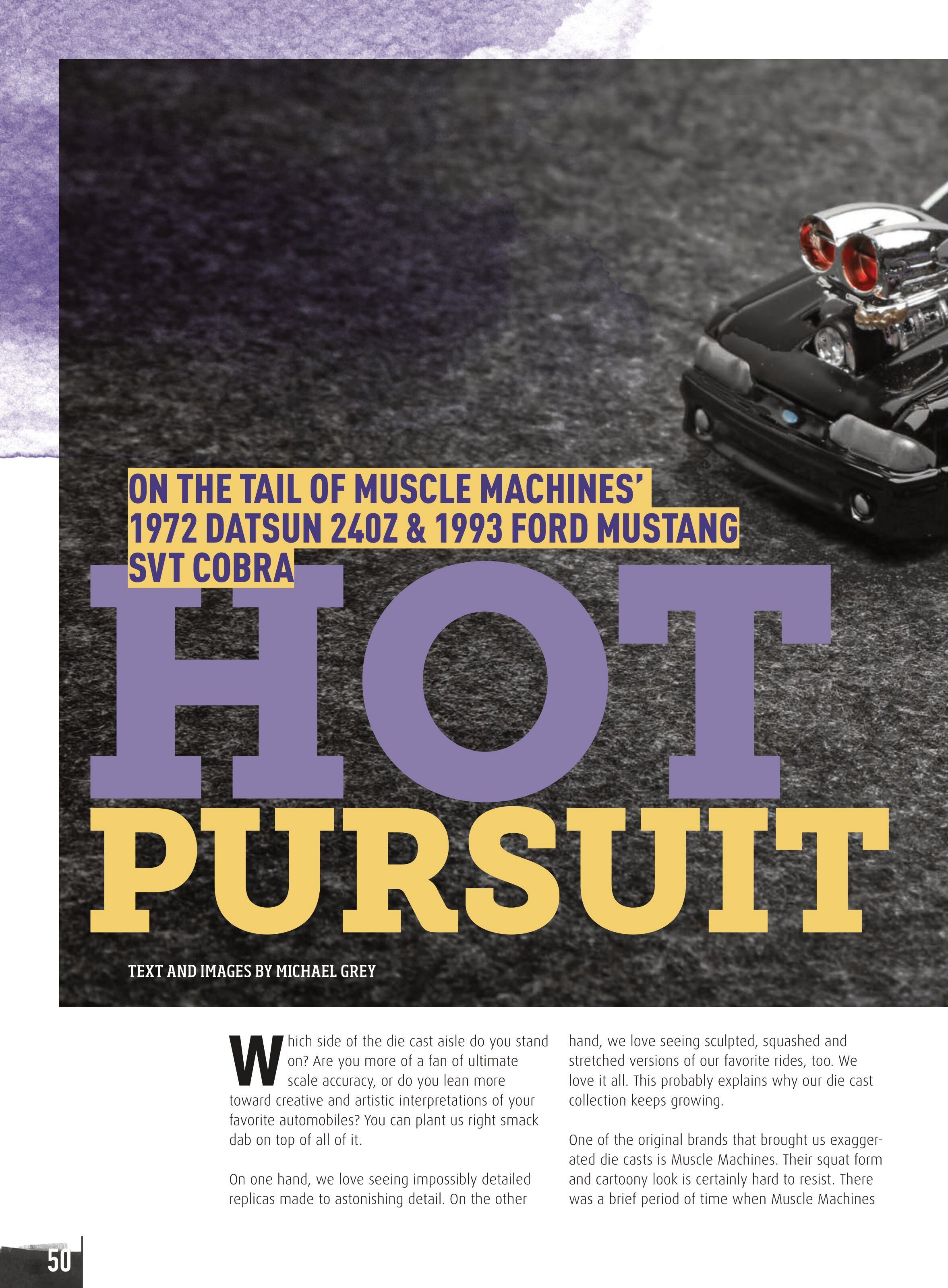
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casts that we also picked up a Ferrari FXX-K and a '67 Mustang GT to see how creative we can get with them. If you're itching to personalize a die cast, we urge you to try it out, too.

Details include clear red taillights, a full-sized spare rim and tire and authentic rear bumper.





**ON THE TAIL OF MUSCLE MACHINES'
1972 DATSUN 240Z & 1993 FORD MUSTANG
SVT COBRA**

HOT PURSUIT

TEXT AND IMAGES BY MICHAEL GREY

Which side of the die cast aisle do you stand on? Are you more of a fan of ultimate scale accuracy, or do you lean more toward creative and artistic interpretations of your favorite automobiles? You can plant us right smack dab on top of all of it.

On one hand, we love seeing impossibly detailed replicas made to astonishing detail. On the other

hand, we love seeing sculpted, squashed and stretched versions of our favorite rides, too. We love it all. This probably explains why our die cast collection keeps growing.

One of the original brands that brought us exaggerated die casts is Muscle Machines. Their squat form and cartoony look is certainly hard to resist. There was a brief period of time when Muscle Machines



was put on pause, and for that time we were left to fuel our collecting itch by searching the web to snap up old castings from the secondary market. As fun as the hunt is—and it is fun—we are excited that Muscle Machines came back and has been churning out more new vehicles and new colorways than ever before.

As you may be able to tell, we are pretty excited

about this, since we've been massive fans of the brand's unique look for more than two decades now. Muscle Machines is currently focused on producing die casts in their most popular size, 1:64 scale. We've been collecting their die casts since they first debuted, so we're glad that the brand's distinctive flavor remains and that their new cars and trucks match the look and feel of the older castings perfectly.

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Muscle Machines' updated packaging is sharp-looking and makes identifying the models easy.



Muscle Machine vehicles are fun to look at, play with, and for fanatical collectors like us, are addictively collectible too. We recently picked up a few models from their latest Series 1 and 2 collections. Included in our recent haul are a '87 Buick GNX, '93 Ford Mustang SVT Cobra, '66 Ford GT40 Mk II and a '72 Datsun 240Z.

We are always torn on whether or not to leave our die cast cars mint on the card or tear into the packages and roll them around on our desk. In this case, we couldn't help but stage a breakout for the '72 240Z and, of course, the CHP-decorated '93 Cobra was close on its tail in hot pursuit. Before we dive into the cars themselves, we'd like to point out that each car comes with a cool display stand. The stand features an embossed Muscle Machines logo along with an appropriate label for each of the vehicles. It's a nice touch.

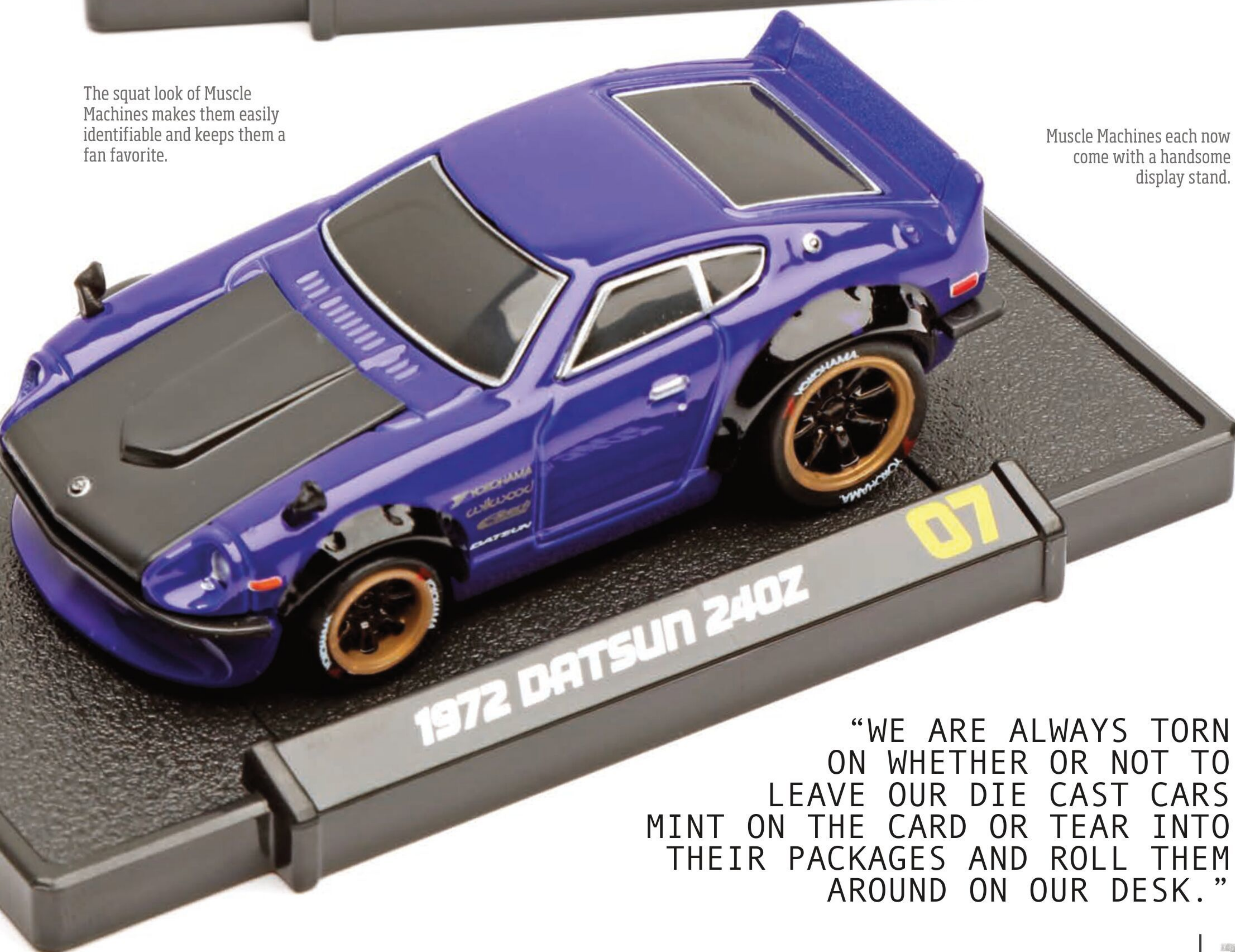
Both vehicles are cartoonish in style yet still feature key details that really make them super cool. In the case of the CHP-colored dragster SVT Cobra, we noticed that it sports correct Cobra logos on its fenders and a red light mounted on the hood. From what we gather, this light is either a hood-mounted shift light or a light to pull offenders over with, or both. In any case, we're digging

These vehicles are pocket-sized yet manage to retain plenty of detail.

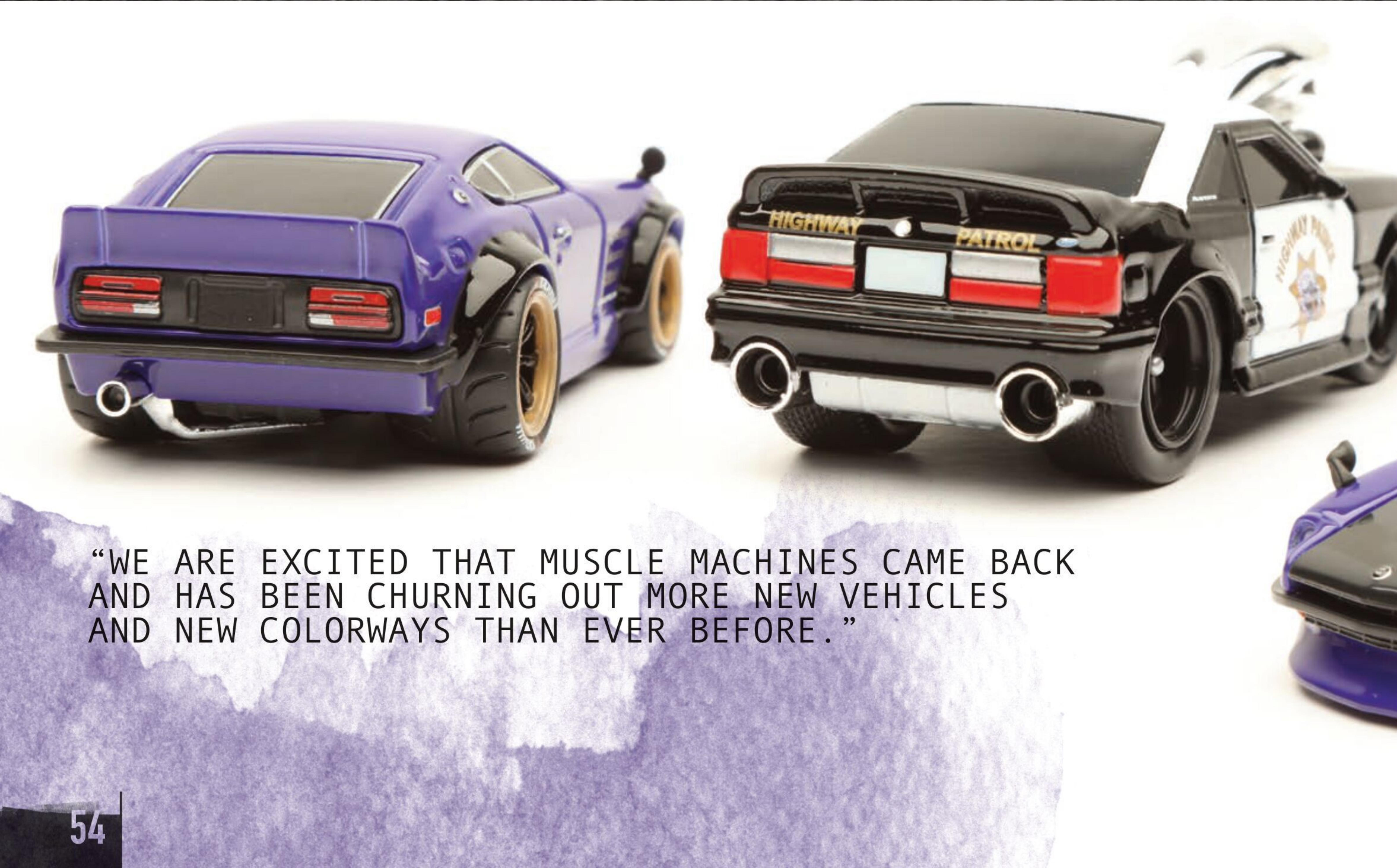


The squat look of Muscle Machines makes them easily identifiable and keeps them a fan favorite.

Muscle Machines each now come with a handsome display stand.



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Each of the cars in the Muscle Machines series is delightfully collectible.



it. Its giant chrome blower and twin exhaust tips finish it off really well.

The very JDM-looking '72 240Z boasts bolted-on banana fenders front and rear and front-mounted fender side-view mirrors, too. To top it off, licensed sponsor graphics are listed in the correct roll call format, and the Z's two-tone rims wear tires with Yokohama branding on them. The tampo on each of the cars in this latest group look great and are applied spot-on. The rest of the machines in the Series 1 and 2 collections all have fantastic details, too; we can't wait to explore them.

A classic scene with a twist. The SVT Cobra is set up for serious drag racing while the 240Z looks ready for autocross.

We just heard that a third series of Muscle Machines is about to drop. We're eagerly waiting to see what other castings and color combinations the die cast company comes out with. Until then, you can find us pursuing any other Muscle Machines that decide to break out their packaging.



Rear-end detailing isn't overlooked. Note the great-looking taillights and exhaust treatments.

Check out the detailed tampo graphics. They look sharp and are neatly applied.



the x-factor

ART IN MOTION

KYOSHO MINI-Z BRINGS RACING ACTION TO DETAILED SCALE MODELS

TEXT AND IMAGES BY JAMES YORK





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This 1:27-scale Mercedes-AMG GT3 sports 24H Nürburgring 2018 livery.



Kyosho's radio-controlled Mini-Z models are as detailed as a die cast car but can be driven at dizzying speeds.

Die Cast X is all about die cast models, but every so often we'll run into something worthy of your attention that doesn't quite check the die cast box. We call these items "The X-Factor." It's what the X in Die Cast X stands for, after all. In this edition of The X-Factor, we're excited to highlight highly detailed cars that you can actually drive. Intrigued? Read on!

If you've ever wished that your realistically detailed die cast car could be driven, allow us to introduce you to Kyosho's line of Mini-Z vehicles. While they aren't made of die cast, they can easily rival—and in some cases even best—the detail found on even the most sought-after die casts.

Straddling the line between detailed scale model and radio-controlled racer, Kyosho's line of Mini-Z racecars have been raising eyebrows and expectations for more than two decades now. If you're unfamiliar with Mini-Z or haven't gotten an up-close look at them before, you're in for a surprise. As we learned from our friends at SoCal Hobbies,

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a shop dedicated to hobbies of all kinds including model kits and RC, Kyosho's line of Mini-Z drivable models are as completely addicting to collect as they are to drive.

Die cast fans will recognize Kyosho as the makers of the most scale-accurate die cast vehicles on the market. Their attention to detail is unparalleled. It only makes sense that the company's Mini-Z line lives up to their die cast credentials. We recently got a chance to check out several models thanks to SoCal Hobbies. Included in the roundup are a Mercedes-AMG GT3 finished in the company's 24H Nürburgring 2018 livery, a Toyota GR Supra and a Camaro ZL1. Each car is precisely sized to 1:27 scale and some even include standard LED lighting.

The roughly 7-inch-long cars are drivable and modifiable for enhanced speed and performance.

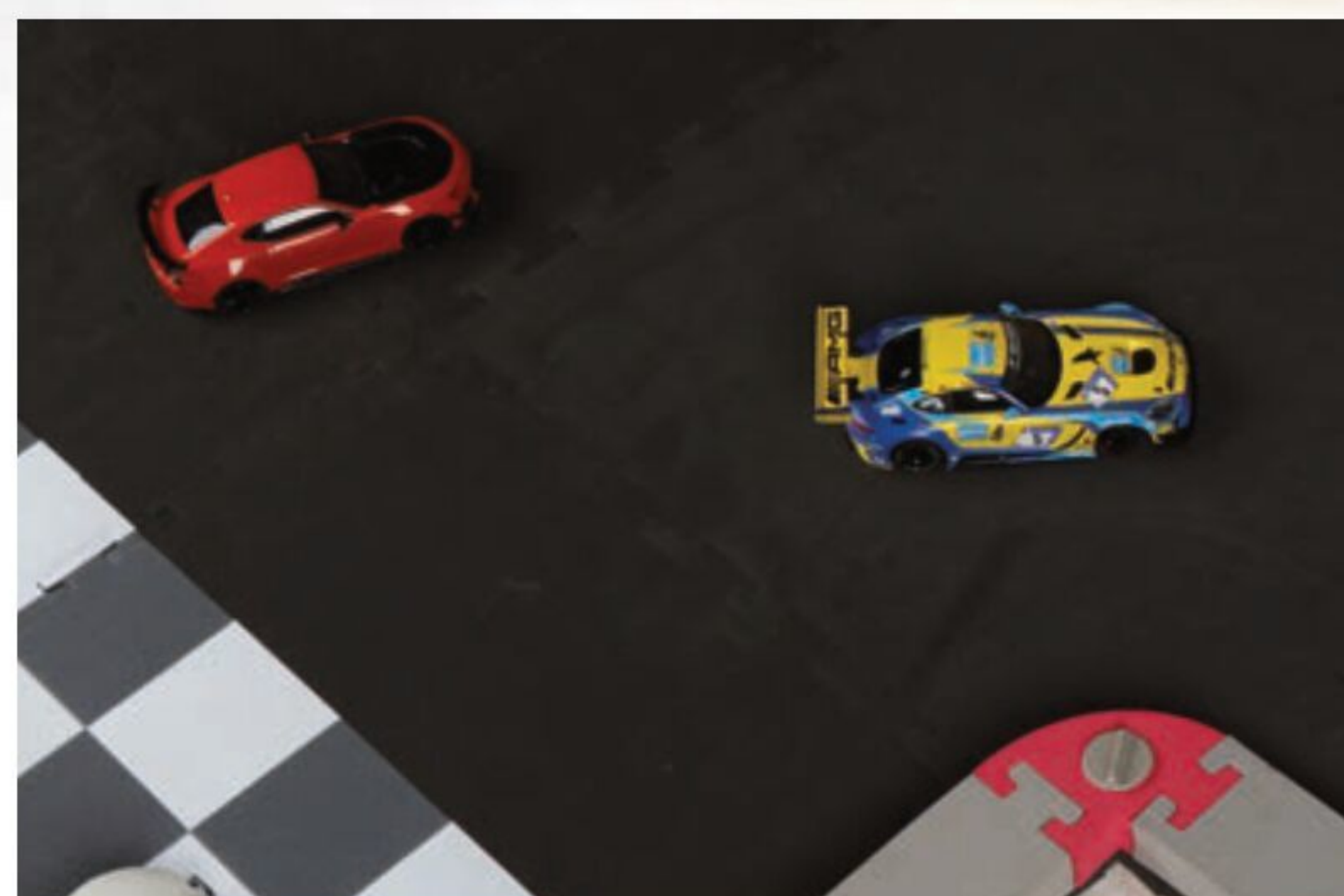
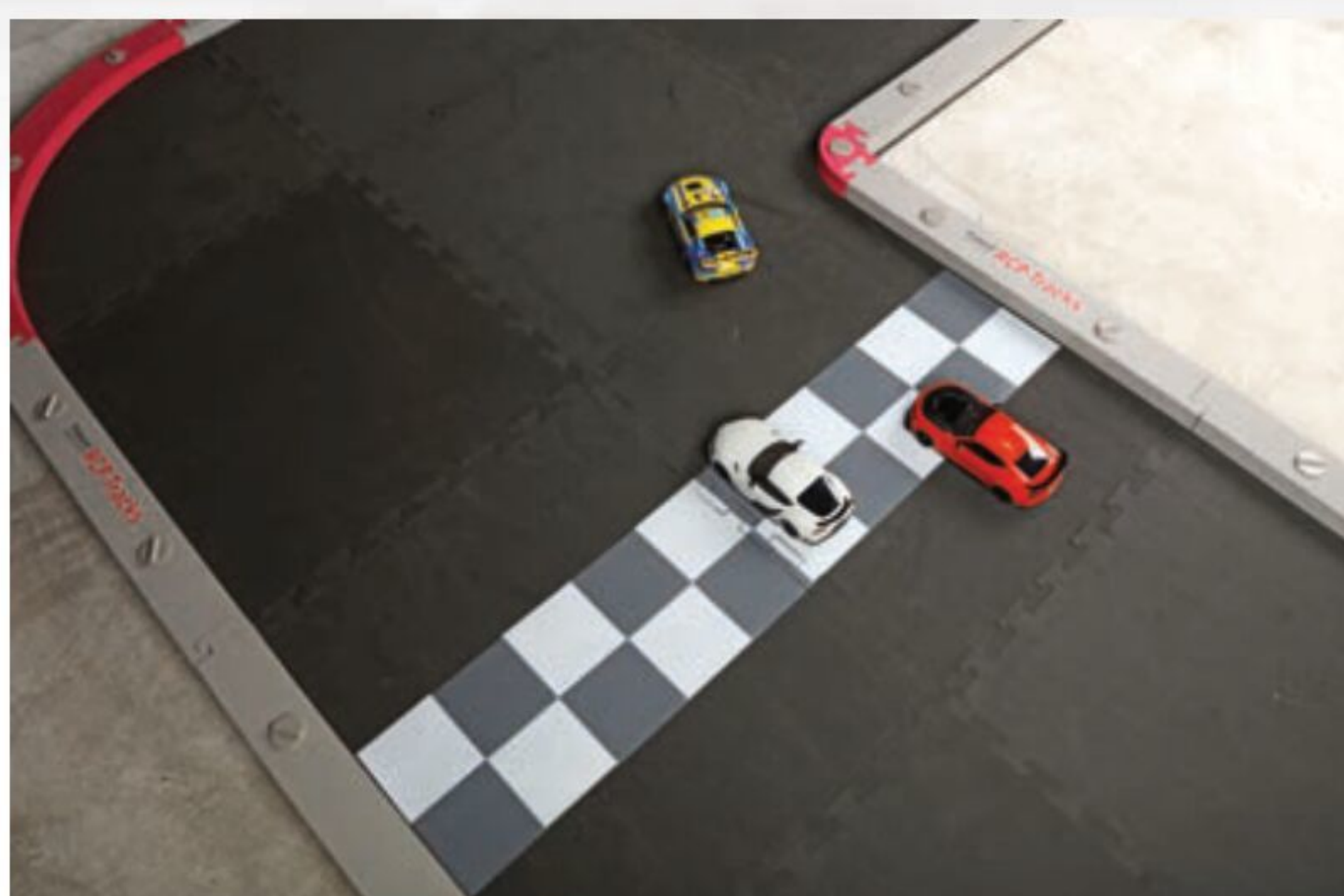
The look of the racecars is as detailed as that of the finest model kit, and they really move when they're throttled up. Being that Kyosho has been releasing Mini-Z cars and trucks for over 20 years now, you could say that collecting them can become a full-time obsession. With so many limited-edition releases, it's easy to see why hunting for certain cars to round out your collection can be so fun. Being able to drive them makes them that much more exciting.

As mentioned, Kyosho Mini-Z RCs come in many different styles including on-road racers, off-road trucks and even racing buggies. The chassis vary from rear-wheel-drive versions to all-wheel-drive versions and more. These pint-sized vehicles are known for their incredibly accurate scale looks as well as their hop-up potential. The upgrade market is robust and the racing is fierce, especially for the on-road segment.

Mini-Zs such as this Toyota GR Supra are not only realistically detailed; they can also be modified for souped-up performance.



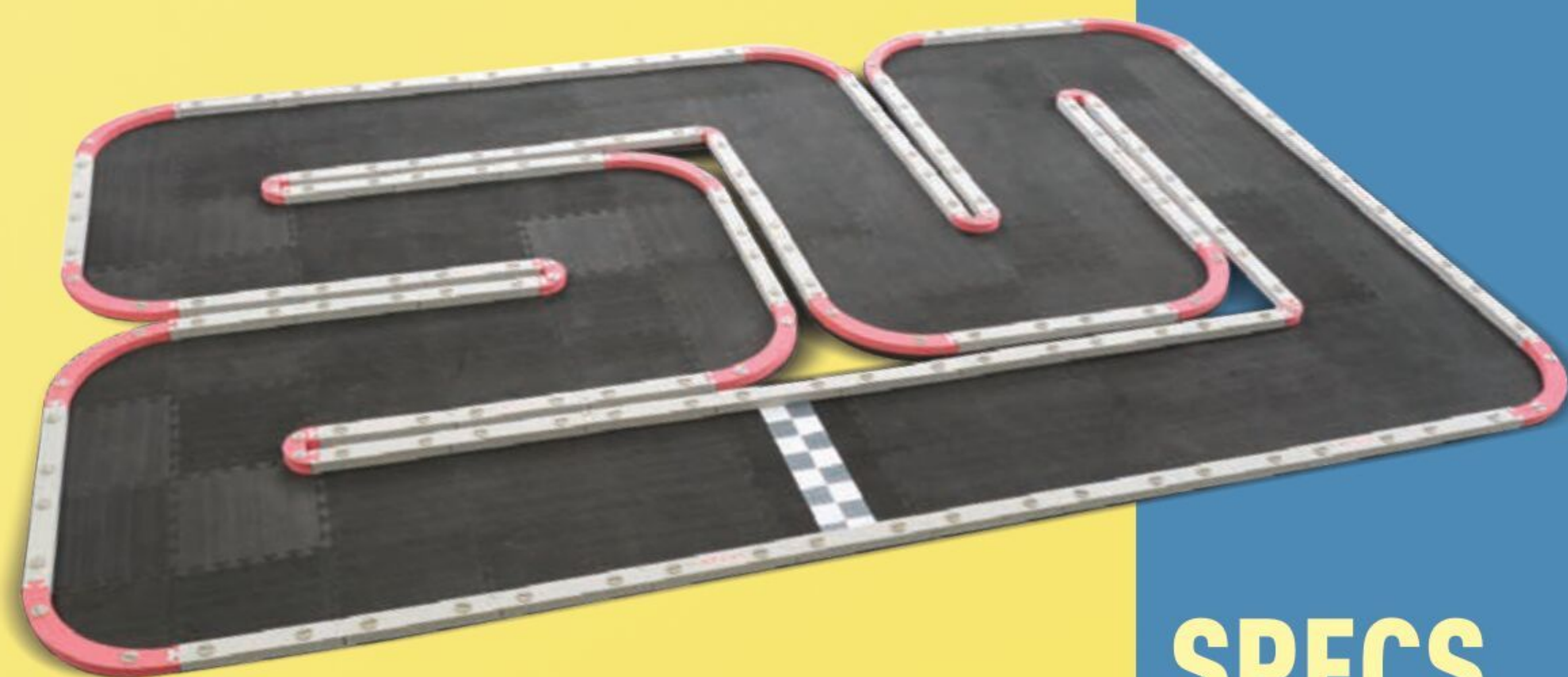
Mini-Z cars feature life-like detail. But they really come alive when you're racing them with friends.



Mini-Z cars are available with different chassis including all-wheel-drive and rear-wheel-drive variants.

Getting together with friends to race your scale model is something that may be unique to die cast collectors, but we've got to say that it's a ton of fun. SoCal Hobbies recently showed us a portable track made by RCP that brings regulation Mini-Z racing to anywhere you transport it. Made of dense foam panels, the track is pieced together like a large jigsaw puzzle. The smooth surface it provides is perfect for on-road Mini-Z racing. Tracks are modular and can be expanded to create larger courses, as well as an infinite number of layouts with optional expansion kits.

What's more, special pieces such as chicanes and 45-degree turns are also available to make your track even more fun to drive. The entire track breaks down and is stored in a box roughly the size of a coffee table, which can be easily transported in the back of a SUV or hatchback.



Kyosho's Readysset line of Mini-Z vehicles come with a radio controller and they only require eight AAA-sized batteries to run. For those who would rather look at them than drive them, fully detailed Mini-Z bodies, which come with an acrylic display case, are also available separately. SoCal Hobbies stocks an extensive selection of Kyosho Mini-Z vehicles and all of RCP's tracks and track accessories. If you're looking for scale car action in your own backyard, you'll want to check these Mini-Zs out.



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Serious races are held on RCP's 50cm-wide track. Its smooth surface allows Mini-Z cars to run at full throttle.

RCP's modular tracks can be pieced together to form larger and more intricate racing circuits.

close-up

GONE IN 60 SECONDS

**A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EAGLEMOSS
1/8-SCALE 1967 "ELEANOR"
MUSTANG**

TEXT BY JERRY TSAI
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As real as it gets. Eleanor comes with real working headlights and taillights.

Just how detailed do you like your die casts? We enjoy seeing as many details as possible in our scale vehicles. No matter the size, we really appreciate the smallest of details in any model.

If you've ever encountered a die cast model from Eaglemoss, you'll know that the company produces well-thought-out, painstakingly designed collectibles that are packed full of ac-

curacy and detail. They're not shy about putting out some really big die cast vehicles, either.

Meet the Eaglemoss 1:8-scale "Gone in 60 Seconds" 1967 Mustang Eleanor die cast kit. It's a fully detailed replica of one of the most famous Ford Mustangs of all time. And at this scale, it's seriously huge, too! This colossal kit measures almost 23 inches long and weighs nearly 18 pounds.

BUILD THE 1967 MUSTANG
ELEANOR



Eaglemoss's die cast kit allows you to build the iconic Eleanor Mustang from the film "Gone in 60 Seconds."

SOURCE

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EAGLEMOSS "GONE
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1:8-SCALE 1967
MUSTANG ELEANOR

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Eleanor's engine bay is fully detailed. Its V8 engine is accurately reproduced to exacting scale.



Just like in the movie, this Mustang hides a surprise in its trunk.



Eaglemoss's large-scale model comes complete with metal body panels, working headlights and taillights, engine and horn sounds, an opening hood and doors and much more. The Mustang is principally constructed of die cast metal and includes Eleanor's iconic modifications, from a fully detailed interior to the NOS bottle in the trunk.

This kit has been created in collaboration with Denice Shakarian Halicki, wife of the legendary

What's it like to sit behind the wheel of this iconic muscle car? You'll get a good idea when experiencing this model's detailed 1:8-scale cockpit.



close-up

H.B. Halicki, who wrote, directed, and starred in the original 1974 "Gone in 60 Seconds" film in which Eleanor first starred. If you know how to use a screwdriver, this impressive car will be a breeze for you to assemble. The assembly kit is designed to be very straightforward to put together, all the parts simply clicking or screwing into place.

The metal-bodied Eleanor is offered in a unique week-by-week subscription format direct from Eaglemoss. The entire Mustang takes 110 kits to build and a subscription starts with two kits for only \$2 with free shipping. From then on, four kits are mailed for \$13.90 plus \$2.45 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. We've always loved Eleanor, and now we can finally take her home with us. Sign us up!



From wood-tone steering wheel to aluminum-color dash trim, no detail is left out of this model.



The dash features a commemorative "Gone in 60 Seconds" badge.





This colossal, all-metal-bodied Mustang measures nearly 23 inches long and weighs almost 18 pounds.

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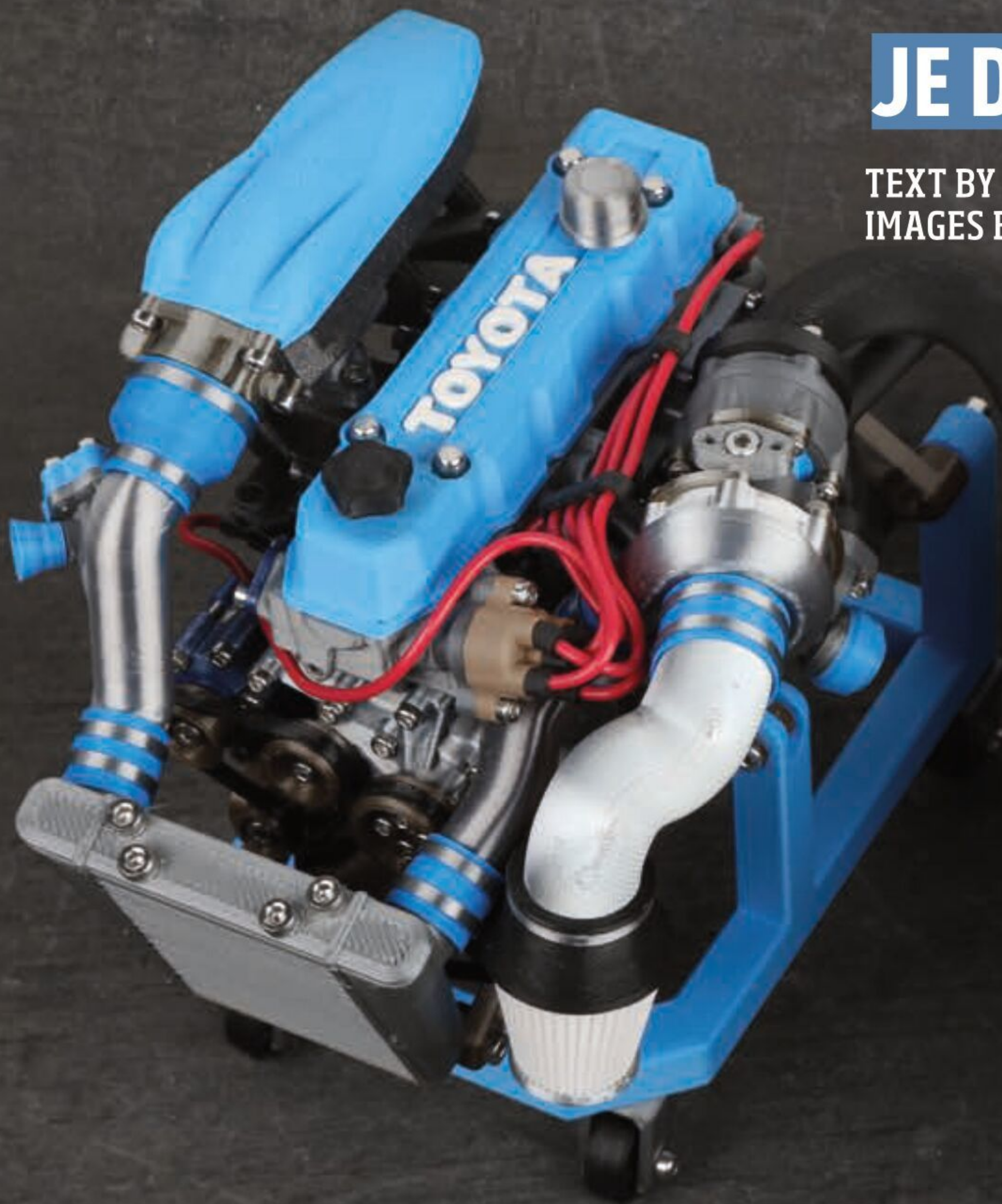
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Under the Hood

THE INNER WORKINGS AT
JE DESIGNS 3D-PRINTED ENGINES

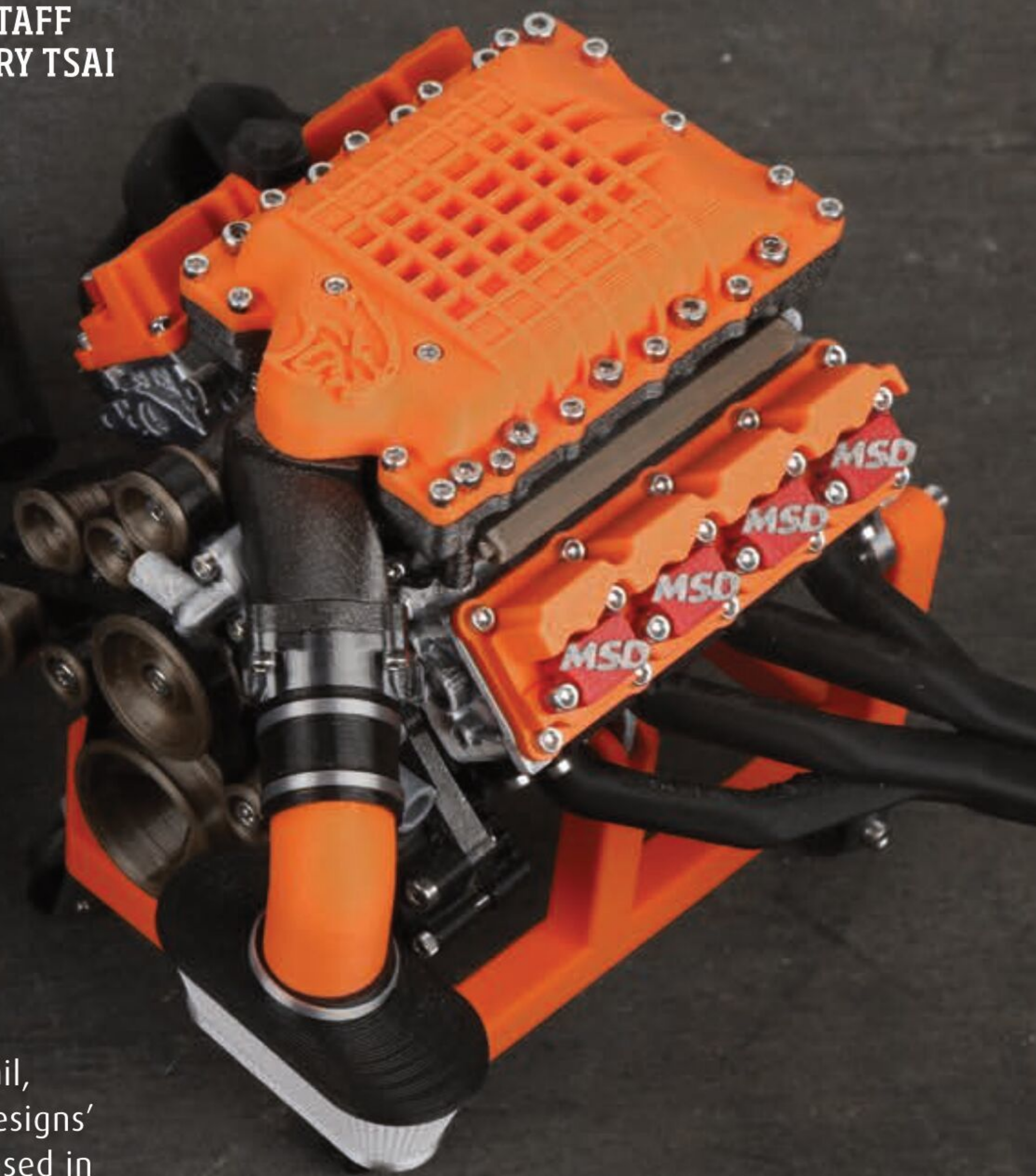
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JE Designs' 3D-printed engines feature metal hardware and rubber belts for impressive realism.

If you're a fan of scale automotive detail, you'll definitely want to look into JE Designs' highly detailed 3D-printed engines. Based in Anchorage, Alaska, the company creates replica engines and other accessories that are mind-blowingly realistic. Perfect to use as displays and conversation pieces amongst model collectors and gearheads alike, the company's wares are as detailed as it gets.

Jon Enriquez, who founded JE Designs in 2018, tells us that he had quit his job at a drivetrain shop in town and bought a 3D printer in order to embark on a new passion of his, that of creating 3D-printed scale products. "I thought that



I'd make all kinds of cool stuff," Enriquez says. "But I hit a bump in the road when I discovered I didn't have a way of designing the parts themselves."

He goes on: "So I researched CAD software and downloaded Autodesk Fusion 360; a free trial gave me 30 days to decide if I could make this work or not. I followed YouTube channels, Google-searched information, watched Facebook posts and pages, and started to get a feel for

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how the program works. I'm now pretty good at it. I still learn new things every day and keep moving forward with new projects."

Enriquez explains that the idea to make scale motors came from a friend of his who had a radio-control car. His friend asked if Enriquez could somehow fit an engine in the back of it to make it look more realistic. He accepted the assignment and within a couple of months he had made his first Toyota 22RE motor. Since then, he's added a LSX454 motor to his portfolio and finished a complete redesign of the Toyota motor.

We asked him about the process he uses to produce a 3D-printed engine. "It takes about three months to develop a motor," Enriquez told us. "It all starts with hundreds of photos I find on Google searches, then I start on the engine block and work my way out from there. It's a

long and tedious process." As we've seen for ourselves, the results are worth it. Enriquez currently has display engines in 1:10 and 1:8 scales that come mounted on motor stands. These are perfect for scale garages or just for something interesting for the display case.

JE Designs' catalog of motors includes the LSX454, LS9 Supercharged, LSA Supercharged, Toyota 22RE Turbo, Hellcat and a blown Chevy big-block. Each of these engines is available in 1:10 and 1:8 scales as display motors on stands and as 1:10-scale motors that fit into RC vehicles to make them look more realistic.

Details can be found all around these engine replicas. Even the engine stands have real working casters.



We're amazed by the detail on the engines, which come complete with metal hardware and rubber belts on the pulleys. Enriquez says that he has many more motor designs in the works. We're excited to see which others he'll be releasing in the near future.

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